



## **Northumberland Federation of Agriculture**

### **Agenda for board meeting**

Jun.14, 2016 at OAFVC Colborne, 7:30pm

1. **Call to order** : Allan Carruthers
2. **Agenda** : motion to approve
3. Delegations/Guests:
4. **Approval of Minutes** : motion to approve minutes of Apr. 12, 2016
5. **Financial Report** : motion to approve Financial report
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
  - 6.1. 6 x 16 progress on this project – Arlene
  - 6.2. Still have vacancies on our board that need to be filled. Some discussion on the action plan for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice.
  - 6.3. Membership to Farm and Food Care payment
7. **Correspondence:**
  - 7.1. Submission to apply to be host county for August 2017 OFA meeting
  - 7.2. Digital circulation approval: Resi was contacted by Quinte Immigration Services regarding Syrian's with an agriculture background available for work
  - 7.3. OFA will be advertising your annual county meeting information in the August edition of the Better Farming Magazine. Please forward your **date, location and time of meeting** to me prior to **June 30** to be included in this advertisement.
  - 7.4. Liam Cragg Hydro One issue - Resi
  - 7.5. Quarterly newsletter is out. Next issue we will move to cut mailings and rely on digital distribution.
  - 7.6. June 14 Grow the Greenbelt Info Session in Cobourg with Professor Wayne Caldwell. Document emailed to directors.
8. **Reports:**
  - 8.1. Allan
    - Cobourg Safety Event - proud to lead funding report
    - WSPS Fred Young idea of developing a static display promoting road safety issues for Ag sector with MTO funding program
  - 8.2. Bruce Buttar, Zone Director
  - 8.3. Resi Walt MSR – updating display for promotion and looking for funding from each county
  - 8.4. Gene, PAC member
  - 8.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep
9. **New and Other Business:**
10. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, June. 14th at 7:30 pm;
11. **Adjournment:**

## Hops Informal Field Workshop

Pleasant Valley Hops 18683 Loyalist Parkway, Hillier, Prince Edward County, ON

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 (Rain date June 23) 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Melanie Filotas, Specialty Crops IPM Specialist, OMAFRA and Evan Elford, New Crop Development Specialist, OMAFRA

Join OMAFRA specialists Melanie Filotas and Evan Elford for an in-field workshop on seasonal issues in hops. Topics covered will include an overview of scouting hops yards, hands-on identification of key pests present in the hops yard and a discussion of current production challenges of not for the 2016 season. This is an in-formal workshop with ample time for participants to ask questions on current agronomic and pest management challenges.

**To register, contact OMAFRA's Agriculture Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300.**

**Deadline to register—Friday, June 17.**

## Province Supporting Ontario Beef Farmers by Expanding Loan Program

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs has worked with industry stakeholders to review the Feeder Cattle Loan Guarantee Program (FCLGP) in order to address changing markets and simplify program access for farmers. The FCLGP was established in 1990 to help farmers access low interest loans, expand their business, and remain competitive. Recent improvements to the program include:

- Doubling total available Ontario-guaranteed loans from \$130 million to \$260 million
- Enhancing program administration to simplify access
- A new option for custom feeding that will assist new farmers in growing their herd
- Flexibility for more farmers to participate in accordance with their current business practices.

Farmers can take advantage of the increased loan cap immediately, with other improvements in place by fall 2016.

## LET'S GET YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE KITCHEN

We are helping young people make healthy food choices. OFA is serving up food literacy at **SixbySixteen.me**, a new website that draws on the resources of more than 20 commodity partners to help young people learn to plan and prepare six nutritious, locally sourced meals by the time they are 16.

OFA created this new hub of information for parents, young teens, teachers and health professionals to promote local, healthy food choices. There are resources to learn how to make meals, find local food and make healthy food choices. We're holding a special launch event on May 25 — follow us along on Twitter (@SixbySixteen), Facebook (/SixbySixteen) and Instagram (SixbySixteen). And watch for an exciting cooking contest coming up.

