

CLARINGTON AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Barrie
Ted Watson
Mark Bragg
Brenda Metcalf
Orwin Bandstra
Donald Rickard
Ross McMaster
Eric Bowman
Jennifer Knox

STAFF: Faye Langmaid
Susan Hajnik

REGRETS: Gary Jeffery
Henk Mulders

ABSENT: Councillor Gord Robinson
Mary Ann Found
Marlene Werry

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

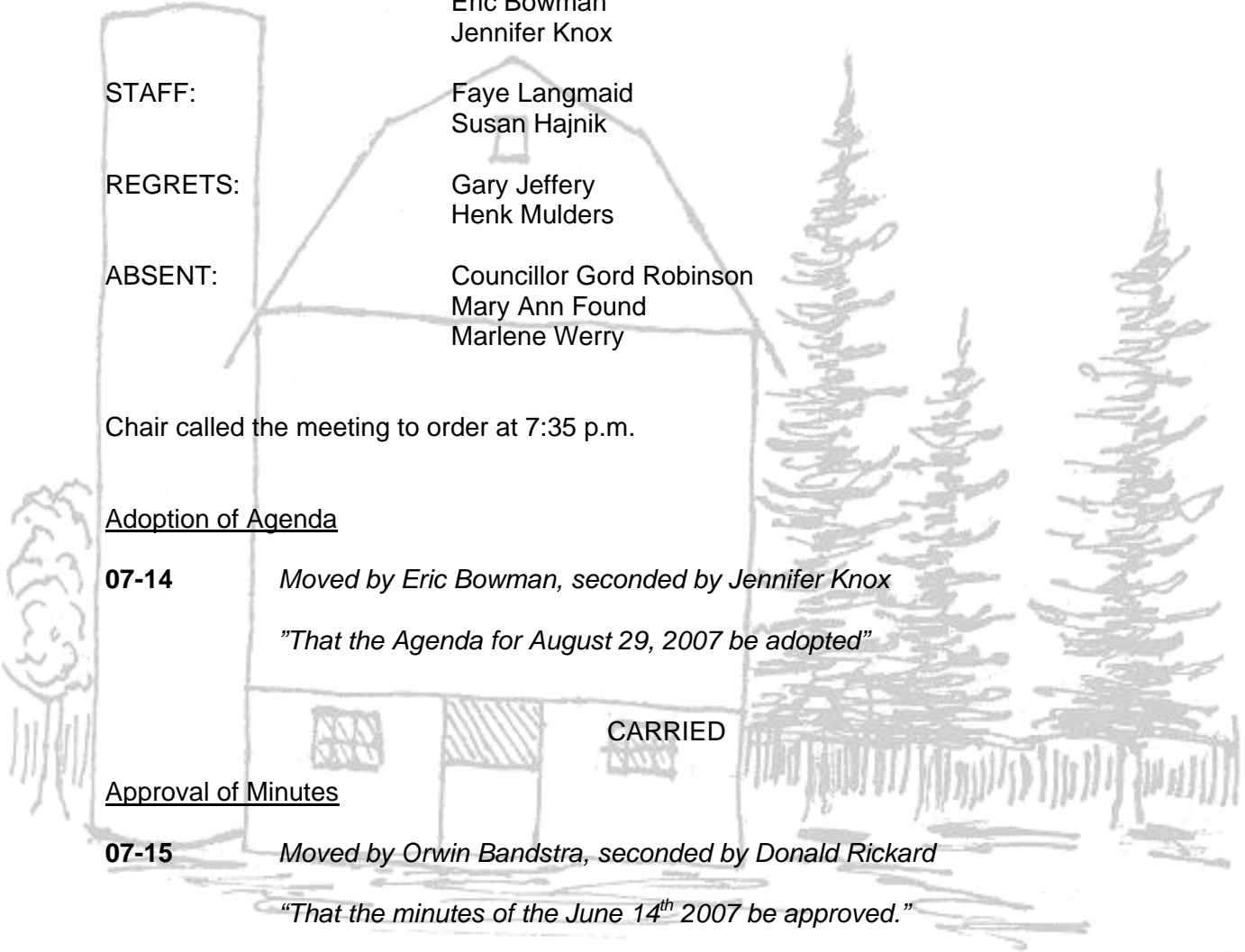
07-14 Moved by Eric Bowman, seconded by Jennifer Knox
"That the Agenda for August 29, 2007 be adopted"

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

07-15 Moved by Orwin Bandstra, seconded by Donald Rickard
"That the minutes of the June 14th 2007 be approved."

CARRIED



CORRESPONDENCE

Premiers Award for Excellence

Call for nominations for the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. This award recognizes that farmers have always been innovative in the running of their businesses and will foster even greater innovation across the province's agri-food sector. Nominations close October 30, 2007. More information is available at http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/premier_award/guidebook.htm

DAAC Tour

The DAAC Tour will be held September 28, 2007. Tour starts at Gowanlea Farm in Sunderland. Spots are limited and are filling up quickly so if you are planning to attend register early.

United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry

Forwarded a resolution requesting that the province of Ontario be requested to separate the farmland and managed forest component from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and establish a separate and distinct Provincial funding program with 100% reimbursement to municipalities of their annual lost property tax revenue on farmland and managed forest properties.

07-16 *Moved by Ted Watson, seconded by Ross McMaster*

"That the resolution from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry as referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee by Council on July 30th, 2007 be endorsed."

"CARRIED"

COSMETIC PESTICIDES

DAAC position is that this should be an educational project to educate people about the proper use.

Clarington, Scugog and Brock townships do not spray within the municipality; however, there is no formal policy in Clarington at this time. Faye will ask Fred to clarify with the Durham Health Unit what Clarington's current policy is.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

DAAC

Next meeting of DAAC is scheduled for next week.

Durham Region Tree cutting By-law (proposed):

Clarington's tree cutting by-law has an exception for farmers south of Taunton Road. The proposed bylaw has anything over 1 ha is classed as a forest. The Ag Committee feel that anything in Class 1, 2 and 3 land should be exempt.

The Region has rewritten their tree cutting by-law. Any property over 1 ha will require a permit to remove trees. Trees must be marked by a forester or professional evaluator before you can cut them down. Many area municipalities would have difficulty enforcing the By-law if it came into effect, because of the limited amount to staff in municipal enforcement and also the lack of professional forestry staff to comment on the plans. For example, Clarington does not have the resources. The Town of Uxbridge has sent a resolution to the region stating that their By-law enforcement officers will not enforce the tree cutting by-law should it come into effect.

407 Committee

Clarington Staff will be preparing comments to send to the consultants. Deadline is the week of October 16th. Please forward your comments to Faye so that they can be incorporated into the report.

ORONO FAIR

Orono Fair is September 6th to 9th this year. AACC will again have our display set up in the agricultural building. The display will include the map of the 407 Technically Preferred Route. Faye will put together a display for public awareness of the "Red Dot".

FUTURE AGENDA

Source Water Protection Committee - Pam Lancaster
Ganaraska Grants

Adjourned