

# NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023

## PHOTO COMPETITION SHOWCASES 2023 CANOLA CROP

### CANOLA CHALLENGE

Winners to be announced during the fall canola industry meeting.

See who produced the best yield and won the \$2,000 cash prize!



Doug Smith



Doug Smith



Don Smith



Tim Danard

Heidi Frey

### OCGA Election Changes

- See page 3 for more info and nomination forms!
- Nominations due January 29, 2024

### Fall Canola Industry Meeting

Thursday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m.

via Zoom– Link available via website

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## CANOLA FARMERS SUPPORT ACTION ON AG INNOVATION

Canadian Canola Growers Association (CCGA)

Winnipeg, MB—Canadian Canola Growers Association (CCGA) supports steps being proposed in Bill C-359, an Act to amend the Feeds Act, the Seeds Act and the Pest Control Products Act (provisional registration and approval). The private member's bill, introduced by Kody Blois, Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants and Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, would see more expedient regulatory approval for innovative agriculture products such as seed varieties, feed ingredients, and crop protection products that have already received full regulatory approval in at least two trusted jurisdictions.

"Canola farmers have long been early adopters of technology as a means to sustainably produce high-quality food, feed, and fuel feedstocks for markets here in Canada and around the world," says Rick White, President & CEO at CCGA. "The adoption of new technologies including innovative seed varieties, new crop chemistries, precision agriculture, and enhanced nutrient management practices has helped Canadian farmers be global leaders in sustainable food production."

In recent years, Canadian farmers have seen considerable delays in the introduction of agricultural technologies, such as new canola varieties, due to delays in the domestic regulatory system. The lack of a clear commercialization pathway for such technologies can result in companies making investments in countries other than Canada, leaving canola farmers at a competitive disadvantage compared to farmers from other exporting nations.

"While we feel strongly that Canada ranks amongst the best in the world in terms of scientists and regulators, we know there are unnecessary layers of red tape, bureaucracy, and funding limitations that prevent us from having a more efficient review and approval process like other competing nations," says Dave Carey, CCGA's Vice-President, Government & Industry Relations. "Canadian farmers need a regulatory environment that provides timely access to technologies that will help them adapt and compete globally."

CCGA applauds MP Blois for his vision and willingness to introduce this bill to enhance Canadian farmer competitiveness and encourages all Parliamentarians to support the objectives of the bill.

In addition, CCGA calls on the relevant Government of Canada departments and agencies to take steps within their current responsibilities to advance on the issues that are highlighted within this bill.

Canadian Canola Growers Association represents canola farmers on national and international issues, policies and programs that impact farm profitability. Ontario Canola Growers Association is a province member province of the CCGA, along with Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.



## OCGA INCREASES ELECTION NOMINATION TIMES

The OCGA recently increased the length of time to receive nominations for Board of Directors and District Representatives. Nominations can now be received until ten days prior to the annual general meeting. A Call for Nominations will open on December 1st and run until January 29th, 2024.

In previous years, all elections were held independently at District meetings. Elections will now take place at the Annual Meeting scheduled for February 8, 2024. Individuals looking to participate in the OCGA are encouraged to submit their nomination form found online, or within this newsletter.

Any questions regarding the process should be directed to OCGA Executive Director Ryan Koeslag at [ryan@ontariocanologrowers.ca](mailto:ryan@ontariocanologrowers.ca) or 519-510-2257.

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

If you grow Canola in Ontario and are interested in participating in the Board of Directors or as a District Representative we are looking for your nomination!

**Term Lengths:** Board of Director - 3 years / District Representative - 1 year

**Time Commitment:** OCGA Board of Directors meet at least 6 times per year, including the Annual General Meeting. Most meetings are held via Zoom conference call, with meetings lasting an average of 90 minutes. District Representatives should attend the Annual General Meeting and provide input to their local Director.

**Compensation:** Directors receive a per-diem and OCGA covers out-of-pocket expenses.

District Call for Nominations	Positions Available:	Nominations Due:
<b>1– Northern–</b> North of Tobermory	1 Director 4 District Reps	January 29, 2024
<b>2– Central–</b> South of Tobermory/North of Guelph	1 Director 4 District Reps	January 29, 2024
<b>3–Eastern–</b> East of Pickering	2 District Reps	January 29, 2024
<b>4– Southern–</b> South of Guelph	1 Director 2 District Reps	January 29, 2024



## 2024 OCGA NOMINATION FORM

Due: January 29th, 2024

Mail or Email to:  
Ontario Canola Growers Association  
PO Box 100, 60 Elora Street South Harriston, Ontario, N0G 1Z0  
Or [ryan@ontariocanologrowers.ca](mailto:ryan@ontariocanologrowers.ca)

District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name or Self Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# OCGA EVENTS

## FALL INDUSTRY MEETING

Thursday, November 30th 2023  
9:00am- Zoom link on Website

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 8th 2024  
Nottawasaga Inn Resort & Conference Centre, Alliston, ON

Register online at [www.ontariocanologrowers.ca](http://www.ontariocanologrowers.ca)



## Ontario Canola Growers Association

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