

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Mission/ Purpose:

This Committee is responsible for acting as the voice of the agricultural community at Grey County Council and to coordinate and communicate between agricultural organizations within Grey County. The Committee will raise issues and opportunities related to the health of the agriculture sector and provide advice and recommendations to County Council based on those discussions.

Objectives:

1. To provide comment and recommendations associated with strengthening the agricultural sector to County Council through information sharing, advocacy and education.
2. Through ongoing consultation with the agricultural sector, provide recommendations that facilitate outlets for agricultural advocacy.
3. To identify initiatives and projects that will impact the agricultural community and discuss pros and cons of these.

Governance roles and responsibilities:

The Committee will work with various agricultural sectors along with all levels of government to seek out opportunities and solutions to assist in the attraction, retention and promotion of agriculture in Grey County and to raise awareness of benefits the agricultural sector brings to Grey County in communities.

Membership

Members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee are appointed by Council and will include four members of Council and the Warden along with members of the agricultural community including:

- Representative of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers or National Farmers Union
- Representative from Grey County Agricultural Services
- Commercial livestock, grain or fruit/vegetable producer
- Agriculture business supplier
- Agri-tourism operator or owner

- Representative of Field to Table operation

Public Members will remain on the Committee for the term of Council. Grey County Council members will be elected to the Committee annually.

Each member of the Committee shall:

1. Exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
2. Become informed about the issues affecting agriculture, both in Grey County and beyond.
3. Be committed to achieving and maintaining the vision, mission and values of Grey County

Advice to Council

The Committee will make recommendations to Committee of the Whole on the following matters, for which Council retains the decision-making role:

1. Suggestions, ideas and projects the County could undertake to promote the agricultural industry as a whole.
2. Considerations related to the development or implementation of policies, programs, regulations which would impact the agriculture sector.

Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected by the Committee members at the first meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected annually.

Meetings

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair but meet up to four times annually.

Quorum

A quorum is more than 50% of the membership of the Committee.

Duration

Term of Council

Statutory Authority

The Committee is guided by Grey County's Procedural By-law, Council's Code of Conduct, Provincial Acts and regulations, and other Grey County Policies as applicable.

Reporting Relationship

The Committee reports to Grey County Committee of the Whole.