

Ottawa City Council / Conseil Municipal d'Ottawa

Motion

Meeting date / Date de la réunion : 11 December 2024 / 11 décembre 2024

Agenda No. / Ordre du jour n° : 48

Item / Point de l'ordre du jour : Item 29.3

Re / Objet : Acquisition of property at 5689 Ferry Road

Moved by / Motion de : Councillor C. Kelly

Seconded by / Appuyée par : Councillor C. Kitts

WHEREAS the City held a Rural Summit highlighting the need for further consultation with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee with respect to rural matters; and

WHEREAS a land acquisition at 5689 Ferry Road was considered at the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting of December 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Corporate Services Committee state that the Committee shall consult with the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee on issues having an effect on the City's rural residents and businesses or relating to items of interest for the agricultural and associated industries; and

WHEREAS the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Terms of Reference provide as follows:

General Responsibilities

- 1. Be responsible directly to Council for those items outside of the urban boundary emanating from:
 - b. All departments, services and/ or branches responsible for issues arising from the rural areas, or with a distinct rural component or impact on rural residents;****

WHEREAS Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Terms of Reference further provide the following responsibilities:

Agriculture

- 1. Support and encourage the appropriate and sustainable use of land for agriculture, forestry and recreation, and actively encourage the establishment and prosperity of farms and related businesses.**

4. Encourage the establishment of agricultural operations that are compatible with the quality of life in the rural areas and existing agricultural operations.

WHEREAS the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Terms of Reference include a mandate to make recommendations to City Council on the following matters:

- On issues pertaining to agriculture, agri-food, livestock, horticulture, associated industries and related policy matters;
- On issues that have significant implications for the rural population including: snowmobile and ATV use; hunting and firearms; use of private agriculture land for public recreational purposes; and wildlife management;
- Conservation, wildlife and forest management
- Make recommendations to Council:
- On matters respecting the activities of federal and provincial governments as well as conservation authorities, in the management of water, land and associated resources within their jurisdiction and located in the City's rural areas;
- On forest management in the rural areas including identifying the potential of managed forests for enhanced use, and supporting appropriate new forms of development and recreation that contribute to the rural economy;
- On issues pertaining to the recreational use of City-owned properties in rural areas and regulations concerning the discharge of firearms within City limits; and
- On matters with respect to the development of a comprehensive wildlife management strategy for the conservation, management and, where necessary, control of wildlife, in conjunction with the appropriate agencies.
- Make recommendations to Council on economic development policies, strategies, and other initiatives that have an impact on the City's rural areas and interests, including tourism.

WHEREAS the purchase of Ferry Road was first intended under delegated authority and was then brought forward to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS the purchase of Ferry Road should have been considered by the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee given its Terms of Reference;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Item 29.3 "Acquisition of property at 5689 Ferry Road" be referred to the next meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for consideration, to be considered by City Council thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the City Clerk be directed to amend the Terms of Reference for the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to include matters related to rural land acquisition, further to the Rural Summit.