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**Ontario Independent Meat Processors  
Welcome New President**



GUELPH ON, May 3, 2017 – Carol Goriup from Oakville, Ontario, is stepping into the role as president of the Ontario Independent Meat Processors (OIMP), as determined by the 2017-2019 Board of Directors. Carol and husband Damian own Florence Meats on Speers Road, a provincially licensed free-standing meat plant, fronted by a retail store, and are celebrating 40 years in business this year.

“It is both an honour and a privilege to take on my new role as President. I look forward to working with an exceptional Board and very talented staff already in place at OIMP. As our industry evolves with new technologies, the relationship between Ontario protein producers and consumers continues to grow. Supporting local is important to us all. OIMP is committed to providing the programs and services to ensure that link remains strong,” said Goriup.

Joining Carol Goriup on OIMP’s Executive Committee is Cory Van Groningen, VG Meats, Simcoe, as Past President; Christine Hobson, Halenda’s Fine Foods, Oshawa, as Vice President; and Marc Oliver, Sargent Farms, Milton, as Secretary/Treasurer.

Adam Hayward, Nesbitt’s Meat Market, Lindsay, is a newly elected Director, and returning to the Board are Shannon Desborough, Finest Sausage & Meats, Kitchener; Gerhard Metzger, Metzger Meats, Hensall; Kevin Schinkel, Schinkel’s Legacy, Chatham; and Kevin Stemmler, Stemmler Meats, Heidelberg.

“The membership is fortunate to have such expertise at the Board table, with representation from abattoirs, processors, retailers, and wholesalers of varying sizes and from all parts of the province,” said Laurie Nicol, OIMP’s executive director. “This helps ensure decisions are made with all perspectives considered.”

**About OIMP**

Ontario Independent Meat Processors (OIMP) is the representative voice of the independent meat and poultry processor in Ontario, working closely with agricultural and commodity organizations and various levels of government since 1980. The association’s membership includes meat and poultry processors, retailers and wholesalers; industry suppliers, and not-for-profit organizations that support OIMP’s objectives.

Ontario’s meat and poultry sector represents 21% (\$8.8 billion) of Ontario’s \$42 billion food and beverage processing industry revenue.

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