



## Minutes

### Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

November 19, 2025

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: E. Ali, C. Banfield, M. Bolton, K. Doyle, M. Hassanali,  
N. Mohammed

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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

"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 Advancing Reuse in York Region: Lessons from Reuse Ottawa and Perspectives for a Regional Feasibility Study

The Committee received the presentation by Shannon Lavalley, Senior Project Manager and Alexia Petit, Coordinator Circular Innovation Council.

##### D.2 York Farm Fresh 2025 Year End Report

The Committee received the presentation by Lyf Stolte, Coordinator, York Farm Fresh Association.

### **D.3 2024- 2027 Agriculture and Agri-food Sector Strategy Updates**

The Committee received the presentation by Meena Hassanali, Program Manager, Rural and Agri-Food Initiatives, Nadia Mohammed, Rural and Agri-Food Business Specialist, and Eman Ali, Communications Advisor, Economic Strategy.

### **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.

### **H. Adjournment**

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.