



Minutes

Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

April 19, 2023
Electronic Meeting

Members: A. Eek, J. Bartley, N. Davison, K. Empringham, A. Gomes,
B. Hebor, L. Jitoo, S. Paisley, M. Pearson, J. Pegg, J. Tong

Staff: C. Banfield, M. Hassanali, D. Hallman, J. Wheatle, R. McPhail,
I. Soneji

A. Call to Order

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. with Councillor Eek as Chair and the following remarks were made:

"We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Presentations

C.1 Examining Local Food Procurement Baseline in York Region

The Committee received the presentation by Sara Epp, Sara Epp Consulting, regarding Examining Local Food Procurement Baseline in York Region.

C.2 Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview & Update

The Committee received the presentation by Meena Hassanali, Rural and Agri-Food Business Development Specialist, regarding Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview and Update.

D. Deputations

None

E. Communications

None

F. Other Business

F.1 Member Roundtable Updates

Members had the opportunity to share ongoing initiatives, updates, and provide suggestions of improvements related to the Agriculture and Agri-Food industry and the forthcoming Agri-Food Strategy.

G. Adjournment

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.