



**City Of Kingston
Rural Advisory Committee
Meeting Number 05-2018
Minutes**

**Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Glenburnie Fire Station, 1485 Unity Road**

Committee Members Present

George Sutherland; Chair
Councillor Boehme
Councillor Oosterhof
Josée Conway
Laura Patterson
Brian Tolls
Robert Wolfe

Regrets

Staff Members Present

JC Kenny, Director, Communications & Customer Experience
Bill Linnen, Director, Public Work Services
Greg McLean, Policy & Program Coordinator
Julie Salter-Keane, Community Projects Manager
James Thompson, Committee Clerk
Lacricia Turner, Manager, Licensing & Enforcement

**Public Meeting – Kingston Solar (LP) Samsung Renewable Energy Project –
Community Benefit Program Fund**

The Rural Advisory Committee held a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 26, 2018 to gather public input on the Kingston Solar (LP) Samsung Renewable Energy Project – Community Benefit Program Fund.

Ms. Salter-Keane spoke to the purpose of the public meeting. She noted that thirty-one residents had provided submissions via the City of Kingston website.

Ms. Salter-Keane indicated that staff will provide the Committee with a summary of the suggestions related to the Samsung Renewable Energy Project – Community Benefit Program Fund at a future meeting.

Councillor Boehme mentioned that most of the parkland in the rural area is not equipped with proper amenities and suggested that large play structures should be considered. Ms. Salter-Keane mentioned that some residents have suggested installing equipment along the K&P Trail. She noted that it was suggested that a play structure be built at the Elginburg Public School.

The public meeting concluded at 6:39 p.m.

Meeting to Order

Mr. Sutherland, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mr. Wolfe

Seconded by Councillor Boehme

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Wolfe

Seconded by Ms. Conway

That the Minutes of the Rural Advisory Committee Meeting Number 04-2018 held Monday September 10, 2018 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

There were none.

Business

a) Kingston Solar (LP) Samsung Renewable Energy Project – Community Benefit Program Fund

Mr. Wolfe mentioned that the first solar farm was constructed before the site guidelines were established and was of the opinion that the appearance of the property is a disgrace. He suggested that trees be planted along the frontage. He stated that the fund could also be used to improve unopened road allowances in the rural area.

Ms. Salter-Keane indicated that the suggestions will be included in a subsequent report regarding this matter for consideration.

Mr. Linnen informed the Committee that a tree planting program was established as part of the Samsung project and indicated that staff will look at the road allowances and site lines to determine if additional tree planting is possible.

In response to a question from Councillor Oosterhof, Ms. Salter-Keane provided clarification regarding the process.

Councillor Oosterhof suggested that consideration could be given to Elginburg Park improvements.

Ms. Conway questioned if it would be possible to set aside the funding in reserve until sufficient capital can be saved to make a significant contribution. Ms. Salter-Keane confirmed that it would be possible to save the fund for the time being and indicated that she would include this concept in the report.

b) Maintenance of Unopened Road Allowances

Mr. Wolfe suggested that unopened road allowance should be considered as recreation trails and commented that a small investment would make the unopened road allowances useful.

Mr. Linnen informed the Committee that unopened road allowances are not considered to be trails or public access points and stated that they are not maintained for public use. He added that staff try to limit access to unopened road allowances.

Mr. Tolls referenced the process associated with the creation of the K&P Trail and indicated that the City would be responsible for fencing as an example and indicated that establishing the trail system was a very complex task.

Mr. Sutherland stated that it should be clear whether unopened roads are public spaces and commented that there are implications for land owners. Mr. Linnen elaborated that unopened road allowances are parcels of City owned land which we not maintained for public use. He reiterated that unopened road allowances are not to be used for recreational or personal purposes. He mentioned that the City often installs barriers at entrance points.

Mr. Wolfe suggested that the City should review this matter further as there is a movement towards active transportation. He stated that the City requires additional walking trails. He suggested that a series of walking trails could be constructed which lead to Graham Park nearby Aragon Road. He indicated that all unopened road allowances should not be painted with the same brush and reiterated that the City should find ways to make use of them.

Mr. Linnen reiterated that unopened road allowances are currently not for public use.

c) Backyard Hens – Eligible Properties

Mr. McLean provided the Committee with a summary of the Report.

Mr. McLean noted that a revised Policy will be presented to the Administrative Policies Committee in 2019.

Councillor Boehme requested that the revised By-Law be reviewed by staff to ensure that it is practical from both an urban and rural perspective. Mr. McLean provided additional information regarding the review process as well as the public engagement process.

Mr. Wolfe sought clarification regarding whether rural residents who own more than two hectares of land are limited to the number of hens that they may own. Mr. McLean spoke to the two hectare threshold and indicated that if a resident owns more than two hectare they would not be prohibited from owning many hens provided that they meet other agricultural requirements. He commented that the prohibition applies to residential properties that are less than two hectares.

Mr. Tolls requested that the revised By-Law be sent to the Committee for review.

Moved by Councillor Boehme
Seconded by Mr. Tolls

That Council direct staff to expedite a review of sections of the Animal Control By-Law related to backyard hens pursuant to the details outlined in Report Number RAC-18-010.

Carried

d) Rural Advisory Committee Work Plan

Ms. Salter-Keane provided the Committee with a summary of the Report.

Councillor Oosterhof was of the opinion that the state of rural roads is the biggest issue. He requested that the Committee be made aware of rural roads capital improvements.

Councillor Boehme spoke to the importance of effective outreach to the rural community and the importance of road maintenance.

Mr. Wolfe stated that an emphasis should be placed on rural road maintenance. He indicated that staff should ensure that policies are reviewed to ensure that they have a rural perspective.

Mr. Tolls suggested that consideration should be given to reviewing some of the completed items annually.

Ms. Conway suggested that the approach to communicating with the rural area should be revisited. Ms. Kenny responded that staff are considering alternate approaches to communicate with rural residents.

Mr. Wolfe requested that the Committee review building permit fees as well as receive a report regarding the Aragon Road boat launch.

Motions

a) Motion regarding rural road funding

Councillor Boehme and Mr. Sutherland spoke in support of the proposed motion.

Moved by Councillor Oosterhof
Seconded by Mr. Sutherland

Whereas the Rural Advisory Committee was informed by staff of a change introduced in June 2018 which now allocates specific envelop funding for low volume road repairs and maintenance and;

Whereas the Rural Advisory Committee recognizes the importance of this program;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the incoming Kingston City Council direct staff to continue to allocate funds for this program for low volume road repair and maintenance on an annual ongoing basis.

**Carried as Amended
See Motion to Amend which Carried**

Moved by Councillor Boehme
Seconded by Councillor Oosterhof

That the motion of Councillor Oosterhof and Mr. Sutherland be amended by replacing the term “rural roads” with “low volume road” throughout the motion.

Carried

Notices of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Correspondence

- a) Correspondence received from David Pentney, Chair, Glenburnie Residents' Association, dated November 2, 2018, regarding 2285 Battersea Road.

Mr. Sutherland informed the Committee that this matter is not within the mandate of the Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee will be determined at a future date.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boehme
Seconded by Mr. Tolls

That the Rural Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Carried