



172 South Drive
Simcoe, ON.
N3Y 1G6

Immediate Release

Norfolk County Agricultural Society - Highlights of Annual General Meeting

February 28, 2022 Simcoe, Ontario - The Norfolk County Agricultural Society held its annual meeting Saturday, February 26th at the AUD on the Fairgrounds. The purpose of the meeting was to report on the financial activities of the organization to its members and to elect members to the Board of Directors.

Seven directors were elected to the Board, including three new members. The newest directors elected to the Board are Rebecca Bollert, Michelle Kloepfer, and Brian Rieck. Returning to the Board is Mark Jacobs, Percy McNabb, Sharon Petheram, and Dan Taylor.

Executive positions on the board are elected on an annual basis, with a one-year term limit. Steve Balcomb remains as President, Brad Nunn, First Vice President, Dan Taylor as Second Vice President, and Debbie Morrison as Past President. In accepting a second-year term, President Steve Balcomb stated, "I am very proud of our organization, because of diligent work and a passion of our Board of Directors, volunteers and amazing staff we overcame many obstacles due to the pandemic. In addition to multiple days of unsavoury weather, we brought together a Fair for our patrons to enjoy. It is an honour to be elected as Norfolk County Agricultural Society President for a second year and I look forward to a great 182nd edition of the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show.

The financial statements were presented to the membership at the meeting. The Norfolk County Agricultural Society is a registered, non-profit organization.

Interim General Manager, Aaron Culver stated, "The dedication of our exceptional volunteers and staff, along with unwavering community support, ensures the continued success of the Society and its endeavors. We look forward to inviting our community back to the Fairgrounds to our award-winning events like Eat & Drink Norfolk, and the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show. We are coming back stronger than ever in 2022!"

Prestigious National citations highlighted presentations at the Annual General Meeting-

The Order of Merit Award from the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Fair for ten or more years. This award was presented to **Boer Homes**.

The Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, awarded to a firm or organization that has provided outstanding service to the Fair for five or more years was presented to the following: **Laur's Taffy, Norfolk County Fair Foundation** and the **Simcoe Firefighters**.

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Accomplishment Award was presented to **Emma Jackson and Lorraine Vogel** for their contribution to consecutive years of time and energy to an Agricultural Society.

The Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show is celebrating 182 years, and is the fourth largest fair in Ontario with an annual attendance in excess of 100,000 visitors. The Fair along with Eat & Drink Norfolk has earned a "Top 100" event designation through Festivals and Events of Ontario.

-30-

Aaron Culver, Interim General Manager
Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
172 South Drive, Simcoe, ON N3Y 1G6
(519) 426-7280 ext. 228
(519) 427-9398 cell
(519) 426-7286 fax

Join us for the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
October 4th-10th, 2022 in Simcoe, ON
www.norfolkcountyfair.com

Eat & Drink Norfolk,
April 7th, 8th, 9th, 2022 at the Aud