



Terms of Reference

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Purpose:

Consider matters related to the agricultural sector, including consultation, advocacy, and information sharing. Raise awareness of the agricultural industry's benefits, opportunities, and challenges. Assist in the attraction, retention, and promotion of agriculture in Grey County.

Scope of Responsibility:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee's scope of responsibility shall include:

- Contributing local knowledge and expertise on emerging issues and new initiatives related to the purpose of this Committee.
- Providing recommendations or feedback regarding the development of policies, programs, plans, strategies, or studies related to the purpose of this Committee.
- Providing comment on the alignment and implementation progress of plans and strategies related to the purpose of this Committee.

Membership:

Voting members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee are appointed by County Council and shall include:

- Warden and 4 members of County Council appointed annually.
- 5 organizational members, with preference given to representatives of Grey County's agricultural sector stakeholders, appointed for the term of Council.
- 5 public members, with preference given to representatives of Grey County's agricultural sector producers, suppliers, operators, and owners, appointed for the term of Council.

Grey County will endeavour to provide notice of calls for membership to local stakeholder organizations, such as Grey County Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers, National Farmers Union, and Grey County Agricultural Services, where possible.

Chair and Vice Chair:

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from the voting members.

Meetings:

Meetings occur at the call of the Chair or as determined by the Committee (approximately four meetings per year).

Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of more than 50% of the membership of the Committee.

Statutory Authority:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee is guided by the County's Procedural By-Law, Council's Code of Conduct, other Grey County policies, plans, or studies as applicable, and provincial Acts and regulations, including:

- Municipal Act, 2001

Reporting Relationship:

The Agricultural Committee shall report directly to the Committee of the Whole with endorsed recommendations being sent to County Council for ratification.

Lead Staff:

The Clerks, Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, and Planning and Development Departments will provide staff support and coordination.

Other staff resources or their designates may include:

- CAO
- Deputy CAO
- Clerk
- Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator
- Director of Finance
- Director of Planning and Development
- Administrative Assistant, Planning
- Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture (EDTC)
- Manager of Economic Development and Tourism
- Manager of Climate Change Initiatives
- Administrative Assistant, Economic Development, Tourism and Culture
- Grey County Economic Development Officers
- Business Enterprise Centre

Participation from external agencies, organizations, or stakeholders will be solicited where appropriate depending on the themes/topics being discussed.