

## CanAgPlus Board of Directors 2019



**ROBERT ALLARD** – Robert has been active in the horticulture industry since starting out on his family farm in 1973. He is past president of the Quebec Apple Producers Federation (1991-1996) and of the Canadian Horticultural Council (1999-2000), where he served for over ten years on the Executive Committee. Robert was involved in the early years of development of the national on-farm food safety program. Most recently, Robert is responsible for regulatory affairs for Pommex Philip Cassidy Apples Inc.

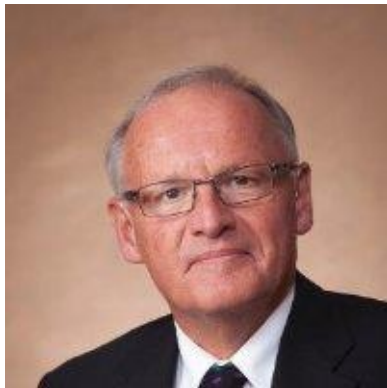


**MIKE FURI** – Mike Furi is the Quality Assurance Manager Produce at Federated Co-operatives Limited. He has been active in the food industry for 45 years, with the past 27 in various roles of produce procurement. Mike was one of the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) representatives that assisted with the inclusion of the former CPMA repacking and wholesale program into CanadaGAP. Mike was Chair of the CPMA in 2016. He also has 17 years of experience in local government and 6 years' experience as board member volunteer for Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan. Mike is one of two CPMA-approved representatives to the CanAgPlus Board.



**ALVIN KEENAN** - Alvin Keenan, along with his brother Ray, owns and operates Rollo Bay Holdings where they grow, package, and market fresh potatoes to retailers and food service companies nationally and internationally. They are one of the largest agriculture entities in Eastern Prince Edward Island and employ 40 people year round. Rollo Bay Holdings was one of the leaders in fresh pack operations in advocating food safety certification. Alvin has served his community and the agriculture industry in many capacities; currently he is Chairman of the PEI Grain Elevators Corporation, and Past President of the Canadian Horticultural Council. He has served as President of the PEI Federation of Agriculture, the PEI Farm

Practices Review Board, Director of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and Director of the Canadian Agriculture Human Resource Council. Alvin is one of four CHC-approved representatives to the CanAgPlus Board.



**KEITH KUHL** – Keith was born and raised on a potato farm in Southern Manitoba and now operates Southern Potato Co. together with his two sons. Keith has been extensively involved with horticultural industry initiatives at both the regional and national levels. Among his many roles, Keith chairs the Board of Directors of Peak of the Market, and formerly served as Chair of the Canadian Potato Council and as President of the Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC). He is one of four CHC-approved representatives to the CanAgPlus Board.



**STEPHANIE LARIVIERE** – With twenty years in the produce industry, Stephanie currently holds the role of Regulatory Manager for Erie James Ltd., a packer/shipper operation in Leamington, and Sunsation Acres Ltd., a greenhouse operation in Kingsville, Ontario. Stephanie received the Mary Fitzgerald Award from the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) in 2013 and is involved in numerous industry committees, including a directorship with the Ontario Greenhouse Marketers Association. She also serves as Vice Chair of the CPMA Food Safety Committee and as a grower representative for Food Safety for the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers. She is one of four CHC-approved representatives and is the Chair of the CanAgPlus Board.



**CATHERINE MCKAY** – Cathy McKay owns and operates a successful farm business specializing in apples in Port Perry, northeast of Toronto. With an MSc in Plant Pathology from the University of Guelph, Cathy has worked as a specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and previously owned a pest control management company. Cathy has served on several boards including the Okanagan Plant Improvement Corporation (PICO) and is currently Vice-chair of the Ontario Apple Growers. She is one of four CHC-approved representatives to the CanAgPlus Board. Cathy has been involved with the CanadaGAP program since 2009 and chairs the CanadaGAP Stakeholder Advisory Committee. (Photo credit: *Focus on Scugog*, July 2012)



**JODY MOTT** – For the past four years, Jody Mott has served as Executive Director of the Holland Marsh Growers’ Association, representing root crop producers and packers. She is Chair of the Industry Standards and Food Safety Committee for the Canadian Horticultural Council and Vice-chair of the Vegetable Working Group since 2016. Jody has been a director on the CanAgPlus Board since 2016. She has served on several not-for-profit boards, including the Bradford Board of Trade, the Greater Golden Horseshoe Alliance and the Bradford Minor Hockey Association. She has assisted many farmers implementing a food safety program. Jody has been involved in a wide range of projects to promote the interests of farmers and is passionate in her commitment to advancing agriculture.



**SCOTT WRIGHT** – Scott Wright is Senior Vice-President of Food Safety, Human Resources and Innovation with Star Group of Companies. Based in Saskatoon, with locations across North America, Star Group is dedicated to the procurement, sales and distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables. Scott oversees operations at eight locations across Western Canada. He previously held the VP Food Safety and New Product Development position for Star Group, and before that worked in government for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Science and Technology Branch, Agri-Environment Services Branch, Research Branch and Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration), Saskatchewan Agriculture and Alberta Agriculture. Scott holds Bachelor, Masters and PhD. degrees in agriculture. He is one of two CPMA-approved directors and serves as Vice-Chair of the CanAgPlus Board.

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