

Agenda

Policy Advisory Council Meeting – March 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Brekveld, President & Patrick Verkley, Co-Chair

9:05 a.m. OFA ISSUES UPDATE

Peggy Brekveld to provide brief overview of major issues

9:15 a.m. LOCAL FEDERATION & COMMODITY UPDATES/EMERGING ISSUES (pre-submitted)

- Dufferin – Insurance issues for farms with agritourism & on farm diversified uses
- Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton – Firearm restrictions
- Renfrew – Abattoirs, Trucking & Business/Financial Management & impact on mental health

9:30 a.m. ELECTION OF PAC STEERING COMMITTEE (nominations pre-submitted, 3 positions)

- Julie Danen, Perth
- Brian Eves, Lambton
- John Gillespie, Bruce
- William Orford, Manitoulin North-Shore
- Patrick Verkley, Middlesex

10:00 a.m. HEALTH BREAK

10:15 a.m. BATTERY ENERGY SYSTEM STORAGE

- Ian Nokes, OFA Farm Policy Analyst
- Brad Langstaff, Councillor, St. Clair Township
- Tomo Matestic, Entegrus

10:45 a.m. Q&A

11:00 a.m. TABLE DISCUSSIONS/REPORTING BACK

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. RIGHT TO REPAIR – FARM MACHINERY

- Ian Nokes, OFA Farm Policy Analyst
- Brodie Berrigan, CFA Director of Government Relations & Farm Policy

2:00 p.m. TABLE DISCUSSIONS/REPORTING BACK

3:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT