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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Please be aware that the MOECC officers are doing spots checks. They are following up on water taking permits and ECA permits. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Jody.

NEW EDIBLE HORTICULTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Please find attached the news release from AAC with regards to CAP cost-share for organizations and collaborations. This will be replacing Growing Forward 2. Note that the first intake is March 15 - April 5 in order to ensure a seamless transition from GF2.

Succession Planning and Tax Considerations For Farm Businesses in York Region

The Easy Way Out ~ Exit Strategies that Work

Join us to discover a proven approach to planning for a change of ownership and leadership of your farm enterprise. You will learn about the three types of capital that are fundamental to creating the choice for either an internal sale to a family member or manager, or an external sale to a third party and explore steps that will protect your farm equity from the negative impact of an involuntary exit.

Presenters from BDO's team including legal staff will review many of the highlights of their step-by-step planning process including:

- Ownership options for protecting and transitioning family and farm assets
- Creating financial independence for both the exiting and successor generations
 - The key components of an effective shareholder agreement
- Tax management strategies that support affordable entrance and exit strategies
 - Planning for the transition of farm management
- Equipping a roadworthy communication vehicle for the journey

Thursday, April 5, 2018 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

East Gwillimbury Sports Complex,
Room: Canada Hall
1914B Mt Albert Rd,
Sharon, ON LOG 1V0

Registration is required as space is limited. www.yorksmallbusiness.ca or Call 1-877-464-9675 Ext. 71572

In Partnership with:

York Region Agricultural Advisory Liaison Group



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CARBON MARKET PROVIDING FUNDING FOR MONEY-SAVING UPGRADES

On February 15, 2018 Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change announced the Green Ontario Fund. This is the province providing funding to improve energy efficiency, save money and fight climate change. There were two funds announced. Ontario is investing \$7.25 million in GreenON Agriculture and \$3.75 million in GreenON Food.

Below is the fact sheet with the links and websites.

- Ontario is investing \$7.25 million in GreenON Agriculture and \$3.75 million in GreenON Food Manufacturing.
 - Businesses and farmers interested in applying for funding from these programs can visit GreenON.ca.
 - The Green Ontario Fund offers programs and rebates that help households and businesses reduce their energy costs and fight climate change. Visit GreenON.ca to find out how small – or big – changes in your home can help save money while reducing greenhouse gas pollution.
- The Climate Change Action Plan and carbon market are the backbone of Ontario's strategy to cut greenhouse gas pollution to 15 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Green Ontario Fund](#)

[Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan](#)

[Ontario's Cap and Trade Program](#)

COUNTY OF SIMCOE NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK

The County of Simcoe is committed to supporting the agriculture and agri-food sector and we need your help.

Partnering with Grey County, Bruce County, the City of Barrie, the City of Orillia, Georgian College and local business support agencies, we are looking to better understand what the current and future state of the sector is and ultimately identify action items we can undertake either individually or as a partnership to better support the sector. To accomplish this goal we need to understand how your business/farm operates; where you see the sector going; what present and future challenges are; and where do you see potential opportunity for growth.

We would like to interview you or a member of your team in-person. Our staff would be happy to meet with you at a date, time and location that is convenient for you to discuss your business/farm and learn more about where you see the sector going. We have developed a standardized questionnaire for the interviews to help us get started in the discussions about how the counties, cities and Georgian College can help play a role in growing your business.

If you are interested in taking part in the survey, please feel free to email edo@simcoe.ca or call 705-726-9300 ext. 1206 to setup an interview date and time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Muck Show – March 28 & 29, 2018 - Bradford Community Centre

CPMA – April 23 – 26, 2018 – Vancouver

Bradford Home Show – April 28, 2018 - Bradford Community Centre



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YORK FARM FRESH ASSOCIATION

1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 10, 2018

7:30 PM–9:30 PM

MOUNT ALBERT LIONS COMMUNITY CENTRE

5057 MOUNT ALBERT ROAD, MOUNT ALBERT

All members & future members of York Farm Fresh Association are requested to attend the 1st Annual Meeting since non-profit formation in Dec 2017.

Update on activities of YFFA

Members will vote on Budget, Elections for 2018 Board of Directors & Constitution

Opportunity to provide ideas on upcoming activities of the Association.

Meet your board of directors and newly hired coordinator.

Complimentary appetizers and refreshments.

To be sure we have enough food and refreshments, please RSVP by April 9th to:

YFFA Secretary, Chloe Romeril at chlochloro@gmail.com



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