



Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 15, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, City Hall, second floor

1. Members Present:

Vincent Sowa (Chair), Maura Romanelli, Erin Fleming, Larry Campbell and Michiel Barnard

2. Regrets:

Councillor Kelvin Galbraith, Wilma Jacobs, Mariam Abu-El-Magd, Peter Starcevic and Norm Richardson

3. Others Present:

Kelly Cook (Planner) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve minutes from meeting held September 17, 2025

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held September 17, 2025, were approved as presented.

7. Delegation(s):

None

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Agricultural Action Plan

- Committee discussed the suggested buckets for actions that Kelly provided to get started on implementing the Agricultural Action Plan. Vincent suggested that the document be condensed to 3 headings and be categorized differently from more of a committee operational perspective. Members agreed with this approach. It was noted that this draft document will inform future work planning and is subject to change.

8.2 Advisory Committee Recruitment

- Jo-Anne advised that recruitment for all advisory committees will begin on October 21 with a deadline of November 3. Interviews will take place in late November and a report to Council appointing new members is expected in December. She noted that an email will be going out to members with terms ending this year.

9. Other Business:

- Maura brought up the following topics for discussion:
 - rural water quality and private well testing,
 - trespassing on private lands, and
 - hydro reliability issues affecting the rural area.
- Maura noted that she sent correspondence to Burlington Hydro in August but has not received a response, so she has emailed the rural councillors for some guidance and/or assistance.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.