



## Minutes

### Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

December 2, 2020  
Electronic Meeting

Members: J. Bartley, M. Bhim, C. Burkholder, S. Dhir, A. Eek,  
K. Empringham, J. Pegg, J. Tong, B. Wills

Staff: C. Banfield, J. Best, T. Corkovic, C. Cunningham,  
C. Goodeve, M. Hassanali, J. Magill

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#### **A. Call to Order**

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. with Councillor Eek as Chair.

#### **B. Disclosures of Interest**

None

#### **C. Presentations**

##### **C.1 Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy: Staff Update and Workplan Items for 2021**

The Committee received the presentation by Meena Hassanali, Rural and Agri-Food Business Development Specialist, Jennifer Best, Senior Planner and Tony Corkovic, Marketing and Communications Specialist regarding Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy: Staff Update and Workplan Items for 2021.

#### **D. Deputations**

##### **D.1 2021 Agri-Food Forum**

The Committee received the deputation by Carolyn Puterbough on behalf of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and supports Regional staff partnering with OMAFRA to host the 2021 Agri-Food Forum.

**D.2 York Farm Fresh 2020 Update**

The Committee received the deputation by Tammi Taylor on behalf of York Farm Fresh Association.

**E. Communications**

None

**F. Other Business**

**F.1 Farm 911 - The Emily Project**

The Committee referred the Farm 911 - Emily Project summary information to staff for further investigation and to report back to a future meeting.

**F.2 Timing of Future Meetings**

The Committee discussed timing of future meetings and agreed to maintain the current meeting time and schedule.

**F.3 Member Roundtable Updates**

Members had the opportunity to share ongoing initiatives and updates related to the Agriculture and Agri-Food industry.

**G. Adjournment**

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.