



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 9, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 9:01 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Robert Black, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Black, Burey, Cotter, Jaffer, Oh, Petitclerc and Simons (7).

Participating in the meeting: Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the committee continued its study of the status of soil health in Canada.

WITNESSES:

Greenbelt Foundation:

Megan Sipos, Manager, Research and Policy (*by videoconference*);

Paul Smith, Consultant, Research and Policy (*by videoconference*).

Sundance Commons:

Cheyenne Sundance, Farmer (*by videoconference*).

Farm Credit Canada:

Justine Hendricks, President and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*);

Todd Klink, Executive Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer (*by videoconference*).

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation:

Stuart Chutter, Senior Policy Analyst.

As an individual:

Dean Orr, Farmer.

Dean Orr, Megan Sipos, Paul Smith and Cheyenne Sundance each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:03 a.m., the committee resumed.

Justine Hendricks and Stuart Chutter each made a statement and, together with Todd Klink, answered questions.

At 10:54 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee