

STAFF REPORT: Planning



REPORT TO: Mayor & Members of Council
MEETING DATE: April 07, 2008
REPORT NO.: PL.08.32
SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: Peter Tollefsen – Director of Planning

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Planning Staff Report No. PL.08.32, “Agricultural Advisory Committee”; and

THAT Council appoint volunteer members to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

B. Background

At the October 10, 2007 Council meeting, Jacquie Hendry (Regional Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture) was a delegation and made a presentation regarding the value of having an Agricultural Advisory Committee to give the Town input on agricultural issues.

A Staff Report No.PL.08.04, a copy of which is attached, was forwarded to Council on February 04, 2008. Council approved the “Agricultural Advisory Committee of The Blue Mountains Terms of Reference”

Advertisement/Notice has been sent out and at the extended deadline of March 25, 2008 the Town received ten applications, copies of which are attached.

The applicants are all qualified volunteers and there is a fair representation from five of the groups listed. The Town could have ten voluntary members be appointed to the Committee.

- Syd Dykstra
- Jeff Wilson
- John Ardiel
- Brad Oakley
- James McKinlay
- Ryan Hayhurst
- Ross Arthur
- Chris Knott
- Grant McMurchy
- Jacquie Hendry

C. Strategic Plan

By reviewing input on rural issues will enable the Town to plan and meet the following goal:

“Managing Growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community”.

D. Budget Impact Statement

Staff time would be involved in setting up the Committee and attending meetings. Room rental required for meetings at approximately seven (7) meetings in 2008 (hall rental @ approx. \$90.00 = \$630.00). There are funds in the Planning Department’s operating budget for meeting expenses (Account No. 62020).

E. Attachments

1. Staff Report No. PL.08.04
2. Copies of Applications

Respectfully submitted,

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