



## Minutes

### Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

September 18, 2024  
Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: C. Banfield, T. Cline, K. Doyle, C. Goodeve, M. Hassanali,  
N. Mohammed, 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 The Future of Food and Farming: Innovations in Horticulture and Indoor Agriculture**

The Committee received the presentation by Brandon Hebor, Boreal Farms.

**D.2 Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Program Updates and Development of the New Strategy**

The Committee received the presentation by Meena Hassanali, Program Manager, Rural and Agri-Food Initiatives & Nadia Mohammed, Rural and Agri-Food Specialist, Economic Strategy, Economic Development Services, York Region.

**E. Deputations**

None

**F. Communications**

None

**G. Other Business**

**G.1 Member Roundtable Updates**

Members discussed ongoing initiatives and updates related to the Agriculture and Agri-food industry. The following topics were raised to be discussed at a future meeting:

1. Forest Conservation Bylaw
2. Options to manage noxious weeds species
  - a. Site lines at intersections
  - b. Driveways

**H. Adjournment**

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.