

# **Lambton Federation of Agriculture**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**January 24, 2025**





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Friday, January 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Wyoming Fairgrounds - 595 Main St. Wyoming, ON

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#### AGENDA

- 6:00pm Arrival - Social Time
- 6:30pm Welcome and introduction of honoured guests - Brian Eves, LFA President
- O Canada
- Dinner - Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society
- 7:30pm Guest Speakers  
Will Nywening & Ken Bulgin,  
Lambton County Planners,  
Municipality of Lambton Shores
- 7:50pm SLCC/SLEP Update
- 8:00pm LFA Business
- Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes from 2024 Melo LLP
  - Approval of Reports
  - Financial Statements Presentation - MPW
  - Appointment of Accountant
  - Approval of 2025 Budget
- 8:10pm Committee Reports
- PAC Report
  - Farm Safety - George Dickenson & Harry van Wieren
  - Scholarship Committee
- 8:20pm Director Elections - Karen McLean
- Nominating Committee report
  - Motion to appoint scrutineers
  - Declare all offices held in 2024 vacant
  - Review of Nominations received: List
  - Nominations from the floor
  - Motion to destroy the ballots: if any
  - Motion to appoint Secretary/Treasurer
- 8:30pm Soil & Crop - Joanne Sanderson
- Update & Hall of Fame
- 8:40pm Message from OFA  
Karen McLean & Crispin Colvin
- 8:50pm President's Message  
Brian Eves
- 9:00pm New Business/Resolutions
- 9:10pm Adjournment

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Brian Eves welcomed everyone at 6:40 and O Canada was played.

Approval of agenda was moved by Darcy Fuller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Martin. Carried

Approval of minutes was moved by Don McGugan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darcy Fuller. Carried.

Financial statements were looked over by Mitchell Geerts of MPW accountants were presented by Brian Eves

Financial reports were moved received by Gary Martin and seconded by Dave Ferguson. Carried

Appointment of auditor for 2024 was moved by Kevin Marriott and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Ferguson that LFA use MPW accountants again.

Approval of budget for 2024 as presented in booklet was moved by Dave Ferguson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darcy Fuller. Carried.

Brian then introduced political guests. Marilyn Gladu reported on federal issues thanked for being invited. Kevin Marriott welcomed on behalf of Lambton County Council. Brad Loosley brought greetings on behalf of Petrolia. Dave Marsh brought greetings from North Lambton.

Grace was said by Burt McKinlay before a roast beef supper prepared by Plympton –Wyoming Ag. Society at 7 pm to about 50 people.

Darcy Fuller thanked the Ag. Society for the meal.

Committee reports

Farm Safety report was given by George Dickenson. He said LFSA's AGM will be held on Feb. 1 in Petrolia Lions Hall.

PAC report by Gary Martin. Gary told the audience that OFA is looking at restructuring PAC in the upcoming year.

Environmental report by Brian Eves. Enbridge pipeline, Battery storage plans, and Hydro line through St. Clair township from Chatham, in 2025 could be a line from Longwoods possibly affecting SE Lambton

Scholarship committee was given by Gary Martin and Burt Mckinlay . 8 scholarships awarded this year. Emma Oulette was recognized at the meeting.

Emma Oulette had been sponsored by LFA to go to the Ontario Young Farmers Forum in November and gave a report.

Darcy Fuller moved to receive the reports and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Martin. Carried

Director elections were run by Karen McLean

Motion to appoint scrutineers Dave Marsh and Brad Loosley was made by Gary Martin. Seconded by Dave Ferguson. Carried

Nominating committee report

George Dickenson, Darcy Fuller, Fraser Beatty, Mike Belan, Maaike Campbell, Emma Ouellette , Brian Eves, Brad Langstaff, Gary Martin, Casey McGee, Burt McKinlay, Matt Stewart, Harry VanWieren, .

Nominations from the floor Sarah Butler. Sarah accepted the nomination.

Darcy Fuller moved to accept board of 14. Seconded by Burt McKinlay. Carried

Brian Eves moved to add directors as needed. Maaike seconded. Carried

Karen announced above upcoming succession planning workshops and spoke about Real Dirt on Farming booklet from Farm and Food Care that had been distributed.

Gary Martin nominated Alisha Mulvihill as secretary/treasurer. Seconded by Darcy Fuller. Carried

Joanne Sanderson reported on OSCIA programs OFCAF claim by Jan 31. And get a Knowledge sharing event. Ag Stewardship Initiative claims in by Feb .15 EFP workshops in Alvinston, Ridgetown, and Leamington. Also get Farmland check up. Sustainable CAP, OFCAF, and species at risk 2 programs.

Agriculture cost share initiative 30% Farmland checkup in Lake Erie watershed 40%. Nutrient management planning up to 50 %.

Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program is an incentive program not a cost share. Paid per acre, no maximum, up to 2 projects per applicant. Land use agreement initial payment 50% up to 30,000 final payment Dec. 2024. Programs for biomass and native grassland establish and rejuvenate. Reduce tillage, tree planting , and pond establish and rejuvenate. Also restore or expand or establish a new wetland for 10 year agreement.

Joanne then talked about Lambton Hall of Fame. She introduced Kevin Marriott, Don and Ann McGugan, and George and Agnes Dickenson past inductees and asked for 2024 applications by Mar 31.

Guest speaker was Dale Cowan chief agronomist of Agris Co-op presented through zoom due to inclement weather. He spoke on sustainability, and reducing Nitrous oxide emissions by 30 %. Stabilizers can reduce by 50% and increase Nutrient use efficiency. Manage Nitrous oxide emissions by 4 R use. Stabilizers use can get more use out of lower N rates. 150-170 lbs N gets most returns. Most farmers not over applying N by much. Do some side by side tests to find what levels you need. Try the N calculator or N tissue tests.

No national registry to record on farm activities, Federal government realized it is not a simple process. No specific reference to 30 % N roll back in latest government papers. Limestone large emitter of CO2. High yields and no till lowers carbon scores.

Crispin Colvin reported from OFA also via zoom.

50,000 farms in Ontario average size 243 acres. We ar losing 319 acres per day or 116,435 acres/ year. Farmland will be depleted in 101 years.

Battery Energy Storage systems could take 2.2M acres of land. OFA suggest putting on brown fields and not under hydro lines. Life cycles can vary. End use needs to be addressed.

Bill C293 amended to not exempt farm buildings from carbon tax. OFA continuing to push this but an uphill battle

OFA pushing for reliable broadband, roads bridges and culverts for moving product and farm equipment.

They are also pushing for natural gas access in rural communities.

He showed a number of legislation that OFA is working on and commented on how important for Counties for planning.

Two Directors at Large were also at the meeting. Angela Cammaert was there in person and Teresa VanRaay was online. Patrick Verkley and Jason O'Neil from Middlesex Federation of Ag. were also in attendance.

Brian gave the president's message. Alisha Mulvihill was hired as a new treasurer. Some of projects were Hands to Table, a bus tour of local politicians to help showcase agriculture. We meet primarily online and have had some social events with neighbouring federations.

He also highlighted some upcoming events and how we try to get information shared

New business or resolutions from the floor were asked for. No new business from floor.

Door prizes were distributed

Adjournment by Darcy Fuller at 9:37

Lambton Federation of Agriculture  
Proposed Budget  
October 2024 - September 2025

	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	2024 Budget	Over/(Under)	Proposed 2025 Budget	Description
<b>INCOME</b>					
Map Income	1,250.00	1,700.00	(450.00)	1,300.00	Decrease for 2025
Discounts given	(200.00)	(400.00)	200.00	(400.00)	same
<b>Total Map Income</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>(250.00)</b>	<b>900.00</b>	
OFA Rebate (23k Feb May Aug)	68,565.00	68,000.00	565.00	68,000.00	same
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69,615.00</b>	<b>69,300.00</b>	<b>315.00</b>	<b>68,900.00</b>	
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>69,615.00</b>	<b>69,300.00</b>	<b>315.00</b>	<b>68,900.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Advertising and Newsletter	-	1,000.00		500.00	
Lambton AgLink	51.21				
<b>Total Advertising and Newsletter</b>	<b>51.21</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>(948.79)</b>	<b>500.00</b>	Decrease for 2025
Bank Service Charges	1.75	100.00	(98.25)	100.00	same
Consumer & Public Relations / Training	-	7,000.00		7,000.00	same
Promotion	4,147.37				
Radio Show	1,372.94				
Rural Trade Shows	1,111.82				
<b>Total Consumer &amp; Public Relations / Training</b>	<b>6,632.13</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>(367.87)</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	
Contract Labour	-	12,000.00		8,500.00	Decrease for 2025
Administrative	3,875.64				
Bookkeeping	1,592.38				
Office/Other General Expenses	226.00				
<b>Total Contract Labour</b>	<b>5,694.02</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>(6,305.98)</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	
Convention	310.49	5,500.00		5,500.00	same
OYFF	370.29				
<b>Total Convention</b>	<b>680.78</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>(4,819.22)</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	
Donations	-	15,000.00		20,000.00	Increase for 2025
Breakfast On The Farm	1,000.00				
Fairs	1,500.00				
Food Banks	10,000.00				
Lambton Cattlemen Association	250.00				
Lambton Farm Safety	5,821.76				
LKAITC	2,500.00				
One Time Donation	3,150.00				
United Way	1,000.00				
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>25,221.76</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>10,221.76</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	
Environment		250.00	(250.00)	250.00	same
Gifts	551.70	250.00	301.70	250.00	same
Insurance	1,725.84	1,500.00	225.84	1,800.00	Increase for 2025
Map Expense		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	500.00	Decrease for 2025
Meeting Expense-Annual LFA	2,616.34	2,000.00	616.34	2,500.00	Increase for 2025
Meeting Expense-Regional	2,479.59	1,500.00	979.59	2,500.00	Increase for 2025
Meeting Expense-Regular	861.54	1,000.00	(138.46)	1,000.00	same
Memberships	-	1,200.00		1,200.00	same
Farm and Food Care	350.00				
SLCC	390.67				
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>740.67</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>(459.33)</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	
Mileage	5,775.89	4,000.00	1,775.89	6,000.00	Increase for 2025 (0.64 per km now)
Office Expense	-				
Accounting Software	684.78	650.00		650.00	same
Office Supplies	90.72	200.00		200.00	same
Storage	883.08	900.00		900.00	same
Telephone	197.75	400.00		400.00	same
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>1,856.33</b>	<b>2,150.00</b>	<b>(293.67)</b>	<b>2,150.00</b>	
Per Diem	-	8,500.00		11,000.00	Increase for 2025
<b>Total Per Diem</b>	<b>11,135.00</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>2,635.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	
Political Awareness	344.65	250.00		1,500.00	Increase for 2025 (Election)
All Candidates Meeting	344.65				
<b>Total Political Awareness</b>	<b>689.30</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>439.30</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	
Professional Fees	-	3,000.00		3,000.00	same
Audit	2,921.05				
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>2,921.05</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>(78.95)</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	
Scholarship Payments	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	same
Website	1,012.98	1,000.00	12.98	1,000.00	same
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>78,647.88</b>	<b>76,200.00</b>	<b>2,447.88</b>	<b>84,250.00</b>	
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>					
Interest Income	5,531.72	4,250.00		5,500.00	Increase for 2025
Dividend Income	24.56				
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>5,556.28</b>	<b>4,250.00</b>	<b>1,306.28</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>5,556.28</b>	<b>4,250.00</b>	<b>1,306.28</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>(3,476.60)</b>	<b>(2,650.00)</b>	<b>(826.60)</b>	<b>(9,850.00)</b>	

# 2024 Scholarship Recipients



Joyce Anderson Scholarship - **Sydney Goodreau**

Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship - **Pavla Gerrits**

Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship - **Dayna Robbins**

Bell One Scholarship - **Samuel Thomas**

Bell Two Scholarship - **Tim Bastiannsen**

Dona Stewardson Scholarship - **Nikki Boere**

Lois Wakefield Scholarship - **Mallory Forbes**

Don McCabe (4H) Scholarship - **Addison Griffin**

Lambton County Women's Institute Scholarship - **Tyler McGrail**



## Lambton Farm Safety report Jan 24,2025

Lambton Farm Safety is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting safety on the farm. This past year Lambton Farm Safety and Lambton Federation of Ag. held an information meeting for farmers on March 27 with MTO as our guest speaker, talking on road safety. We also had Crispin Colvin and Fraser Beatty give victim impact statements on accidents they were involved in.

During Agricultural Safety Week in March we held a radio contest with farm businesses donating prizes for the contest. We partnered with Peavey Mart to host a barbecue at their spring sale days. We participated in Podolinsky's safety day running stations on chemical, grain and PTO safety.

Our largest event is our Family Safety Day held the 1st Thursday in July. This year it was held in Alvinston. This year we had over 330 people in attendance along with 48 volunteers. Families were able to visit 12 different stations and learn a new safety topic at each one. Everyone was provided with lunch and a take home bag.

Due to large donations from Bluewater Power and Lambton Federation of Ag this year we are making more safety videos starting in February. Our videos are displayed at all local fairs and any community events we can display them at. We also did presentations at Wyoming and Brigden Ag in the Classroom events.

Funding for our activities is mainly through donations from Lambton Municipalities and local businesses and associations.

This year our AGM is on February 6 at London Road West United Church in Sarnia. On March 27 once again this year we are holding a Farmers Information night along with LFA at Wyoming Fairgrounds at 7 pm. Speakers are Elite Agri on being compliant with WSPS and OPP and farmers giving guidelines on safety steps of road loading. Our annual Progressive Ag Safety Day is July 3 at Brigden Fairgrounds.

Any questions go to [lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com](mailto:lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com) or call  
George Dickenson, LFSA 519 344 7858  
2138 Churchill Line, Sarnia

## **President's Message – January 24/2025**

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending the Lambton Federation of Agriculture 2025 Annual General Meeting!

2024 has once again been one for the record books. An entire season's rainfall over 2 months caused many Lambton producers to abandon their crop rotations and in many cases resulted in record-low production amount for the operation. Couple this with lower commodity pricing/higher input costs/higher interest rates creating an overall negative and challenging environment for many producers in 2024. Luckily many operations have livestock aspects to improve their overall picture. At least Mother Nature smiled on us with dry weather for fall harvest and tillage/manure application operations.

Lambton Federation continued our ongoing support of local fairs, Lambton food banks, Lambton Farm Safety, Soil and Crop, and Lambton Ag Hall of Fame. LFA board increased our 4-H contribution this year, becoming a corporate sponsor. In an unfortunate outcome, we had to cancel our planned equipment "ride n' drive" due to lack of interest.

2024 also brought a new administrator to our board, Leah Belan. Leah has been an excellent addition and we look forward to working with her for many years to come.

Lambton Federation was also active in several other local organizations such as Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership, Lambton-Middlesex Hands to Table, just to name a few.

Land use planning and use of Agriculture Food-Production land for non-agricultural purposes has once again been a key issue for the OFA across Ontario and in Lambton County. Once land is converted away from food production, it will almost certainly never return. Other key issues include potential Capital Gain inclusion rates/Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption changes, Carbon Tax legislation/exemptions, Railway Drainage/Crossing changes.

2025 promises to be an active year with the new incoming US government and their tariff/trade threats, upheaval in our Canadian Federal political landscape and even a potential provincial election. This highlights the need to use any/all opportunities to express the importance of agriculture to all levels of government anytime we have the opportunity. Be sure to cast your vote!

LFA directors are available for individual consultations, please reach out if we can assist.

Thank you for your continued support!

Brian Eves

2024 LFA President



## Locally Lambton Food and Fun Map

The **Locally Lambton Map** helps support many purposes, and the objectives for producing this map were to:

- Provide support for the local farmers by connecting consumers to local primary producers;
- Promote the importance of purchasing local produce to reduce environmental footprints;
- Help Lambton residents increase their vegetable and fruit consumption as well as promote physical activity through Pick-Your-Own farms;
- In all, help improve their health status.

Over fifteen years ago a number of local community members, producers, and organizations partnered to start the development of a Locally Lambton Map (in 2006) that supported the concept of buying locally in Lambton County.

The initial map was well received and prompted the **Lambton Federation of Agriculture** to continue with the production of updated versions in 2008, 2010, and 2012. Most recently in 2014, 35,000 copies were printed and distributed locally and provincially, and we have quite a few of these maps left.

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture has heard from the participants and the public that they would like to continue with the Locally Lambton brand.

**In 2020 we continued the initiative with a new, refreshed and fully integrated *mobile* website offering all new features and increased ease of accessibility not available with the paper map.**

**If you haven't already, check it out at <http://locallylambton.com>**

**The website features an integrated and responsive Google Map, with colour coded icon pins geo-locating the participant businesses.**

Moving through the tabs, note that listings in multiple categories are available (at no extra charge).

Participant profiles have the ability to upload a logo, photos, info, and business hours, and are *fully editable at all times by them*.

The physical map may be done for now, but we are including a link to our online map with the physical map being handed out at the Sarnia-Lambton Tourism booth locations as part of our advertising effort.

**The cost for inclusion on the website and an annual marketing package on [locallylambton.com](http://locallylambton.com) is still \$50/year.**

**Please contact us for information on the categories, terms and conditions, and payment options.**



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