

Board Highlights: March 7-8, 2023

Producer Meetings' Summary

The Board of Directors discussed outcomes and the feedback from producer meetings held by Ontario Pork in February 2023 and local pork producers' associations' annual meetings. Over 280 producers attended the meetings. Zone 1 held elections and filled their full slate of delegates to Ontario Pork. Three Board members for zone 1 were elected: Maaïke Campbell (Lambton), Mike Mitchell (Middlesex) and Tara Terpstra (Huron). Board members provided their feedback and suggestions for future meetings.

Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting

Ontario Pork will be hosting its Annual General Meeting on March 21-22, 2023 at the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre in Guelph. This year's AGM will be held in person.

Participants are encouraged to [register online](#) as soon as possible as space is limited. Staff briefed the Board of Directors on preparations for the upcoming Ontario Pork AGM, including, the agenda, speakers, resolutions, as well as registrations progress to date. The theme for the 2023 AGM is "From Challenge to Change". Ontario Pork will provide an update on its activities during the past year, including key programs and benefits delivered for pork producers and the broader industry; the two-day agenda includes guest speakers and a resolution session ([the 2023 resolutions booklet](#)). The Ontario Pork corporate profile has been printed and sent to all members. An electronic version of the [2022 corporate profile](#) was also published on the Ontario Pork website.

Canadian Pork Council Environment Committee

The Board of Directors appointed Craig Hulshof, a pork producer from Perth, to serve on the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Environment Committee. This national committee provides guidance, recommendations, and assistance to streamline efficient environmental policy measures on climate change, sustainable natural resource management, and sustainable development for pork producers.

Research Update

The Board of Directors approved funding recommendations for five research projects that the Research Proposal Review Working Group had reviewed and recommended for funding at its meeting in February 2023:

- One Health, One Welfare in Canadian sow barns: Connecting human, animal, and environmental health
- Improving milk yield of sows and offspring performance: use of novel amino acid blends
- Evaluation of on-farm processed full fat soybeans for use in swine diets
- Efficacy, animal welfare, and pharmacokinetic impacts of needle-free administration of iron dextran and meloxicam compared to intramuscular injection in piglets
- Greener pig farm models through smarter, energy-efficient and climate-resilient buildings and optimal manure management practices

Roundtable on Federal Sustainable Agriculture Strategy

Tara Terpstra, Ontario Pork's Board member and Chair of the Research Advisory Group, participated in the Roundtable on Federal Sustainable Agriculture Strategy with the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and industry stakeholders that was held on March 3, 2023 at the University of Guelph. The development of a Sustainable Agriculture Strategy focuses on the

environmental pillar of sustainability of Canada's food system, within the broader context of social and economic challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector.