



**ONTARIO BIOMASS PRODUCERS
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Ontario Biomass Producers Co-operative AGM Program

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Heritage Country Park – Puslinch Hall

10.00-10.10am	Welcome	
10.10-10.15am	Speakers' introduction	
10:15- 10.45am	Verifying soil organic carbon sequestration by C ₄ perennial biomass crops using ¹³ C natural abundance technique in southern Ontario, Canada	Dr. Naresh Thevathasan, Adjunct Professor (Retired Associate Professor), University of Guelph
10.45-11.00am	Project Introduction - Evaluating the technical and economic feasibility of harvestable biomass crops as regenerative buffer strips and silt sock_packing for nutrient runoff control	Dr. Emily Chiang, Professor, University of Guelph
11.00-11.15am	Organic matter building with biomass crops: launching a new project across Ontario and Quebec.	Dr. Adam Gillespie, Professor, University of Guelph
11.15am-11.45pm	Switchgrass Gall Midge: 2023 Update	Dr. Angela Gradish, Research Associate, University of Guelph
11.45- 12.15pm	Switchgrass varieties and seed development update	Roger Samson and Don Nott
12.15pm-12.30pm	The RALP Program	Nancy Van Sas, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association
12:30pm-12:35pm	Wrap up	James Fisher, President OBPC
	Lunch 12.35pm- 1.00pm	
1:00pm-1:15pm	An Introduction to CANZA	Nick Betts, Managing Director, Canadian Alliance for Net-Zero Agri-Food (CANZA)



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1:15pm -1:45pm	Approval of Agenda Approval of the March 21, 2023 AGM Minutes Business Arising from Minutes Financial Report Approval of Financial report Approval of 2023 Financial Reviewer	Peter Lambrick
1:45pm -1:55pm	Election of Directors – 5 positions for 3-year terms, 2 positions for 1-year terms. Nominations: Don Knott, Larry Davis, James Fisher, Tom Parker	Rebecca Vito
1:55pm – 2:10pm	President’s Report and biomass sales prospects.	James Fisher
2:10pm – 2:15pm	Wrap-up	