



March 1, 2018

Dear Member,

The Annual General Meeting for the Friends will be held on April 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The location for the meeting will be the K.W. Neatby Building, Salons A & B, 960 Carling Avenue near Maple Drive. Our speaker is Dr. Paul Villeneuve, an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences at Carleton University. His topic is "Environmental Impacts of the Farm." Dr. Villeneuve is an environmental epidemiologist, and his research programs include how access to nature and green space impacts human health. I hope you will be able to join us.

At this meeting, the Board of Directors will propose and the membership will be asked to approve the following changes to the by-laws:

By-law 7 relates to how we elect members of the Board of Directors and how long they serve.

Present By-law

7. (1) At the annual meeting one-third of the Directors shall be elected for a three year term.
- (2) No member shall serve on the Board of Directors for more than six consecutive years.
- (3) Vacancies created by resignation of a Director(s) shall be elected for the remainder of the resigning director's term.

Revised By-law

7. (1) At the annual meeting Directors shall be elected for a three year term. (Only Directors retiring from the FCEF Board are replaced yearly and the number is not one-third of the Board.)
- (2) No member shall serve on the Board of Directors for more than three consecutive terms. (As we have experienced some difficulty recruiting appropriate Board Members, this change is proposed so experienced Directors who wish to serve longer than six years may do so.)
- (3) This by-law will be eliminated. (This by-law has not been followed. A new interim Director takes over a vacant position and then is elected to the Board at the next AGM.)

By-law 14 relates to how we report and receive approval for changes to employee salaries.

Present By-law:

14. (2) Such resolution has force and effect only until the next annual general meeting at which time the resolution shall be confirmed by resolution of the members, failing which the remuneration to such officers, agents or employees and committee members ceases to be payable from the date of that annual general meeting.

Revised By-law:

14. (2) Any changes to remuneration shall be included as a note within the year-end financial statements presented at each annual meeting. Upon confirmation of the financial statements

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the change in remuneration shall be deemed to be in effect. Failing confirmation, the remuneration to such officers, agents or employees and committee members cease to be payable from the date of that annual general meeting. (This change has been made so that the remuneration does not have to be voted on as a separate item at the general meeting.)

If you wish to view the current by-laws, they can be found on the FCEF website at <http://friendsofthefarm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/By-Laws-new-2014.pdf> .

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Dodds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Dodds

President, Friends of the Central Experimental Farm