Randy Jackiw appointed new OPVG Chair

London, ON [November 2, 2026] – The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission has appointed Randy Jackiw as the new Chair of Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers (OPVG), effective November 1, 2026. Jackiw takes over from Dave Hope who has served in the role for the past eight years.

Jackiw joins OPVG after a 42-year career in the Ontario Public Service with leadership roles in agriculture, economic development, financial and risk management services, and public administration. A respected leader known for fostering collaboration and driving change, Jackiw served as the CEO of AgriCorp, and most recently, as the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Economic Development Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFA).

At OPVG, Jackiw will work with the eight grower-member board that represents Ontario farmers who grow nine main processing vegetable crops that are canned, frozen or pickled to provide fresh from the field local products for consumers all year long.

“I look forward to working closely with Randy, leveraging his experience to further strengthen the processing vegetable industry in Ontario for our membership,” says OPVG General Manager Mark MacPhail. “And I have greatly appreciated the support and guidance from Dave Hope as I navigated my first few months at OPVG.”

Jackiw grew up in Leamington, Ontario and spent much of his youth on his grandparent’s farm near Point Pelee. He credits early experiences working on area vegetable farms as influencing his interactions with farmers throughout his career. Jackiw holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Windsor and completed the Chartered Director program (C. Dir) at McMaster University. He recently retired from OMAFA and lives with his wife in Guelph, Ontario.

“I am passionate about this sector of Ontario agriculture that has a significant track record of continuous improvement and innovation,” says Jackiw. “I’m excited to meet, listen and learn about the challenges and opportunities facing members and the industry, and to focus on what we can achieve together.”

OPVG extends its sincere thanks to Dave Hope for his service to OPVG over the past eight years. His leadership, commitment and steady guidance has helped the organization become stronger, more stable and better positioned for the future.

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers operates under the *Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act* and represents approximately 350 processing vegetable growers in Ontario. OPVG has a mission to build a strong, sustainable, competitive and profitable processing vegetable industry in Ontario through innovation, collaboration and growth.

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