

Board Highlights: August 10-11, 2021

Producer Information Meetings

Ontario Pork will be holding information meetings for producers to discuss the foreign animal disease preparedness and response. Five meetings will be held across the province September 13 through September 16, 2021; an option to attend virtually will be also provided to those who choose not to attend in person. While respecting individual rights to make a choice, Ontario Pork encourages participants at its in-person meetings to be vaccinated against COVID and follow the Public Health guidelines in place at the time of the meeting. More details will be circulated shortly.

Pre-registration is required due to limited space.

Federal Regulation Update on Zinc Usage

Staff briefed the Board of Directors about the feed regulatory modernization on the use of zinc oxide, its impact on pork producers as well as the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) and Ontario Pork's actions to address the situation. Zinc oxide is used in multiple ways within swine production and is a core component of most nursery diets. Ontario Pork has been working with CPC, provincial feed companies and veterinarians to understand the zinc oxide use regulatory changes. The proposed regulations can be found in [Canada Gazette, Part 1](#) (CG1) alongside supporting materials on the [CFIA website](#). A 90-day public consultation ends on September 10, 2021.

Ontario Pork will be developing its submission on the zinc oxide usage; once developed, the position will be shared with producers.

Pig Mobile

The Board of Directors approved funds for purchase and customization of a single large trailer to replace the existing Pig Mobile unit as it reaches the end of its lifespan. Ontario Pork's Pig Mobile live animal display is a popular educational resource sought for events across Ontario – both by event organizers and by local producer associations. Feedback from the Ontario Pork Program Development Advisory Group was used to develop a proposal for a new unit. The new Pig Mobile unit will incorporate modern technology and practices to showcase Ontario's pork industry at its best.

Resolutions Response

Board members approved the resolution response document with explanatory information to address resolutions submitted in 2020. The resolutions response document will be mailed to delegates in September. The 2020 resolution session was not held as the annual general meeting was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Directors encourages producers to submit new resolutions throughout the year. Any new resolutions can be submitted by email at olga.klashtorny@ontariopork.on.ca.