

Agenda

August 10, 2022

Policy Advisory Council Meeting

9:00 a.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Brekveld, President & Julie Danen, Co-Chair

9:15 a.m. PAC UPDATE

Board update on last PAC meeting

9:25 a.m. OFA ISSUES UPDATE

Brief overview of major issues

9:45 a.m. LOCAL FEDERATION & COMMODITY UPDATES/EMERGING ISSUES (pre-submitted)

- taxation model (old system)
- Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton - federal governments 30% reduction in nitrogen emissions and what we are seeing in other countries as a result.
- Essex - concerns over the lack of media response by OFA/ CFA over the 30% Fertilizer Emission Reduction put forth by the Federal Government as this will affect all farms, and the ability to stay profitable
- Chicken Farmers - commodity emerging issues include retail food pricing and producer's share of that price. This would pertain to all sectors.
- Middlesex - political pressure to reduce the land size required for farm severances

10:00 a.m. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Russel Hurst, Executive Director, Ontario Agri Business Association (OABA)

10:30 a.m. TABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Resiliency planning on OFA's part
- Asks from OFA – what programs, funding, government departments, policies can help mitigate these situations
- What supply issues are members facing
- Have you seen any good solutions to manage; workarounds for problem solving
- Issues – fertilizer storage, construction

11:10 a.m.– HEALTH BREAK

11:20 a.m. AG MATTERS GUIDE, MUNICIPAL ELECTION KIT, Q&A

Danielle Sharman, OFA Economic Development Policy Analyst

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:30 p.m. RURAL MUNICIPALITEIS & INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COMMUNITY

Marcus Ryan, Mayor Zorra Township

2:15 p.m. TABLE DISCUSSIONS

- What tools and additional advocacy would PAC want OFA to take on
- What additional partners or government departments can OFA be working with?
- How can we support our local municipalities to help meet their needs?
- What are local federations planning for the election campaign? Compile list of techniques/highlights; if none, what will you try next ... why?

3:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT