

1ST REPORT OF THE
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on December 16, 2015, commencing at 5:00 PM, in Committee Room #5, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: L. McKenna (Chair), H. Fletcher, S. Franke, A. Lawrence, M. McAlpine and S. Twynstra and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ABSENT: P. Conlin and K. Dinell.

ALSO PRESENT: C. Crispin and L. Maitland.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it **BE NOTED** that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

That L. McKenna and S. Franke **BE APPOINTED** as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2016.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Urban Agriculture in London

That it **BE NOTED** that a verbal update from L. Maitland, Planner 1, with respect to Urban Agriculture in London, was received; it being noted that the Agricultural Advisory Committee was advised that the draft Terms of Reference for Urban Agriculture may be available by the Spring of 2016.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

4. 3rd Report of the Agriculture Advisory Committee

That it **BE NOTED** that the 3rd Report of the Agricultural Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 16, 2015, was received.

5. 7th, 8th and 1st Reports of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it **BE NOTED** that the 7th, 8th and 1st Reports of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meetings held on October 7, November 4 and December 2, 2015, respectively, were received.

6. Municipal Council Resolution - 3rd Report of the Agriculture Advisory Committee

That it **BE NOTED** that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its session held on October 13, 2015, with respect to the 3rd Report of the Agricultural Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 16, 2015, was received.

V. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

None.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. Mushroom Farm Zoning Review - City Of London

That the Civic Administration **BE ADVISED** that the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) indicated that in its opinion, the setback requirement for mushroom farms should be 500m from the nearest dwelling, institutional zone or hamlet zone, due to the nature of the business; it being noted that the AAC received a draft report from the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, and heard a verbal report from L. Maitland, Planner 1, with respect to this matter.

8. 2016 Work Plan

That the revised ~~attached~~ 2016 Work Plan for the Agricultural Advisory Committee **BE FORWARDED** to the Municipal Council for consideration.

9. AAC Representative for London Advisory Committee on Heritage

That the matter of an Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) representative for the London Advisory Committee on Heritage **BE DEFERRED** to the March 16, 2016 meeting of the AAC, for consideration.

10. Frequency of Meetings

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Terms of Reference **BE AMENDED** to change the frequency of the meetings from quarterly to five (5) times annually, January, March, June, September and November.

VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 20, 2016