



# Annual Newsletter | March 2019

*Our Mission: We act for the long-term viability of agriculture and agribusiness in PEC*



Questions or want to get involved? Contact us!  
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On social media? Use #farmlifePEC in your posts  
Search for @OFAzone12 & @PrinceEdwardFederationofAgriculture

## **Annual General Meeting** Tuesday, March 5

The Grange Winery 990 Closson Rd. Hillier @ 1:30pm

Featuring Ben Doornekamp of Picton Terminals

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**



## STUDENT BURSARY

We are continuing to invest in our youth, and this past fall, we awarded our \$500 Bursary to

**Jaret Parliament**

Jaret is completing his second year of the two-year Associate Diploma of Agriculture program at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus. He previously completed a two-year Business Management Diploma at Algonquin College in Ottawa. Jaret is from Bloomfield, participated in the 4-H program, worked for TCO Agromart this past summer, and is hoping to start his own herd of cattle following school.

In our application process, we ask applicants to highlight their agricultural experience, community involvement, school activities, personal achievements and awards, why they chose their particular course and its perceived long-term benefits.

Know of any future applicants? Have them email [princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com) for more information



Vice President Don Williams presenting cheque to Jaret Parliament

## Reduced Truck Load Season

We approached County Council, late in the fall, with an issue relating to trucking commodities during winter and spring. Farmers need to be able to get their product to market all through the year, but were running into problems with an inconsistent Reduced Truck Load Season. Council approved, at their November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, that perishable and contracted commodities be allowed to be trucked on County roads when needed. There is, however, an accountability placed on operators to obtain a \$2000 permit that will be returned at the end of the season, as a deposit for any road damage that may occur. See By-law 2406-2009

**To get your permit:** email [operations@pecounty.on.ca](mailto:operations@pecounty.on.ca) & ask for the "Annual Oversized Load Permit Application"

Drop off the completed form, documentation, and deposit, to the Operations Department, 115 County Road 10 (Lake St.) Picton

## OFA AGM

We sent 3 delegates this year to represent PEC at OFA's AGM in Hamilton. Thank you to Donny Williams, John Thompson, and Kenda Nurse for attending on behalf of the membership. We brought forward a resolution that voiced our concern about the USMCA negotiations. While our resolution did not pass, we are confident OFA will continue to lobby on behalf of agriculture until this trade deal is finalized. We also supported sending young farmer Alyssa Carter to the Ontario Young Farmers Forum, held in conjunction with the OFA AGM.

OFA AGM theme for 2018  
[producingprosperity.ca](http://producingprosperity.ca)



## PEFA Director inducted to Quinte Agricultural Wall of Fame



(L-R) Lynn Leavitt, Dennis Dick, Lynn Ward, Don Ward, Bob Williams, John Thompson at the induction ceremony, Sept 2018

One of our annual activities is submitting a nomination to the Quinte Agricultural Wall of Fame every spring. We are pleased to announce that one of our own Directors, was inducted in 2018. **Congratulations to Lynn Ward!**

Lynn's resume includes leading over 120 4-H clubs, Past President of the local 4-H association, Director on the Prince Edward Agricultural Society for 20+ years, member of the Agricultural Awareness Committee, Director for PEFA, member of the Wellington and District Lion's Club and was recently presented the PE Lion's Club Volunteer of the Year Award.

For more info about the Quinte Agricultural Wall of Fame housed at Farmtown Park in Stirling, go to [farmtownpark.ca](http://farmtownpark.ca)

Know someone who should be nominated? Contact us!

## Proposed changes to PEFA Constitution To be voted on by membership at AGM on Mar 5th

### Article 2: Objectives

1. To promote and coordinate activities within the County to improve the Agricultural industry. 2. To take suggestions and concerns from members and affiliated groups to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) for action at appropriate level's, and to interpret OFA policy to all affiliated groups and members. 3. To make known information and concerns affecting agriculture, to farmer members within the County. 4. To encourage and support cooperation among agricultural groups within the County and the Province. 5. To ensure that neither the Ontario Federation of Agriculture nor the Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture become a politically partisan organization. 6. To act as the Prince Edward County affiliate of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

7. (Proposed addition) **To lobby on current and relevant issues on behalf of farmers to local government.**

### Article 4: Meetings

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting within "sixty" **change to "ninety"** days following the end of the fiscal year, notice of such meetings to be given by mail, e-mail and/or insertions in local press, at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

### Article 6: Officers

1. The members at the Annual meeting shall elect from the membership, a President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice President, all of whom shall hold office until their successors are elected. These officers, along with the Past President **or another Senior Board Director if Past is unavailable**, the Secretary, Treasurer, or combined Secretary-Treasurer and the Policy Advisory Councillor shall form the executive of the Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture.

### Article 8: Board of Directors

The members shall elect, at the Annual Meeting, **from its membership**, one Policy Advisory Councillor, **"one director to represent each ward, and up to eight directors at large"**. **Change to "and a Board of Directors at Large consisting of no less than ten directors and no more than fifteen directors."** These directors, along with the Past President, President, First and Second Vice-Presidents shall comprise the Board of Directors.

### Article 10: Quorum

A quorum of the **regular or Annual General** Meetings of the Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture shall be ten, and a quorum of the Board of Directors **and regular meetings** shall be three.

### Article 13: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at the Annual meeting by a two thirds vote of the membership present, provided that **"7" change to "ten"** days prior notice has been given to the membership stating the existing wording of the relevant part and the proposed amendment together with the procedure for voting on the proposal.

### Article 14: Resolutions

An individual Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture member or representative of an affiliated group may present a resolution to a general meeting of the membership, provided that **"7" change to "ten"** days prior notice is given reciting the content of the resolution. If prior notice is not given, it will require a unanimous decision of the members present to waive this condition.

## PEFA Around The County

We proudly represent the membership at various events throughout the area.

- Quinte Farm & Trade Show, Trenton
- Hastings County Plowing Match & Trade Show
- Picton Fair
- Milford Market
- County FM's "The Grapevine" occasionally features agriculture interviews with Director Lynn Ward and guest (airs Tues & Thurs @ 12 noon, encore 6pm)

## Donations in 2018

For more information about each project, please see the website listed.

**\$500 Farmland Trust Forum in Wellington**  
[ontariofarmlandtrust.ca](http://ontariofarmlandtrust.ca)

**\$500 Agribition**  
[agheritage.ca/Agribition/](http://agheritage.ca/Agribition/)

**\$500 Food for Learning/Feed the Meter Campaign**  
[hpelearningfoundation.com](http://hpelearningfoundation.com)

**\$200 AgScape**  
[agscape.ca](http://agscape.ca)

**\$125 4-H shows at the Quinte Exhibition \$125**  
[qer.ca](http://qer.ca)

**\$500 Farm & Food Care: The Real Dirt on Farming**  
[realdirtorfarming.ca](http://realdirtorfarming.ca)



## COMING UP in 2019

- ⇒ A push for FARM 911 to be implemented in PEC
- ⇒ Continued effort to achieve fair taxation for farm land