



# 2025 Resolutions Response

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## **CHAIR'S MESSAGE**

Dear District Representatives and Growers,

On behalf of the OPVG Board, thank you for participating in the Resolution process. Your efforts in helping to provide guidance and direction to the Board provides a valuable means for the OPVG Board to capture your input and is appreciated.

This Resolutions Response report contains the actions taken and planned with respect to each Resolution. Please review the noted responses from the Board. Should you have any questions, please contact your District representative or the Board office.

Regards,



## **RESOLUTIONS FROM GROWER BUSINESS SESSION HELD MARCH 24, 2025 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2024**

**Resolution  
25-01**

WHEREAS Nortera sent correspondence to growers noting that due to uncertainty regarding US tariffs and the potential impact, they were postponing Grower Contracting Days until after April 2nd, and that risks of sudden and unforeseen changes may require them to adjust pack volumes with possible changes needed acres for all crops.

**CARRIED**

BE IT RESOLVED that the OPVG send correspondence to Nortera to advise that growers may make alternative cropping decisions and choose comparative crops further reducing the acres available for Nortera crops.

**Report**

Correspondance was sent to Nortera on March 26, 2025, indicating that in the absence of a contract, and clear volume requirements, growers will be considering alternative options that may impact future supply available to Nortera.

**Resolution  
25-02**

BE IT RESOLVED that OPVG lobby the Canadian government for the removal of the reciprocal duty of 25% on all steel and aluminum cans and ends entering Canada, as it will another 25% to the cost of cans Canadian manufacturers purchase.

**CARRIED**

**Report** OPVG has been closely monitoring the ongoing discussions surrounding tariffs and their potential impact on the Canadian processing vegetable industry. We are dedicated to finding solutions and have been actively working on strategies to overcome tariff-related obstacles.

We provided a support letter, in collaboration with a processor, for their application for tariff remission on cans. In addition, a second letter was distributed to all processors extending an offer of support and initiating dialogue to address concerns, identify opportunities for collaboration and to strengthen the competitiveness of the sector. Lastly, we are closely working with AAFC to illustrate the negative impacts of the tariffs and relay the urgency of the situation.

**Resolution  
25-03**

WHEREAS government funding of primary research for processing vegetables has fallen over the past years resulting in less research being done and fewer available researchers.

**CARRIED**

BE IT RESOLVED that the OPVG in conjunction with industry partners, lobby the Ontario Government to increase and support primary research at Ridgetown College for processing vegetables.

**Report**

Our ongoing investment in research, in partnership with processors, will strengthen our processing vegetable sector. We have continued to push the province to maintain a solid research infrastructure including maintaining funding for important research positions.

OPVG Chair has met with OAC Chair to discuss research infrastructure and continues to lobby at many levels to sustain research for processing vegetables.

**Resolution  
25-04**

WHEREAS having current information can assist growers in understanding the current market situation and therefore be able to negotiate for the best possible outcome therefore,

**CARRIED**

BE IT RESOLVED that before each negotiating time frame it becomes the policy to have a minimum of one growers meeting in the case of tomatoes and carrots

**Report**

OPVG will coordinate a combined tomato and carrot grower session for 2025.

**Resolution  
25-05**

WHEREAS tariffs on steel have been placed on Canada's exports to the U.S., a retaliatory tariff was put on steel into Canada, it has come to the attention of our industry that empty cans imported into Canada are tariffed. However, if the can is full of U.S vegetables there is no tariff on the cans therefore,

**CARRIED**

BE IT RESOLVED that we contact our Minister of Finance to eliminate tariffs of all cans, empty or full crossing the border.

**Report**

The Board has provided a support letter, in collaboration with a processor, for their application for tariff remission on cans. In addition, a second letter was distributed to all processors extending an offer of support and initiating dialogue to address concerns, identify opportunities for collaboration and to strengthen the competitiveness of the sector. Lastly, we are closely working with AAFC to illustrate the negative impacts of the tariffs and relay the urgency of the situation.

**Resolution  
25-06**

BE IT RESOLVED that OPVG analyzes the impact of license fees on the various sizes of cucumbers to see if they are equitable.

**CARRIED**

**Report**

The Board is always keeping an eye on license fees as we aim to ensure fees are equitable. In 2022, OPVG solicited Economist, Ken McEwan, to conduct a license fee study. The project reviewed the existing formula used to assess licensing fees for growers and develop alternative funding models to cover both marketing and association expenses.

The Board will review and continue to ensure the fees are assessed in a fair manner.