

PEEL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

2022 WORK PLAN

Category	Description of Activities	Action Items
Policy Research, Development & Monitoring	<p>Provide ongoing input, comment and advice to the Region of Peel on policy research, development and monitoring initiatives for agricultural, agricultural-related issues and rural matters, with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Protect prime agricultural lands from non-conforming agricultural uses, lot fragmentation and loss of the agricultural land base b) Enhance the financial viability of the Region's agricultural sector c) Promote practices of good agricultural land stewardship and provision of Ecological Goods & Services d) Support agricultural practices that promote on-farm diversity and innovation e) Foster a just, sustainable and secure food system f) Policy research, development and monitoring <p><i>Example of Areas for Comment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region of Peel Official Plan • Region of Peel Climate Change Strategy • Local official plan reviews • Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan • Provincial Acts, Regulations and Plans • Environmental Registry of Ontario postings • Public health initiatives and programs <p>Any other relevant policy matters affecting the agricultural sector in</p>	<p><u>Peel 2051 Regional Official Plan Review</u> Support and comment on the final review and approval of the Regional Official Plan, specifically on the Agriculture System, Greenlands System, Settlement Area Boundary Expansion and Aggregates components of Peel 2051 as they advance through Council adoption and Provincial approval steps.</p> <p><u>Local Municipal Official Plan Review</u> Support the Region's review of the Local Municipal Official Plan reviews, specifically on the Agriculture System and Natural Heritage System components.</p> <p><u>Agricultural Census 2021</u> Provide comment on trends and statistical data from the release of the Agricultural Census 2021.</p> <p><u>Provincial Release of Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidelines</u> Review and provide comment on the Regional and Local Municipal implementation of provincial Agricultural Impact Assessment guidelines and development of guidelines for</p>

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	the Region of Peel.	non-farm development, including edge planning for farming.
Policy and Program Implementation Initiatives (see also PRWQP, ALUS Peel Pilot and Support Agri-Food & Agri-Business Opportunities categories below)	Provide guidance to support the development of programs and tools that implement the Peel 2051 policies.	<p><u>Peel 2051 Implementation</u> Advise on the development of programs and tools to support the Agricultural System and Greenlands Systems in Peel Region and the implementation of the Regional Official Plan policies.</p> <p><u>Urban Agriculture Guidance</u> Provide guidance to the development of guidelines or protocols to provide more detailed direction on the implementation of the Regional Official Plan urban agricultural policies.</p>
Peel Rural Water Quality Program and the Peel ALUS Pilot Project	<p>Provide guidance to Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) staff on the implementation of their jointly administered Peel Rural Water Quality Program (PRWQP) and the Peel ALUS Pilot Project.</p> <p>Advise and assist CVC and TRCA in administering PRWQP funds on a priority basis in accordance with the PRWQP guidelines.</p>	<p>Review and provide advice on the delivery of the ALUS Peel Pilot Project (e.g., program guidelines, budget, community engagement and communications).</p> <p>Review and approve PRWQP Water Quality Improvement and ALUS Peel Pilot applications and corresponding project funding.</p>

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	<p>Represent the ALUS Peel Pilot ALUS Participant Advisory Committee and provide approval in administering ALUS Peel Pilot funds on priority basis in accordance with the ALUS Peel Pilot guidelines.</p> <p>Support the Region of Peel Source Water Protection Incentive Program.</p>	<p>Review and provide advice on projects submitted to the Source Water Protection Incentive Program.</p>
Support Agri-Food & Agri-Business Opportunities	<p>Strengthen partnerships with the local municipalities to promote agricultural and related industry, activities and land uses in Peel Region.</p> <p>Support opportunities related to agri-food and agri-business in Peel Region.</p> <p>Contribute to and comment on research into direct and indirect opportunities aimed at the enhancement of profitability of the agriculture industry for both the Region of Peel and the greater agriculture and agri-food network which supports the Region's agricultural sector.</p> <p>Support research and development in emerging areas of the agricultural sector.</p> <p>Support opportunities that enable the Region's agricultural sector to meet changing demographics and emerging social, health and economic patterns within Peel Region.</p>	<p><u>Grown in Peel Relaunch</u> Participate in the relaunch of 'Grown in Peel' in 2022 and provide direction to the development of the 2023 'Grown In Peel' program.</p> <p>Promote, through your organizations, local farms, farmers' markets and agri-tourism through the promotion of the 'Grown in Peel' guide and website.</p> <p><u>Agricultural and Agri-Food Strategy</u> Working with the Town of Caledon and Local Municipalities, advise on opportunities to develop a strategy to support the viability of the agriculture and agri-food sector in Peel Region.</p>

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	Provide comment on the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan and corresponding action items/activities/projects in Peel Region.	<p><u>Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan</u> Participate in and comment on action items/activities/projects identified in the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan, as they correspond to Peel Region.</p> <p><u>Peel Food Charter and Peel Food Action Council</u> Support the Peel Food Action Council and the implementation of the Peel Food Charter. Work jointly on initiatives to integrate food systems planning, land use planning and economic development planning.</p>
Regional Projects & Initiatives	<p>Review and comment on proposed Regional capital development projects that may affect Peel Region's agricultural sector, e.g. Regional roads and infrastructure.</p> <p>Review and comment on proposed Regional initiatives that may provide opportunities for Peel Region's agricultural sector (e.g. Snow Fence programs, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Food Waste, etc.).</p> <p>Review and comment on Region of Peel food system planning initiatives (e.g., local food procurement in long term care homes, guidance for built environments to improve access to fresh, healthy food, urban agriculture research to improve public health, food and</p>	<p>Review and comment on proposed Regional capital infrastructure development projects and initiatives.</p> <p>Identify keynote speakers and/or topics of interest for agendas. Topics are to be identified and confirmed subject to need and agenda priorities.</p>

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Communication & Outreach	<p>Collaborate with agricultural focused organizations (e.g., Peel Federation of Agriculture, Peel Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Golden Horseshoe Food & Farming Alliance, etc.) for information-sharing.</p> <p>Support annual tours showcasing agriculture in Peel Region.</p>	<p><u>Peel Farm Tour</u> Assist in developing or recommending content, topics and speaker ideas for Peel Region farm tours and other communication and outreach initiatives (COVID Pending).</p> <p>Continue to establish working relationships and dialogue with Regional and Local Municipal partners on agriculture and agri-food matters of mutual interest (e.g., agricultural actions in climate change strategies, etc.)</p> <p><u>Training</u> Attend workshops and similar opportunities as a PAAWG representative to bring new areas of knowledge and expertise to the working group to meet the goals established in the PAAWG Terms of Reference and Work Plan.</p>