



ONTARIO PORK

Resolutions Response

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Letter from the Board Chair

June 30, 2023

Dear Delegates, Substitutes, Presidents, and Secretaries:

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I thank all delegates and pork producers' associations for participating in the resolution process. Your efforts in developing thoughtful resolutions and participating in meaningful debate provide another valuable means for the Board to attain and capture your input. This booklet contains actions taken and planned with respect to the resolutions debated and carried at the Annual General Meeting on March 22, 2023.

I encourage each of you to read and consider the responses given. Further questions pertaining to the issues outlined in these resolutions can be directed to the Board of Directors, or to Ontario Pork staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John de Bruyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

John de Bruyn
Board Chair

National Organizations

RESOLUTION 1 – Ontario’s Representation at CPC

Whereas CPC, Canada pork and SIP¹ 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

RESPONSE: Canadian Pork Council (CPC) represents the interests of Canadian pork producers to the federal government and internationally.

Ontario has two seats on the CPC Board of Directors. Recognizing an important role of the national organization, the Ontario Pork Board of Directors endeavors to select two representatives who possess the optimal combination of extensive pork industry experience, skills, and time commitment. Mostly Ontario Pork’s Board members are elected to represent Ontario on the CPC Board; however, from time to time, delegates (non-Board members) serve as CPC Board members. Delegates are elected by their peers to represent pork producers in their area. According to the current policy, last revised in summer 2022, the Board appoints two representatives from Ontario to the CPC Board with at least one of them being an Ontario Pork Board member. During last year’s election for the CPC positions, several Board members and delegates were nominated. At the duly held election in September 2022, Eric Schwindt (a Board member) and James Reesor (a delegate from Niagara) were elected to represent Ontario’s pork producers at the CPC Board for the next term.

¹ Swine Innovation Porc (SIP)
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Computer Systems

RESOLUTION 2 – Cyber Security

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

RESPONSE: Various industries have increasingly become a target of cyberattacks, causing serious disruption to businesses, critical infrastructures, including supply chains. Unfortunately, the agricultural sector is no exception and can be vulnerable to cyber-attacks due to its diversity and varying levels of IT knowledge and security measures in place. Ontario Pork have been meeting with cyber-security experts and researchers to gather knowledge that can be used to create awareness and provide information on tools valuable to pork producers and the provincial pork industry.

Research Funding

RESOLUTION 4 – Toronto Stockyards Grounds Funding

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

RESPONSE: Ontario Pork receives funds each year from the Toronto Stock Yards Land Development Board (TSLDB) to be used to fund research, development and industry education. Similarly, Ontario Swine Improvement (OSI) receives TSLDB funds to support and promote genetic improvement in the Ontario pork sector.

In February 2023, Ontario Pork reached out to OSI to understand how the two organizations could work together and leverage funding that they receive from TSLDB for the betterment of the industry.

These discussions are now under way.

Trade and Market Access

RESOLUTION 5 – Bill C-282

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

RESPONSE: International trade and the ability to reach new and developing markets is vital to the continued growth of Ontario's pork industry. Canadian government needs to support an open market to ensure equal opportunities for non-supplied- managed sectors, such as pork.

Through the Canadian Pork Council, Ontario Pork is a member of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA) and as such, shares its opposition to Bill C-282. CAFTA issued a press-release stating:

“This legislation creates a dangerous precedent and diminishes Canada as a free trade partner. It contradicts established trade rules and severely constrains Canada's ability

to negotiate the best free trade agreements for all sectors of the Canadian economy, agriculture and non-agriculture alike.”

Ontario Pork works closely with the Canadian Pork Council to provide input to the government and support the national advocacy efforts.