

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY & ACTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**APAC 03-2019
Friday, September 27, 2019
Committee Room 4
Niagara Region Headquarters
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold ON**

Committee: Disero, Witteveen (Committee Chair), G. Janes, B. Schenck (Committee Vice Chair), J. Schonberger, L. Troup, A. Vaughn, K. Wiens

Absent/Regrets: Butters, Easton, Jordan, Steele, C. Hamilton, J. Kikkert, C. Mullet Koop

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, K. Provost, Economic Development Officer, K. Young, Planner

Others Present: L. Ashton (Manager, Food & Beverage, Niagara College), T. Humphrey (Vineland Research Innovation Centre), S. Marshall (Ontario Tender Fruit), H. Swierenga (OFA Member Service Representative)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Witteveen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Niagara's Agribusiness Sector

Councillor Huson provided Committee members with information respecting Niagara's Agribusiness Sector. Topics of the presentation included:

- Key Policy Issues
- Current Gaps & Challenges
- Agribusiness Strategic Planning Workgroup
- Niagara Agribusiness Strategic Plan

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting a potential membership for a Niagara Agribusiness Sector Working Group. Councillor Huson.

3.2 Phragmites Update

Brett Ruck, Drainage Superintendent, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, provided Committee members information respecting Phragmites Update. Topics of the Presentation included:

- Vegetated Buffers & Invasive Species (Phragmites)
- Meeting with Minister's Office Staff at AMO Conference
- Method of Phragmites Control
- Phragmites, Invasive Species and Buffer Management

At 9:53 a.m. Committee Chair Witteveen advised Committee members that pursuant to Section 22.12 of the Procedural By-law 120-2010, as amended, that as quorum was lost during the meeting and was not regained within fifteen minutes, the meeting would stand adjourned until the date of the next meeting.

The Chair apologized for the inconvenience and stated that outstanding agenda items may be brought to a future meeting subject to consultations between the Committee Chair and staff.

Councillor Witteveen
Committee Chair

Mark Evelyn
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk