

and noise factors. Jim noted chickens and rabbits are easy for the young interested people just starting out and he would not be against allowing backyard chickens. John McKean suggested monitoring Clearview's stats on how they do with permitting backyard chicken coops. John McKean noted due to the various conditions to take into consideration for allowing backyard chickens in The Town of the Blue Mountains, it would be a good idea to allow backyard chickens on a site specific basis.

Moved by: Jim Farmillo

Seconded by: Grant McMurchy

THAT this Agricultural Advisory Committee acknowledges receipt of the Township of Clearview Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting notice, permitting backyard chickens as accessory to single-detached dwellings for their information: And that should backyard chickens be requested in The Town of the Blue Mountains, that would be considered by the Town on a site specific basis, Carried.

B.2 Additions / Follow up

B.2.1 Report back from Corrina regarding by-law, noxious weeds and private residence responsibility.

The Committee asked Corrina at the February 3, 2016 meeting whether an order could be issued to a resident non-compliant with the noxious weed by-law. Corrina spoke with by-law officer Wayne Dewitt and he confirmed an order could be issued if the noxious weeds affect agricultural land.

B.2.2 Report back from Corrina regarding live snow fencing.

Corrina sent an email to other municipalities inquiring about live snow fencing. Grey County has had a live fence program in place for a number of years now. The landowner kept the trees watered following planting and was compensated by Grey County. Dufferin County also has a live fencing program in effect for trees and for leaving rows of corn in the field. The snow fence starts out at a minimum 10' high.

James noted Andrew Boyd knows of several live fencing areas that Grey County has in effect.

Jim Farmilo asked if there was a location in mind for live fencing. John McKean responded there is a location north of Banks. James added there is also a spot near Swiss Meadows.

B.3 Other

Jim Farmilo asked about the Official Plan if the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be responsible for the Agricultural items. Corrina noted she will ask Shawn Postma to send out some information to the Committee and will send through Heather Drane. If there are any questions, another meeting will be called.

Grant noted that in the past, whenever they were burning brush on the farm, they would call the Fire Department so they would know the address in case of complaints or calls. Now they notify the main dispatch centre and the centre does not make record of the location called in. This could mean that the fire department would be dispatched as if an emergency call. John McKean noted that Rob Collins would be the person to clarify these changes and to reply to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. If there was a change it should be on the web site. Corrina will look into this.

James asked if the 33rd Sideroad will be reconstructed or is it done already?
John McKean noted the 33rd SR reconstruction will be done before crops come off.

B.4 Next Meeting

Corrina noted as items come in, she will compile them and the next meeting date will be based on the content of this compilation. If there are time sensitive items, Corrina will email the information to the committee. If there are no items to discuss during the summer then fall will be the next meeting time.

C. Adjournment

Moved by: Al Lockhart

Seconded by: Grant McMurchy

THAT this Committee of the Whole does now adjourn at 3:15 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.