



## Minutes

### Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

January 27, 2021  
Electronic Meeting

Members: J. Bartley, T. Chinyani, S. Dhir, A. Eek, K. Empringham, J. Pegg,  
J. Tong, B. Wills

Staff: J. Baker, C. Banfield, J. Best, T. Corkovic, M. Hassanali,  
J. Magill, C. Narula, J. Wheatle

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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 Regional Official Plan Natural Systems Planning - Overview and Update**

The Committee received the presentation by Jelena Baker, Senior Planner and Chhavi Narula, Planner regarding Regional Official Plan Natural Systems Planning - Overview and Update.

##### **C.2 Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy - Staff Update**

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.

#### **D. Deputations**

##### **D.1 Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance**

The Committee received the deputation by Janet Horner on behalf of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance.

**D.2 LSRCA Restoration and TRCA Rural Clean Water Programs**

The Committee received the joint deputation by Lori McLean on behalf of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Nadine Abrams on behalf of Toronto Region Conservation Authority.

**E. Communications**

None

**F. Other Business**

**F.1 Member Roundtable Updates**

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

**F.2 Dialogue on Climate Change Action Plan**

Chair Eek encouraged members to think about the role agriculture and agri-food businesses have in fighting climate change. It was noted that members can review the Region's draft climate change action plan and submit comments to staff.

**G. Adjournment**

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.