

## Honey Producers' Day

2017 OBA Spring Meeting

Friday, March 31, 2017 – Alliston, Ontario

Nottawasaga Inn, Resort & Conference (#401 & #89)

### 7:30 Registration, Coffee & Exhibitor Room open

### 8:00 Honey House Tours – Dickey Bee Honey & Creekside Farm Apiaries



#### Dickey Bee Honey

**Hosted by OBA Members: Peter and Sandi Dickey**

Come explore (and be inspired by) Dickey Bee's new honey house, CFIA-registered packing operation and expanded educational facility.

Dickey Bee Honey is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation business. The love of bees started in the early 1930s by George Dickey (Peter's great-grandfather) from Delhi, Ontario then (his grandfather) Thomas Dickey took over in the late 1940s and then passed down to Edward Dickey (Peter's father), who moved the business to Brampton in the 50s with about 75 hives. When Peter's father could no longer care for the bees, Peter stepped in and relocated the operation to his home town of Innisfil, Ontario in the early part of 2000.



#### Creekside Farm Apiaries

**Hosted by OBA Members: George and Sharon Overton**

Creekside Farm Apiaries is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation beekeeping business, specializing in quantity supplies of raw and frozen pollen. Raw, absolutely unheated, honey is available.

*Make your way on your own or arrange to car pool from the Nottawasaga Inn. Travel time from each Honey House to the Nottawasaga Inn is about 10 minutes.*

### 10:00 Welcome

Jim Coneybeare, OBA President & Albert Devries, Chair, 2017 Spring Meeting

### 10:05 Issues and Opportunities – What's the OBA Working on These Days?

Jim Coneybeare, OBA President & Dennis Edell, Chair, Issues Management Committee

### 10:30 Canadian Honey Council – Issues and Updates

Albert Devries, CHC Delegate

### 10:45 A Season of Beekeeping on the Prairies – Dreams of 300 lb Colony Yields

Simon Lalonde, President, Saskatchewan Beekeepers' Association

### 11:30 Changes to OMAFRA's Wildlife Compensation Program | New Premises ID Requirements

Alex Heim, Coordinator, Premises Information Management | Food Safety Programs, OMAFRA

### 11:55 Lunch & networking; coffee & dessert with Exhibitors

### 1:00 Build Your (Community) Brand: Diversify and Engage

Peter & Sandi Dickey, Dickey Bee Honey

### 1:25 Build Your (Ontario) Brand with Foodland

Tobias Clarke, Foodland Ontario



### 1:55 Honey as a Wound Treatment: Building a Honey Bee Database

Dr. Michael Jennings & Dr. Cheryl Ketola, Fanshawe College

### 2:30 Afternoon Refreshment Break

### 2:45 Ontario Update

Heather Harrison, Manager, Animal Health & Welfare Programs & Issues; and Paul Kozak, Provincial Apiarist

3:30	<b>Pollinator Habitat – A Pollinator Health Action Plan Priority</b> Bradley Shaw, Lorne Widmer, OMAFRA
3:55	<b>Wild Pollinators in Ontario</b> Dr. Nigel Raine, University of Guelph
4:20	<b>Niagara College Commercial Beekeepers' Program – We're off and flying!</b> Mylee Nordin
4:35	<b>Developing a Community Apiary</b> Dr. Peter Istvan, Canadore College
5:00	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Closing Remarks, Albert Devries, Chair, 2017 Spring Meeting</b>

*Program subject to change.*



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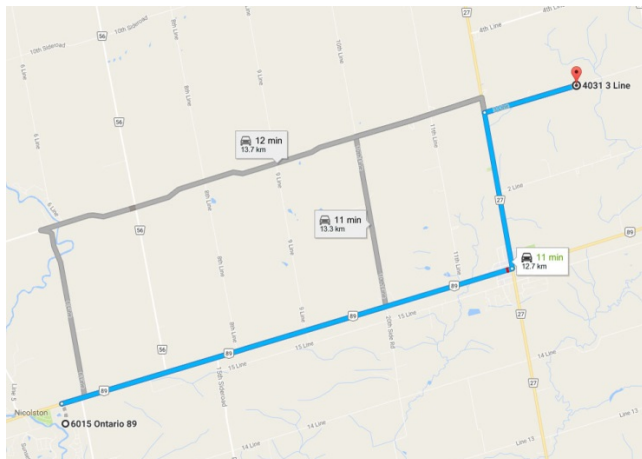
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Directions to:

#### Dickey Bee Honey

4031 3rd Line  
Cookstown, ON  
L0L 1L0

Head east on ON-89 E. toward 10<sup>th</sup> Side Rd. 8.3km  
Turn left onto King St. N/Simcoe County Rd. 27 2.8km  
Turn right onto 3 Line 1.7km  
Arrive at: Dickey Bee Honey Inc.



#### Creekside Farm Apiaries

6824 10<sup>th</sup> Line  
Beeton, ON  
L0G 1A0

Head west on On-89 W. toward Green Briar Rd. 2.3km  
Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Industrial Pkwy/  
County Rd. 10 2.6km  
Turn left onto Tottenham Rd./County Rd. 10 5.6km  
Turn right onto Line 10 150m  
Arrive at: Creekside Farm Apiaries

