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Special points of interest:

- Government Review Update
- 2018 Ontario Food Terminal Accomplishments Over the Past Year.

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Ontario Government—Province Wide Agri-Food Sector & Agency Review

OFT Stakeholders Update: The province of Ontario has established a new agricultural advisory committee tasked with providing new perspectives on future growth for the sector. The Committee will include veteran agri-food industry leaders. "Our agri-food business leaders know what's best for expanding the sector," said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "I look forward to working with them on the issues that impact the industry, and how our government can help support the sector now and for the long term."

The Minister's Advisory Committee will be chaired by Randy Pettapiece, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

The Minister's Advisory Committee will include three Vice-Chairs, who each bring decades of industry experience and knowledge from across Ontario's agricultural value chain to the table:

Keith Currie, President of the [Ontario Federation of Agriculture](http://www.ontarioagriculture.com)

Norm Beal, CEO of [Food and Beverage Ontario](http://www.foodandbeverageontario.com)

Dave Bутtenham, CEO of the [Ontario Agri Business Association](http://www.ontarioagribusiness.com)

The Committee will start meeting early in the new year, and will meet regularly to discuss issues that impact the industry. Their input will help ensure policies and programs foster economic growth without imposing additional regulatory burden or costs on farmers or agri-food businesses.

Ontario Food Terminal 2018 Year In Review

2018 has been another busy year at the Ontario Food Terminal. Let's take a look back at some of the accomplishments achieved over the past year:

Moneris Payment Solutions: The Board was able to get additional lower processing rates for all OFT warehouse and farmer tenants. Take advantage and call 1-877-789-5335 and reference chain # 30600059315

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South East Buyer Loading Docks:

This new building was completed and fully opened for buyer use in July 2018. 35 new buyer loading docks were added to the OFT dock system. Buyers are very pleased and are taking full advantage of this new loading and assembly area.



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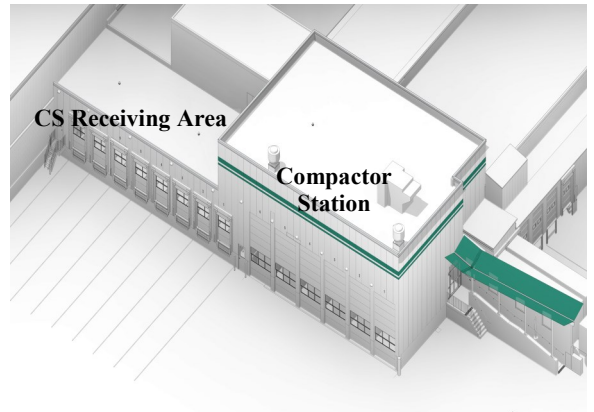
Additional 9 Docks for the Board's Cold Storage Receiving / Shipping

Operation: This new area was completed in July and is a welcomed addition to the OFTB's operation. This expansion will better serve our farmers' market and warehouse tenants with a more efficient cold storage receiving/shipping areas to work in.



New Compactor Station Building and Extension on the Original Cold Storage Receiving Shipping Area:

In August, construction began to build a new compactor station. This building will improve the OFT's existing waste separation and prevent freezing of equipment during the winter. Also, extending the CS dock area by 40 feet in length and add two new dock doors to the previous existing 6 dock doors.



New Entrance Sign: The Board installed a new sign on the entrance / exit median at the Queensway. This new sign is successful in greatly reducing the number of public vehicles trying to use the OFT's entrance to access the plaza next door.



Farmers' Market Lighting Pilot Project:

The farmer tenants involved in this lighting project have provided very positive feedback. The Board also heard from other farmer tenants asking for the new lights to be installed over their stalls. Therefore in the upcoming months, the Board will be replacing all the lighting under the parking deck area.



New Cold Storage Pallet Clamp Installed:

A new pallet clamp service was introduced in the cold storage facility. This new service saves our tenants time and labour costs in preparing their produce pallets for shipping and/or storage.



New Tractor Trailer Entrance Gate Sign:

The new digital sign for the second entry gate is now operational and a great way finder for over the road truckers making fresh produce deliveries to the OFT tenants.

