



Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
Agenda

Date: November 19, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, City Hall, second floor

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1. Land Acknowledgement

Burlington as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinaabeg to the Haudenosaunee and the Métis – our lands spanning from Lake Ontario to the Niagara Escarpment are steeped in Indigenous history.

The territory is mutually covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy, the Ojibway, and other allied Nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

2. Declarations of Interest:

3. Approval of Minutes:

3.1 Approve minutes from meeting held October 15, 2025

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4. Presentation:

4.1 Rishia Burke, Executive Director of Community Development Halton, will present the Halton Rural Report

5. Delegation(s):

5.1 Richard Lesueur will speak to Item 5.1 - Dumping/Anti-littering in the rural area

6. Regular Items:

6.1 Dumping/Anti-littering in the rural area (Vincent)

6.2 2026 Workplan Discussion (Vincent, Kelly, Jo-Anne)

6.3 Advisory Committee Recruitment update (Jo-Anne)

7. Other Business:

8. Adjournment:



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Minutes

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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.