



## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:30 PM

Council Chambers  
Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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1. **Land Acknowledgement & Meeting Introduction – Chair Henry**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - A) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2026 ([Attachment 1](#))
5. **Presentations**
  - A) Senator Robert Black - Senate Soil Health Report and Bill S-230 regarding a National Strategy for Soil Health
6. **Discussion Items**
  - A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb
  - B) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update – T. Barrie
  - C) Durham Farm Fresh Update – J. McKay
  - D) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update – M. Scott & S. Jibb

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- E) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update – M. Shiers
- F) [#2026-INFO-09](#) - Economic Update – Anxiety and Hope Ahead of the Formal Renegotiation of the 2026 Canada - U.S. - Mexico Trade Agreement (**Attachment 2**)
- G) Federal Airport Lands Discussion – M. Scott
- H) Development Charges Sub-Committee – M. Scott
- I) Proposal to Update the Province’s Black Bear Management Approach – M. Scott
- J) 2026 Farm Tour – M. Scott

## 7. Information Items

- A) Critical Ground: Why Soil is essential to Canada’s Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health ([Attachment 3](#))
- B) Bill S-230: An Act respecting the development of a national strategy for soil health protection, conservation and enhancement ([Attachment 4](#))
- C) OFA Factsheet – Plant Based Food Procurement ([Attachment 5](#))
- D) #2026-CG-11 - Proposed changes to the Durham Climate Roundtable and Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee ([Attachment 6](#))
- E) #2026-CG-12 - Regional Staff Comments on Transport Canada’s Pickering Lands Public and Stakeholder Consultation ([Attachment 7](#))

## 8. Other Business

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

May 12, 2026

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