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## **Agriculture Advisory Board Agenda** The Corporation of Norfolk County

April 6, 2021  
9 a.m.

Present: Anthony DeCarolis, Mike Columbus, Ann Vermeersch, Hayden Dooney (vice chair), Anita Buehner, Dusty Zamecnik (chair), Nick Kinkel, Trish Fournier, Marc Wall, Jason Ryder, Sandy DeHooghe

Regrets: Remi Van De Slyke

Also attending: Jacob Robinson, Adam Biddle, Mike Penner, Chris Garwood, Kristal Chopp, Zvi Lifshiz

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### **Ceremonial Activities (Item 1)**

#### **Approval of Agenda/Changes to the Agenda (Item 2)**

A) Dusty Zamecnik

Re: Stepping down as chair, will remain on as member of AAB

B) Hayden Dooney

Re: Stepping down as vice chair, will remain on as member of AAB

Mike Columbus nominates Anita Buehner for Vice Chair, accepted.

#### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (Item 3)**

#### **Presentations/Deputations (Item 4)**

A) Adam Biddle

Re: Draft Forest Conservation By-law

Mr. Biddle gave a verbal presentation regarding the draft forest conservation by law. The conversation included, but was not limited to, the changes to the by-law, why the changes were made, how these changes affect agriculture lands, how this by-law compares to Haldimand County and other municipalities, stump removal, specific exemptions, and also took questions from the board. Board members will work to provide feedback in the coming weeks. **Received as information.**

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Item 5)**

Minutes received and approved.

### **Communications (Item 6)**

A) Carbon Tax Letter Update (Letters of Support Attached)

The Board reviewed a sample of the letters that have been received, Dusty will do an interview with MyFM in Simcoe this week to help further spread the word.

**Received as information.**

B) AAB Tracking Table

### **Reports/New Business (Item 7)**

A) Farm Worker Vaccination – Marc reported that there is some hesitation amongst workers about getting a COVID-19 vaccine and suggests brainstorming ways to educate foreign workers entering the county to work for the farming season. Chris will reach out to the TFW team to assist. **Accepted as information.**

### **Other Business (Item 8)**

A) TEDAB Minutes March 17 (Attached)

### **Next Meeting (Item 9)**

### **Adjournment (Item 10)**

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