



## Minutes

### Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

September 20, 2023

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: C. Banfield, C. Clark, T. Cline, C. Goodeve, M. Hassanali,  
D. Leggeri, S. Meehan, N. Mohammed, I. Soneji, 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 4:03 p.m. with Councillor Eek as Chair.

#### **B. Land Acknowledgement**

Councillor Eek provided the following acknowledgement:

"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 Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview & Update**

The Committee welcomed Nadia Mohammed, Rural and Agri-Food Business Specialist and the Members introduced themselves.

The Committee received the presentation by Meena Hassanali, Program Manager, Rural and Agri-Food Initiatives, Nadia Mohammed, Rural and Agri-Food Business Specialist, and Dan Leggieri, Department Communications Advisor, Economic Strategy regarding the Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview and Update.

**E. Deputations**

None

**F. Communications**

**F.1 Council Decision - 2022 Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy Update - June 29, 2023**

The Committee received the communication regarding the Council decision on the 2022 Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy Update dated June 29, 2023.

**G. Other Business**

**G.1 Member Roundtable Updates**

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

The Committee discussed and provided suggestions regarding circular economy initiatives and food storage resources in food banks across the Region.

**H. Adjournment**

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.