



Minutes

Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

June 14, 2023
Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: C. Banfield, T. Cline, C. Goodeve, M. Hassanali, D. Leggieri,
J. Wheatle, B. Switzer, I. Soneji

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. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Eek made the following remarks:

“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.”

C. Disclosures of Interest

None

D. Presentations

D.1 Updating the York Region Food Charter

The Committee received the presentation by Candice Einstoss, York Region Food Council, Chair and Lucy Valteau, York Region Food Council, Member regarding Updating the York Region Food Charter.

D.1.1 Review of the Role of Advisory Committee Members

The Committee received the presentation from Colin Goodeve, Deputy Regional Clerk regarding the Review of the Role of Advisory Committee Members.

D.2 Update on Regional Official Plan Approval and Recent Provincial Initiatives

The Committee received the presentation from Teresa Cline, Manager, Policy and Environment regarding Update on Regional Official Plan Approval and Recent Provincial Initiatives.

D.3 Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview and Update

The Committee received the presentation from Charles Banfield, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Meena Hassanali, Program Manager, Rural and Agri-Food Initiatives regarding the Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview and Update.

E. Deputations

None

F. Communications

None

G. Other Business

G.1 Member Roundtable Updates

None

H. Adjournment

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.