



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Thursday, March 9 @ 7:00 PM | 555 Brewery, Picton

Join us for food, fellowship and guest speaker **Chad Brown, Fire Chief** Speaking on farm fire safety, 911 addressing, open air burning, access routes, composting risks, grain elevator storage, hay season operations and Q&A



COCS STUDY IN PEC

PEFA and OFA worked with the municipality to complete a Cost of Community Service (COCS) study. These studies were developed by the American Farmland Trust in the mid 1980s and break a municipality's land base into several distinct categories, then allocate all municipal revenues/expenditures to these land use categories. They're a 'snapshot in time' of each category's fiscal impact on a municipality in a year. The results of the study are below, using 2020 data. The farm/forest ratio of 0.71 tells us, for every dollar of municipal revenue generated by the category, the municipality spent \$0.71 providing services to that category. PEFA will use this data in future meetings with the county.

	Residential	Commercial/Industrial	Farm/Forest
Total Expenses	\$59,667,895.12	\$8,766,742.88	\$1,057,525.01
Total Revenues	\$68,052,134	\$8,291,499	\$1,491,285
COCS Ratio	0.88	1.06	0.71

PASS WHEN SAFE

We have a small supply of stickers leftover from our 2021 project. Contact PEFA if you need an extra one. For use on an implement that frequents busy roads. Application works best on a clean, dry surface.



Farm Signage

Available for OFA members. To order, contact Resi Walt.

NOXIOUS WEED STRATEGY

PEFA's Directors have been discussing the concerning trend of rapidly spreading noxious weeds, across the county. Our goal is to raise awareness of the issue and present strategies to County Council for dealing with them more effectively in the future.



We are asking farmers for their help in two ways:

1) Report large swaths of noxious weeds to the municipality through the *Have Your Say* website. Reporting is the best way to draw the county's attention to the scale of the issue.

> haveyoursay.thecounty.ca/invasive-species-mapping

2) Remove your Farm Business Registration number from farm properties you are no longer renting. Landowners who are allowing land to go fallow may still be receiving a tax break based on previous year's paperwork. Call MPAC to remove your number.

FOODBANK DONATION

PEFA was pleased to partner with OFA and the Wellington branch of Scotiabank to donate \$1250 each to Wellington Storehouse Foodbank and Picton United Foodbank in honour of Local Food Week.



STUDENT BURSARY 2022



PEFA is proud to offer an annual post-secondary bursary of \$500 for students from Prince Edward County who are involved in the agricultural industry.

Director Jason Courneyea presents cheque to Griffin McFaul

Our recipient for 2022 is Griffin McFaul of

Ameliasburgh, who is completing his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the University of Guelph. Griffin keeps busy working on his family's grain farm, operating a sweet corn business in the summer, and by working at neighbouring Willowlee Sod Farms and Campbell's Orchards. While away at school, he enjoys intermural sports and being involved in OAC events. Griffin is excited about the future of agriculture and looks forward to helping feed a growing world population.

Know of any future applicants?

Email princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com for more information

PEFA DONATIONS 2022

- \$500 Food for Learning Feed the Metre Campaign
- \$200 AgScape
- \$500 Canadian Red Cross, Ukraine Relief
- \$500 Picton United Church Foodbank
- \$500 Wellington StoreHouse Foodbank



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To download & print the form, go to

www.FARM911.ca

Applications must include:

- \$55.00 non-refundable fee for administrative and material costs
- A sketch or site plan of the property, identifying the existing access point location(s) with distance to and in context with property lines.

Bring paperwork to Edward Building, 2nd Floor, Development Services Dept. 280 Main St. Picton

Tune in to *The Grapevine* on County FM on the 4th Thursday of the month at 12 noon & 6 pm
Jane Thompson hosts an agricultural segment interviewing fellow farmers, agribusinesses, researchers to discuss current farm topics.



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