

## **Board Highlights: June 28-29, 2022**

### ***Political Structure Review***

The Board of Directors deliberated the revised political structure proposal developed based on member consultations in 2019, the Political Structure Review Committee report in 2020 and previous Board discussions in 2021-22. Board members also discussed the draft implementation plan and the member consultation and review process of the proposed changes. The political structure proposal along with the implementation plan will be presented for delegates' review and discussion at the 2022 Policy Day.

### ***2022 Policy Day***

The Board of Directors decided to hold Ontario Pork's Policy Day on September 20, 2022, at the Cutten Fields Club in Guelph. This year's discussion will be focusing on the proposed changes to the Ontario Pork Political Structure and priority setting for the Canadian Pork Council, a national organization representing pork producers. The agenda will also include a guest speaker who will provide insights on implications of geopolitical disruptions for agriculture.

### ***National Programs Evaluation Committee Report***

The ad-hoc National Programs Evaluation Committee has now completed its work; the committee role was to assist the Board of Directors in evaluating the Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) platform and in identifying opportunities for improvement. The Board of Directors accepted a final report from the committee and approved recommendations outlined in the report. A copy of the report will be shared with the Canadian Pork Council.

### ***Industry Strategy Advisory Group and Labour Committee***

The Board of Directors approved draft Terms of Reference for the standing Industry Strategy Advisory Group and the ad-hoc Labour Committee. The Labour Committee was tasked with assisting the Board in developing a strategy for the pork industry to address farm labour and industry workforce challenges. The Board of Directors selected candidates to serve on the Labour committee. Ontario Pork will be finalizing appointments with producers interested in contributing their expertise and time to developing a strategy for the pork industry to address labour challenges.

### ***Livestock Research Innovation Corporation***

Mike McMorris, Chief Executive Officer presented an update on Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC), an organization that provides a single portal through which collective investment in livestock and poultry research conducted in Ontario. Tara Terpstra, the Research Committee Chair and Board member for zone 1, represents Ontario Pork on the LRIC Board of Directors. The overview included the organization's goals, structure and value for its members such as cross-sectoral synergies in research, research priority-setting, administration and research project management.

### ***Emergency Response Planning***

Staff briefed the Board on the status of several projects that address various aspects of the emergency response planning, including the on-farm emergency preparedness and market interruption programming. Ontario Pork has been assisting producers in the development of a plan that would provide information critical to execute an on-farm emergency response, in the event of a foreign animal disease incident. An internal group consisting of Board and staff members has been working on designing programs to help the hog industry to adapt to the impact of a border closures caused by an outbreak of African Swine Fever or another foreign animal disease outbreak.