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### [Sustainable Building Materials Workshop](#) [1]

Join [Farms at Work](#) [2] and [Green Economy Peterborough](#) [3] for an in-person event on **Sustainable Building Materials** on Thursday, March 28 at 6pm at Camp Kawartha Environment Centre (2505 Pioneer Rd, Peterborough). We'll be exploring the benefits, characteristics, and agricultural applications of straw bale, rammed earth, hempcrete, and much more. [Register here](#) [4]!

We'll have a presentation by Sylvia Cook of [Aerecura](#) [5] on building with rammed earth, a material renowned for its durability, thermal mass and beauty; a talk and tour with Jacob Rodenburg on the many green and innovative building materials and projects at the [Camp Kawartha](#) [6] [Environment Centre](#) [7]; and a discussion with Sharyn Inward of [Inward Design & Consulting](#) [8] on designing with sustainable materials.

When it was built in 2009, Camp Kawartha Environment Centre was considered one of the most sustainable buildings in Canada. Fifteen years later, it is still a shining example of the potential, longevity and appeal of building with natural materials. If you've never had a tour or it's been while, you are sure to find the space and our speakers interesting and visionary.

Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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### [New Farmers Network: Monthly Meetup](#) [9]



Join other prospective and new farmers in East Central Ontario in a supportive farming network. Together we will create an informal space to share, inquire, listen, learn, and connect. Join when you can!

Monthly Meetups will occur on the last Tuesday of each month, via zoom. Register anytime!

Please register here: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYlf-yhqDkuHddm45FH8TKZrZ2GsEFZau\\_7](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYlf-yhqDkuHddm45FH8TKZrZ2GsEFZau_7)  
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[Register Now - Soil Heath Supports for Farmers - next week](#) [11]



There is a lot of soil health support available to Central Ontario farmers - but who offers it? And what exactly do they offer? Register now for this free workshop where speakers from a wide range of organizations will provide an overview of how they can help you. Hosted by the East Central Farm Stewardship Collaborative

Free - with optional donation

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at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/de-mystifying-soil-health-support-for-farmers-tickets-272277026917>  
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### [Peterborough Farmers: Two important meetings](#) [13]

**You must *register for each* of these important meetings next week where the Official Plan will be discussed as it relates to Agriculture. This is the culmination of several years of work by the County and has implications for the coming decade.**

#### **1. Presentation by planner Margaret Walton from Planscape to discuss their report the Peterborough County draft Official Plan, Agricultural Policies**

The background to this issue and resources, including the video of Margaret Walton's July presentation to Peterborough farmers, as well as a **link to Planscape's new Report**, may be found on the Agricultural Roundtable website here: <https://ptboagnews.com/land-use-policy-and-planning>  
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**Register** until Sunday March 14 at 3PM here: <https://forms.gle/e6axd2ycsppDBLcq5> [15]

#### **2. Public online consultations on the new Official Plan**

**March 17 6PM is the date that agricultural aspects of the Official Plan will be open for discussion.**

The Natural Heritage meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> may also be of interest as there is an overlap of agricultural areas and natural heritage features and people may want to be aware of the restrictions in and around those features on a broader scale.

If you wish to participate in an electronic meeting in real time, **register by email no later than 4:00p.m. on the day prior** to the scheduled public open house and you will be provided with an invitation to join the meeting using your computer or phone. Email: [NewCountyOP@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:NewCountyOP@ptbocounty.ca)  
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Please indicate in your email which open houses you will be attending.

All details may be found at this link: <https://www.ptbocounty.ca/en/growing/opconsult.aspx> [17]

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### [Webinar: Regenerative Agriculture and Climate Change](#) [18]

Monday, January 10, 2022 - 7:00pm

What is Regenerative Agriculture? What does it have to do with Climate Change? Can local farms adopt Regenerative approaches on their farms? Pat Learmonth, from Farms at Work, will address these questions at a 4RG Virtual Meet on Monday January 10 at 7PM. There will be time for discussion and questions. Organized by For Our Grandchildren

To register, email [4rgmeets@gmail.com](mailto:4rgmeets@gmail.com) [19]

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