



The Provincial Council of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario meets via videoconference from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

**Present:**

Ed Scharringa	Chair/Executive/ Wentworth-Brant	Ray Ford	Northeastern Ontario
Richard Blyleven	Executive/ Haldimand-Norfolk	John Hoogendoorn	Huron
John Bos	Executive/Wentworth-Brant	John Kikkert	Niagara
Simon de Boer	Executive/Grey-Bruce	Sandy Kursis	Simcoe
Frank Hoftzyer	Executive/East Central	Dale Marris	Chatham-Kent-Essex
Bethanee Jensen	Executive/Huron	Don McCabe	Lambton
Bonita Mercer	Executive/Northeastern Ontario	John Noorloos	Lambton
Peter Peeters	Executive/East Central	Jan Scheurwater	Dufferin-Wellington
Clarence Nywening	Staff/Interim GM	John Snider	East Central
Suzanne Armstrong	Staff/ Policy & Research	Jacques Tetreault	Chatham-Kent-Essex
Paul Bootsma	Staff/Field Services	Ted Woods	Simcoe
Marie Versteeg	Staff/Board Services	Ian Cubitt	
Kim Desserre	Rainy River	Frances Anderson	Media
Michael Dodman	Chatham-Kent-Essex		

Throughout the meeting voting by delegates only.

**1 CALL TO ORDER and DEVOTIONS**

Scharringa opens the meeting with devotions based on verses of thanksgiving.

**2 INTRODUCTIONS**

Rollcall is taken by District.

**3 APPROVAL of AGENDA**

**Motion #PC21-05** (moved by Simon de Boer/seconded by Frank Hoftzyer): **CARRIED**  
 THAT the CFFO Provincial Council approves the agenda as presented.

**4 MINUTES of June 30, 2020**

**Motion #PC21-06** (moved by Kim Desserre/seconded by Ted Woods): **CARRIED**  
 THAT the CFFO Provincial Council approves the minutes of June 30, 2020.

**5 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

Scharringa reports on items from the previous minutes.

- Oxford shared concerns about government requirements for farmers related to climate change. Staff is liaising with the Board on a list of further concerns.

- Simcoe shared concerns about gypsy moths. Staff sent the board information about government tracking on the issue.
- Northeastern shared concerns about vet techs. Staff are following up on the issue.

## **6 GUEST SPEAKER**

Bruce Kelly, Farm & Food Care Ontario, presents on Farm & Food Care's backgrounder on the PAWS Act and answers questions from meeting participants.

## **7 GUEST SPEAKER**

Franco Naccarato, Meat & Poultry Ontario, presents on gaps in the meat processing sector.

## **8 CURRENT ISSUES IN AGRICULTURE**

Scharringa opens floor for participants to raise concerns from their regions.

- Huron: Concerns about mental health and difficulties connecting with CFFO members.

## **9 FEDERATION REPORT**

Scharringa offers update on CFFO activities since November.

- CFFO has submitted responses to government on the Nutrient Management Act, Guidelines to Address Odour Mixtures, Land Use Compatibility Guidelines, the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan, the Financial Protection Program and proposed updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline.
- The Policy Tour Report was released in July.
- Resilient Fields was launched in August.
- The Board held a retreat in August to establish our next Strategic Plan.
- CFFO is recruiting a new General Manager.

## **10 ADJOURNMENT**

Nywening closes in prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 24, 2021, D.V.