

Board Highlights: January 25-26, 2022

Financial Statements

The Board of Directors approved the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Ontario Pork for the last fiscal year, which were reviewed by the members of the Audit Committee prior to the Board meeting.

Hog Marketing Challenges

The Board of Directors discussed hog marketing challenges caused by deficit in slaughter capacity in eastern Canada, ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, growing hog production, and transportation issues. The marketing situation is very serious and is not expected to be resolved this year. Ontario pork producers are encouraged to review your marketing arrangements with hog buyers to ensure secure markets for their hogs.

Canadian Pork Council Update

Doug Ahrens and Chris Cossitt, Ontario Pork's representatives to the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), briefed the Board on the recent CPC Board meeting held virtually on January 19-20, 2022. The CPC Board of Directors discussed the African Swine Fever (ASF) prevention and preparedness, labour advocacy, the antimicrobial use strategy, Pig Code review, the Pork Promotion-Research Agency, and committee appointments.

Association Annual Meetings

The Board was updated on the local pork producers' associations' annual meetings held mostly virtually this winter. Board members have been attending each of these meetings to ensure a comprehensive discussion with producers in their constituencies. Elections will be held in zone 2 for the purpose of voting in delegates and substitutes for three-year terms in January-February 2022. Only elected delegates can be nominated to run for a Board position. Ontario Pork's staff have been working with presidents and secretaries to coordinate and provide support for association meetings, including meeting set-up, communication and notifications to members, running elections and technical support during the meetings.

Information on the meetings can be found on the Ontario Pork on-line calendar:

<https://www.ontariopork.on.ca/Communications/Whats-New/virtual-local-producer-association-meetings>

Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting

The Ontario Pork annual general meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022. The theme of the next year's meeting "Reflecting on the Past and Charting a Course for the Future". Subject to government restrictions and the COVID pandemic situation next March, the meeting will be held at the Delta Guelph. A virtual option will be provided to those participants who choose to attend the event remotely. Further information about the AGM will be in early February.