

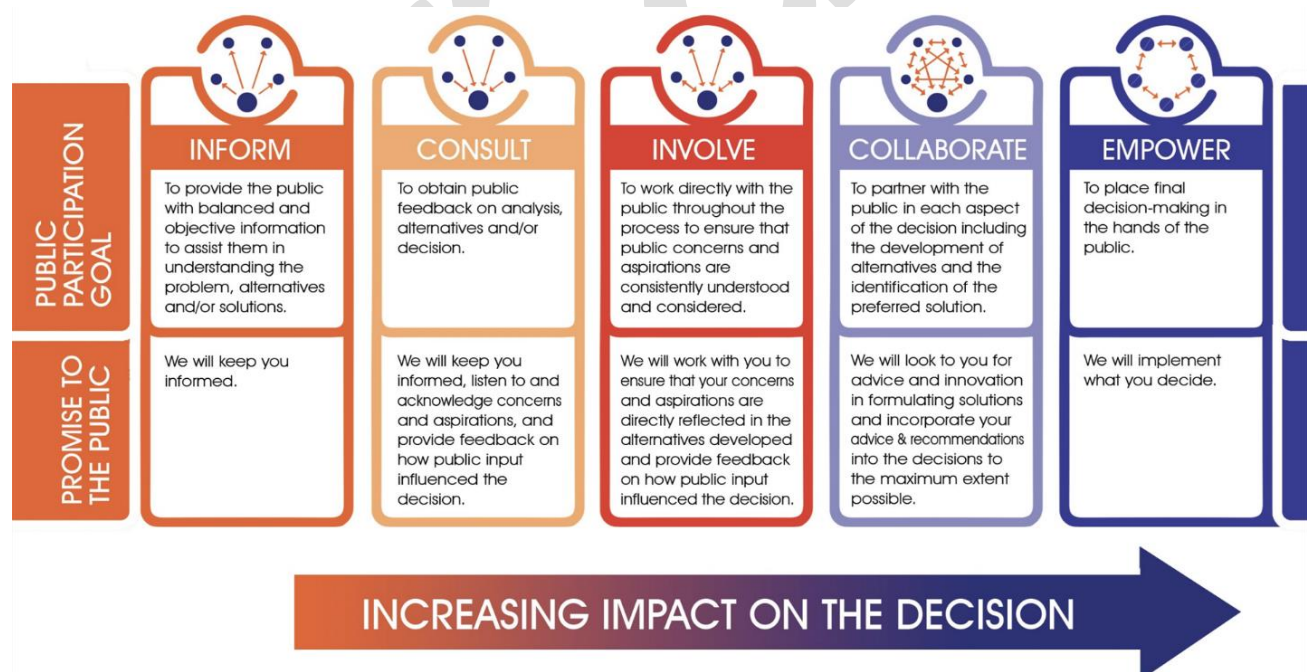
# BURLINGTON AGRICULTURAL & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 2022 WORK PLAN

## Guiding Documents & Initiatives

- [BARAAC Terms of Reference](#)
- [Burlington Official Plan](#)
- [Burlington's Strategic Plan 2015 - 2040](#)
- [Burlington Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force](#)
- [Climate Resilient Burlington Plan](#)
- [Halton Region Official Plan](#)
- [Halton Region Rural Agricultural Strategy](#)
- [Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Action Plan 2021 - 2026](#)
- Grow Ontario: a provincial agri-food strategy
- [New Horizons: Ontario's Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy](#)

## Relevant Groups/Committees

- [Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee](#)
- [Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance](#)
- [Hamilton Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee](#)
- [Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group](#)
- [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  <b>COLLABORATE</b>	<b>Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor the evolving situation resulting from Provincial changes to Regional planning responsibilities enacted through Bill 23</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be determined</li> </ul>	
Building Rural Resiliency  <b>COLLABORATE</b>	<b>Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the implementation of Red Tape Red Carpet recommendations RT2, RT8 and RT9 by gathering business start-up/expansion case studies &amp; documenting inter-agency approvals processes for agricultural, agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses</li> <li>Explore available data &amp; metrics for measuring progress</li> <li>Liaise with key City departments (e.g. Transportation) and partner agencies (e.g. Burlington Hydro) to elevate the profile of rural infrastructure needs (i.e. broadband, electricity etc.)</li> <li>Liaise with City/Regional Finance staff, as applicable, to understand approach for implementing next MPAC assessment (i.e. will it be phased in) and the decision concerning the <a href="#">Small-Scale On-Farm Business Subclass</a> introduced by the Province in 2018</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report back to the Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a proposed description of the “Business Support Rural Point-of-Contact” role</li> <li>3 Burlington case studies &amp; 3 peer case studies; and</li> <li>an approvals process map (subject to timing of implementation for Bill 23 changes)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Identify 5 priority metrics; possibly supported by a post-Census of Agriculture workshop for Burlington farmers</li> <li>Prepare a “State of Agriculture” report for Burlington and present the findings to City</li> </ul>	\$1000 (to be confirmed) for specialist/facilitator for possible post-2021 Census of Agriculture workshop  Kelly has reached out to Statistics Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to inquire about support for the above noted work  Kelly has reached out to Burlington Economic Development to follow up on this, as they previously reviewed the initiative.

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	<p>Council, Burlington Economic Development, and Tourism Burlington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify any rural-specific needs that could be flagged for annual City budget consideration in November (2024 budget and onwards)</li> </ul>	
<p>Advocacy</p> <p>CONSULT</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support City advocacy efforts regarding near-urban rural &amp; agricultural issues</li> <li>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.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shortlist of priorities for Government Relations 2023 advocacy priorities report, if any (e.g. any issues that could be brought to ROMA 2024)</li> <li>Communication with the urban community on rural/agricultural issues within Burlington; possibly develop a rural primer document and short presentation</li> </ul>	<p>\$500 for learning &amp; development opportunities (i.e. conferences or workshops)</p> <p>Kelly still needs to figure out which staff to follow up with re: trespassing.</p> <p>This has not been edited - if we are going to pursue the state of agriculture report, we will likely not have the capacity to undertake this as currently written. However, Kelly has reached out to Transportation staff regarding any planned outreach re: cycling safety in the rural area. Depending on the answer, this deliverable could be scoped down to focus specifically on cycling. But it would need a dedicated subcommittee to undertake the work.</p>
<p>Sustainability &amp; Stewardship</p> <p>INFORM</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn about opportunities to support community-driven stewardship</li> <li>Invite City Forestry staff to present an update on the <a href="#">Burlington Urban Forest Master Plan</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build committee knowledge base to support</li> </ul>	<p>Would the committee be interested in having someone from our Environmental Sustainability group present on the City's <a href="#">Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project</a></p>

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<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$1,500</b>

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