

WHEREAS, Ontario beekeepers in many parts of Ontario experienced a widespread honey crop failure in 2017, and

Whereas more than 80% of commercial beekeepers recently surveyed reported being concerned or very concerned about their beekeeping businesses this year, and

Whereas, it is expected that less than 1 in 5 eligible beekeepers will apply for compensation through existing agricultural support programs, because they are reportedly too expensive to enroll in, too complicated to qualify for, and too difficult to trigger a compensation payment because of the way honey and inventory are valued,

Be it resolved that the OBA Board of Directors initiate immediate negotiations with agricultural support programs to modify those programs for fair access and realistic compensation criteria.

Moved: Mike Parker

Seconded: Guy Anderson