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BOB DICK NEW OTTAWA VALLEY SEED GROWERS' PRESIDENT

Renfrew County beef producer Bob Dick is the new president of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association. He'll serve a two-year term.

A long-time member of the Seed Growers' board of directors, Dick was elevated from the position of first vice-president during the association's recent annual meeting held in Brockville.

He replaces Algonquin dairy farmer Keith Matthie who thanked directors and members for their cooperation and dedication over the past two years. Matthie was thanked by Dick for his solid leadership.

Moving up to the first vice-chair spot is Jim Arbuckle of Vernon, while Kinburn hog farmer Bruce Hudson takes over as second vice-president.



Keith Matthie turns over the presidency of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association to Bob Dick

The meeting confirmed for another year Mary Joynt of the Smiths Falls area, and Tom Van Dusen of Russell, as association Secretary-Treasurer and as General Manager of the Ottawa Valley Farm Show.

Sponsored by the association, the farm show will present its 81st edition March 11-13, 2008, at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa.

Joynt presented a positive financial report for the year ended June 30, 2007, while, in his annual report, Van Dusen told the board he didn't foresee any major changes in the next farm show presentation from last March's successful 80th edition.

In other business, directors distributed some of the farm show profits to worthy agricultural causes, including \$5,000 to the Kemptville College Foundation to help with purchase of a fibre analyzer, \$250 to the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario to help mount their annual convention, and \$150 to Districts 1-2-3 of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies for whole wheat bread awards. Several letters were read thanking the OVSGA for previous financial assistance.

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