



## SECTION 1.2 GOVERNANCE MODEL

### Ontario 4-H Council Governance Structure

*(Revised: August 18, 2018)*

Since April 1, 2000, the Ontario 4-H Council has been solely responsible for the development and delivery of 4-H in Ontario.

The Ontario 4-H Council is made up of “Association Representatives”. Fifty-Four (54) local 4-H Associations were established in 2000. Each active local Association elects *(or if no election is possible this person can be acclaimed)* one (1) person to represent their Association on the Ontario 4-H Council. This person is called the “Association Representative”. The Council is composed of these representatives. Association Representatives have voting rights at the Ontario 4-H Council Annual General Meeting.

Only Association Representatives are eligible to be elected as a Director to the Ontario 4-H Council's provincial Board of Directors. This Board consists of twelve (12) Directors, ten (10) Association Representatives elected by their peers, a President and Past President, with the potential for two (2) appointments – one (1) a Director-Youth position, and one (1) a Director-Community. In any given year, at least five (5) provincial Director positions are up for election / re-election as the length of term for these Board Directors is two (2) years, with a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms.

The position of President is voted on by the Association Representatives at the Annual General Meeting, from a slate of Board-approved nominees of the current provincial Board of Directors. In the event there is only one (1) nominee, the position of President is awarded through acclamation. The retiring President automatically becomes the Past President.

The positions of Vice-President and Director-at-Large are elected by the new provincial Board of Directors at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Directors provide vision, leadership and direction of the 4-H program in Ontario.

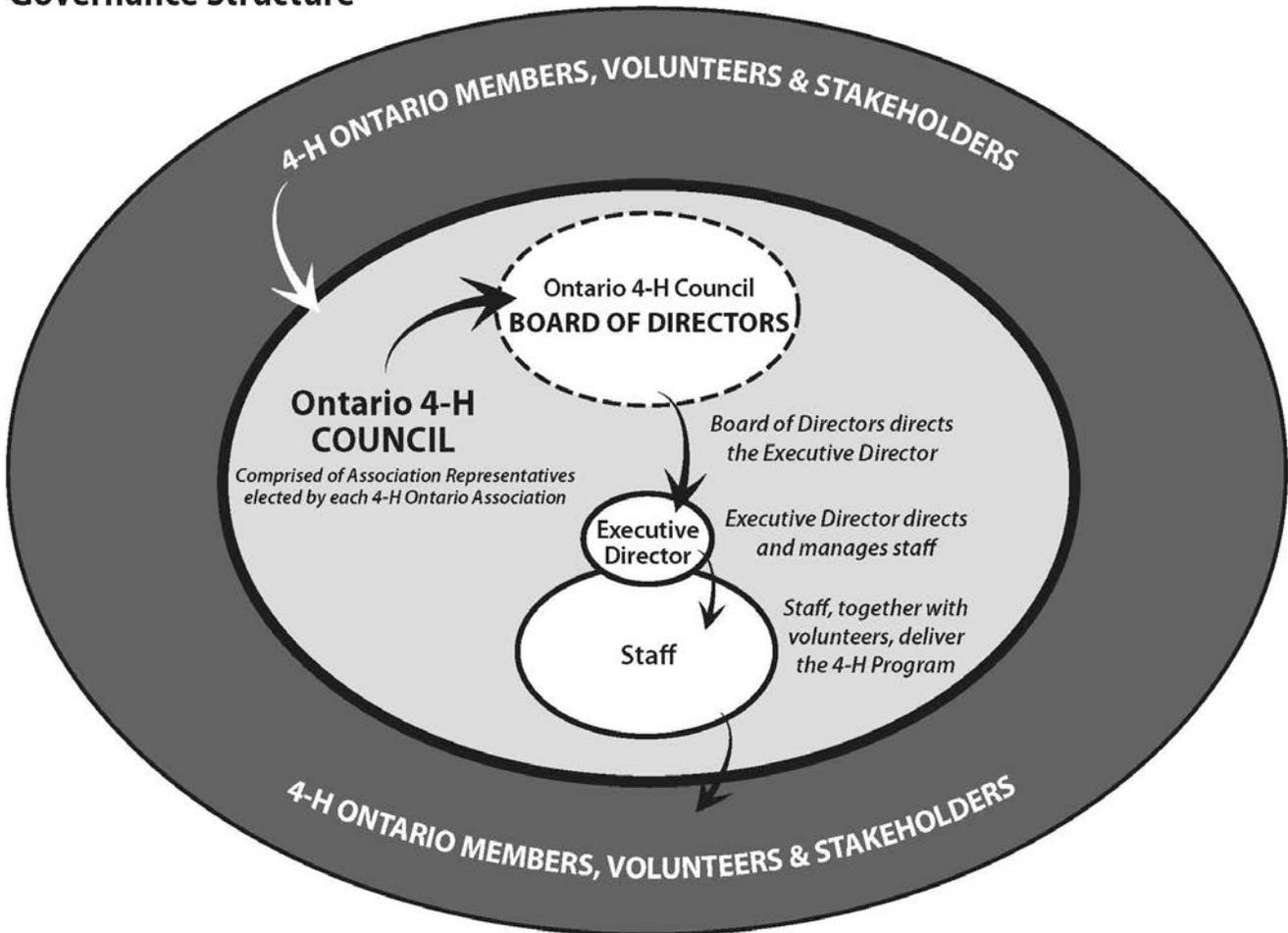
The Ontario 4-H Council Board of Directors hires the Executive Director and works with this staff person to develop and monitor the strategic direction of 4-H Ontario.

The Executive Director works with the staff team to achieve the strategic initiatives of the Ontario 4-H Council Board. The staff of 4-H Ontario supports the volunteers who deliver 4-H programming locally. As well, staff and volunteers deliver provincial programs and activities for 4-H Ontario volunteers, members, youth and alumni.

Stakeholders in the 4-H program contribute to local, regional and provincial 4-H activities. These stakeholders include members, volunteers, alumni, parents, sponsors, donors and industry partners.

See diagram for visual representation

### Ontario 4-H Council Board Governance Structure





## SECTION 1.3 HISTORY

Prior to the formation of the Ontario 4-H Council, the Ontario 4-H Leaders' Committee was established in 1982. It consisted of 20 leaders plus the provincial 4-H supervisor. The leaders were selected on the basis of their participation in a national award program. They were encouraged to be a liaison between the Committee and local counties, districts, and regions to which they were assigned. In addition, the Leaders' Committee advised the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food on the 4-H program.

Following the review of the 4-H program in 1988, the recommendation to establish a provincial 4-H Council with elected regional representatives was accepted. The name of the organization was to be "Ontario 4-H Council" (Council).

Then on April 1, 2000 the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs transferred the responsibility of the delivery of the 4-H Program to the Ontario 4-H Council under a governance board structure. An Executive Director and provincial office staff were hired to provide support to volunteers of local 4-H Associations and deliver provincial programs. The ministry continues to be a funding partner for the Ontario 4-H Council.

In September 2000 the name "4-H Ontario" was officially registered to incorporate both the Ontario 4-H Council and the Ontario 4-H Foundation.