

**AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT 24
10 MAY 2017**

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**COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET
DES AFFAIRES RURALES
RAPPORT 24
LE 10 MAY 2017**

**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 24
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
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4 MAY 2017**

**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 24
COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET
DES AFFAIRES RURALES
LE 4 MAI 2017**

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT – 2715, 2777 TENTH LINE ROAD, 810 WALL
ROAD AND 2390, 2484, 2656 TRIM ROAD

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CUMBERLAND (19)

- 1. That Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council refuse the Official Plan amendment for the properties at 2715, 2777 Tenth Line Road; 810 Wall Road; 2390, 2484, 2656 Trim Road and other unaddressed properties, as shown in Document 1.**
- 2. That Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee approve the Consultation Details Section of this report be included as part of the 'brief explanation' in the Summary of Written and Oral Public Submissions, to be prepared by the City Clerk and Solicitor's Office and submitted to Council in the report titled, "Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to Bill 73 'Explanation Requirements' at the City Council Meeting of 10 May 2017," subject to submissions received between the publication of this report and the time of Council's decision.**

Cheryl McWilliams, Planner III gave a PowerPoint presentation on the report before the Committee. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

The following delegation then spoke opposed to the staff recommendation.

Domenic Idone of Minto Group read from a prepared text stating that they dispute the claims made by staff that the lands in question are prime agricultural lands (Class 1 to 3). He stated that they retained experts that had very different results on soil value and land. He noted that the farmer that currently works the land disputes the City's finding of Class 3 soil. He stated that the lands are Class 5w and not Class 3DW and therefore would like to see the area changed from Agricultural Resource Area to General Rural Area.

A copy of the prepared text is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

Committee members then had various questions of staff such as:

- Why are the studies from the City and the applicant so different? Bruce Finlay, Planner III noted that the land is presently underperforming because it is not tile drained. If it were tile drained it would perform well and meets Class 3 under Provincial Policy.
- Is tile draining part of the evaluation? In Ottawa it is not. The City is to protect Class 1 to 3 soil lands and the LEAR assumes tile draining in order to class the soil.
- There is City owned land there that is at the same class (3). Has it been tile drained? If not, why not? These questions led to a direction to staff from Councillor Blais.

Councillor Blais as ward Councillor stated that this was not the time to change the soil class and agrees with staff recommendation to refuse the application at this time.

The recommendations were CARRIED as presented.

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:

That staff from the Corporate Real Estate Office appear before the Committee to report on measures needed on tiling the City's Class 1 to 3 agricultural lands so as to make them ready for rental for agricultural production.