



ONTARIO PORK

Resolutions Booklet

March 2, 2023

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Letter from the Chair of the Resolutions Committee

March 2, 2023

Dear Delegates, Substitutes, Presidents and Secretaries:

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I would like to thank all of the local associations for participating in the resolution process.

The committee has organized the resolutions and notes have been added by the appropriate staff, board members or submitting body for clarification purposes. Further update on the issues mentioned in the resolutions will be provided at the annual general meeting. Some resolutions have been listed in the booklet as "not for debate." If an association disagrees with this decision, it is welcome to present itself to the committee at breakfast on March 22 at 7:30 a.m. and ask that the committee reconsider its decision.

I encourage each of you to review and consider the resolutions for 2023 and come to our annual meeting prepared to help determine the future direction of our industry.

Sincerely,



Bruce Hudson
Chair, Resolutions Committee

Introduction

The Resolutions Committee met on February 22, 2023 to review all received resolutions. In accordance with the resolution policy, the committee grouped a number of similar resolutions. Every effort has been made to properly categorize each resolution.

Submitters of resolutions listed are invited to call or meet with any member of the Resolutions Committee before the resolution sessions if, in their opinion, their resolution needs further consideration or clarification. The committee will be available prior to the annual meeting at breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on March 22, 2023.

It is the intent of the Resolutions Committee and the Board to streamline the resolution process in an effort to focus debate and improve time utilization.

2022-2023 Resolutions Committee

Name	Affiliation	Zone	Association
Bruce Hudson (Chair)	Board Member	4	Ottawa Valley
Mike Mitchell	Board Member	1	Huron
Maaike Campbell	Board Vice-Chair	1	Lambton
Todd Malcolm	Producer	4	Central Ontario
Philip Van Raay	Producer	1	Huron
Alec Boekhoven	Producer	1	Middlesex

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Resolution Process

Submission of resolutions

Who is eligible to submit resolution(s):

- a single registered producer
- a group of producers
- an association and/or a zone

Note: *a resolution will only be debated at the annual general meeting if a delegate seconds this resolution*

Format of the resolutions:

- See [Appendix A](#) for the resolution format.
- Avoid a motion containing a negative statement even in cases where it would have a meaning, since delegates may become confused as to the effect of voting against such a motion.

Note: *Ontario Pork staff is available to provide assistance if required.*

Submission:

- Deadline: **February 21, 2023 12:00 PM**
- Resolutions submitted **after February 21, 2023** and not published in the resolution booklet will be debated, if 2/3 majority of the delegate body at the AGM resolutions session agree.
- Resolutions are to be submitted in writing to Olga Klashtorny, Board Executive Assistant by email at olga.klashtorny@ontariopork.on.ca or by fax at 519-829-1769 or by mail:
 - Ontario Pork, 655 Southgate Drive, Guelph, ON N1G 5G6

The Resolutions Committee¹ process

1. The Resolutions Committee Chair is elected from amongst the Board of Directors to oversee all proceedings of the committee. Board and producer representatives are appointed to the committee.
2. Review the resolutions process on annual basis.

¹ Resolutions committee – the committee of the Board consisting of the Board Chair or Vice Chair, two Board Directors, and three producer/industry representative. The purpose is to promote and support constructive communication between Ontario Pork's elected Board of Directors and the broader ownership for all resolutions submitted to Ontario Pork.

3. Review, organize and prioritize submitted resolutions including notes for clarification.
4. Address requests for re-consideration of debate or re-prioritization of the Resolutions booklet².

Preparation of the resolutions booklet

1. Assessing the resolutions:
 - a. The committee will determine which resolutions will be debated at the annual general meeting.
2. Resolutions that will not be debated, if they:
 - a. are not directly related to Ontario Pork - such resolutions will be referred to appropriate organizations
 - b. were reviewed in previous years and no new information/action is available
 - c. support a policy currently in place, or extend acknowledgements to other organizations or individuals
 - d. are represented by another resolution that was selected for debate.

These resolutions will be included in the booklet and an explanation will be provided.
3. Resolutions that will be debated:
 - a. All submitted resolutions that do not meet criteria listed above, will be debated.
 - b. The Resolutions Committee may contact the resolution submitter for clarification
 - c. A number of resolutions that request the same action may be compiled into one resolution to streamline debate. A list of submitters will be included.
 - d. A brief explanation may be provided when applicable.

Board adoption of the resolutions booklet

1. The Resolutions Committee will submit the draft Resolutions booklet to the Board of Directors for adoption.
2. The Board will review the draft and finalize the booklet.

² Resolutions Booklet – the compilation of all submitted resolutions

Completion of the resolutions booklet

The booklet will be printed and mailed to all delegates and associations' executives. The booklet will be also posted online: www.ontariopork.on.ca

Preparation for the resolutions session at the annual general meeting

1. Delegates will review and discuss resolutions included in the booklet.
2. Resolution submitters will have an opportunity to meet with the Resolutions Committee to address any issues with resolutions they submitted or the order in which resolutions are proposed for presentation.
3. The Resolutions Committee will be available for a meeting prior to the AGM resolution session. Any resolutions marked 'Not for debate', can be debated provided the resolution submitters make the request to the Resolutions Committee prior to the start of the resolution session. If the request is made by a delegate from the floor during the session, it will require a vote 2/3 majority vote of the delegate body to allow debate.

Presentation and debate at the annual general meeting

1. The Board will appoint the Resolution Session Chair³ who will conduct the session according to the Robert's Rules of Order.
2. The Resolutions Committee will suggest names of four scrutineers to be approved by delegates.
3. A member of the Resolutions Committee will read a resolution and make a motion.
4. Debate on the motion will begin when the motion is seconded by a delegate.
5. A delegate may speak in debate twice on any debatable motion – each time for up to five minutes.
6. A maker of a motion has a one-time right to preference in speaking to it.
7. A delegate who has not yet spoken on the motion has preference over anyone who has already spoken on it. The Resolutions Session Chair will try to alternate between speakers who favor and those who oppose a motion that is being debated.

³ Resolutions Session Chair – is appointed or elected by the Board of Directors to run the Resolutions Session at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Debate on the motion will continue until the Resolution Session Chair calls the question.
9. The Resolutions Session Chair will call the question when one of the following occurs:
 - a. The seconder speaks the second time on the motion
 - b. Seeing no further debate
 - c. If a motion to close debate has passed
 - d. Debate has become repetitive and no new information is being provided

Voting procedure

To ensure confidentiality and accuracy in voting, an electronic technology will be used.

If this system fails

1. Delegates will vote by showing their registered delegate tag.
 - a. Upon Resolution Session Chair's request, scrutineers will assist in counting the vote.
2. In the event a confidential ballot is required, a paper ballot will be used.
 - a. Delegates will be required to remain seated.
 - b. Scrutineers will hand out ballots to the delegates.
 - c. Once all ballots are handed out, and delegates vote, the Resolution Session Chair will ask the scrutineers to collect them.
 - d. Scrutineers will count the ballots and provide the Resolution Session Chair with the results of the vote.
 - e. The Resolution Session Chair will announce results.
 - f. At the end of the Resolutions Session, the Resolution Session Chair will ask for a motion to destroy ballots.

Results

1. The Resolution Committee will submit results of the resolutions session and their recommendations to the Board of Directors.
2. The Board will review the results and recommendations and decide what action (if any) needs to be taken.
3. Ontario Pork will report to delegates on progress with all resolutions passed no later than September 30 in the same year.

Decisions of resolutions have no legal authority. A vote on a resolution will not overturn a decision of the Board, nor can it force the Board to take action.

2022-23 Resolution Process Timeline

November 21, 2022	Resolutions committee to review resolution process for 2022-23
December 14, 2022	Resolutions process is outlined at the Presidents and Secretaries meeting
January-February 2023	Resolutions are developed at the associations' annual meetings
February 21, 2023	Deadline for submitting resolutions
February 22, 2023	Resolutions committee meeting to review submitted resolutions and prepare the resolutions booklet
February 27, 2023	Board to review and approve the resolutions booklet
March 6, 2023	The resolutions booklet is printed and sent to all delegates
March 22, 2023	Resolutions committee meeting to address requests
March 22, 2023	Resolutions session at the AGM
May 31, 2023	The resolutions response is finalized by the Board of Directors
June 30, 2023	The resolutions response is printed and sent to all delegates

National Organizations

RESOLUTION 1 – Ontario’s Representation at CPC

FOR Debate

Whereas CPC, Canada pork and SIP⁴ are very significant financial investments for Ontario Pork Producers; and

Whereas national programs, federal lobbying efforts and cross Canada collaboration on critically important initiatives such as ASF preparedness benefits Ontario producers; and

Whereas accurate, firsthand, up to date, in-depth and unfiltered knowledge of both provincial and national issues, initiatives, policies and strategic goals are key to making sound decisions for the benefit of Ontario pork producers;

Therefore, be it resolved that effective this annual board election process, and moving forward, that Ontario Pork board select from its Board of Directors two individuals to represent our producers at CPC.

Submitted by the Northumberland/Quinte Pork Producers’ Association

NOTE: On June 28, 2022, the Ontario Pork Board of Directors decided to nominate two representatives from Ontario to the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Board with at least one of them being an Ontario Pork Board member. Currently, Eric Schwindt, Board member and James Reesor, a pork producer and a delegate from Niagara represent Ontario Pork on the CPC Board.

Prior to that, two Ontario Pork Board members were eligible to serve on the CPC Board of Directors.

⁴ Swine Innovation Porc (SIP)

Computer Systems

RESOLUTION 2 – Cyber Security

FOR Debate

Whereas the incidence of ransomware and other cyber security threats is increasing; and

Whereas more of our mission critical tools such as barn controls, and production records are accessible online; and

Whereas farmers do not have the skill set to evaluate the cybersecurity of the systems that they depend on;

Therefore, let it be resolved that Ontario Pork hire a third party consultant to evaluate and report on the cybersecurity of the common hardware and software platforms used in the Pork industry.

Submitted by the Perth Pork Producers' Association

Carbon Tax

RESOLUTION 3 – Carbon tax

NOT for Debate

Whereas the federal carbon tax has increased the cost of production and reduced our competitiveness;

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork continue to work alongside the Canadian Pork Council and other farm groups to ensure livestock facilities and grain dryers are exempted from the carbon tax.

Submitted by the Oxford Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: The Resolution Committee indicated that Bill C-234 "An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act" is now in the third reading in the House of Commons. If the Bill becomes law, concerns raised in this resolution will be addressed. If the Bill fails, the resolution may be re-introduced.

Research Funding

RESOLUTION 4 – Toronto Stockyards Grounds Funding FOR Debate

Whereas the funds from the development of Toronto Stockyard site that are allocated to the Ontario Pork Sector; and

Whereas the funds are currently split between Ontario Pork and Ontario Swine Improvement; and

Whereas the Activities of Ontario Swine Improvement no longer meet the set of objectives of the Toronto Stockyards funds, with no independent breeders continuing to operate in Ontario;

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork review and to have these funds allocated to the research budget of Ontario Pork which benefits all pork producers and would meet the objectives of the Toronto Stock Yard funds.

Submitted by the Oxford Pork Producers' Association

Background information about the Toronto Stock Yards Land Development Board is included in [appendix 1](#).

Trade and Market Access

RESOLUTION 5 – Bill C-282

FOR Debate

Whereas the Ontario, and by extension, Canadian hog industry is dependent on global exports for future economic prosperity; and

Whereas it is in Canada's national interest to have a trade surplus; and

Whereas future trade growth requires negotiating teams to have areas of opportunity for growth within the Canadian market for future global trading partners to be successful in securing increased global market access for Canadian pork products; and

Whereas Bill C-282 seeks to protect multiple protected industries from exposure to future trade talks, thus greatly inhibiting the opportunities for negotiators to expand pork market access;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork work with likeminded commodity groups to develop a strategy, including but not limited to, letter campaign to all provincial and national supply managed commodity boards to ensure they fully understand the role of global trade and its importance to a healthy Canadian economy, letters to all relevant federal ministers and related opposition critics that outline how this bill effects Canada's ability to be a global food export power.

Submitted by the Perth Pork Producers' Association

Background information on Bill C-282 can be found in [appendix 2](#).

RESOLUTION 6 – Definition of a Producer

FOR Debate

Whereas “Producer” means a person engaged in the production of hogs; and

Whereas Noted in Reg. 403/10, s. 11(2)

- “1. The producer is an individual who resides in the association area.
2. The producer owns hogs produced on a property in the association area.
3. The producer owns or is the tenant of property in the association area and,
 - i. hogs are produced on the property by the producer, or
 - ii. hogs are produced on the property under contract for a third party. O. Reg. 403/10, s. 11 (2).”

and

Whereas for the association level this allows for a broad spectrum of diverse people and to collaborate to help move the industry forward; and

Whereas at the Board level this producer could become a board member with little capital invested, assets and or ownership of hogs; and

Whereas this Board Member should have significant investment within the industry, whether in ownership of property and/or hogs, to make good considerate decisions for the industry at large;

Therefore, be it resolved that all OP Board members must continue to be significantly invested, for 11 months of the year, as a pork producer, to remain on the board representing Ontario pork producers; and

Therefore, be it resolved that any OP Board member declare semi-annually of their position with the absence of ownership of property and or hogs. By self-monitoring, the OP Board will bring more integrity to the position of Board Member of Ontario Pork.

Submitted by the Perth Pork Producers’ Association

APPENDIX

Appendix 1

Toronto Stock Yards Land Development Board

In 1996, the Hon. Noble Villeneuve (PC), Minister of Agriculture and Food explored alternatives with the livestock industry regarding divesting public ownership in the Ontario Stock Yard asset.

A business plan to establish the Toronto Stock Yards Land Development Board was developed and led to formal establishment of the non-profit private sector corporation (without share capital) under the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act in July, 1997. The Articles of Incorporation listed the following as objects for the corporation:

- to acquire, hold, develop, lease and sell lands which include, but are not restricted to, the lands formerly owned by the Ontario Stock Yards Board located in the City of Toronto
- to foster and make available surplus funds for genetic improvement programs in beef cattle, dairy cattle and swine
- to foster and make available surplus funds for research, development and education in the livestock/meat industry
- to promote the development, sale and export of agricultural products; and
- to provide educational opportunities related to agriculture and rural life

The founding members consist of Dairy, Beef, Goats, Swine, Sheep, Veal, Beef Improvement, Dairy Herd Improvement and Swine Improvement. The members are solely responsible to their respective memberships for adjudicating the funds for research, development and industry education.

“The Board shall not adjudicate the surplus funds for specific research and development projects. The members shall be solely responsible to their respective memberships for adjudicating the funds for research, development and industry education.” Toronto Stock Yards Land Development Board By-Laws, Section 9.01.

Appendix 2

Bill C-282

An Act to amend the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act (supply management)

Bill C-282, presented by MP Luc Thériault of the Bloc Québécois, would legislate the protection of supply managed sectors in Canada by ensuring the government does not make market access concessions in future trade deals for supply managed products.

Progress:

- House of Commons
 - First reading completed on June 13, 2022
 - Second reading completed on February 8, 2023
- Standing Committee on International Trade
 - Consideration in committee

See below policy positions from national associations:

- A position circulated by the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA) opposing Bill C-282
 - Ontario Pork is a member of CAFTA through Canadian Pork Council (CPC)
- A position circulated by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) in support off Bill C-282
 - Neither CPC nor Ontario Pork are members of CFA