



Minutes

Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

January 24, 2024
Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: E. Ali, C. Banfield, T. Cline, M. Hassanali, N. Mohammed, J. Wheatle, E. Mahoney, N. Rostas, I. Soneji

Other: K. Kapitan (Wilton Consulting), C. Puterbough (OMAFRA)

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.

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 Development of New Agriculture and Agri-food Sector Strategy - Update

The Committee received the presentation from Meena Hassanali, Program Manager, Rural and Agri-Food Initiatives, Nadia Mohammed, Rural and Agri-Food Business Specialist and Krista Kapitan, Project Manager, Wilton Consulting Group.

D.2 York Region Food Charter Update and Consultation

The Committee provided feedback and suggestions regarding the Vibrant Local Agri-Food Sector and the Environmental Stewardship pillars of the draft York Region Food Charter.

The Committee received the presentation from Candice Einstoss, Chair, and Morgan Sage, Food Policy Coordinator, York Region Food Council.

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 5:33 p.m.