



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Thursday, March 7 @ 7:00 PM | The Waring House, Picton**

Join us for food, fellowship and guest speaker **Jennifer Nash, OSCIA**

Jenn will share info about upcoming funding opportunities & how to apply.



## COUNCILLOR FARM TOUR

Last summer, PEFA invited the municipal councillors to join us in touring Wager Farms, Bay Williams Fisheries, Prinzen Poultry Farms, Willowlee Sod, and lunch at Walt's Sugar Shack. They were invited to finish the day at Fairlee Farms for the annual Twilight at the Dairy event. PEFA's goal was to share the importance of the agriculture industry.



## 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](https://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 DONATIONS

PEFA partnered with Scotiabank to donate \$625 each to Wellington Storehouse Foodbank and Picton United Church Foodbank in December. We presented the cheques at the farm of Jason Courneyea.



## QUINTE AG WALL OF INDUCTION CEREMONY

John and Jane Thompson were inducted into the Quinte Ag Wall of Fame last fall. The ceremony and wall of inductees is hosted at Stirling's Farmtown Park museum. PEFA was thrilled to nominate the couple, who joined the family farming business in 1975. The Thompsons have served their community for decades in various capacities. Congratulations!



# FARM 911

## THE E<sup>B</sup>ILY PROJECT

To download & print the form, go to

[www.FARM911.ca](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Development Services Dept. 280 Main St. Picton



## STUDENT BURSARY 2024

PEFA is proud to offer an annual post-secondary bursary of \$500 for students from Prince Edward County who are

Know of any future applicants?

Email [princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com) for more information

## PEFA DONATIONS 2023

- \$500 Food for Learning Feed the Metre Campaign
- \$200 AgScape
- \$500 Quinte Ag Wall of Fame, Digitization Project
- \$500 Picton United Church Foodbank
- \$500 Wellington StoreHouse Foodbank
- \$500 Breakfast on the Farm, Napanee
- \$200 PEC 4-H Dairy Club Royal Team

## FarmerWellnessProgram.ca

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# March 28 | 10 AM

Westminster United Church  
1199 Wallbridge Loyalist Rd. Belleville  
Just 1 min north of the 401

**Jim McComb, The Farmer's Edge Agri-Coaching**  
Close Neighbours: Rules about Distance from Farms to Housing

**Ian Nokes, Policy Analyst, OFA**  
Local impacts of Battery Energy Storage Systems

**Mike Robinson, Fire Chief, Township of Hamilton**

The meeting concludes with a complementary hot lunch at noon catered by Flossie's



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