

The Blue Mountains
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
May 3, 2011

Present: James McKinlay, John Ardiel, Sid Dykstra, James Farmilo, Rod Knott, Ron Marshall, Grant McMurchy, Lynn Vail, Jacquie Hendry and Al Lockhart.

Staff: Peter Tollefsen.

Regrets: Lance Burnham.

Chair James McKinlay called the meeting to order at **7:00pm** in the Conference Room, L.E.Shore Memorial Library.

1. **ADOPT the Minutes** from the last meeting (April 5, 2011).

Moved and CARRIED.

Reminder to Peter RE Resolution-Chesley High School, support for the Agriculture program; send to the Bluewater School Board.

2. **Business Arising:**
3. **Exempt 33rd Sideroad from half-load restrictions**

The Committee's resolution at a recent Infrastructure and Recreation Committee meeting. Staff report received. Who tickets? Town (By-Law Enforcement)? MTO? OPP? Rod Knott reported on a recent meeting Police Services Board with some discussion on this topic. Looking at having a community meeting in September. Status of recent funding request? Spring limit now over put perhaps put it Town's mind for next year.

4. **Noxious weed (chervil)**

The Committee's resolution at a recent Infrastructure and Recreation meeting. Staff report was received. Grant was in attendance and reported to the Committee. There is some action being taken but only on public ROW land.

James reported to the Committee that he attended a public information meeting on the proposed **new Public Works Building** at Ravenna. One proposal is to move the building closer to the road which will be into the park which appears quiet objectionable.

5. **Georgian College**

Still looking for volunteers to attend a workshop on future College programs for the new campus. Lynn, Jim F and Jacquie volunteered for May 16.

6. **Ont Soil + Crop Improvement Assoc** summer tour and conference. Disappointment that the request for support from the Town was turned down.

- 7. Beaver River Watershed Advisory Committee:** There was a recent staff report from Recreation Dept , a copy of which was circulated to the Committee that gives more information (Terms of Reference) on this Beaver River Watershed Advisory Committee.
- 8. Tree planting** on Earth day appears to be missed, unfortunate. There will be tree planting through other programs ie: GSCA.
- 9. Centurion bike event:** Will be the weekend of Sept 16, 17, 18, 2011. Peter updated the Committee that in addition to the big bike events that there will be 3, 5 and 10 km family bike events. It was suggested that for this event there be better communications with the police about the agricultural challenges during the event.
- 10. Other Items:** Jacquie updated the Committee that she attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Ravenna. They have a long way to go. Neighbours don't talk to each other anymore.
- 11. Next Meeting** Tuesday June 7, 2011 at 7:00pm at the NEW Town Office.
- 12. Adjournment.**