

## 2024 OFA AGM Agenda

### Monday, November 25:

#### TIMES

#### EVENT

4:30 – 8:30 PM	Registration (South Lobby)
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Northern Caucus meeting (Windsor Room)
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Southwest Summit (Ottawa Room)
7:00 – 10:00 PM	Welcome reception and exhibitor showcase (Plaza Foyer)

### Tuesday, November 26:

#### TIMES

#### EVENT

7:30 – 5:00 PM	Registration desk open (South Lobby)
6:30 – 8:30 AM	Buffet breakfast (International A) 7:30 am Breakfast speaker: Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner
8:20 AM	AGM begins (Plaza Ballrooms A, B & C) Opening remarks – Drew Spoelstra, OFA President
8:30 AM	Opening Speaker: Premier Doug Ford Opening Speaker: Senator Rob Black
8:50 AM	Approval of the Agenda Approval of the 2023 AGM Minutes Approval of the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements, August 31, 2024 Approval of the auditors 2024-2025 Appointment of election chairperson & election procedure
9:10 AM	OFA Year in Review video
9:15 AM	Tabled OFA proposed by-law amendment
10:00 AM	Exhibitor break (Plaza Foyer)
10:30 AM	Resolutions
11:15 AM	Cooperators, Nicole Waldron, Director
11:30 AM	The Economic Impact of Farming in Ontario, Ben Lefort, OFA
11:45 AM	Agricultural Credit Corporation, Jaye Atkins

12:00 – 1:20 PM	<p>Lunch (International A)</p> <p>12:45 pm Lunch speaker: MPP Ted Hsu, Liberal Critic for: Energy and Natural Resources; Agricultural and Rural Issues</p>
1:30 PM	<p>Meeting resumes (Plaza Ballrooms A, B &amp; C)</p> <p><b>Panel: “Turning Advocacy into Action: How to Deliver Powerful Municipal Delegations”</b></p> <p>Moderator: Drew Spoelstra, OFA President</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mayor Robin Jones, Westport &amp; Chair of Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)</p> <p>Mayor Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Lucan</p> <p>Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen, Niagara Region</p> <p>Jenny Leblond, CAO Clerk-Treasurer Township of Chisholm</p>
2:30 PM	Resolutions
3:20 PM	Canadian Federation of Agriculture report
3:30 PM	Exhibitor Break (Plaza Foyer)
3:45 PM	<p>Keynote Speaker (Plaza Ballrooms A, B &amp; C)</p> <p>Jeremy Miller, Sticky Branding</p> <p><b>Keynote address: “Helping businesses grow by developing clear, compelling, and memorable brand strategies that drive customer engagement and growth.”</b></p> <p>Sponsored by Greenbelt Foundation</p>
4:45 PM	OFA Bursary Program winners
5:00 PM	Adjournment
5:10 PM	Silent auction closes
6:30 PM	<p>Evening program begins (International A, B &amp; C)</p> <p>Drew Spoelstra, OFA President</p> <p>Minister of Agriculture, Food &amp; Agri-Business Hon. Rob Flack</p>
6:30 PM	<p>Ontario Harvest Celebration</p> <p>Celebrating Ontario’s finest foods, wines and beer</p>
8:00 PM	<p>Entertainment – Urban Cowboy</p> <p>No experience necessary, join us on the dance floor for a line dancing lesson</p>

**Wednesday, November 27:**

**TIMES**

**EVENT**

6:30 – 8:30 AM

Buffet breakfast (International A)

7:30 am Breakfast speaker: Ontario New Democratic Party  
Opposition House Leader John Vanthof

8:30 AM

Meeting resumes (Plaza Ballrooms A, B & C)

Opening remarks – Ethan Wallace, OFA Executive Member

8:40 AM

Ontario's energy outlook

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy & Electrification

9:00 AM

**Panel: “Powering agriculture: the critical role of energy  
affordability on the farm”**

Moderator: Ethan Wallace, OFA Executive Member

Panelists:

Eric Muller, Ontario Director Canadian Renewable Energy  
Association (CanREA)

Jennifer Green, Executive Director, Canadian Biogas  
Association (CBA)

Jim Redford, VP Energy Services, Enbridge

Chris Crawford, Vice-President, Government Relations,  
Ontario & Manitoba, Canadian Propane Association (CPA)

Sonny Karunakaran, Vice-President of Strategic Projects and  
Partnerships, Hydro One

10:00 AM

Health break (Plaza Foyer)

10:30 AM

Meeting resumes (Plaza Ballrooms A, B & C)

Director-at-Large election

11:30 AM

Closing remarks – Drew Spoelstra, OFA President

12:00 PM

Adjournment