

# SAM M<sup>C</sup>DONELL

## ZONE 14 OFA DIRECTOR

Raised on a Glengarry dairy, grain and oilseeds farm, I studied agriculture and business before returning to Glengarry and taking on a role as an Agronomist. After 10 years in the retail sector working to help farmers improve yields and profitability, I return to the farm where I now farm with my father and uncle. In 2018, I was elected to South Glengarry Council earning re-election again in 2022. I bring practical farm experience, private-sector knowledge, and municipal leadership to every table I sit at.

**Agriculture needs strong,  
informed representation.  
That is what I provide.**



## EDUCATION

University of Guelph Kemptville Campus  
Applied Agriculture

Olds College  
Business Management

## EXPERIENCE

### Glengarry Federation of Agriculture | 2018 - Present

Active member since 2018, serving two years as Vice President. Strong advocate for producer consultation and property rights.

### Township of South Glengarry | 2018- Present

Elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. Focused on responsible governance, infrastructure, and protecting agricultural interests.

### Synagri | 2013- 2017 & 2020 - 2023

Provided agronomic consulting and crop input planning for grain and mixed farms across Eastern Ontario. Delivered data-driven recommendations on fertility programs, crop protection strategies, and soil health management to optimize yield and return on investment.

### Maizex Seeds | 2017 - 2020

Managed a multi-county sales territory across Eastern Ontario, supporting independent seed retailers and farm customers. Responsible for business development, market growth, and agronomic support in a competitive seed market.

## PRIORITIES

### PROTECTING AGRICULTURAL LANDS

#### *Alto High-Speed Rail*

Agricultural land is not surplus land. I will continue pushing for proper consultation with OFA and landowners to ensure farming voices are heard and respected.

### ACCOUNTABILITY TO MEMBERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

#### *Harmful Government Initiatives*

Farmers must be consulted before programs directly impact private property. I will advocate for transparency, communication, and practical solutions that respect working farms.

### PRIVATE DRAIN ISSUES

Case-by-case reactions are not enough. We need clear guidelines and enforceable standards to provide fairness and certainty for producers.

### STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Agriculture must not be overlooked. I will work to ensure government agencies and the general public understand the economic and environmental importance of our sector.

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