



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**of the**  
**YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**1:00pm**

**YUKON COLLEGE, WHITEHORSE CAMPUS, Room A2206**

**ALL WELCOME**

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# **YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

## **Mission Statement**

To foster and promote sustainable Yukon agriculture for the benefit of both private and commercial producers and consumers through education, infrastructure development, and liaison with government agencies and with non-government organizations.

## **Vision**

YAA's vision for agriculture incorporates the following ideals:

- A self-sustaining industry – economically, socially and environmentally
- An industry that is part of, and an asset to, the social fabric of Yukon
- A commercially competitive industry
- A commercially viable industry based on private ownership and management of farm holdings
- An industry with an infrastructure capable of accessing and incorporating practices and technology appropriate to the Yukon situation
- An industry viewed with respect by the general public, other industries and the government
- An industry in which future generations can participate

## **Objectives**

- To foster and promote Yukon agriculture
- To encourage research and development pertaining to agriculture
- To support suitable Yukon agriculture policies
- To help develop legislation and regulations which meet the needs of the industry
- To lobby for the industry
- To provide agricultural information to both Association members and the Yukon public

Source: YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION website

<http://www.yukonag.ca/about-yaa/our-initiatives.cfm>

**AGENDA of YAA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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1.	<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Chair</b>
2.	<b>Approval of NOV 2018 AGM Agenda</b> <b>Approval of MAY 2018 AGM Minutes</b>	<b>Chair</b>
3.	<b>"Clarifying Our Brand"</b> This presentation is an introduction to what is involved in developing and maintaining a brand, branding, brand management. In keeping with the goals of YAA's strategic plan, the YAA board has invited AI to help us learn about how we can clarify the ways we present YAA to our members, to our key partners and to the wider community.	<b>AI Aasman</b> <b>Aasman Brand</b> <b>Communications</b>
4.	<b>Financial Statements</b> a) Presentation of financial reports for the fiscal period of April 1 to Aug 31, 2018 b) Results of the review of the 2017-18 books	<b>Darrin Sinclair</b> <b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>
5.	<b>President's Report</b>	<b>Sonny Gray</b>
6.	<b>Committee Activity Reports</b> a) Committee Members and Representatives <b>b) Infrastructure (land, bins, equipment)</b> c) Policies and programs (AIAC, wildlife) <b>d) Communication (key stakeholders, public)</b> e) Membership retention (communities, YF) f) Governance (bylaws, policies, resolutions)	<b>Chair</b> <b>Committee Chairs</b>
7.	<b>Election/Acclamation of Officers and Directors</b> a) Acclamation of Secretary-Treasurer b) New election schedule	<b>Chair</b>
8.	<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	<b>Chair</b>

## AGENDA ITEM #2 - DRAFT MINUTES of YAA's AGM May 11, 2018

**Members present:** Gail Riederer, André Fortin, Cain Vangel, Sonny Gray, Léona Dargis, Ralph Mease, Vibeke Coates, Mike Henderson, Alan Stannard, Brad Barton, Mario Ley, Kevin Bowers, Kathy Pritchard, Collin Remillard, Jasmine Roush, Matt Ball, Bernard Luken, Adrienne Fink, Wayne Grove, Dev Hurlburt, Anne Savoie, Bill Drury, Barbara Drury, Winston McMahon, Kristine Ferris

**Guests:** Hon. Ranj Pillai – EMR Minister; Brad Cathers, MLA; Manon Moreau, EMR ADM; Tara Bosma; Mitch Holder

**Staff:** Jennifer Hall

1.	<p><b>Call to order</b> Vice President Cain Vangel called the meeting to order at 7.20pm.</p>
2.	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b> <b>MOTION:</b> Sonny Gray made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Leona Dargis. Carried.</p>
3.	<p><b>Remarks by The Honourable Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines, and Resources</b> Minister Pillai introduced himself and spoke how he had enjoyed his meetings to date with YAA. He talked about YAA's contributions to the Pounds' Act, the drafting of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, as well as the Local Food Strategy and the revisions of the Yukon Agriculture Policy. He talked about the challenges and achievements of managing agriculture-wildlife conflicts. Describing the current growth of Yukon's agriculture sector, he acknowledged that a majority of producers are small in size and that the sector has a diverse set of needs. He concluded that an increase in family farming businesses could help to stabilize Yukon's economy in the future.</p>
4.	<p><b>Minutes of AGM of May 5, 2017</b> <b>MOTION:</b> Mike Henderson made a motion to adopt the AGM minutes of May 5, 2017 as presented in the AGM meeting materials, seconded by Sonny Gray. Carried.</p>
5.	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Approval of the 2017-18 financial statements</b> Collin Remillard, YAA board member, read aloud the notes forwarded by YAA's bookkeeper, Meg Smith-Potter of Precision Books, and presented YAA's 2017-18 unaudited financial reports. <b>MOTION:</b> Mike Henderson made a motion to approve the 2018-19 financial statements as presented seconded by Sonny Gray. Carried.</p> <p><b>b) Appointment of professional accountant for the review of the 2017-18 books</b> The YAA board of directors has opted to initiate a financial review this year, prior to the change in the fiscal year. The members were asked to approve the appointment of the professional accountant for the review of the 2017-18 financial reports. <b>MOTION:</b> Sonny Gray made a motion to approve the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as the accounting firm that will review YAA's 2017-18 financial statements, seconded by Mike Henderson. Carried.</p>
6.	<p><b>Special Resolutions</b> On April 17, 2018, the following two special resolutions were circulated to the membership by email, and were also posted on YAA's website as well as a publicly accessible notice board outside of the YAA office.</p> <p><b>a) That the amendments to YAA's bylaws, as circulated on April 17, 2018, be approved.</b> The bylaw amendments focus on lengthening the term of office for directors from one year to two years and also staggering the elections so that only half the board is up for election each year. Additional amendments seek to improve the consistency of the references to Secretary and Treasurer and Secretary-Treasurer. The bylaw stating that the yearend must follow the Government of Yukon's yearend will be removed. Corporate Affairs, as well as the YAA board of directors, have approved the proposed amendments. <b>MOTION:</b> Sonny Gray made a motion to approve the bylaw amendments as circulated to YAA members on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, seconded by Dev Hurlburt. Carried.</p> <p><b>b) That YAA change its fiscal yearend from March 31 to August 31.</b> A special resolution, with specific dates, is required to change the fiscal yearend. Government of Yukon have approved the change of yearend. YAA is waiting for final approval from the Canadian Revenue Agency. If everything falls into place, the current 2018 fiscal year that started on April 1<sup>st</sup> will close on August 31<sup>st</sup> and another set of financial statements will be presented at an AGM in November 2018. <b>MOTION:</b> Alan Stannard made a motion to approve the change in the fiscal yearend from March 31 to August 31, seconded by Andre Fortin. Carried</p>

7.	<p><b><u>Vice President's Report</u></b>  Cain Vangel spoke about the recent signing of a new Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) between Yukon Agricultural Association and Government of Yukon. He reviewed the deliverables for which YAA is responsible. Details of the TPA are included on page 7 of the AGM package of materials that was distributed at the meeting. Cain thanked the government for their ongoing support and also said that he was pleased about the progress YAA was making in fulfilling its mandate and serving its members.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Executive Director's Report</u></b>  As a way to introduce this year's progress, Jennifer Hall talked about the framework of YAA's five-year strategic plan. The five areas of activity that guide the work and progress of the organization are: infrastructure, influencing policy and programs, communications and branding, membership retention and recruitment, and governance. See her note to members on page 8 of the annual report.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Committee and Activity Reports</u></b>  Jennifer continued facilitating a review of YAA's annual activity by reviewing the current YAA committee members, see page 10. She introduced various YAA directors and members who have contributed in the activity areas as outlined in the strategic plan:</p> <p><b>a) GOAL 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE (page 11 and 12)</b>  Sonny Gray and Andre Fortin reported on progress of initiatives related to YAA's land on Mayo Road, the storage bin program and equipment. Andre talked about the need for a new name for the land.  <b>MOTION:</b> To refer to YAA's land as the Agricultural Community Centre. Carried.  Sonny answered questions related to the process of the decommissioning of the storage bins; how the price was determined; and the rationale for allowing current bin holders to have the option to purchase the bins over other members. Sonny referred members to page 12 of the materials.</p> <p><b>b) GOAL 2 – INFLUENCING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (page 13)</b>  Jennifer talked about YAA's commitment to the Agriculture Industry Advisory Committee and work on the CAP funding program and the process to revise the Yukon Agriculture Policy. She read aloud messages from Dr Mary VanderKop and Darrin Sinclair that both referred to wild and domestic sheep interactions.</p> <p><b>c) GOAL 3 – COMMUNICATIONS AND BRANDING (see page 13)</b>  Jennifer reviewed work to date related to YAA's online and in person communications with the public and key partners. She noted an upcoming GoOFY event. Gail Riederer talked about 4H activities and its work with YAA. Collin Remillard talked about the new Hog Producers Association.</p> <p><b>d) GOAL 4 – MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION (page 13 &amp; 14)</b>  Jennifer talked about the Meet Your Maker event; the Healthy Sheep workshop; and the new initiative to provide communications and administrative support to Dawson Farmers. Yukon Young Farmers president, Mike Henderson, reviewed YYF efforts to provide educational and networking events and sponsorship framework, which YYF has completed in order to raise funds for events and initiatives.</p> <p><b>e) GOAL 5 – GOVERNANCE (page 15)</b>  Vibeke Coates talked about her work on the governance committee, which included the updating of the YAA bylaws and a majority of the Board Policy Manual.</p>
10.	<p><b><u>Election/Acclamation of Officers and Directors (page 15)</u></b>  Alan Stannard, past president and member of the nominations committee, reviewed the process by which the slate of the 2018-19 board of directors was determined. Bylaws state that YAA's board is comprised of nine board members. This year, nine people eligible to apply were nominated; therefore there is not a need for an election. The incoming Board of Directors for 2018-19 are:  President: Sonny Gray  Vice President: Cain Vangel  Secretary-Treasurer: Teddy Fagbamila      Directors: Andre Fortin  Dev Hurlburt  Mario Ley  Steve Mackenzie-Grieve  Collin Remillard  Gail Riederer</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Cain Vangel made a motion to accept the slate for the 2018-19 board of directors, seconded by Michael Henderson. Carried.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Meeting Adjourned</u></b>  <b>MOTION:</b> Sonny Gray made a motion to adjourn at 8.20pm, seconded by Leona Dargis. Carried.</p>

## **AGENDA ITEM #3 – PRESENTATION BY AL AASMAN**

### **“Clarifying Our Brand”**

This presentation will introduce us to the basics of building a brand, branding, and brand management. In keeping with the goals of YAA’s strategic plan\*, the YAA board has invited Al to help us learn about how we can clarify the ways we present YAA to our members, to our key partners, and to the wider community.

YAA would like to thank the Volunteer Bénévoles Yukon and the NGO Training Fund for generously providing a majority of the project funding needed for YAA to engage in this educational opportunity. Participants are asked to complete an evaluation form, which will be submitted back to VBY with the financial and final funding report.

By the conclusion of the project, Aasman Brand Communications will have: met with YAA’s executive committee, board of directors; presented at the annual general meeting; and submitted a written report. All of which will help us understand the issues that YAA should consider if we decide to work on clarifying our brand.

\* This project is aligned with the following goal from YAA’s current strategic plan:

#### **GOAL 3: COMMUNICATIONS AND BRANDING**

##### **Priority 3: YAA Brand Reflects the Future Vision of the Organization**

YAA will work with its members to refresh the association’s branding to reflect the future vision of the organization.

Action 1: YAA will solicit member feedback on current branding to determine level of support for a rebranding exercise

Action 2: If there is sufficient support YAA will seek funding to work with a branding company to develop a new brand for the organization.

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **a) Presentation of the financial statements for the fiscal period starting on April 1, 2018 and ending on August 31, 2018**

The income statement and the balance sheet for the 5-month fiscal year are presented to the YAA membership for approval. Questions are welcome.

Decision: To approve YAA’s financial statements for the transition 5-month fiscal year.

### **b) Report on the review of the 2017-18 books completed by BDO**

As per the special resolution passed at the May 2018 AGM, BDO Canada LLP, Whitehorse, completed a review of YAA’s financial reports and books this past summer. BDO reported that they had no concerns with the management of the books. They did have some helpful suggestions about simplifying the reporting of the investments and use of interest. The executive director and secretary-treasurer will be working on implementing these suggestions this winter.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Yukon farmers:

Welcome to our first fall annual general meeting.

Being the President of the YAA has been an exciting journey thus far!

Thankfully a lot of the goals and directions of this long-standing organization are clearly laid out for me. I have not entered this role feeling the need to reinvent the wheel. Documents such as our Strategic Plan, our Mission Statement and Vision, even our ongoing explorations surrounding Branding have made my job very straightforward.

As I'm sure you are all aware, YAA continues to pursue many projects and initiatives set to benefit our membership. We continue to work hand in hand with the Agriculture Branch, and we are lucky to have such a strong working relationship with our Government here in the Yukon.

Further to YAA's vision and mission statements on page 2 of this agenda package, I would like to also draw your attention to a section of our current funding contract with the Yukon Government. We reviewed them at our last AGM but I think it is always worth reviewing the list of expectations that YAA is asked to prioritize:

- Strengthen relationships with industry stakeholders
- Represent various visions within the industry
- Support communications in the industry
- Maintain an active farm membership that is representative of all farming types
- Manage the online Yukon Farm Products and Services Guide
- Implement key priorities as set out by YAA's strategic plan
- Engage with media outlets to highlight the agriculture industry
- Provide the government with information and statistics of the sector
- Seek out partnerships with NGOs and First Nations

These actions set out a clear vision for YAA's continued efforts on behalf of the agriculture sector, and as I mentioned before definitely guide me in my role as President.

I want to congratulate all of you, due to the hard work and effort of every farmer in this Territory, our industry is one step closer to becoming a viable industry contributing to not only the economy but also feeding Yukoners. I extend my thanks to all of you who volunteer on behalf of our organization and sector, the YAA continues to flourish with your ongoing dedication and support. Most importantly I would like to recognize and thank Jennifer Hall our ED for her continued dedication to not only the YAA but farmers throughout the Yukon Territory.

See you at Meet Your Maker - January 14th, 5-7pm.

Sonny Gray

## AGENDA ITEM #6 - YAA COMMITTEE REPORTS

YAA and YYF Committees and Representatives (as at November 1, 2018)

<p><b>Goal 1:</b> <b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Mayo Road Land</u></b> <b><u>Fairgrounds</u></b> Steve Mackenzie-Grieve Andre Fortin Gail Riederer</p>	<p><b><u>Equipment</u></b> Andre Fortin Michel Duteau Jeff Clark  <b><u>Custodian</u></b> Gerry Stockley</p>	<p><b><u>Storage Bins</u></b> Sonny Gray Leona Dargis Darrin Sinclair</p>
<p><b>Goal 2:</b> <b><u>INFLUENCING</u></b> <b><u>POLICIES AND</u></b> <b><u>PROGRAMS</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>AIAC Reps (YAA)</u></b> Sonny Gray (2017-20) Dev Hurlburt (2018-19)  <b><u>AIAC Reps (YYF)</u></b> Leona Dargis (2017-19)</p>	<p><b><u>Elk Agriculture</u></b> <b><u>Working Group</u></b> Mike Blumenschein Dev Hurlburt Leona Dargis</p>	<p><b><u>CAP YARC Reps</u></b> Len Walchuk Maria Leung Cain Vangel Darrin Sinclair (YYF)  <b><u>CAP Evaluation</u></b> Steve M-G</p>
<p><b>Goal 3:</b> <b><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></b> <b><u>&amp; BRANDING</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Yukon Chamber of</u></b> <b><u>Commerce Meetings</u></b> - YCC Board (ex-officio) - Food and Beverage - Low Carbon Stakeholders  Sonny Gray Jennifer Hall</p>	<p><b><u>Outreach</u></b> Gail Riederer (4H)  <b><u>Research/Training</u></b> Yukon College Steve &amp; Sonny Bart Bounds</p>	<p><b><u>Tourism Industry</u></b> <b><u>Association</u></b> - Agri-culinary Tourism Committee  YAA Executive Director (ex-officio)</p>
<p><b>Goal 4:</b> <b><u>MEMBERSHIP</u></b> <b><u>RETENTION AND</u></b> <b><u>RECRUITMENT</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Yukon Young Farmers</u></b> Mike Henderson – Pres. Stephanie Bourret – S-T Léona Dargis – Director Laird Crow - Director</p>	<p><b><u>Dawson Farmers</u></b> <b><u>Forum</u></b> Currently 25 Dawson/Mayo farmers</p>	<p><b><u>Other groups?</u></b></p>
<p><b>Goal 5:</b> <b><u>GOVERNANCE</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Executive</u></b> Sonny Gray (President) Cain Vangel (V-President) Darrin Sinclair (Secretary-Treasurer)</p>	<p><b><u>Governance</u></b> Vibeke Coates Mario Ley Cain Vangel</p>	<p><b><u>Nominating</u></b> Sonny Gray (President) Lou Clark (Past President) Mike Henderson (YYF President)</p>

The YAA president and executive director are ex-officio members of all committees.

**Thank you** to all individuals who volunteer their time, knowledge and experience to serve on the above boards and committees. YAA would not succeed without your help and input.

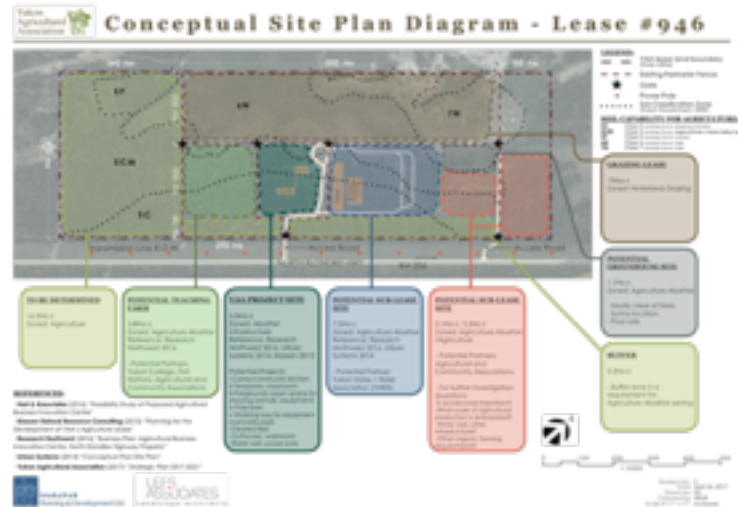


## AGENDA ITEM #6 – YAA COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued

### Goal 1: INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Mayo Road Land – Agricultural Fairground / Community Centre

The development of an agricultural fairground continues. An area (125ft by 250ft) just north of the main entrance road has been cleared, scraped and sand is being transported to the site. The committee is beginning to work out parking and roadways and then will update the following conceptual plan.



#### Equipment Rental Program

The table below indicates the number of days each piece of equipment was used this past summer. Minimal repairs were required this year although the drill may need some new piping soon. Insurance costs are \$2600 per year. Custodial fees are charged at 80% of rental revenue.

Equipment	2015	2016	2017	2018
Drill	2	3	3	5
Mower	1	9	11	8
Plough	0	1	6	5
Spreader	0	1	1	6
Aerator	5	0	7	7

#### Storage Bins

The YAA board of directors has voted to decommission the 15-year-old storage bin program. At the last AGM, we reviewed a document that highlighted the history of the program and the rationale for decommission. YAA has received a draft letter as well as draft sale agreement documents from YAA's lawyer. The YAA board will be reviewing them at the November board meeting. Further communication will be sent out to members later in November.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 - COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued**

### **Goal 2: INFLUENCING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

The second goal and priorities in YAA's strategic plan relates to our efforts to influence government policies and programs. A few continuing priorities for 2018-2019 relate to:

- Agriculture Industry Advisory Committee
- Yukon Agriculture Policy Review and Update
- Elk Agriculture Working Group
- Implementation of the new Control Order for Sheep and Goats

### **Goal 3: COMMUNICATION AND BRANDING**

YAA continues to work on improving and refining its online presence and social media activities.

YAA's priorities for this year include:

- An online resources project whereby farmers have increased access to printed materials about Yukon agriculture
- Developing media training materials
- Start talking about refreshing YAA's branding
- Updating promotional brochures and signage
- Commissioning a sign to hang above the main gate of the Mayo Road property

We continue to keep in touch with key sector stakeholders: 4H Spirit Riders, Yukon Tourism Industry Association, Growers of Organic Food Yukon, Fireweed Market, Yukon Food Network, Yukon and Whitehorse Chambers of Commerce, and the new Hog Producers Association. We have also been meeting with: Yukon College, Animal Health Unit, Environmental Health, and of course the team at Agriculture Branch.

### **Goal 4: MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

One of YAA's strategic priorities is to increase and retain members. After four meetings with Dawson and Mayo farmers, the group has requested that they form a committee within YAA. This is great news and the details will be worked out at this month's board meeting.

Yukon Young Farmers are a very active committee of YAA. They are the engine of YAA events and education. Through YYF's sponsorship framework YYF raised \$2750 this summer, which will help fund four agricultural events a year. This year's seasonal programming includes:

- Fall Round-up Event: YYF was a critical part of bringing Zack Loeks, permaculture specialist, to this year's North of 60. And is hosting Friday night refreshments – November 2, 2018
- Winter Gathering: YYF is starting to plan an event with an agro-tourism or agri-culinary theme, which will coincide with the 2019 Meet Your Maker - January 14, 2019
- Spring Workshop: Last year's poultry workshop was very successful! YYF is open to other topics that help Yukon farmers prepare for the start of the season.
- Summer Demo Day: YYF hosted an equipment demo day and barbecue on YAA's Mayo Road property in June 2018. How about a broader outdoor agricultural trade show for 2019?

### **Goal 5: GOVERNANCE**

Thank you again to the Governance Committee who led the board through the process of updating the policy manual and bylaws earlier this year. Since the last AGM, a Personnel Policy and Financial Reporting Policy has been drafted and approved. These will be integrated into the Board Policy Manual and then uploaded onto the YAA website.

## AGENDA ITEM #7 - ELECTION/ACCLAMATION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

- ❑ Following Ted Fagbamilá's resignation in July 2018, the board appointed Darrin Sinclair (from the YYF committee) to the position of secretary-treasurer of the YAA board.
- ❑ A call to the general membership for nominations to the position was made in September. No nominations were forthcoming.
- ❑ Darrin Sinclair is hereby acclaimed to a 2-year term as secretary-treasurer.
- ❑ The next election cycle will take place in the fall of 2019 - it will include an election for the vice-president position and three director positions
- ❑ In the fall of 2020, there will be an election for the positions of president and secretary-treasurer and three director positions.

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### 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### President

**Gray, Sonny** – Whitehorse periphery

Originally from Quebec, Sonny spent his youth working for farming operations that raised cattle (beef/dairy), sheep and horses. Sonny came to the Yukon in 2003. He started three successful Yukon owned and operated businesses and has served on various boards in the community. A father of five boys, Sonny values the important lessons his sons learn while working on their family farms in MacPherson and Flat Creek. Sonny is the CEO of North Star Agriculture Inc. and brings over 10 years of business experience paired with his background in farming to his work with the Yukon Agricultural Association.

#### Vice President

**Cain Vangel** – Marsh Lake

In 2000, Cain began farming by raising a few turkeys in his backyard. In partnership with his wife Michelle and their four children, he is in the process of building a farm in the M'Clintock Valley near Marsh Lake. On their farm, The Farm Gate, Cain and his family raise, process and market chickens, turkeys, ducks and some pigs. Past board experience includes various positions with the YAA, including President. Cain has also sat on the board of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum, a national agricultural organization. He opened a poultry processing plant in July 2018.

#### Secretary-Treasurer

**Darrin Sinclair** – Whitehorse

Darrin has been living in the Yukon since 2005. Originally from Manitoba, he spent most summers on the farms owned and operated by his relatives. Darrin has a Bachelor of Science degree. He worked in forestry as well as the pharmaceutical sector before he and his wife, Mandi, moved to the Yukon. Together they have owned and operated two dental clinics in Whitehorse. With their four kids, they are active hobby/backyard farmers who raise sheep, chickens and bees. Darrin is a former vice-president of the Yukon Young Farmers and is the current president of Yukon Rugby.

## **Directors**

### **Fortin, André** - Whitehorse periphery

Andre came to the Yukon in 1978 and raised four children off the grid on the Annie Lake Road. As the owner of Dynamic Systems from 1990 to 2007, he managed up to 47 employees and had sales of \$5 million. Having served on a number of professional boards, André offers YAA a realistic approach to decision making. He is a consumer of many Yukon agricultural products through his involvement with Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding.

### **Hurlburt, Dev** – Whitehorse periphery

Dev owns and operates Hurlburt Enterprises Inc, a business that sells septic, water and fuel equipment as well as farming and ranch supplies and other equipment. Dev started raising cattle and pigs in 2004. Then in 2009, he and his family purchased a farm on the Alaska Highway, north of Whitehorse. Horse Haven Ranch boards horses, grows and sells hay, offers custom farm services, rents farm machinery, specializes in raising pigs and cattle, and sells pork and beef products at farm gate and at retail. Dev is a YAA representative on the AIAC.

### **Ley, Mario** – Whitehorse periphery

Originally from mid-western Germany, Mario has lived in the Yukon for 16 years. His interests in farming originate from his family's agricultural businesses. Based in the Ibex Valley, Mario started farm development in 2008 and has been actively farming for the last few years focusing on beef, pork and poultry production. Mario would like to promote the development of a thriving agricultural industry in Yukon so that a significant portion of our food is produced here.

### **Mackenzie-Grieve, Steve** - Whitehorse periphery

Steve has farmed in the Whitehorse area for over 15 years. His farm produces 500 tons of produce and 300 tons of feed annually – all of which is sold locally. Steve has a good idea where the Yukon is positioned regarding its production and market capacity, and has a realistic idea of what the Yukon climate can and can't produce. He is YAA's representative on the Canadian Agriculture Partnership evaluation committee. Steve is an accomplished and well-recognized leader in Yukon's agricultural community.

### **Remillard, Collin** – Fox Lake & Whitehorse periphery

Collin grew up on a small rural acreage in Manitoba where his family raised meat birds. Many summer holidays were spent on his grandparent's small dairy operation. Collin has a diploma in Natural Resource Management and has worked in forestry and silviculture sectors in Manitoba and Yukon. Having worked for the Government of Yukon for several years, he is currently the Manager of Environmental Compliance & Inspections. Collin owns and operates Fox Lake Farm. The farm raises broilers, layers, turkeys, hogs and wieners. He is motivated to provide Yukoners with local products. Collin is also an avid hunter and fisherman.

### **Riederer, Gail** - Whitehorse periphery

Gail has lived on agricultural property in the Yukon since 1990, and has been involved with horses and forage production for over 25 years. Pigs and cows are recent additions to her operation at Heart Bar Ranch. Gail is also a project leader and board member with 4H Yukon and values the opportunity to support leadership development in youth. Gail has been on the YAA Board since May 2015. She is one of the founding members of the YAA Board's Outreach Committee and is committed to YAA's role as a facilitative and inclusive organization.

***Adjourned! See you next year!***