

Speaker Biographies

Wayne J. Caldwell, Ph.D., RPP, MCIP

Wayne Caldwell is a Professor in Rural Planning and Development at the University of Guelph. He also has a career-long affiliation with the County of Huron Department of Planning and Development. The primary focus of Wayne's work has been on planning and change in rural and agricultural communities. He is an active researcher in the area of farmland preservation, rural conflict resolution, governance of nutrient management and community based approaches to economic and environmental issues. His fifth book "Doing Democracy with Circles: Engaging Communities in Public Planning" was published in March, 2010.

Wayne has served as Chair or President of the Ontario Rural Council, the Huron Stewardship Council, the Provincial Nutrient Management Advisory Committee, the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and he is currently President of the Association of Canadian University Planning Programs. His current research, in addition to issues related to farmland preservation includes the project: "Prospering with a Stable or Declining Population."

Marlene Werry

Marlene Werry graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, followed by a Masters of Science degree in extension education. Formally employed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in various locations across the province, she is currently the Manager of Economic Development for Agriculture and Rural Affairs with The Regional Municipality of Durham. Marlene provides economic development assistance to the rural municipalities of Durham Region and the agri-food sector.

Dave Hanly

Dave Hanly is the Director of Planning and Development with the County of Perth. Dave grew up on a 100 acre mixed farm (mink, beef, hogs, crops) in Perth County, and studied rural land use planning at the University of Western Ontario, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography. He is a member of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and the Canadian Institute of Planners. He also sits on the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board.

Peter Lambrick

Peter and his wife, Liz, farm approximately 800 acres in Halton Region. They also run a custom farming operation and have a seed cleaning business, as well as a roadside stand, selling fresh fruits and vegetables, which they either grow themselves or source locally.

Peter is a long time member of the Halton Federation of Agriculture and the Halton Region Agricultural Advisory Committee. He is currently serving on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture Board as a Director at Large. Peter was also part of the original group involved in the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Plan, looking into the economic impact of agriculture in the GTA. He is the past-Chair of the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee, having served as Chair for three years

Lauren Baker, Ph.D.

Lauren Baker is coordinator of the Toronto Food Policy Council at Toronto Public Health. From 2008-2011 she was the founding director of Sustain Ontario - the Alliance for Healthy Food and Farming, a membership-based organization that advocates for healthy food and sustainable agriculture. Her past work includes developing the Evergreen Brick Works food strategy, and founding FoodShare's Urban Agriculture program. In 1997, Lauren co-founded Toronto's first certified organic urban farm and, at the urban farm, developed six food micro-enterprises that employed youth-at-risk and people with mental illness.

Lauren has a Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from York University. She is the author of a number of reports and publications including *Menu 2020: Ten Good Food Ideas for Ontario* and *Healthy Food, Healthy Communities*, and has published her research in scholarly journals. Lauren teaches a course called Theory and Praxis in Food Security at the University of Toronto and is a research associate with Ryerson's Centre for Studies in Food Security.

Nick DeBoer

Nick has been a resident of Caledon since the age of four, and was first elected to Municipal Council in 2003. He currently sits on the Caledon Agricultural Advisory Committee and Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee.

Nick also operates an agricultural business with his wife and family in Caledon. He is active with the Albion-Bolton Agricultural Society, the Peel Federation of Agriculture, the Humber Watershed Alliance and Peel 4H. Nick also has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Guelph.

Dan Taylor

Dan Taylor is the Economic Development Officer for Prince Edward County, Ontario. Over the last decade, Dan has married his passion for food and economic development to position Prince Edward County as one of the Premier Culinary Tourism Destinations and local food movement regions in the province. Since Dan's arrival he has highlighted agriculture, and now gastronomy, as a significant economic development cluster in his creative rural economy strategy. Dan was instrumental in developing many key local food events and products designed to grow today's gastro-driven economy. Key initiatives include Maple in the County, Starting a Vineyard in Prince Edward County – Investors Guide, TASTE! *a celebration of regional cuisine*, Taste Trail, Harvestin' the County and numerous destination marketing campaigns. As a result of this and others' good work in the community, the Globe & Mail has declared Prince Edward County as the Gastronomic Capital of Canada!

Paul Nichol

After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Masters degree in Rural Development from the University of Guelph, Paul returned to his Huron County home and founded the Huron Business Development Corporation in 1993, an award-winning Community Futures Development Corporation located in Seaforth, Ontario. Presently, he is Economic Development Manager for that organization, a position that allows him to work with community groups on a wide range of initiatives that expand, enhance and improve the local economy.

Over the years, Paul has worked with over 200 partner organizations on over 300 different community projects, and has been instrumental in building new rural development vehicles such as the Lake Huron Learning Collaborative, the Countryside Energy Co-operative; and most recently, the Gateway Rural Health Research Institute. He currently serves on the OMAFRA-sponsored Ontario Rural Policy Expert Panel as well, providing advice to the provincial government on rural priorities and challenges.

Jim LeMaistre

Since 2004, Jim has been a land use planner and professional agrologist in the Strengthening Farming unit of the Sustainable Agriculture Management Branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture. Before that, he spent two and a half years as a municipal planning advisor on the Pacific coastal plain of Guatemala in Central America.

Jim's twenty four and a half years of municipal planning in Delta and Surrey, B.C., included coordination of community planning and improvement projects, rural and environmental studies, managing urban growth, and encouraging active farming. Trained as a civil engineer and community planner, Jim also spent five years planning and designing community facilities and housing projects in the Lower Mainland and Victoria, B.C.

Jim Johnson

Jim is currently the Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator with the Oregon Department of Agriculture. His land use planning career has bridged local, state and regional perspectives including positions with Klickitat County, Washington; Wasco County, Oregon; the Columbia River Gorge Commission; and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, the State of Oregon's land use planning agency. Jim is currently a member of the City of Lake Oswego Planning Commission.

Jim earned a Master of Arts in geography from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Oregon University.