

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the UPA Haut–Saint-Laurent Syndicate, held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at the Dining Hall on the grounds of the Ormstown Agricultural Fair.

Marie Daudelin acts as secretary.

### **1. Call to Order**

Éric Leboeuf welcomes the participants.

### **2. Adoption of the Notice of Meeting**

As the notice of meeting was deemed to be in order, the meeting for the election of Board members was declared open at 2:15 p.m., following a motion by Sylvie Décosse, seconded by Guillaume Asselin.

### **3. Agenda**

The proposed agenda is adopted on a motion by Alain Primeau, seconded by Guillaume Asselin. It reads as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Adoption of the notice of meeting
3. Adoption of the proposed agenda
4. Election of directors
5. Question period and emergency resolutions
6. Adjournment of the meeting

### **4. Election of Board Members**

On a motion by Michel Hébert, seconded by Alain Primeau, Jérémie Letellier and Marie Daudelin are respectively appointed as Chief Returning Officer and Secretary for the election, with a show of hands being the preferred voting method.

#### **Vice-President**

On a motion by Alain Primeau, seconded by Alain Rouleau, Josiane Carrière is nominated.

No other nominations are proposed. Ms. Carrière accepts the position and is declared elected.

#### **Treasurer**

On a motion by Josiane Carrière, seconded by Jason Erskine, Olivier Lamoureux is nominated.

No other nominations are proposed. Mr. Lamoureux accepts the position and is declared elected.

#### **Representative – Saint-Chrysostome and Havelock Territory**

On a motion by Alain Primeau, seconded by Guillaume Asselin, Mario Henderson is nominated.

No other nominations are proposed. Mr. Henderson accepts the position and is declared elected.

#### **Representative – Huntingdon, Godmanchester, and Hinchinbrooke Territory**

On a motion by Guillaume Asselin, seconded by Michel Hébert, Alyssa Leblanc is nominated.

No other nominations are proposed. Ms. Leblanc accepts the position and is declared elected.

#### **Representative – Dundee and Elgin Territory**

On a motion by Alain Primeau, seconded by Guillaume Asselin, Michel Crête is nominated.

No other nominations are proposed. Mr. Crête accepts the position and is declared elected.

**Representative – Other Animal Productions** (Term ending in 2025 following the resignation of Catherine Gruber)

The Board of Directors will be responsible for filling this position.

**Representative – Anglophone Production Sector**

On a motion by Josiane Carrière, seconded by Guillaume Asselin, Christopher Soesbergen is nominated.

No other nominations are proposed. Mr. Soesbergen accepts the position and is declared elected.

**Representative – Franklin Sector**(Term ending in 2024 following the resignation of Jamil Azzaoui)

The Board of Directors will be responsible for filling this position.

As all positions have been filled, the closing of nominations is moved by Alain Primeau and seconded by Michel Crête.

## 5. Question Period and Emergency Resolutions

### Property Taxation and Variable Agricultural Tax Rate

WHEREAS the Act respecting municipal taxation (AMT) allows municipalities to apply a distinct tax rate to agricultural properties in order to prevent the transfer of the municipal tax burden;

WHEREAS this taxation tool is very rarely used by municipalities because its purpose—namely achieving equity in the funding of municipal services—is poorly understood by both elected officials and administrative staff;

WHEREAS elected officials frequently rely on the argument that “agricultural producers receive a ‘subsidy’ through the Agricultural Land Tax Credit Program (ALTCP) to reimburse their property taxes, unlike citizens and business owners”;

WHEREAS the ALTCP does not reimburse the full amount of property taxes, meaning that any increase in property tax bills results in an increased financial burden on agricultural businesses;

WHEREAS it is essential for Québec’s agricultural communities to preserve the family farm model as an economic driver of regional development and as a cornerstone of the province’s food sovereignty;

WHEREAS other models for the taxation of municipal services exist elsewhere in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS Québec’s general elections are scheduled for 2026;

BE IT RESOLVED, on a motion duly moved and seconded, that the members of the Syndicat de l’UPA du Haut–Saint-Laurent request that:

The UPA Montérégie Federation and the UPA Confederation:

- Make the reform of municipal taxation a central priority;

- Take advantage of the 2026 election campaign to obtain firm commitments from political parties toward a reform of municipal taxation based on fair taxation of municipal services.

Adopted unanimously.

**7. Adjournment of the Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m., on a motion moved by Alain Primeau and seconded by Alain Rouleau.