



**Northumberland County  
Agriculture Advisory Group Meeting  
Minutes  
September 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Conference Technology**

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Meeting ID: 835 1193 5721

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**Present:**

P. Burnham, A. Carruthers, S. Jibb, L. Meekes, M. Opsteen, B. Crews, A. Botha

**Staff Present:**

D. Campbell – Acting Director Economic Development, Tourism & Land Use Planning

D. Marshall – Director Public Works

T. Mellor – Manager Agri-Food

J. Moore – CAO

M. Nitsch – Director Finance/Treasurer

M. Stergios – Executive Assistant to the CAO

**1) Welcome**

**2) Approval of the September 24, 2024 Agenda**

- September 24, 2024 agenda approved

**3) Approval of the June 25, 2024 Minutes**

- June 25, 2024 minutes approved

#### **4) Action Items and Follow Up from Previous Meeting**

#### **5) Communications**

##### **a) Open Surveys/Consultations**

- Northumberland Next Official Plan Update
- 310 Division St. Modernizing shelter services to address community need
- Northumberland County Climate Action Strategy

#### **6) New/Other Business**

##### **a) EDR Routes**

- Northumberland County, Brighton and Cramahe staff held a meeting with the province to follow-up on ongoing advocacy efforts around the EDR issue
- Province was dismissive, indicated no changes would be made for the foreseeable future
- Staff agreed to put advocacy efforts on hold for now

##### **b) Cellular Signal in Rural Northumberland**

- Committee discussed ongoing issues around cellular service in rural areas
- CAO Moore discussed ongoing work to begin broadband expansion across the County
- Committee discussed options for rural residents like Starlink

##### **c) Drainage Agreement Updates/Discussion**

- Draft policy has been reviewed and feedback received provided changes.
- Paul – some concern about making sure its just an outlet permit and not a drainage permit, still want opportunity to drain land without having to go to County to get permission.
- In order to drain into a County ditch it must be an approved outlet.
- If there are still more comments, let Denise know.
- Denise to send copy of revised plan to the group.

##### **d) Brushing at Intersections on County Roads**

##### **e) Harvesting Vehicles on County Roads**

- Committee discussed visibility issues with harvesting vehicles

#### **7) Next Meeting**

- Agenda items?
- Next meeting to be held in-person.