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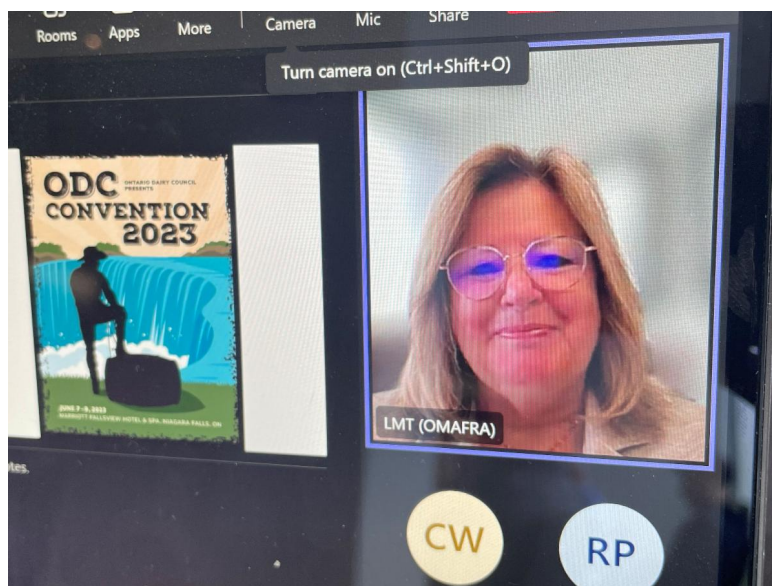
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ODC Convention Recap

ODC held its annual convention in Niagara Falls on June 7 to 9, 2023. Attendance was higher than it has been in a few years. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to network together.

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson, provided virtual greetings.



The Business sessions saw informative presentations from industry speakers with topics including:



Todd Hirsch, The Modern Economist
Bracing for Turbulence, Preparing for the Economy of the Future



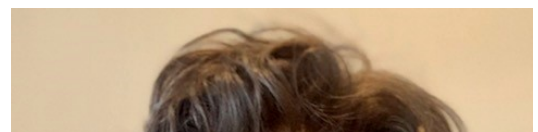
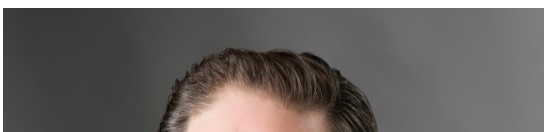
Deputy Minister of OMAFRA, **John Kelly**
Ontario Government's Open for Business Plan



Katrina Coughlin, Gowling WLG
Front of Pack Labelling and the Impact on Dairy



Allen Langdon, Circular Materials
The Impact of Environmental Regulation on Dairy





Errol Cerit, Food, Health & Consumer Products of Canada
The Proposed Grocery Code of Conduct



Matthew Smith, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Update on Current and Future Trade Agreements



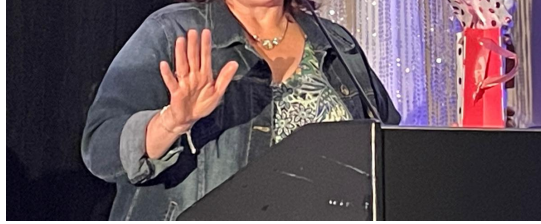
Pamela Nalewajek, Dairy Farmers of Canada
Protecting the Social Acceptability of Consuming Dairy



Pardip Sodhi, PwC
Fast Forward Dairy 2040

Christine Rhorbach was a guest of honour at the Gala Dinner. She was thanked for her term as ODC Chair and for her many years of service to ODC and the dairy industry.





Speaker PowerPoint presentations will be shared shortly with all attendees by email.

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ODC 2023-2024 Directors and Officers Elected

ODC's Annual General Meeting was held on June 8th in Niagara Falls, Ontario and the following 2023-2024 Board of Directors and Officers were elected and/or appointed.

Albert Borgo - *Quality Cheese Inc.* (1st Vice Chair)

Dan Breslaw - *Gay Lea Foods Co-operative*

Gilles Froment - *Lactalis Canada* (Chair)

Eric Given - *Saputo Dairy Products Canada G.P.* (2nd Vice Chair)

Sarab Hans - *Hans Dairy Inc.*

Kristine Hayes - *Shaw's Ice Cream*

Brian Kerr - *Kawartha Dairy Limited* (Treasurer)

Jay Kirktown - *Gay Lea Foods Co-operative*

Eric Lafontaine - *St. Albert Cheese Co-operative*

Claudine Martel - *Agropur cooperative*

Ed Perugini - *Lactalis Canada*

Maria Prado - Coca-Cola Ltd

Stephen Quickert - Reid's Dairy Company Ltd.

John Skotidakis - Skotidakis

Hans Sommer - Arla Foods Inc.

Catherine Tokarz - Saputo Inc.

Christina Lewis - Ontario Dairy Council, (Secretary and President)

ODC Annual Financial Report

The ODC financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 were presented and approved at the June 8th Annual General Meeting of Members in Niagara Falls, Ontario. A summary of the statements will be posted online under the *Members Only* Section of ODC's Website. The *Members Only* section will launch in the coming weeks. Members who would like to receive a detailed copy of the financial statements may send a request to info@ontariodairies.ca.

Funding

Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (Sustainable CAP) through the [Grow Ontario Market Initiative](#) is a cost-share initiative that helps food and beverage processors take action to reach new markets. Applicants receive up to 50% for eligible costs to a maximum of \$60,000. Applications are now open.

Farm Credit Canada Food and Beverage Report Now Available

Every year, Farm Credit Canada published a Food and Beverage Report reviewing the previous year's economic environment and highlights risks and opportunities for Canadian food and beverage manufacturers for 2023. The latest report is now available and can be downloaded [here](#).

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) - Ontario Pavilions

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is hosting Ontario Pavilions at two upcoming shows. More information for each pavillion is available through the links below.

Grocery Innovations Canada - October 24 and 25, 2023 Ontario Pavilion - contact [Rolster Taylor](#)

Private Label Manufacturers Association Trade Show in Chicago November 12-14, 2023 [Ontario Pavilion](#)

Registrations now being accepted for September PMG

Registration are now being accepted for the Plant Milk Grader Training Sessions later this year. The next in-person session will be offered September 26 and 27, 2023.

For more information please contact the ODC office at info@ontariodairies.ca.

Upcoming Events

[Exporting to Hong Kong Webinar](#) - July 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.

[International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit](#) - October 16-19, 2023 (Chicago)

[International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit](#) - October 18-19, 2023 (Chicago)

[Grocery Innovations Canada](#) - October 24 and 25, 2023 - Toronto

[Private Label Manufacturers Association \(PLMA\) Trade Show](#) - November 12-14, 2023 (Chicago)

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