



AURORA FARMERS' MARKET

CONSTITUTION

Our Mission:

Our mission is to provide a pleasant, inviting venue where the community can mingle with their neighbours, while sourcing healthy foods, locally grown farm products, and beautifully created artisan crafts.

We will provide a safe, enjoyable venue for local farmers, food producers and artists to gather and sell their merchandise directly to the consumer.

Our motto is "The place where Food, Art and Community Meet".

Our Vision:

Our vision is to offer to the community, fresh, local, farm produce, fresh prepared foods, meals, handmade crafts, and art. To offer an opportunity for local talent and community groups to showcase their creativity, students to fulfil volunteer hours and children to enjoy our Craft Zone. We aim to make the market experience a Happy Family Adventure for everyone.

Statement of Not-for-Profit:

The Aurora Farmers' Market (AFM) shall conduct business on a not-for-profit basis. No part of its' funds shall be advanced, loaned, or paid to members, officers, or associated persons, except to pay a competitive fee when like services may be sought outside of the Aurora Farmers' Market.

Location:

Our Footprint shall encompass the designated area as regulated by The Corporation of the Town of Aurora, Ontario (The Town of Aurora).

An Indoor market, location, dates, and time, if applicable, shall be determined by the AFM Board of Directors.

Vendor Membership:

- a) The AFM is a member of Farmers' Market Ontario (FMO).
- b) As per FMO regulation, AFM shall maintain a ratio of 51% (fifty- one percent) of farm and food vendors to 49% (forty-nine per cent) Artisans and other vendors.

Board of Directors:

- a) The Board of Directors have been elected on behalf of the membership and have a fiduciary responsibility to perform the duties of directors.
- b) The administration of the Aurora Farmers' Market shall be under the jurisdiction of the Aurora Farmers' Market, Board of Directors.
- c) The AFM Board is accountable to the membership, Town of Aurora, FMO and the communities we serve.
- d) No less than 5 (five) and no more than 9 (nine) members shall be elected to the board.
- e) The Board of Directors shall serve without remuneration.
- f) The Officers shall be known as the Executive Board.

Amendments:

The Constitution may only be amended by a 70% (seventy percent) vote of the total full-time membership.

Dissolution:

In the event of dissolution of the Aurora Farmers' Market, the bank account shall remain active for a period of time to meet all outstanding obligations. Once completed, the remaining funds will be distributed to a recognized, registered, charitable organization, operating in The Town of Aurora, and benefiting the community. At such time the account shall be closed.

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