



OFA ZONE 11 DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Julian Whittaker

Augusta Township — Sixth Generation Farmer
Grenville · Leeds · Dundas · Frontenac

ROOTS

Rooted in Passion, Built from the Ground Up

Farming runs deep in our family. We have worked land in Augusta Township since 1867 — I am the sixth generation to do so. When the time came for my grandfather to step back, there was no succession plan in place. Like so many farm families across Ontario, we faced a moment far more common than it should be: how do you keep something irreplaceable going when there's no roadmap? My family made the decision to purchase the property and carry it forward. I took on the operation — modernizing the systems and equipment while honouring what was built across five generations before me.

"I know what it costs — financially, practically, personally — to step into a farm with no roadmap."

My Industrial Design degree from Sheridan College isn't a detour from farming — it's an advantage. I apply engineering and systems thinking to how I run my operation and to every policy and infrastructure question before the board.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Treating Representation as a Non-Negotiable Priority

This role has one basic requirement: show up. Show up to the meetings, return the calls, read the proposals, and bring your members' concerns to the table — every time, not when it's convenient.

I'm not interested in the title. I'm interested in the work. Zone 11 farmers know it. And that's why this election matters.

LEADERSHIP

Proven Leadership and Visible Grassroots Presence

Advocacy is showing up. For the past two years I've served as the Grenville County member on the OFA Policy Advisory Council, and I'm currently Vice President of the Grenville Federation of Agriculture. I attend events well beyond the standard OFA scope — because staying grounded in what's actually happening across the zone is part of the job.

Member, Policy Advisory Council

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Vice President

Grenville Federation of Agriculture

Director

Antique Wheels in Motion

THE ISSUE

The Line in the Sand: Unyielding Protection for Our Farmland

Eastern Ontario is facing real infrastructural pressure right now, and a passive approach to leadership won't cut it. The proposed ALTO high-speed rail corridor threatens to cross directly through my farm and my neighbours' properties. I'm not raising this as a campaign point — it is happening, and it is personal. We need someone at the provincial table who will fight this.

"Our land, our legacy, and our businesses deserve a director who treats every acre as sacred."

Reach Julian directly.

Not hard to find. Never hard to reach.

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