



**The Honourable Rob Black**  
*Senator for Ontario*

## **News Release**

### **Digging In: Black's Soil Health Study Approved**

**Ottawa, April 27, 2022** – Yesterday, the Honourable Rob Black, Senator for Ontario, moved the Order of Reference that will see the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry undertake a new study on soil health. The Senate subsequently passed the motion. The Committee is uniquely placed to speak with soil experts, researchers, and advocates in Canada.

The Senate last completed a study on soil health in 1984. In the 38 years that have passed since “Soil at Risk: Canada’s Eroding Future” was published, the Canadian landscape has changed and grown. Black, with the support of industry, believes it is high time that data is updated, as soil is one of Canada’s most precious resources.

“Improving soil health is not a one-size-fits-all endeavour across Canada’s varied soil landscape,” said Black. “But it is clear that ensuring the health and conservation of Canadian soils is a shared responsibility and will require collective leadership and sustained commitment and action by those responsible for managing soil across the country.”

Black hopes the study will connect with Canadians from all walks of life by introducing soil health through a variety of lenses, including that of food security, environmental conservation, the link between air, water quality and soil health, and the role of soil in carbon markets and climate change.

Black is the Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and a lifelong agricultural advocate.

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