

Mr. Hugh Bowman currently holds the position of COO with Bayshore Vegetable Shippers Ltd., Burlington, Ontario. Bayshore is a vertically integrated company that grows and supplies produce from farm to the retail level in the North American markets, both in bulk and packaged form.

Hugh holds an MBA from University of Guelph and brings with him over 20 years of experience with the produce industry, both operationally and in sales and marketing. He is a past president with the OPMA and has worked as a director with the Agriculture Adaptation Council, Horticulture Value Round Table (AAFC/CFIA), the Canadian Produce Marketing Association, and works on several committees with the Produce Marketing Association (United States PMA). In addition to his active role with these associations, Hugh also works closely with industry and government representatives on a variety of projects including: Industry Technology Advisory Council, Mix it Up (previously 5 to 10 a day for better health), Canada Gap/Repacking and Wholesale Food Safety Project and Government Industry Relations. Hugh was the youngest recipient to receive the industry's "Produce Person of the Year" award.