

**Lambton Federation of Agriculture
Annual General Meeting
January 21, 2022**





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Annual General Meeting
Friday, January 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom Video Conference**

Agenda

6:45 p.m.	Zoom Meeting opens	7:50 p.m.	Elections (Directors) Nominating Committee Report Motion to appoint scrutineers Declare all offices held in 2021 vacant Review of Nominations received Nominations from the floor Motion to destroy the ballots: if any Motion to add Directors as needed Resolutions to the OFA and/or PAC Open to the floor
7:00 p.m.	Welcome from LFA President – Gary Martin Introduction of Honoured Guests	8:00 p.m.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to the floor
7:05 p.m.	O Canada	8:05 p.m.	President’s Message Gary Martin
7:10 p.m.	Local Helping Local Video – Career Pathways Video	8:10 p.m.	Video and Message from OFA Crispin Colvin, Zone Director, and Joanne Fuller, MSR.
7:20 p.m.	Joanne Sanderson, Hall of Fame	8:15 p.m.	Guest Speaker The Honourable Rob Black, Senator for Ontario and Chair of the Canadian Senators Group
7:25 p.m.	Laura Greaves, SLWDB	8:50 p.m.	Local Helping Local Video – Environmental Stewardship
7:30 p.m.	Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes from 2021 AGM Approval of Reports Financial Statements presentation by Mitchell Geerts, Accountant, MPW Appointment of Accountant – motion	9:00 pm.	Closing Remarks
7:35 p.m.	Committee Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PAC – Darcy Fuller b. Farm Safety – George & Agnes Dickenson c. Scholarship – Burt McKinlay 		



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Lambton Federation of Agriculture
2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday January 15, 2021
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Eventbrite Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting Opened for Members to join – note Eventbrite held off entry until 6:55pm.

Welcome – Gary Welcomed everyone at 7:15

O Canada Video played

Introduction of Honoured Guests

Kevin Marriot Addressed the group discussing how happy he was to be able to attend this meeting.

Lambton County Warden Scholarship – Presentation to Nathan Wilson

-Gary presented the Scholarship to Nathan Wilson

-Nathan thanked everyone for the award.

2020 COVID-19 Challenges in Agriculture Video

-Video was played for the group.

Approval of Agenda: George Dickenson **MOTIONED**. Darcy Fuller *seconded*. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Minutes from 2020 AGM: Burt McKinley **MOTIONED**; Dave Ferguson *seconded*. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Reports: To receive the Sep 30 Financials Mike Belan **MOTIONED**. *Seconded* Darcy Fuller. **Motion Passed.**

Financial Statements Presentation by Mitchell Geerts, Accountant for MPW.

Mitchell presented the financial statements [included in the AGM booklet that was distributed to members and available on the LFA website] to the members. Mitchell offered the opportunity for the group to ask questions as needed about the presented statements.

A motion was made for the Appointment of Accountant –George Dickenson moved that Mitchell Geerts, Accountant for MPW continue his role for the 2021 year. George Dickenson **MOTIONED**, Mike Belan *Seconded*. **Motion Passed.**

Committee Reports:

PAC

Gary Martin presented the PAC report [distributed to members in AGM booklet and available of the LFA website] on behalf of the PAC members: Gary Martin, Darcy Fuller, Lauren Van Ewyk, highlighting what the PAC does, and the role it plays for the LFA. Gary also presented a break down of what events and meetings happened throughout the year.

Lambton Farm Safety Association

George Dickenson presented the report [distributed to members in AGM booklet and available of the LFA website] highlighting what the association was working on during the year. Many of the events the association had planned for the year were no longer feasible with the COVID-19 restrictions.

Agnes Dickenson discussed the poster contest the group decided to hold in lieu of the events



planned. Approximately 35 participants entered the poster contest. Entries could either be electronically submitted or dropped off for content entry. All participants had their entries displayed on the Facebook page. Each participant received a gift bag.

Mike Belan **MOTIONED** to receive both the PAC Report and the Lambton Farm Safety Association report. Burt McKinley *seconded*. **Motion Passed.**

Elections (Directors, President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President)

George Dickenson **MOTIONED** for the board to be able to fill vacant board seats throughout the year, if needed. This would help alleviate empty seats. Darcy Fuller *seconded*. **Motion Passed.**

George Dickenson **NOMINATED** Joanne Fuller to be in charge of the election and Andrew Fuller to be the scrutineer. Dave Ferguson *seconded*. **Motion passed.**

Joanne reviewed who had served on the 2020 Board and noted the vacant seats. She thanked all 2020 members for their service.

Review of Nominations received

Names brought forward:

1. Gary Martin – stand for President; Gary acclaimed as President
2. Darcy Fuller – stand for 1st Vice-President; acclaimed as First Vice-President
3. Mike Belan - stand for 2nd Vice-President; acclaimed as 2nd Vice-President
4. George Dickenson
5. Doug Krall
6. Burt McKinley
7. Ray Bygrove
8. Brian Eves
9. James Grant

Darcy Fuller **MOTIONED** to support Christina Hyatt as Secretary/Treasurer – Dave Ferguson *seconded*. **Motion Carried.**

Nominations from the floor

Joanne Fuller asked for floor nominations three times. No nominations were received from the floor.

Resolutions to the OFA and/or PAC - Open to the floor

Joanne asked for any resolutions from the OFA/PAC. No resolutions were brought forward. Joanne opened to the floor. No resolutions were brought forward.

New Business

1. Gary Martin presented for the group the Enbridge Line 5 Resolution letter he drafted with help from Joanne. The document was presented to the group on screen, being read by Gary. George Dickenson **MOTIONED** that the group read Gary's pipeline resolution letter, Darcy *seconded*. **Motion Passed.**
Crispin Colvin and Cathy Lennon will make the OFA board aware of the resolution.
The City of Sarnia will be sent a copy of the resolution so they are aware. It was also discussed to send the resolution to the CFA as well as Government of Ontario and Government of Canada.



The Vote was then passed to floor – no opposition from present members. **Motion passed.** Motion will be sent Joanne Fuller for distribution to proper channels within OFA.

2. Ratification of Constitutional Amendments [distributed to members in AGM booklet and available of the LFA website]

Gary Martin discussed the rationale as to why the amendments were necessary. The discussion was around aligning the constitution to be in sync with other organizations setup. Amendments were show on screen, as well as provided to members. Gary asked to have these new amendments accepted by the members. George Dickenson **MOTIONED**. Dave Ferguson **seconded**. **Motion Carried.**

The new constitution will be updated and made available to members on the website.

3. Open to the Floor

Emery Huszka discussed the Mental Health initiative that the Grain Farmers of Ontario are participating in. Brendan Byrne the Essex district rep created a video of the importance of mental health. Emery reminded everyone that they can look at the GFO website for upcoming events. If members have questions about accessing mental health services, they can ask the Executives. Emery discussed a resolution that was passed, in highlighted concerns of some over the Grower Pesticide Safety Course. The GFO Board is going to send a letter to general farm organization asking them to contact government to have a review of the Grower Pesticide Safety Course and how it can be improved.

President's Message

Gary highlighted his report which was included in the AGM booklet for members. Gary discussed the videos that the LFA created this year [one shown at the beginning of the meeting, one will close the meeting]. Gary also discussed the numerous meetings that were cancelled at the beginning of the year, and how they got moved to online.

Gary discussed the changes to the two websites – LFA and Locally Lambton. Any feedback on the sites can be sent to Gary. The radio spots and the videos created this year were also discussed and members can find a list in the AGM booklet.

Gary talked about the letters that had been sent to various government agencies, all of which are listed in the AGM Booklet.

The events that were held this year, some in person before March and those that were virtual are all listed in the AGM Booklet. Members are asked to check them out.

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture's "This is Agriculture" video was featured in the show line-up at the Starlite Drive-In Theatre in Crediton, Ontario all summer.

Gary wants to remind everyone of the Mental Health resources available on the LFA website.

Gary asked George Dickenson to speak about the plastics initiative. George talked about the plastics initiative that is taking place at his farm, being conducted by the University of Guelph. Their farm will be one of the farms that are testing the new plastics products. George is hoping to reach out to Cleanfarms about recycling it.



OFA MSR Message – Joanne Fuller

Joanne highlighted the number of members in LFA. She also discussed how OFA was busy with COVID-19, including virtual career fairs, and webinars. Joanne discussed the Feeding your Future initiative – information on the programs and career information and information for Employers were all shared with members. Part of this is letting people know what agriculture jobs are. Always in Season: A Toolkit for Local Food Practitioners was discussed. Success of the 6x16 Food Literacy to cook 6 meals by the time they are 16 – learning how to cook. Letters to local health units and police departments telling them what agriculture is all about. Worked with SLEC including post-pandemic planning committee. Joanne pointed out Better Farming Magazine – your discount card is in there.

OFA Directors Message – Crispin Colvin, Zone Director

- talked about the internet project
- highlighted the importance of rural schools
- PAWS and Trespass Acts both came into effect after much work and commodity collaboration. PAWS Act replaces OSPCA.
- Lobbied for continued investment in rural infrastructure – roads and bridges
- Worked with both levels of government, and CFA, on climate change particularly with regard to carbon sequestration and that agriculture should receive credits for work already being done
- Lot creations issues – needing to make sure we keep agriculture land
- Mental Health initiatives were supported. Local federations developed initiatives to support their local areas. OFA lobbied to support the need for Agricultural Mental Health awareness and assistance. This was recognized at CFA as well as a Canadian Agriculture issue.
- Conservation Authorities act is being reviewed and we are part of that, discussing what they should deliver, how and the costing and funding or CA's. Lobbied successfully to have agriculture represented on CA board.
- Food safety when pandemic started. The issue of food hoarding. Government needed to know that Ag was a necessary service.
- Member surveys to gauge the impact of COVID on OFA and what was needed for farms to thrive – mental health support and financial support
- Working to meet demands of seasonal labour last year. There are still labour shortages this year.
- OFA sits on OMAFRA's Jobs Recovery Committee to develop strategies to stimulate Ontario's Economy
- Worked with the Province on the Ontario Made logo so consumers could find and support Ontario grown product. This is part of Producing Prosperity campaign as the government is investing in rural Ontario.
- Freedom of Information issue – wanted all farm businesses and their information. Farmers pushed back and filed appeals. The person looking for information dropped request. Push back was strong.
- Involved in Canada Food Day supporting Always in Season, aimed at increasing local food sales, enhancing agriculture and agri-tourism. Local has taken on a whole new meaning, instead of relying on import.
- Lobbying for reduced Red Tape regulations for abattoirs, looking to streamline inspections system. Looking to find qualified people to do the job.
- Involved in the Thames River Phosphorus Reduction Collaborative, looking at ways to reduce runoff and testing water and soil to improve farming practices



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- Clean Fuel Standards issue, OFA is supporting higher green fuel initiatives. The CFS needs to recognize the value of agriculture in environmental stewardship. Producers should be recognized for Best Management Practices and carbon sequestration.
- Mental health issues – grain farmers have done a great job. “In the Know” session. Grain farmers have information on their website.
- Canadian Centre for Food Integrity released its report on agriculture and consumer trends. It found that 87% of Canadians trust the food system and trust that we will continue to supply Canada with safe, fresh and affordable food. Despite being only 2% of the population, we are trusted by almost 9 out of 10 Canadians.
- Great videos done by Lambton to highlight local agriculture.
- Public Trust will continue to be an important lobby effort throughout the coming year.
- Shout out to OFA Head Office Staff. New building, but no one can get in and see what has been done.

Guest Speaker: Cathy Lennon, General Manager, OFA

Cathy was able to present her PowerPoint and highlighted her career in agriculture. She discussed the projects that Joanne and Crispin highlighted in their reviews.

2020 Agriculture in Technology Video

The “world premier” of the video was tonight. Gary and the Board are working on getting this presented to local politicians and staff.

Closing Remarks

Motion to adjourn: George **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 9:43pm

Free coffee table books to be sent to everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Members can email their mailing address to: info@lambtonfederation.ca

The EmployerOne Survey is open until January 31.

Depending on your staff size, the survey will take approximately 8 minutes to complete.

You can complete this survey in multiple sessions.

Participation is confidential.

The link is available on our website, www.slwdb.org



We are seeking feedback from Sarnia Lambton Businesses on Workforce Issues!

Our survey is designed to collect feedback from local businesses of all sizes, across all industries. Have your voice heard on workforce issues in your local community.

Your feedback informs local business owners, managers, job seekers, and other community stakeholders on workforce and career planning.



LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Financial Statements

Year Ended September 30, 2021

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

MPW

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LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

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NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Lambton Federation of Agriculture as at September 30, 2021 and the statements of changes in net assets, revenues and expenditures and cash flows for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Strathroy, Ontario
January 6, 2022

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LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2021

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 100,962	\$ 91,583
Temporary investments <i>(Market value \$61,550)</i>	61,550	18,093
Accounts receivable	50	250
	162,562	109,926
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS <i>(Note 2)</i>	-	26,639
ASSETS HELD IN TRUST	14,100	30,007
	\$ 176,662	\$ 166,572
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,764	\$ 5,708
NET ASSETS	173,898	160,864
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 176,662	\$ 166,572

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended September 30, 2021
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2021	2020
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 160,864	\$ 139,456
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	13,034	21,408
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 173,898	\$ 160,864

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ended September 30, 2021

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2021	2020
REVENUES		
OFA rebate	\$ 67,445	\$ 63,756
Seminars and other income	-	4,690
Map income	1,250	1,198
OFA sponsorship income	6,000	-
	74,695	69,644
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	998	1,176
Donations	21,250	5,837
Insurance	1,175	1,069
Interest and bank charges	167	9
Meetings and conventions	280	5,475
Memberships	1,214	822
Office	1,786	2,036
Training and consumer relations	5,854	7,181
Per diems paid to directors	7,385	5,700
Political awareness	418	267
Scholarships	9,000	6,000
Web site	1,017	548
Professional fees	2,910	2,825
Rental	-	509
Sub-contracts	6,589	7,791
Telephone	571	758
Kilometre expenses	2,138	2,811
	62,752	50,814
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	11,943	18,830
OTHER INCOME		
Interest income	1,035	1,316
Scholarship income	56	1,262
	1,091	2,578
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 13,034	\$ 21,408

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended September 30, 2021

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2021	2020
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 13,034	\$ 21,408
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	200	(250)
Accounts payable	(2,944)	3,709
	(2,744)	3,459
Cash flow from operating activities	10,290	24,867
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Long term investments	26,639	(402)
Temporary investments	(43,457)	(183)
Assets held In trust	15,907	(761)
Cash flow used by investing activities	(911)	(1,346)
INCREASE IN CASH FLOW	9,379	23,521
Cash - beginning of year	91,583	68,062
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 100,962	\$ 91,583

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended September 30, 2021

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1. PURPOSE OF THE COMPANY

Lambton Federation of Agriculture (the "company") is incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of Ontario as a not-for-profit organization. The federation supports farmers and promotes activities within Lambton County that improve the welfare of farmers and the farming industry. The federation also works with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to address common viewpoints and concerns.

As a non-profit organization, the federation is not subject to income taxes.

2. INVESTMENTS OPERATING

Short term investments	2021	2020
EQB High Interest Savings Account Series A	\$ 40,997	\$ 18,093
EQB. High Interest Savings Account 100	18,156	-
	\$ 59,153	\$ 18,093
Long term investments		
COMT 2 Year Non-Registered Annually Pay maturing May 10th, 2021	-	14,258
ETT 3 Year Non-Registered annually compounding end of term pay maturing October 11, 2021	16,498	12,381
	16,498	26,639
	\$ 75,651	\$ 44,732

Investments are comprised of GICs and are shown at market value.

3. RESTRICTED ASSETS

The federation holds the following investments to fund scholarships. Interest earned and scholarships awarded from these funds are reported on the statement of operations.

	2021	2020
Bell Scholarship	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,882
Stewardson/Wakefield Scholarship	-	8,471
Abraham Scholarship	2,100	3,634
Kerrigan Scholarship	2,000	2,020
Total	\$ 14,100	\$ 30,007

Investments are comprised of cash in interest bearing accounts and GICs and are shown at market value.

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

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4. DONATIONS

	2021	2020
Breakfast on the Farm	\$ 1,000	\$ -
CEEH Foundation	-	50
Fairs	1,500	500
Food Bank	2,200	1,000
Inn of the Good Shepherd	400	1,000
Lambton Cattlemen Association	250	-
Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame	-	587
Southwest Agricultural Conference	1,000	400
Lambton Kent Agriculture in the Classroom	-	2,000
Lambton Plowman's Association	-	300
London Children's Museum	10,000	-
Locally Lambton United Way	1,000	-
Kids Help Phone	1,000	-
Do More Ag Donation	250	-
Beef Farmers of Ontario	2,000	-
St. Clair Child and Youth	250	-
Tim Hortons Gift Cards First Responders	400	-
	\$ 21,250	\$ 5,837

5. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The company received approximately 98% (2020 - 92%) of its revenue from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). Should OFA substantially change its support of the Federation, management is of the opinion that continued viable operations would be doubtful.

6. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

Lambton Federation of Agriculture 2022 Budget with comparison to 2021

		2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Over (Under)	2022 Budget
REVENUES					
OFA Rebate		60,000	67,445	7,445	68,000
Map income		1,000	1,250	250	1,300
OFA sponsorship income		-	6,000	6,000	-
		61,000	74,695	13,695	69,300
EXPENSES					
Advertising and promotion (incl Gifts)	1,500				1,500
Gifts	250	1,750	998	(752)	250
Donations		8,000	21,250	13,250	15,000
Insurance		1,000	1,175	175	1,250
Interest and bank charges		150	167	17	200
Meetings and conventions					
General Expenses	500				500
Environment	250				250
OFA Convention	2,500				na
Annual Meeting - LFA	500				500
Regional Meeting	1,000	4,750	280	(4,470)	1,000
Memberships		800	1,214	414	1,200
Office (incl Map + General Admin)					
Accounting Software	425				425
Office Supplies	300				300
Storage	950				950
Map Expense	1,000	2,675	1,786	(889)	1,000
Training and consumer relations		9,000	5,854	(3,146)	9,000
Per diems paid to directors		7,500	7,385	(115)	7,500
Political awareness		1,000	418	(582)	1,000
Scholarships		7,000	9,000	2,000	9,000
Web site		600	1,017	417	600
Professional fees		3,000	2,910	(90)	3,000
Sub-contracts		12,000	6,589	(5,411)	12,000
Telephone		800	571	(229)	750
Kilometre expenses		4,000	2,138	(1,862)	4,000
		64,025	62,752	(1,273)	71,175
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS		(3,025)	11,943	14,968	(1,875)
OTHER INCOME					
Interest income		700	1,035	335	700
Scholarship Income		700	56	(644)	700
One-Time transfer from Women's Institute					7,500
		1,400	1,091	(309)	8,900
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR		\$(1,625)	\$13,034	\$14,659	\$7,025

2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients
Presented by Burt McKinlay

Joyce Anderson Scholarship

- Nicholas Gerrits

Bell One Scholarship

- Theresa Van Damme

Patrick and Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship

- Emily Griffin

Bell Two Scholarship

- Sarah Hayter

Dona Stewardson Scholarship

- Megan McGrail

Lois Wakefield Scholarship

- Nikki Boere

Lambton County Warden's Scholarship

- Hannah Symington

Farm Safety Association Report for 2021

Prepared by George Dickenson

- Our annual meeting was held virtually on Feb. 25th. The guest speaker was Brad Goodhill, Fire Chief from Warwick Fire Dept.
- We co-sponsored a meeting with Lambton Federation of Agriculture on Mental Health and Coping Skills and Tractor Safety speakers were Lauren VanEwyk of Wellspring Counselling Services and Dean Anderson Strategic Advisor for WSPS.
- Elections were held Agnes Dickenson, Chair; Carlie Douglas Cox, Vice Chair; and Earle Woolaver Secretary/Treasurer
- Our next meeting was May 3rd
- We planned our Safety Day. It was held virtually with children able to access videos from July 1st, 2021 until July 8th, 2021 they could watch them anytime during that period and parents could discuss the videos with them. Topics were electrical safety, bicycle safety, farm safety, water safety, chemical safety, stress management, hearing protection, and dog safety.
 - 53 children participated. They were then asked to submit a poster depicting something they had learned. We were very happy with the participation as we were the only group in Ontario to run this event.
- We met again in August in person at this meeting we discussed videos that we want to have made for our own use. Topics discussed were: grain bin safety, visibility at night, hearing, and distracted movement – walking ,driving etc.
- We then put together bags for the Safety Day participants. Sponsors were LFA, Lambton Mutual, Syngenta, and Tracey Cross Childs.
- Our November meeting was held in person
- Videos are being worked on: Grain bin safety has been filmed but not yet ready
- We discussed hosting a meeting with LFA on Mental Health and agreed we should do one for sure and possible more.
- We discussed our annual meeting and agreed to virtual again this year. It will be Feb. 3 @ 7pm virtually with Paramedic Gord Marsh being our speaker. To get the link contact georgeandagnesdickenson@gmail.com or the LFA website.
- Check our Facebook page (facebook.com/LambtonFSA) or watch for details on this summer's safety day hopefully live in Thedford on July 7, it will be offered virtually if needed. Also watch for upcoming meetings co-sponsored with LFA on Mental Health involving In The Know and Do More Ag along with other projects we can bring to you.

PAC Report for 2021

Prepared by Darcy Fuller

All PAC Meetings for 2021 were held via Zoom

March 2021

We discussed land use policy with a great speaker named Kevin Eby who discussed why it's important for us to be involved in municipal planning so we can help make sure that as city's grow, we are building in the right places. We also had Heather Derks, a OFA Farm Policy Analyst, who overviewed a snapshot of recent instances that point to the reasons that the OFA Board is interested to update the Land Use Policy position statement. They had input from PAC to see where want the policy to go.

August 2021

At this meeting Lambton County President used this meeting to announce our board's decision to donate to help move Hay West. At this meeting we also discussed what the membership wanted to see with CAP funding opportunities and how the new policy framework (between the Federal government and Provincial governments) could better support our membership.

January 2022

This was our PAC meeting which was an orientation for new PAC members elected at the OFA AGM in November. We discussed how to determine what goes before the OFA board to help them identify the issues. We all had breakout rooms where we discussed what we want PAC to focus on this year. We also picked members from PAC to represent us at the steering committee, that plans the PAC meetings going forward. It was decided we would have 4 members represent us including myself.

2021-2022 Lambton Federation of Agriculture – President's Report

Prepared by Gary Martin

The second year of my serving as President has continued much as the first year ended, without us meeting in person.

The uncertainty of closures and emergency measures are impacting our day-to-day activities and planning into the future, and no community or sector is immune.

While some have seen this as a disservice, some greater good has to come from this. One is the ability to attend more outside meetings (virtually) without the need for travel.

Social media has been expanded with the addition of LinkedIn profiles for the LFA and Locally Lambton, and an addition of a YouTube Channel for hosting the many video that we've had the opportunity to produce ourselves along with partnerships with other organizations. This in addition to the standard Facebook and Twitter accounts.

If you check out our YouTube account, you will see the segments from our last big meeting, the Lambton OFA Regional Meeting. One is a great video of a slide show created and presented by Brooke talking about all that we had done up to that point in the year. Also, our guest speaker Mark Robinson - the Storm Hunter, our Scholarship presentations, and a presentation from our Director Crispin Colvin.

You will also see upcoming segments from our Local Helping Local video series co-produced with SLEP and our videographers Frameworks Media.

Make sure to subscribe to our YouTube Channel to receive notifications when new videos are uploaded.

Of course, all of this takes a greater understanding of the technology, and the realization that there are still lots of areas in Lambton County where the technology is not available to participate fully in our discussions.

Since we made the move to online monthly meetings via our newly acquired Zoom license, there hasn't been one meeting cancelled due to the lack of quorum. A few meetings have started late as directors rolled in off their tractors or in from barns and not have to worry about cleaning up and travelling to Petrolia to participate in the meetings. Before the change, we regularly had to cancel 2-3 (or more) meetings a year.

With the focus to online, we've had the chance to participate in more outside meetings than ever before, and forge partnerships across the county, and into the surrounding counties.

Collaborating with Lambton Farm Safety allowed us to leverage our Zoom license for special Farm Safety meetings. I've had Meetings with the OFA President Peggy Brekveld, PAC Meetings, and many committee meetings with the Airport Action Working Group, Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce, SLEP, Middlesex Economic Development, and Lambton College on a regular basis.

It will be different, fingers crossed, going into the coming year, and we hope that we can have a big barbeque this summer, celebrating our 80th Anniversary in a proper manner. In anniversaries past, they've even organized a dance to celebrate. That would be something...

Speaking of our 80th Anniversary, last winter, after going through the items we had in storage, I realized that March 1941 was the date of the first meeting of the Lambton County Farmers Association, (changed to the Lambton Federation of Agriculture, after joining the OFA).

In 1981, the LFA celebrated their 40th anniversary with a commemorative book. In 2001 the LFA also created a book of memories of the previous years as an addendum to the first book.

For our 80th anniversary, we thought we would like to do something similar, however a book would be too difficult to produce, and honestly, probably wouldn't be read by many people. Since there was so much electronic content already available (the LFA started its first website in 2002), we thought we'd present the retrospective all online.

An index of all of this new/old information is located at lambtonfederation.ca/Archives

I'd like to bring attention to the Notes section of our Financial Statements (included in this booklet) where it lists all the donations we've made to various organizations over the last fiscal year (up to September 30, 2021) - Note 4 specifically.

We have made the decision to help those in need while we see some cost savings from not holding in-person events. The OFA in turn has done so as well with their sponsorship of certain donations we've made towards HandsToTable.ca, as well as a generous sponsorship towards the London Children's Museum, which is developing and will be building an agricultural exhibit. The Exhibit will hopefully be completed when the lockdowns end.

Other donations I'd like to highlight are the Food Bank donations (there's a video on our YouTube account), and the donation to the Beef Farmers of Ontario to help move Hay West to drought-stricken areas of northwestern Ontario.

Other Events of Note (not mentioned specifically in Brooke's August Report):

We hosted 2 all candidates meetings in September, organized on short notice. One for the Sarnia-Lambton riding at the Brigden Fairgrounds, and one for the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex riding at the Alvinston Fairground's new pavilion. We had a bit of a rain storm at Brigden, but luckily we were safe. The rain storm held off long enough at the Alvinston one for us to clear out before we got soaked.

Other communication products:

Lambton "Aglink" Newsletter

- The Lambton Ag Link was created to fill that void in communicating agricultural news and events between Lambton County Commodity and Agricultural Groups and the community.
- We would like to help promote your event or announcement.
- Past issues are available at <https://lambtonfederation.ca/aglink/>

Monthly Radio Broadcast

- The latest in Lambton County's agricultural news and events are reported on CFCO (630 AM and 92.9 FM) every 3rd Wednesday and CHOK (103.9 FM & 1070 AM) every 4th Wednesday.
- Let us know if you'd like a mention on either radio station.
- Past episodes are at: <https://lambtonfederation.ca/tag/blackburn-radio/>

A busy year was had by the Lambton Federation of Agriculture, despite the lockdowns, and we expect a busy year to come in 2022.

Keep in touch and let us know what is going on and if you need help. Especially if your event includes pie.

Thanks,

Gary Martin

Guest Speaker Biography



The Honourable Rob Black has worked in the rural, agricultural, and leadership arenas for much of his working career.

He has had close involvement in 4-H and other leadership programs, such as Junior Farmers and the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP). He credits his involvement in these programs with allowing him to develop the skills that would lead him to apply to be a senator. He has been involved in 4-H for almost 50 years in all aspects of the program, at the local, provincial and national levels and is a Past President of the Canadian 4-H Council.

Rob was Ward 5 Representative on Wellington County Council. He has also been Manager of the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund, and President of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association and the Wellington County Historical Society.

Rob worked with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for 15 years. Following his time at OMAFRA, he spent 5 years as the Executive Director of 4-H Ontario. Rob then accepted the role of Executive Director of The Centre for Rural Leadership, which morphed in to the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI).

In 2012, in recognition of Rob's significant contributions to 4-H across Canada over many years, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In 2013, Rob was awarded the Outstanding Leadership Program Director Award from the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership (IAPAL) and in 2016, Rob was made an Honourary Member of the Canadian 4-H Council.

Rob applied to be a senator in July 2016, after some prompting from his son, Tayler. In February 2018 he received a call from the Prime Minister, summoning him to the Senate to represent the province of Ontario. The Prime Minister told Rob specifically that he wanted him to bring his background in agriculture, rural community development, and leadership development to the Senate.

On February 27, 2018, Rob was sworn in as a senator representing the province of Ontario. Since then, he has been working on several issues of importance to Canadians through his role and is a member of the Standing Committees on Agriculture and Forestry; Social Affairs, Science and Technology; Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament; and, the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament. Senator Black has been the Chair of the Canadian Senators Group (CSG) since its inception.

In February 2021, Rob was recognized as one of the Top 50 Most Influential People in Agriculture by Canadian Western Agribition.

In July 2021, the Canadian Produce Marketing Association recognized Senator Black as the 2021 Produce Champion. The annual Produce Champion award is given to a Member of Parliament or Senator who has been supportive of the produce industry and effective at bringing industry issues to the forefront on Parliament Hill.

Rob and his wife Julie live north of Fergus, ON and have four grown children and three grandsons.

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Website Guide

Below is a list of websites that were referenced during the meeting. We hope it helps you find the information you need.

AgLink Newsletter	https://lambtonfederation.ca/aglink/
EmployerOne Survey	www.slwdb.org
Lambton Agriculture Hall of Fame	https://lambtonfederation.ca/hall-of-fame/
Lambton Farm Safety Association	https://www.facebook.com/LambtonFSA lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com
Lambton Federation Archives	https://lambtonfederation.ca/archives/
Lambton Federation of Agriculture Scholarships	https://lambtonfederation.ca/scholarships/
OFA Home Grown website:	http://homegrown.ofa.ca
OFA Year in Review Video:	https://youtu.be/X-vfN1MRHhI
Registration with LFA	https://lambtonfederation.ca/2022
Safety & Awareness Training Certificate	http://feedingyourfuture.ca/agri-training
Support Line for Farmer Wellness 24/7, 365 days a year, service in French or English	1-866-267-6255

Upcoming Events

A list of events that are coming up that were mentioned in our meeting.

- ✓ Farm Safety Annual Meeting February 3, 2022
- ✓ Farm Safety Day in Thedford July 7, 2022
- ✓ LFA Board Meeting February 14, 2022
- ✓ Events are always added to <http://LambtonFederation.ca/events>

**We look forward to working with
you in 2022!**

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