

Board Highlights: April 9-10, 2024

2024/2025 Ontario Pork Board Elections

At the first meeting after the annual general meeting, the Board held elections for all Board positions for 2024/2025. The election results are as follows:

Tara Terpstra, Board Chair

Bruce Hudson, Board Vice-Chair

Advisory Groups:

Risk Management: Tanya Terpstra (Chair)

Industry Strategy: Arno Schober (Chair)

Research: Arno Schober (Chair)

Board Committees:

Audit Committee: Eric Schwindt, Tanya Terpstra, TJ Murray

Resolutions Committee: Philip Van Raay, Karen Sanders

Research Proposal Review: Arno Schober, Jolanda Vanden Broek, Karen Sanders

Research Priority Setting: Arno Schober, Jolanda Vanden Broek

The Board also appointed representatives to the following organizations:

Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council: TJ Murray

Farm and Food Care Ontario Council: TJ Murray

Livestock Research Innovation Corporation: Karen Sanders

London Swine Conference Steering Committee: Tanya Terpstra

Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting

The Ontario Pork AGM was held on March 19-20, 2024 in Guelph. The Board reviewed a summary of evaluations and participants' feedback which was overwhelmingly positive. This year's AGM featured updates from the Board Chair, General Manager, the financial report, the auditors' report, the at-large Board member elections, the resolutions session, the Ontario Pork's leadership training presentation by Erin Kollman, the Canadian Pork Council report and four guest speakers:

Vincent ter Beek, Editor of Pig Progress, Peter Hall, CEO of Econosphere, Brett Stuart, President, Global AgriTrends, Mike von Massow, University of Guelph. Electronic copies of presentations can be found on the Ontario Pork website: <https://www.ontariopork.on.ca/AGM>

Delegates elected Philip Van Raay, TJ Murray, and Eric Schwindt to the at-large positions on the Ontario Pork Board of Directors. Ontario Pork recognized Maaïke Campbell, Mike Mitchell and John de Bruyn, outgoing Board members, for their contributions over the years. John de Bruyn was awarded with a Certificate of Recognition from Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, who also delivered her remarks on March 19, 2024. At the AGM banquet, Bob Hunsberger received the Ontario Pork Producer Recognition Award and Ken McEwan was honoured with the Ontario Pork Industry Award. Next year, Ontario Pork and the London Swine Conference will be holding a joint industry event on March 25-26 in London.

Centre for Meat Innovation and Technology

The Board of Directors participated in a tour of the Centre for Meat Innovation and Technology (CMIT), located in the Animal Science and Nutrition Building, University of Guelph on April 10, 2024. In 2022, Meat & Poultry Ontario launched the new CMIT in collaboration with the University of Guelph. CMIT provides training and partnership opportunities that support product and process development and adoption of new

technologies, as well as showcase meat science research. The CMIT's goal is to help local businesses be more competitive on a national and international scale.

Update on Ongoing Projects and Emerging Issues

Staff briefed the Board on the organization's ongoing projects as well as emerging issues for the pork sector. Staff have been monitoring several emerging issues such as fertilizer use, Advanced Payments Program (APP), Prop 12 and vCOOL. Currently, Ontario Pork is actively involved in many areas critical to the pork sector, including Building Code harmonization; Carbon tax removal on agriculture fuels; newly introduced Enhancing Professional Care for Animals Act, Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, environmental footprint, safety nets, Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) consultations.