



## **ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

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### **20/21 INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH AND RURAL EXPO IS MOVING FORWARD**

Directors and staff of the Ontario Plowmen's Association are proud to announce that they will be "Moving Forward" with plans for the 20/21 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo. While continuing to honour and respect the health situation and health regulations caused by Covid-19, the organizers will be simultaneously planning both the traditional IPM and a re-envisioned IPM.

Local and Provincial volunteers look forward to welcoming visitors to the Municipality of Kawartha Lakes from Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. As planned, the IPM will be hosted on the Lindsay Fairgrounds and neighbouring farms.

The traditional IPM features such as the BMO Plowing Competition, the Hydro One Education and the Queen of the Furrow Competition presented by Ontario Mutuals may look a little different this year but you can be assured they will be just as exciting and memorable.

Alternate designs for both the Tented City and the RV Park are being developed. The revised designs will protect our exhibitors, volunteers and visitors with additional health protocols.

“Our provincial and local volunteers will be ramping up their committee planning with conference calls and video calls. And, we really look forward to the in-person committee and community meetings that we will be held just as soon as the provincial health situation allows”, said Don Priest, vice-president of the Ontario Plowmen’s Association.

As part of their commitment to the community, and through the generosity of the Celebrate Ontario grant programme, the Ontario Plowmen’s Association was pleased to partner with the Lindsay Agricultural Society to present the “Merry and Bright Festival”. The IPM display highlighted some of the features you will be able to see in-person at the 20/21 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

Visitors and volunteers are urged to check additional plans and progress at [www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org)

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*(Because our office is currently closed due to the Covid-19 regulations, please email your requests and we will call you).*