



Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
Agenda

Date: January 19, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

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1. Land Acknowledgement:

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We would like to 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 December 15, 2021 1 - 3

4. Delegation(s):

5. Regular Items:

5.1. 2022 Work Plan and Budget (Jo-Anne/Kelly) (15 minutes) 4 - 6

5.2. Rural Burlington Internet Project update (Councillor Bentivegna) (10 minutes)

5.3. Planner update

a. Advocacy Priorities update (25 minutes)

b. Event Barn comments (15 minutes)

Nielsen v Ontario (Niagara Escarpment Commission), 2018
CanLII 29507 (ON ERT)

6. **Other Business:**

7. **Adjournment:**



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Minutes

Date: December 15, 2021
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1. Members Present:

Glenn Portch (Chair), Norm Richardson, Vanessa Warren, Jamie Fisher, Maura Romanelli, Larry Campbell, Vince Sowa, Michiel Barnard, Simon O'Keefe (alternate) and Peter Starcevic (alternate)

2. Regrets:

Sarah Pralet and John Timmis

3. Others Present:

Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, Kelly Cook (Planner) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement:

The Chair read the following Land Acknowledgement:

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5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve minutes from meeting held November 17, 2021

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held November 17, 2021, were approved as presented.

7. Delegation(s):

7.1 Event Barn Paper

- Janet Horner, Executive Director, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance (GHFFA), provided an overview of the GHFFA Position Paper on Event Barns written by Pam Duesling with input from the Alliance, OMAFRA and municipal staff. Janet noted that the Position Paper was circulated to Agricultural Advisory Committees for their comment and will return to the Alliance in January 2022 for endorsement.
- Janet spoke about family farming, on-farm diversification and provided Event Barn examples in the Golden Horseshoe. She reviewed event barn requirements which included public land use planning process, building permits, development charges, and tax impacts. Their position on event barns is the following:
 1. Must be secondary to the farm;
 2. Appropriate size and scale;
 3. Expensive and lengthy process.
- The conclusion of the Position Paper is: "Event barns should only be permitted if they can meet all the current government requirements and follow the OMAFRA Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas. It is unlikely that event barns should be established today".
- Kelly took notes on the comments and concerns raised by the committee during the discussion and will provide a written summary to the Alliance in January 2022.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 2022 Work Plan

- The committee discussed the 2022 work plan, identified the initiatives they want to focus on and the accompanying budget. It was noted that some initiatives will require sub-committees to be struck in order to get

the work completed. The work plan will be further discussed and approved at the January 19, 2022 meeting.

9. Other Business:

- Maura expressed concern with the issue of coyotes with mange and the risk to livestock and pets.

10. Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.

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BARAAC Draft Terms of Reference

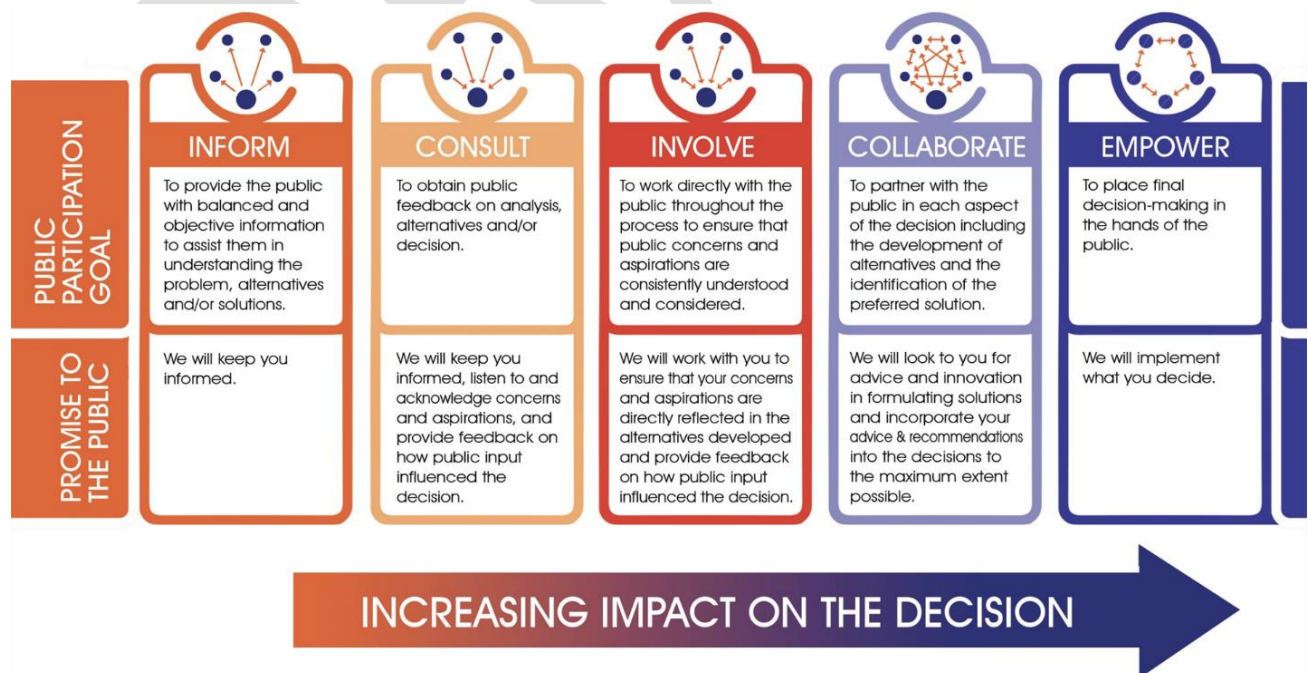
- [https://www.burlington.ca/en/your-city/resources/Citizen Committees and Boards/Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee/2019-Draft-BARAAC-Terms-of-Reference.pdf](https://www.burlington.ca/en/your-city/resources/Citizen_Committees_and_Boards/Burlington_Agricultural_and_Rural_Affairs_Committee/2019-Draft-BARAAC-Terms-of-Reference.pdf)

Guiding Documents & Initiatives

- [Burlington Official Plan](#)
- [Burlington's Strategic Plan 2015 - 2040](#)
- [Burlington Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force](#)
- [Halton Region Official Plan](#)
- [Halton Region Rural Agricultural Strategy](#)
- [Halton Region Agritourism Action Plan](#)
- [Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Action Plan 2021 - 2026](#)
- [New Horizons: Ontario's Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy](#)

Relevant Peer Groups

- [Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee](#)
- [Conservation Halton Agricultural Advisory Panel](#)
- [Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance](#)
- [Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group](#)
- [Hamilton Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee](#)
- [Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee](#)
- [York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee](#)
- [Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Community of Practice](#)



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Item	Details	Budget
Regional Official Plan Review <div style="background-color: #666699; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">COLLABORATE</div>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Agricultural Working Group or similar, develop case studies, provide feedback on mapping approaches, draft rural policies, and implementation issues (ongoing) <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written submission to the Region endorsed by BARAAC/Council; delegation to Regional Council? (Ongoing) 	
Building Rural Resiliency <div style="background-color: #666699; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">COLLABORATE</div>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather business start-up/expansion case studies & document inter-agency approvals process; include consideration of agricultural, agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses Explore available data & metrics for measuring progress Liaise with key City departments and partner agencies (e.g. Burlington Hydro) to elevate the profile of rural infrastructure needs (i.e. broadband, electricity etc.) <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of “Business Support Rural Point-of-Contact” role 3 Burlington examples & 3 peer examples; approvals process map Identify 5 priority metrics; possibly supported by a post-Census of Agriculture workshop for Burlington farmers Identify any rural-specific needs that could be flagged for annual City budget consideration <p>Build committee knowledge base to support further discussion in 2023</p>	\$1000 (to be confirmed) for specialist/facilitator for possible post-2021 Census of Agriculture workshop
Burlington Private Tree By-Law <div style="background-color: #990000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">INVOLVE</div>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue engaging with Roads, Parks & Forestry staff to develop rural-specific recommendations <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written or verbal feedback on proposed draft materials BARAAC delegation to City Council? 	

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<p>Advocacy</p> <p>CONSULT</p>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support City advocacy efforts regarding near-urban rural & agricultural issues • Liaise with key City departments and partner agencies (e.g. By-Law and Halton Regional Police) to elevate the profile of rural enforcement needs (e.g. illegal dumping, road safety, parking, trespassing etc.) <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlist of priorities for Government Relations 2022 advocacy priorities report • Communication with the urban community on rural/agricultural issues within Burlington; possibly develop a rural primer document and short presentation 	<p>\$500 for learning & development opportunities (i.e. conferences or workshops)</p>
<p>Sustainability & Stewardship</p> <p>INFORM</p>	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about opportunities to support community-driven stewardship <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build committee knowledge base to support further discussion in 2023 	
<p>Total Budget</p>		<p>\$1,500</p>