

# Barclay Nap

Hello my fellow OFA members. My name is Barclay Nap. I am the third generation to be on my family's farm in Puslinch Township in southern Wellington County. My background ranges from my paternal grandfather bringing his family to Ontario after World War Two, to my mother's ancestors helping settle the area west of Guelph. From all sides, agriculture has formed my history.

One of the greatest educations I received was working with the Western field staff in OFA. I travelled to every West county to assist the Member Representatives; if a new gate sign was put up in 2009-2010 it probably had my handprints on it. I attended many banquets, county meetings and trade shows. As well, I assisted at head office during a staff shortage; manning the phone line exposed me to the variety of calls with questions and concerns from farmers all over the province.



## Agricultural & Rural Activities

- Grew up on a pure-bred Holstein farm (plus a few Jerseys)
- Completed 15 dairy related 4-H clubs
- Final college project: self-leveling front-end loader
- Participated in Junior Farmers in Halton, Wellington and Hamilton-Wentworth
- Served 2 years on Provincial Junior Farmer Executive
- Started and mentored 8 Junior Farmer clubs
- Digitized all memorabilia collected for the preservation of Junior Farmer history by Alumni committee
- Conducted 352 interviews of Junior Farmers alumni in 40 counties and districts in Ontario
- Handled distribution of most National Livestock Identification for Dairy ear tags at program's beginning
- Past vendor at farmers' markets in Wellington and Toronto
- Currently offer a subscription program of a weekly box of produce (Farm Share/CSA)
- Wellington Federation of Agriculture board member since 2010

## Education

- Centennial CVI (Guelph)
- University of Windsor, BA in Psychology
- Conestoga College, Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) workshop
- Beef Farmers of Ontario, BUILD program
- Pre-Apprenticeship Training Institute, Electrical and Cable Networking
- Livestock Valuation Guide for Ontario Municipalities workshop
- Halton Region, Food Safety Training Certification

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My perspective of OFA was formed from my time on the board, participation at the Young Farmers' Forum and OFA Annual Meeting, serving as a staff member and being a part of Wellington's board. There is an important need for OFA; in a sea of chaos, a steady oar is needed. Understanding the direction of government proposals, hearing from the membership, preserving peace among commodity groups and filling the void of agricultural extension are some of the others. OFA has many things on its plate. Everyone is needed to contribute to help provide for a healthy OFA.

## **I Believe The Most Important Topics In Agriculture Are:**

- Preservation of farmland
- Strength and health of the local federations
- Protection from radical anti-agriculture groups
- Addition and incorporation of agriculture and food in all levels of school curriculum
- Environmental practices
- On-farm and road-use safety
- Farmers and farm workers having access to mental health support
- Keeping soils healthy

## **Topics I Want To Focus On**

- A national food & drink policy that works to prevent barriers that have happened in this pandemic
- Densification of urban areas and preservation of farmland in municipal planning
- Making food personal in schools and empowering students in the kitchen
- Further enlightening non-farmers about farming and food production on their level
- Expansion of recycling to include horticultural plastics
- A deposit program for all plastic beverage bottles
- Increased fines for trespassing
- Having the instructors at the Ontario Police College include more about farming in their classes
- Getting municipal and provincial staff and politicians onto farms to get their shoes and hands dirty

I greatly appreciate your time in reading my handout and appreciate your consideration of myself and the other candidates in this role for the position of Director at Large for OFA.

Thanks.