



# Committee Agenda

## Agricultural Advisory Committee

July 27, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Zoom - Electronic Participation

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Declaration of Interest**

**3. Delegations**

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| 9:45 AM  | Emily Sousa –      | Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)<br>Farmland Preservation & Ministerial Zoning Orders                        |
| 10:00 AM | Ben Lefort –       | Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)<br>Rising Interest Rates & Impacts to Farmers                               |
| 10:15 AM | Franco Naccarato – | Meat and Poultry Ontario<br>Study to Support Capacity Building and Growth of<br>the Ontario Meat and Poultry Sector |
| 10:30 AM | Cathryn Love –     | Catapult Grey Bruce<br>Supports to Agri-Food Businesses   |

**4. Reports and Updates**

- a. Agriculture and Agri-Food Value Chain Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) Update – Verbal Report – Philly Markowitz, Economic Development Officer
- b. Affordable Housing Task Force – Verbal Update – Scott Taylor, Director of Planning

**5. Correspondence**

- a. Correspondence - Municipality of Tweed - Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

**6. Standing Items**

- a. Regional Agricultural Learning and Demonstration Site – Verbal Update – Scott Taylor, Director of Planning

**7. Roundtable**

- a. Challenges, updates and/or opportunities from the different sector representatives

**8. Other Business**

- a. Verbal Update on the 2021 Census – Philly Markowitz, Economic Development Officer

**9. Next Meeting Dates**

- a. To Be Determined

**10. Adjournment**

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July 4, 2022

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
1 Stone Road West  
Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

Dear Minister:

Re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

We are writing to you today on behalf of our municipality regarding the administration fees related to wildlife damage claims. This program is necessary to protect our farm producers from the devastating losses incurred when they lose livestock to predators.

At the June 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting the attached Resolution was passed by Council.

Our Council's concern is the administration fee paid to municipalities to administer the program on the Ministry's behalf which was recently increased from \$30.00 per claim to \$50.00 per claim.

We have recently contracted for a new Livestock Investigator resulting in the following costs directly related to wildlife claims:

Hourly Rate: \$25.00/hour  
Mileage Rate: .50/km

On the most recent invoice for this service there were three wildlife claims with costs as follows:

1. April 28, 2022 – 3 hours + mileage = \$95.00
2. May 5, 2022 – 2.5 hours + mileage = \$75.00
3. May 8, 2022 – 3.5 hours + mileage = \$120.00

There is also time spent by municipal staff in preparing the wildlife claims for submission and monitoring the claims for payment to the livestock owner.

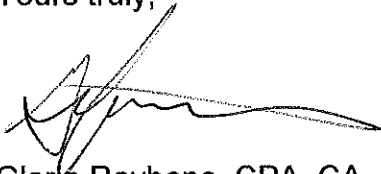
This results in a loss on each wildlife claim for our taxpayers to bear to be able to provide this necessary service to our farm producers.

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We respectfully request that the Ministry consider increasing the administration fee on wildlife claims to help offset the increasing costs associated with Livestock Investigation.

We look forward to hearing from you about this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

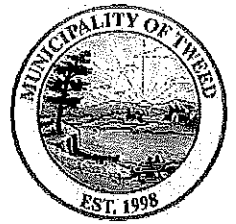
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gloria Raybone', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gloria Raybone, CPA, CA  
CAO/Treasurer

Encl.

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

442.

Title:

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Date:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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Moved by

Brian Treanor

Seconded by

Jacob Palmateer

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs administers the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to provide compensation to farm producers for livestock killed by wildlife;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities administer the Program on behalf of OMAFRA by appointing a Livestock Investigator and staff to work on wildlife damage claims;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with wildlife damage claims typically exceed the administration fee of \$50.00 per claim as provided to the Municipality by OMAFRA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Tweed request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to review the administration fee provided to

Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried

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Mayor

*J. Albert*