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Annual Meeting & Dinner

# Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting

Friday November 16, 2018

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| 6:00pm | Social Time   |                  |
| 6:30   | Welcome   | Gary Martin      |
|        | O Canada  |                  |
|        | Introduction of Honoured Guests & Greetings           | Gary Martin      |
|        | Approval of Minutes of the Last meeting as printed    |                  |
|        | Motion to Approve Reports                             |                  |
|        | -Treasurer's Report                                   |                  |
|        | -Appointment of Auditor for 2019 year                 |                  |
|        | -Committee Reports                                    |                  |
|        | Report of Nominating Committee & Election of Officers |                  |
|        | -Appoint Scrutineers                                  |                  |
|        | -Declare all offices vacant – nominations from floor  |                  |
|        | -Election of Directors                                |                  |
|        | -Election of President                                |                  |
|        | -Election of 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice                     |                  |
|        | -Election of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice                     |                  |
|        | -Motion to destroy the Ballots                        |                  |
|        | Resolutions from the floor                            |                  |
|        | New Business from the floor                           |                  |
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| 7:00   | Grace   | George Dickenson |
|        | Dinner  |                  |
|        | LFA Update  | Gary Martin      |
|        | OFA Update  | Don McCabe       |
|        | Lambton Pork Producer                                 | Karen Sanders    |

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| Presentation of LFA Scholarships                      | Doug Krall/Blair Williamson   |
| Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute | Ann McGugan                   |
| Guest Speaker   | Diane O'Shea                  |
| Thank you to the Wyoming Fairboard                    | Burt McKinlay                 |
| Door Prizes   | Karen Sanders/Lauren Van Ewyk |
| Wrap Up   | Gary Martin                   |

# 2016 LFA AGM MINUTES

## Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting

Friday November 17, 2017

6:30pm @ Wyoming Fairgrounds

6:00pm Social Time

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Al Langford

"O Canada" was played.

### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Doug Krall and seconded by Karen Sanders to accept the Minutes of the 2017 AGM. **Carried**

### Agenda

It was moved by Herman Kremer and seconded by Blair Williamson to approve the Agenda. **Carried.**

### Financial Reports

It was moved by Sarah Jackson, seconded by Blair Williamson to accept the financial reports as presented by the notice to reader, Ken Williams of MPW. **Carried.**

It was moved George Dickenson and seconded by Karen Sanders that MPW be appointed as notice to reader for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. **Carried.**

### New Business

\*nothing raised

### Board of Directors and Elections

Joanne Fuller, OFA MSR thanked the Board for their service in 2017 and declared all positions open.

Gary Martin - Stand

George Dickenson - Stand  
Doug Krall - Stand  
Debbie Gilliard - Stand  
Sarah Jackson - Stand  
Blair Williamson - Stand  
Ron MacDougall - Declined  
Rick O'Hara – Declined  
Karen Sanders – Stand  
Mike Belan - Stand

Nominated Directors:  
Al Langford – Declined  
Burt McKinlay – Accepted  
John Young -Declined

For the Position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Gary Martin was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)  
For the Position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president  
George Dickenson was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)  
For the Position of President  
Sarah Jackson – Accept  
George Dickenson - Declined  
Sarah Jackson was acclaimed

**Joanne Fuller declared elections closed.**

It was moved by Herman Kremer and seconded by Geroqe Dickenson that the elected board of directors be given authority to fill any of the vacant Director positions on the board. **Carried**

Grace (Herman Kremer)  
Presidents Report (Al Langford)  
2017 - Lambton Agricultural County Hall of Fame Inductees  
    Brandon Brothers Stables and Robert & John McCormick

**Presentation of the 2017 Scholarships** (Doug Krall/ Sarah Jackson)  
Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship (presented by Nancy Kremer) Kyle Soetemans  
Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship No Entries  
Donna Stewardson Scholarship Lauren Anderson  
Bell Federation Scholarship (\$1000) No Entries  
Bell Federation Scholarship (\$500) Patrick Wright  
Lois Wakefield Scholarship Julia Soetemans  
The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship Sarah Korvemaker

**Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute** (Ann McGugan)

Thanks to Southwest Credit union, Egg Farmer of Ontario, and the OFA for supplying wonderful prizes.

A special Thank You to Wyoming Fair Ladies for a fantastic meal.

**Meeting was adjourned by Al Langford at 9: 10**

# Scholarship Awards

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## **Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

**Administered by Sarnia Community Foundation**

- Hannah Symington

## **Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship**

- Morgan Rombouts

## **Dona Stewardson Scholarship**

- Clayton Shaw

## **Bell Federation Scholarship (\$500)**

- Mark Anderson

## **Bell Federation Scholarship (\$1000)**

- N/A

## **Lois Wakefield Scholarship**

- Ryan Soetemans

## **The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship**

- Justine Miller

## **Women's Institute of Lambton County Scholarship**

**Presented by Anne McGugan**

**Congratulations to all of the winners!**

## **Resolutions Submitted for the 2018 OFA AGM by the Lambton Federation of Agriculture**

### **Lambton Federation of Agriculture – Resolution OFA (November 2018) Laws Prohibiting Animal Activists to Stop Livestock Vehicles**

WHEREAS the presence of Animal Activists is increasing while farmers and truck drivers in livestock vehicles are stopped at intersections, stuck in slow moving traffic or entering/exiting a plant; and

Whereas farmers and truck drivers are concerned when activists are walking directly in front of moving vehicles, hanging off trailers to water the animals; and entering their blind spots of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS farmers and truck drivers have put guidelines in place to be proactive and avoid any health and safety issue or serious accident, but it is increasingly becoming more stressful on the farmer or truck driver having the public (Animal Activists) stop their livestock vehicles; and

WHEREAS farmers and trucking companies are finding it more difficult to retain employees who are continually being harassed while in the livestock vehicles;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the OFA seek information, assist County Federations to address this issue and lobby the government to create laws prohibiting individuals to walk in front, hang off or stop livestock trucks at intersections and/or entering or exiting a plant.

Moved by: George Dickenson

Seconded By: Gary Martin

Date: October 27, 2018

### **Lambton Federation of Agriculture ~ Resolution OFA (November 2018) Municipalities Disposing of Animals Killed on the Road.**

WHEREAS farmers are legally obligated in how they dispose of deadstock; and

WHEREAS municipalities only have suggested guidelines for disposing of animals killed on the road or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS some are dumping carcasses on back lanes or roads attracting predators, spreading disease, and leading to environmental issues; and

WHEREAS after the response from a municipality advising that after discussions with the Ministry of the Environment, Municipal Staff is now aware that they are also subject to the Environmental Protection Act in the disposing of animal waste. This has its own requirements which differ and, in

some ways, contradicts the Conservation Act. Both Ministries have advised wildlife (roadkill) is unique and difficult to interpret and enforce.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the OFA work with the different Ministries to develop strict rules for municipalities to dispose of animals killed on the road.

Moved By: George Dickenson  
Seconded By: Gary Martin  
Date: October 28, 2018

### **Lambton Federation of Agriculture ~ Resolution OFA (November 2018)**

#### **Recycling and End Use Options for Farm Plastics**

WHEREAS farm plastics use is increasing in handling forages; and

WHEREAS there are fewer farm plastic disposal options available to handle bale wrap, mesh, twine, etc. and fewer end uses available for these recycled farm plastics; and

Whereas farmers are having to dispose of their farm plastics at landfills sites and that landfilling is neither environmentally nor financially feasible;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the OFA work with it's members, recyclers and the government to seek recycling and end use options for the disposal of farm plastics.

Moved by: George Dickenson  
Seconded By: Gary Martin  
Date: October 27, 2018

### **Lambton Federation of Agriculture ~ Resolution OFA (November 2018)**

#### **Livestock Community Sales**

Whereas the Livestock Community Sales Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.22 , last amended in 2009, outlines the responsibilities of the inspector, the ministry and the seller; and

Whereas the inspector must be an Ontario licensed veterinarian; and

Whereas each inspection at each community sale may result in unfavorable rulings for the seller, in which the seller may be fined for not following the expectations of the Livestock Community Sales Act; and

Whereas each inspector may exercise varying levels of discretion upon inspection and therefore confuse sellers of the definition of permissible and condemnable livestock.

Therefore be it resolved, that the OFA seek absolute clarification and request uniformity among inspectors for its members.

Moved by Gary Martin  
Seconded By Karen Sanders  
November 1 2018





**Ontario  
Federation of  
Agriculture**

## **A Year in Review**

**By Joanne Fuller, Member Services Representative,  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
November 2018**

- Over 38,000 farm businesses in 2018
- Lambton Federation serves 1,882 OFA Members
- Producing Prosperity in Ontario – affordable natural gas, improved infrastructure, and reliable internet, etc.
- Agriculture Matters - A Guide for Municipal Councillors and Staff
- Grow Ag Website- <https://ofa.on.ca/growag/>
- Working with New Ministries after Provincial Election and working on changes laid out by new government
- The Thames River Phosphorus Reduction Collaborative (PRC)
- Ontario passes legislation to end Cap and Trade Carbon Tax – October 31, 2018
- Province's Commitment to make significant changes to Wildlife Predator Program
- Rural Economic Development
- New Benefit Partners – FarmLife and Honda
- Province made changes to rabies immunization
- Bill 47, Making Ontario Open for Business Act, is to replace Bill 148 and return the balance of Ontario workplaces
- See OFA's website for government submissions on the above at [www.ofa.on.ca](http://www.ofa.on.ca)

### **Lambton Federation of Agriculture Activities:**

- Tax Ratio Reduction Delegation to Lambton County Council
- All Candidates Meeting for Provincial Candidates
- Information Night for Candidates in Municipal Election
- Lambton Regional Meeting
- Producing Prosperity Delegation to County of Lambton
- Fire Prevention in Agriculture Buildings
- Agriculture Plastics Recycling discussions
- Lambton Federation Updates Delegation to Lambton County Council

### **2019 Events**

- *Southwest Agricultural Conference, January 3-5, 2019, Ridgetown College*
- *Farm Smart, January 19, 2019, Guelph*
- *Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention, February 20-21, 2019, Niagara Falls*
- *London Farm Show, March 6-8, 2019 Western Fair District, London*
- *Dairy Expo, April 3-4, 2019, Stratford*
- *London Poultry Show, April 3-4, 2019, Western Fair District, London*
- *Ontario Pork Congress, June 19-20, 2019 Stratford*
- *Outdoor Farm Show, September 10-12, 2019, Woodstock*
- *International Plowing Match, September 17-21, 2019, Verner, West Nipissing, Ontario*
- *Canadian Greenhouse Conference, October 9-10, 2019, Niagara Falls*