

## Canadian Horticultural Council elects new Board of Directors, addresses 22 resolutions

Ottawa, Ontario – On March 10, 2016 members of the Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC) chose their Board of Directors for 2016 - 2017 during their 94th Annual General Meeting held from March 8 – 10 in Ottawa, Ontario. The Board's role is to guide the Council in developing and executing CHC's mandate of being a strong and active presence in the nation's capital on behalf of the horticultural sector by bringing issues to the attention of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and to other federal and provincial ministers and departments, as directed by membership.

The Board is comprised of representatives from across Canada, with two being chosen from each of the five regions: British Columbia, Prairies, Ontario, Québec and the Maritimes and Newfoundland and Labrador. The 2016 - 2017 Canadian Horticultural Council Board of Directors are:

British Columbia	Bar Hayre – Abbotsford, British Columbia Fred Steele – Kelowna, British Columbia
Prairies	Ernie Van Boom – Sturgeon, Alberta Keith Kuhl – Winkler, Manitoba (President)
Ontario	Adrian Huisman – St. Catharines, Ontario Brian Gilroy – Meaford, Ontario
Québec	Stéphanie Levasseur, Frelighsburg QC Jocelyn St-Denis, Sherrington QC
Atlantic	Alvin Keenan, Souris, Prince Edward Island (Vice-President) Peter Swetnam, Centreville, Nova Scotia

Keith Kuhl has been re-elected for an unprecedented fourth term as CHC President. "In the three years that I have been the CHC President I have seen great growth and change within the organization. I look forward to my upcoming term as a chance to build on what we have already accomplished." All members of the Board members elected this year are continuing from last year, with the exception of Stéphanie Levasseur and Jocelyn St-Denis.

During the AGM, CHC also addressed 22 resolutions on issues which affect Canada's horticulture industry. Among them are resolutions on the registration of pest control products, temporary foreign workers, and fruit and vegetable breeding programs.

For a complete list of the resolutions and to read the Board bios, please visit [www.hortcouncil.ca](http://www.hortcouncil.ca)

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