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LE 15 JUILLET 2020

EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 15
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EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE
DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 15
COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET
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LE 8 JUILLET 2020

5. FALLOWFIELD-BLEEKES SOIL STUDY RESULTS

ACS2020-PIE-EDP-0015

RIDEAU-GOULBOURN (21)

That Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend that Council direct staff to review the boundaries of the Agricultural Resource Area with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as part of the new Official Plan, with the view to the potential removal of the land at 2394 Dwyer Hill Road from the Agricultural Resource Area Designation.

Councillor Scott Moffatt, Ward Councillor for the area gave a brief summary on the history behind this report.

Following the presentation, Committee Members heard from the following delegations:

1. Murray Chown - Only 1 parcel of land that was not affirmed by the committee. This property was re-designated in 2017. For 3 years, client waiting for resolution. Hope not to defer any longer. He would like the committee to amend Councillor Moffatt's motion, the 2nd last paragraph to direct staff. He doesn't see the need to delay this request as it was a mistake in 2017. He agrees to motion to review soils by 3rd party by the fall of 2020.
2. *Tony Faranda - Own property in area and is opposed to the report as it stands. He is in agreement with Councillor Moffatt's motion, it is a good first step. Wants to be included in process. Feels the consultation process is flawed.

3. Michael Kavanagh - His property that he lives on has 93 acres. Described his land and notes that it is not farmland. Would like it to stay as marginal land as it won't get better. Disappointed that didn't hear about this meeting. If possible, defer motion until the fall and inform residents affected. In agreement with Councillor Moffatt's motion.

[* *All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Written submissions were received from:

- *Gilbert Massey*
- *Virginia and Stephen Liston*
- *Dale Scott*
- *Keith Hobbs*
- *Joseph and Sharon Kavanagh*

Councillor Moffatt concluded by summarizing his motion and the reason behind a 3rd party soil analysis.

The report recommendation was put to Committee and CARRIED as amended by the following motion:

Motion ARA 2020 15/2

Moved by Councillor Moffatt

WHEREAS staff were directed by motion in November 2016 to engage a professional agrologist to undertake a soils survey of the lands proposed to be designated Agricultural Resource Area on Schedule R6 contained in Document 1 to Report ACS2016-PIE-PGM-0183 (Official Plan Amendment 2016) in order to confirm or update the soils mapping for the purpose of the City's LEAR; and

WHEREAS report ACS2020-PIE-EDP-0015 (Fallowfield-Bleeks Soil Study Results) details the result of the requested soil survey; and

WHEREAS the results of the study reaffirmed the agricultural capability of much of the land on Schedule R6 and the Agricultural Resource Area designation; and

WHEREAS there was only one parcel of land, 2394 Dwyer Hill Road (see Document 5), that staff are recommending should be returned to a General Rural Area designation; and

WHEREAS the landowners of the for the lands south of Fallowfield Road and north of Bleeks Road between Conley and Munster Roads, as identified in Document 4, continue to have questions on the LEAR scoring in this area and the subsequent designation proposed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend that Council designate land at 2394 Dwyer Hill Road as General Rural in the new Official Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend that Council direct staff in Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development engage a third party professional agrologist to undertake a peer review of the City's soil analysis and any additional information made available for the lands south of Fallowfield Road and north of Bleeks Road between Conley and Munster Roads as identified on Document 4 in order to confirm or update the soils mapping for the purpose of the City's LEAR and report back to committee by Q4 2020.

CARRIED