

Committee Report

To:	Warden Matrosovs and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	April 10, 2025
Subject / Report No:	CCR-CW-05-25
Title:	Agricultural Advisory Committee – Public Member Appointment
Prepared by:	Rayburn Murray, Deputy Clerk
Reviewed by:	Tara Warder, Clerk
Lower Tier(s) Affected:	N/A

Recommendation

1. That report CCR-CW-05-25 Agricultural Advisory Committee – Public Member Appointment be received; and
2. That Chris Strutt be confirmed for membership on the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

Background and Discussion

Members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee are appointed by County Council and include the Warden, five members of Council, and 10 members of the agricultural community, including:

Five members representing major agricultural groups, which may include:

- Grey County Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Christian Farmers
- National Farmers Union
- Grey County Agricultural Services

Five members at large representing various sectors which may include:

- Commercial livestock operator
- Commercial grain or fruit/vegetable producer
- Agriculture business supplier
- Direct-to-consumer producer/retailer
- Agri-tourism operator or owner
- Agricultural specialist (agronomist etc.)

In February 2025, the Clerks Department received notification that Member Hugh Simpson had submitted his resignation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee. As a result, there is a current vacancy for a membership position that represents the agricultural sector.

Given the current timeline of the 2022-2026 Council term, staff have reviewed the public member applications that were initially received for the Agricultural Advisory Committee and recommend that Chris Strutt be confirmed for membership. Mr. Strutt's membership would support the current vacancy that represents the agricultural sector. As noted in report EDTC-CW-09-23, Grey County solicited applications for the 10 community positions for the 2022-2026 Council term, inviting candidates to apply through an online survey. Staff promoted the application process on grey.ca, on social media, through newsletters, and with emails and phone calls to specific organizations and community leaders. The survey closed on March 16, 2023. A total of 16 applications were received.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource implications. The Agricultural Advisory Committee meets online so no mileage is owed to public members.

Relevant Consultation

- ☐ Internal (list)
 - ☐ AODA Compliance (describe)
 - ☐ Contribution to Climate Change Action Plan Targets (describe)
- ☐ External (list)

Appendices and Attachments

None.