



2020 Resolutions Response

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Dear District Representatives, Growers and Delegates,

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 is greatly appreciated and provides a valuable means for the OPVG Board to capture your input.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Hope". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dave Hope, Chair



**REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS
FROM GROWER BUSINESS SESSION
HELD JANUARY 30, 2020
76th ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE**

GENERAL

Resolution 20-01 Whereas the crop insurance plan is a grower based plan, BE IT RESOLVED that the bypass schedule in the 2019 grower contracts, for all crops, may be adjusted for the 2020 crop contract year to enhance grower positions. **Carried**

Report We have asked Agricorp to conduct an analysis on the impact of any changes to the bypass program. Grower premiums may be affected should a change to the design of the program be implemented.

For 2020, no changes were made to the program.



Resolution 20-02 BE IT RESOLVED that all payment terms and conditions contained in the 2019 negotiated agreements for all crops remain the same for the 2020 crop year, except if to enhance grower positions. **Carried**

Report The grower negotiation committee groups made no changes to payment terms and conditions for 2020 agreements.



TOMATO

Resolution 20-03

Whereas all processing tomato growers in District 1 want to have a price for their product that will keep their products competitive with competing products that may be imported from other growing areas.

Carried

Whereas our Ontario processors compete with each other on many products that they market.

Therefore, be it resolved that the OPVG support the negotiator groups with information that will allow them to negotiate a fair price for the grower body that they represent.

Further be it resolved that the individual negotiators be compelled to report to OPVG proposed agreements before they are signed with their processor.

Report

OPVG continues to support growers with information and price analysis. We will further investigate legal implications for growers and what information can be shared.

We cannot compel individuals to report to OPVG, however, growers should have the ability to seek further guidance on their agreement.



Resolution 20-04

Whereas each negotiation group for tomatoes work independently and since each agreement has an effect on all growers to keep the processors competitive within the Ontario industry.

Carried

Therefore, be it resolved that the OPVG contact FPMC to appoint a chairperson to chair all negotiation sessions that involves the tomato agreement for that year.

Report

We appreciate growers' concerns but only FPMC can appoint an observer to the process. We have expressed this concern to FPMC.

