

NIAGARA SOUTH FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE AGM

October 26, 2018 @7:00 pm
Firefighters Memorial Community Hall
31907 Park Street Wainfleet, ON

AGENDA

Welcome

Introductions of guests & board of directors
Greetings from the OFA

Business

Call to Order – Chris Hamilton, NSFA Interim President

Agenda Approval

Minutes from previous AGM

*Due to administration and board changes the minutes
from the 2017 AGM meeting are not available*

Year End Financial Report Approval

Remarks from the board

Resolution – *see attached*

Nominations and Elections

Executive Officers (3)

Directors (4)

Policy Advisory Councilor (1)

Convention Delegates (3)

Alternative Convention Delegates (2)

Announcements/Remarks

Guest Speaker

Resi Walt - Farm 911 Project

Adjournment

*Refreshments will be served, including mouthwatering butter tarts
from White Meadows Farms!*

If possible please RSVP to niagarasouthfederation@gmail.com or 905-892-3517

However, feel free to come whether or not an RSVP has been sent.

Current Board

Chris Hamilton- Interim President chrishamilton4ofa@gmail.com

Roger Miller - Past President

Cam Prentice - Vice President and PAC

Ted Hessels - Executive Member

Directors

Murray Bering

Rosemarie Haegens

Yvonne Hessels

Joyce Sonneveld-Interim Secretary/Treasurer niagarasouthfederation@gmail.com

Ontario Federation of Agriculture

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<https://ofa.on.ca/federations/niagara-south/>

<https://twitter.com/SouthNiagara?lang=en>



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Inspired by Emily Trudeau:

Farm accidents can occur in the most remote locations, making it difficult for first responders to easily locate the situation. We have found that there is a flaw in the system – not all rural property entrances have signage. In the event of an emergency, no one should have to wait helplessly for first responders to find them. Time is everything, and a civic address at the entrance to a vacant farm field could make all the difference.

Objectives:

- Create a unified system for acquiring 911 signs across all municipalities
- Persuade municipalities to offer the signs as a service to their community
- Encourage rural landowners to use the service
- Establish a partnership with local agribusinesses who will support the program
- Develop resources to teach property owners how to contact emergency services efficiently
- Promote the program through digital, print, and social media

<http://www.farm911.ca/welcome>

Resolution

WHEREAS farm families living in the Regional Municipality of Niagara are currently represented by two separate Federations of Agriculture, Niagara North Federation of Agriculture (NNFA) and Niagara South Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) and

WHEREAS issues and concerns facing Niagara South & North farm families are similar in nature and

WHEREAS there are many advantages in presenting one strong voice to advocate on behalf of farm families throughout the Region of Niagara and

WHEREAS many other efficiencies stand to be realized, including administration, and

WHEREAS the Niagara South Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) Executive & Board of Directors, are recommending that discussions commence with the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture to prepare recommendations regarding the advantages of amalgamation of the Niagara South Federation of Agriculture and the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture and

WHEREAS the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture is of like mindedness in participating with those discussions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at this, the 2018 annual meeting, the Niagara South Federation of Agriculture Executive with the support of the Board of Directors and members present, be directed to enter into discussions with representatives of the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture with the purpose of evaluating the advantages of amalgamating the two Federations into one strong voice for Niagara farm families.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive and Board of Directors of both Federations present their final report, with recommendations, to the 2019 Annual meetings of the Niagara South Federation of Agriculture and the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture