



# FALL NEWSLETTER

Highlights of 2023



## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Two new Board members joined the Huron Perth Ag Science Centre in 2023. A big welcome, and thank you, to Christine Schoonderwoerd and Sylvia Behrns, who are donating time out of their busy lives to bring Canada's first agricultural-focused Science Centre to reality! Both new directors bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to our Board.

## FUNDING RECEIVED

In September 2023, the Huron Perth Ag Science Centre received philanthropic funding from the Grand River Agricultural Society. The \$25,000 grant will support an updated business plan.



**Grand River  
Agricultural Society**

Pictured: Steve Dolson and Jill Lewis, GRAS board members Garth Green and Deborah Whale, along with Isaac VP, Finance for GRAS



## UPDATES

### 1. Successful First Annual General Meeting

March 2023 saw the success of the first ever HPASC Annual General Meeting. Participants experienced a presentation from Brock Gorrell from Fair Oaks Farms, Indiana. Save the date for the 2023 AGM - March 27th. The 2022 Annual Report is also available on the website.



**FAIR OAKS**

— F A R M S —

Brock Gorrell, Director of  
Museum and Adventures at  
Fair Oaks Farms

### 2. HPASC Kids Activity Sheets



With the support of Hensall Co-Op, the Huron Perth Ag Science Centre was able to create and distribute activity sheets to a number of local events this year, including the North Perth Teddy Bear Playday, Listowel Ag Fair, and the International Plowing Match in Dufferin!

### 3. Memberships available for purchase

HPASC Memberships are available to purchase on the website for \$25. Receive exclusive updates and information, and participate in the next AGM. Help bring the HPASC to reality by becoming a member today!

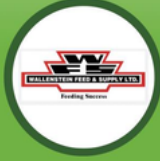
## HPASC MISSION

Inspiring youth and adults alike to discover the exciting future of agriculture and food through interactive and immersive experiences and programs.





A big thanks to our corporate sponsors!



## WHAT'S NEXT?

Funding from GRAS has allowed the Board to move forward with an updated business plan, providing a solid foundation before launching a capital funding campaign!

Work is being done by DLX Engineering, who is helping create the vision of the HPASC - with preliminary drawings! Check back in our spring newsletter for more details.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

In January, 2023, the HPASC invited local politicians, ag representatives, and community members to participate in a strategic planning workshop, facilitated by Bryan Boyle. With sponsorship from Schoonderwoerd Bros. Concrete Ltd., Molesworth Farm Supply Ltd., Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd., and Ward & Uptigrove, participants were able to identify merits and challenges, and suggest key areas of focus and strategic action in the coming months, and years, of planning the Ag Science Centre.



## MEETING WITH MP JOHN NATER

MP John Nater met with members of the Board to discuss government support of the project! We continue to plan more meetings with government and industry representatives over the coming months!



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With each contribution, the HPASC is one step closer to being a reality - thanks to YOU! As the project looks towards capital fundraising, we are currently accepting donations to assist with ongoing operating expenses and preparation for the project's next phase. Visit [www.HuronPerthAgScienceCentre.ca/donate](http://www.HuronPerthAgScienceCentre.ca/donate) to learn how!

