

Member and Staff Contact Information

Council Members

Charles Keddy
Chairman

Charles Keddy has been farming in the Annapolis Valley since 1977, when he and his wife Doris purchased their first farm. The family business has expanded over the years, and Charles has been honored with several awards. These include an Outstanding Young Farmer of Canada award in 1992 and the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists' Outstanding Farmer of 2001. Charles has served as Chair or Vice-Chair of numerous agricultural boards in Nova Scotia, and he currently serves as the Chair of Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc., a provincial development agency supporting food-related companies in Nova Scotia.

Mark Fraser

Mark Fraser is an award-winning executive that has worked inside of some of North America's most recognizable brands. He is an alum of both Mount Allison University (1994) and Harvard Business School (2011) and is Founder at independent advisory firm 440park. Mark has fiduciary board experience that spans private, community, and public sector organizations and was named as one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 by Caldwell. His sector experience includes industrial-scale farming in poultry, alternative protein manufacturing, and perishable retailing. Mark resides in Bedford, Nova Scotia and is the father of two university-aged children.

Angela Kickham

Angela Kickham grew up on a small family farm in the Annapolis Valley. She currently resides in Lakeville, Nova Scotia with her husband and three children. She has an undergrad in Commerce and will be graduating from Dalhousie University with her Masters of Business Administration in May 2023. Angela has worked in the financial services sector for the past 20 years and has specialized in agriculture for the past 8 years.

Charlie MacKenzie

Charlie MacKenzie, Morristown, Antigonish County, has been a beef farmer for over 40 years and is a retired commercial fisherman. Charlie's knowledge of the beef industry extends across the country as he has served on the board of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and is past chair of the Beef Council Research Committee. Charlie's ability to listen and negotiate, along with his commitment to the betterment of the organizations he has served is evident in the positions he has held. These include serving on the boards of the Nova Scotia Cattlemen's (now Nova Scotia Cattle Producers), the Antigonish-Guysborough Federation of Agriculture and the Antigonish Farmers Mutual Insurance

Company. Charlie joined the Council in December 2020.

Carol Versteeg

Carol Versteeg holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Macdonald College of McGill University. Carol has a dairy farming background and is a former co-owner of Barneybrook Farms. She was the Executive Director of the Soil & Crop Improvement Association of Nova Scotia for 15 years and was instrumental in getting the organization up and running. She was a member of the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board from 1994-2008, serving as Vice-Chair for the final three years of her term. In 2017 Carol was given the award of Honorary Member of the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists.

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