



## **ERIN MORGAN, Executive Director**

Erin Morgan joined On Co-op as the executive director on March 28, 2016. She brings to On Co-op many attributes and strengths in team leadership, collaboration, government relations, strategic planning, people management and co-operation.

In her most recent position as general manager for the Ontario Bean Growers Association, Erin was instrumental in achieving a successful merger of two long standing farm organizations; a large task that included aligning business operations and strategic goals, developing new regulations, bylaws and operational requirements. She was also successful in meeting challenging financial targets through her collaborative relationships with government, private industry, other associations and the research community.

Prior to Ontario Bean Growers, Erin was public affairs and communications manager for Grain Farmers of Ontario. In this role, she was responsible for the leadership and management of the communications and government relations teams and acted as an advisor to the board in the creation and implementation of the strategic plan.

In addition, Erin's experience with interacting with a large membership base, working in a non-profit capacity and reporting to a board of directors will serve us well as she leads the On Co-op team into the next phase of success.

Erin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Guelph and resides in the local Guelph community.

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## **About the Ontario Co-operative Association**

The Ontario Co-operative Association is the trade association and capacity-building organization that develops, engages, educates and advocates for Ontario's 1,300 co-operative businesses. On Co-op is an information and resources network with a mission to lead, cultivate and connect co-operatives. We believe that co-operatives build a better world. More than 60 organizations form the membership base of On Co-op, which now represents 85% of the province's English-speaking co-operatives. On Co-op celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012, the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives.

## **About Co-operatives**

Co-operatives are community-focussed businesses that balance people, planet and profit. Co-ops are democratic and value-based, formed to seize local opportunities and meet the needs of their member-owners. As a trusted place to do business, co-operatives are chosen by more than 1 in 7 people worldwide. Twice as many co-ops remain in operation after ten years as other types of business enterprise. Ontario has more than 1,300 co-ops, credit unions and caisse populaires, operating 1,900 locations in more than 400 Ontario communities. The sector contributes \$6 billion annually to the Ontario economy. It has \$30 billion in assets; \$2.1 billion in annual revenue, 1.6 million members; provides 57,000 jobs, and is governed by 10,000 volunteer board members.