



Northumberland Federation of Agriculture

Agenda for rescheduled board meeting

Mar. 14, 2017 at OAFVC Colborne, 7:30pm

1. **Call to order** : Allan Carruthers
2. **Agenda** : motion to **ask for additions or deletions**
3. **Delegations/Guests:**
 - 3.1. Fred Young ; Health & Safety info
 - 3.2. Rick Arnold; Northumberland Chapter of the Council of Canadians; NAFTA renegotiations
- Approval of Minutes:** motion to approve minutes of Feb. 2017
4. **Financial Report** : motion to approve Financial report
5. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
 - 5.1. Meeting Feb. 15 with Northumberland County addressing farm property tax assessment with Ben LeFort, farm policy researcher from OFA . Second meeting with county finance committee Mar 6th
 - 5.2. Young Farmer's Forum planning – update
 - 5.3. Pat , Strategic Planning Workshop report – Vision statement edit; Goals & objectives for NFA
 - 5.4. Fast Ag Facts for Dufferin; <http://bit.ly/FastAgFacts4Dufferin> could we have something like this for Northumberland?
 - 5.5. Drought workshop with Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.....date & time?
 - 5.6. Constitution – Arlene
 - 5.7. Three breakfast/lunch meetings should be arranged for MP, MPP, & county councilors sometime in March if possible
6. **Correspondence:**
 - 6.1. Denis Orendt endorsement request
 - 6.2. Cap and Trade workshop March 28, Campbellford RSVP required
7. **Reports:**
 - 7.1. Allan –
 - 7.2. Bruce Buttar, Zone Director –
 - 7.3. Resi Walt MSR –.
 - 7.4. Gene, PAC member –
 - 7.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep –
8. **New and Other Business:**
9. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting , Apr. 12 Snack duty : Gene Brahaney
10. **Adjournment:**

Snack duty is assigned to Paul Burnham for tonight

Upcoming Events of Interest:



Applications for the 2017 OFA bursary are now being accepted. There are **three** bursaries available for students of OFA families entering or currently pursuing a post-secondary education in an agriculture-related program, valued at \$2000 each.

The bursaries will be awarded regionally, including one recipient from each region. The regions include Northern, Eastern and South-Western Ontario.

The deadline to submit an application form is **June 30, 2017**.

For more details including the bursary terms and conditions and application form, please see the attachments and/or visit ofa.on.ca/bursary

PREMIER'S AWARD FOR AGRI-FOOD INNOVATION EXCELLENCE

Accepting Applications for the 2017 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence Program!

Have you developed and implemented a unique product or process that helps foster innovation in Ontario's agriculture and food sector? If so, you could be eligible to receive one of the following awards from the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence Program:

- Premier's Award (one award valued at \$75,000)
- Minister's Award (one award valued at \$50,000)
- Leaders in Innovation Awards (three awards valued at \$25,000 each)
- Provincial Awards (45 awards valued at \$5,000 each)

Quinte Immigration Services is proud to be hosting a Skills Connect Matching Event as a part of the Farmers Feed the World Project. We invite agriculture and food manufacturing employers with **open permanent positions** to attend and meet with Syrian refugees who are seeking employment. Refugees will be pre-matched with employers based on skill areas and interpreters will be present to facilitate interviews. A light lunch and beverages will also be provided.

The matching event will take place on April 12th from 9:00am-3:00pm in the 2nd floor Multipurpose Room at the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre.

Registration for this event will end on March 15th so that the pre-matching can take place ahead of the event.

If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact Meghan Beatty at [613-968-7723 ext. 0](tel:613-968-7723), or reception@quinteimmigration.ca. Please provide the following information:

1. Company Name
2. Business Activity
3. Business Location
4. The number of positions you're seeking to fill
5. A brief description of the positions, range of pay, shifts available, Full time/Part Time
6. Skills/experience required or willing to hire & train

This information will enable us to pre-match applicants to employers and keep the day moving along efficiently.

Please contact QUIS at the address below if you have any questions.

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