



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

**April 9, 2025, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Martha Bradburn

Josh Scharf

Joseph Scott

Leela Ramachandran

MEMBERS ABSENT Co-chair Shawn Carnegie

Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

Deb Wilson

Rachel Everett-Fry

STAFF PRESENT Amy Martin, Director of Planning & Development

Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

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**A. Open Meeting**

Co-Chair Joseph Scott called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

**B. Land Acknowledgment**

Committee member Martha Bradburn read the land acknowledgment.

**C. Approval of the Agenda**

Co-Chairs are absent from the meeting, Joseph Scott has volunteered to be the acting chair this evening. All other members voted and agreed to have Joseph Scott as the Co-chair.

**#ARAAC-2025- 04**

Moved By Martha Bradburn

Seconded By Josh Scharf

*Be it resolved:*

*THAT the Committee agenda for April 9, 2025 be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**#ARAAC-2025- 05**

Moved By Martha Bradburn

Seconded By Josh Scharf

THAT In the absence of both Co-Chairs, the ARAAC members appointed Joseph Scott to serve as Acting Co-Chair for the April 9, 2025 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**D. Disclosure of Interest**

None.

**E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**#ARAAC-2025- 06**

Moved By Martha Bradburn

Seconded By Josh Scharf

*Be it resolved:*

*THAT the following meeting minute be approved as circulated:*

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**CARRIED**

**F. Delegations**

None.

**G. Decision Items**

None.

**H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports**

**1. Official Plan Consultation Summary Review Discussion**

Amy Martin provided an overview of the Official Plan consultation held in the fall, reviewing the topics covered and highlighting key feedback received from the public. She noted that the updated Official Plan is expected to be completed in the coming months, with full adoption

anticipated within 15 to 18 months. A general discussion followed regarding the Official Plan and the potential impact of the gathered information on North Grenville.

## **2. Backyard Chickens**

Amy Martin reviewed the new Backyard Chicken By-law, focusing on licensing requirements and provisions for keeping chickens. Further consultation with other municipalities will be conducted. Members expressed concerns about bird tagging, relocation, and disposal. The enforcement of the by-law and its integration with the AMPS system were discussed. Potential changes to zoning bylaws, including setbacks for coops and site plan reviews, were also mentioned. Provisions for care, maintenance, and biosecurity measures were discussed, along with training for license holders.

Martha Bradburn is concerned about the number of complaints By-law services may receive. Amy Martin noted they will most likely use the initial complaints as educational opportunities. Martha Bradburn also asked about the yet to be created Facts Sheet for Backyard Chicken, which should include clear regulations and educational information. The by-law will be updated and brought to Council in the next month or two, with the final version shared with members.

## **I. Other Business**

### **1. Items for Next Meeting**

Leela requested an update on the Rural CIP. Amy Martin mentioned that an update will be completed, followed by a public meeting, and then presented to Council. She added that all member comments have been incorporated into the CIP.

The next meeting is on June 4th.

1. Additional Residential Units
2. Drainage Technologist Update

## **J. Public Questions**

None.

## **K. Adjournment**

**#ARAAC-2025- 07**

Moved By                Leela Ramachandran  
Seconded By           Martha Bradburn

*Be it resolved:*

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:19 p.m.*

**CARRIED**