



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**January 15, 2025, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-chair Shawn Carnegie
Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan
Deb Wilson
Martha Bradburn
Joseph Scott
Leela Ramachandran

MEMBERS ABSENT Josh Scharf

STAFF PRESENT Amy Martin, Director of Planning & Development
Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

A. Open Meeting

Co-Chair Kristin Strackerjan called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgment

Committee member Kristin Strackerjan read the land acknowledgment.

C. Approval of the Agenda

#ARAAC-2024- 1

Moved By Leela Ramachandran

Seconded By Joseph Scott

Be it resolved:

THAT the Committee agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. Disclosure of Interest

None.

E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

#ARAAC-2024- 2

Moved By Joseph Scott

Seconded By Leela Ramachandran

Be it resolved:

THAT the following meeting minute be approved as circulated:

- November 6, 2024

CARRIED

F. Delegations

G. Decision Items

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule

05 Feb 2025

09 Apr 2025

04 Jun 2025

03 Sep 2025

05 Nov 2025

03 Dec 2025

The Members agreed to the proposed dates, although a few in 2025 conflict with Harvesting. The preferred meeting dates are listed above.

H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

1. Rural CIP, Amy Martin and Phil Mosher

Amy Martin reviewed the Rural CIP and the comments from Martha Bradburn. She noted this is similar to the downtown CIP. Noting a public meeting and approval is required by Council. Discussion amongst the Members regarding the comments that were submitted. Amy reviewed the revised document with the Committee Members. Amy recommended making the additional changes discussed and

reformat the document. Amy Martin will come to the February meeting to complete a final review.

2. Backyard Chickens Bylaw

Amy Martin provided an update on Backyard Chickens, noting that she has had further discussions with Bylaw and reviewed the same bylaw in Merrickville. She mentioned health considerations and minimum space requirements, and that they are currently gathering more information.

Kristin Strackerjan suggested implementing an educational component before licensing to help prevent potential issues.

Martha Bradburn raised concerns about Avian Bird Flu.

Amy Martin emphasized the need for public education and proper disposal methods for the chickens to avoid contamination.

Amy Martin outlined the next steps, stating she will collaborate with Bylaw and aims to present more information at the April meeting.

3. Kemptville Campus and Agricultural Properties

There was a discussion about the Kemptville Campus properties and potential opportunities in agriculture.

Concerns were raised about Semex being allowed to cash crop on the leased land. Joseph Scott expressed there should be opportunities for younger farmers, rather than large corporation to use the lands.

Martha Bradburn inquired about the Kemptville Campus's plans for the next five years. Leela Ramachandran noted they are currently working on a Strategic Plan and will share the information with members once it is completed.

I. Other Business

Kemptville Campus Eco Farm Day is on January 22, 2025 located on site at the Campus, with networking sessions. This event is open to the public.

1. Items for Next Meeting

- Official Plan Consultation Summary Review

- Backyard Chickens, *Amy Martin, Director of Planning* (April meeting item)

Action: Committee Clerk will circulate the What we Heard to Members from Dillon Consulting via email, with the call for agenda request.

J. Public Questions

None.

K. Adjournment

Moved By Joseph Scott

Seconded By Deb Wilson

Be it resolved:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

CARRIED