

<p><b>1. Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Terms of Reference Mandat du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales</b></p>
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**Committee Recommendation**

**That Council approve its Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report and attached as Document 1 (as amended).**

**Recommandation du comité**

**Que le Conseil approuve son mandat, tel qu'il est énoncé dans le présent rapport et dans le document 1 (dans sa version modifiée) ci-joint.**

**Documentation/Documentation**

1. Report from the Manager, Council and Committee Services, Office of the City Clerk, dated January 6, 2023 (ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0020)

Rapport de la Gestionnaire, Services au Conseil municipal et aux comités, Bureau du Greffier municipal, daté le 6 janvier 2023 (ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0020)

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, February 24, 2023.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 24 février 2023.

**Agriculture and Rural  
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affaires rurales  
Rapport 1A  
Le 8 mars 2023**

**Extract of Minutes 1  
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Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Terms of Reference

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0020- City-wide

Roddy Bolivar and Wayne French, Carp Road Corridor BIA spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Following questions of the presenters, the Committee carried the report recommendations as amended by the following:

**Report recommendation(s)**

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council approve its Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report and attached as Document 1.**

**Carried as amended**

**Amendment:**

**Motion No. ARAC 2023-02-02**

Moved by C. Kelly

**WHEREAS the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC) is recommending to City Council the approval of its Terms of Reference (TOR); and**

**WHEREAS ARAC has a mandate for ensuring that the unique interests and requirements of the rural areas are taken into account and for making recommendations on issues and programs pertaining to rural communities;**

**WHEREAS ARAC has a role in maintaining and strengthening the character of the City's rural areas, but should also have a role in protecting the rural areas;**

**WHEREAS the TORs provide that ARAC is responsible for promoting servicing policies for the City's hamlets and villages, but is silent on the four designated rural employment areas identified in the Official Plan that are not within any hamlets or villages; and**

**WHEREAS there is an opportunity to clarify ARAC's role in these matters through the Terms of Reference;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following additions be made to the Specific Responsibilities section of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee's Terms of Reference:**

**Specific Responsibilities**

**12. Encourage the orderly development and management of growth that protects, maintains, and strengthens the character of the City's rural areas, including its hamlets and villages, and promotes the concentration of growth within established and planned settlements.**

**13. Promote a cost-effective, environmentally sound, comprehensive servicing policy for the City's hamlets and villages and designated rural economic development areas.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Item #3 under Specific Responsibilities, "Identify ways to promote an understanding of the rural and agricultural communities and their issues", be moved to the Mandate section of the Terms of Reference.**

**Carried**