

## **Board Highlights: May 31 – June 1, 2022**

### ***2022-24 Business Plan***

The Board of Directors approved Ontario Pork's strategic business plan for 2022-24 developed by management to support the practical delivery of strategic intents and outcomes, which are set out in Ontario Pork's Strategic Plan 2021-24. This strategic business plan outlines tactics, key performance indicators, timelines and budgets that will guide Ontario Pork's activities in 2022–24. The implementation progress will be continually monitored, measured, and communicated to the Board of Directors and the membership.

### ***Pork Sector Positions for the Next Policy Framework***

Staff informed the Board about the federal and provincial government consultation process regarding the Guelph Statement and the Next Policy Framework (NPF). The NPF will replace the Canadian Agricultural partnership (CAP) in April 2023. Initial consultations will seek stakeholder feedback on both current and potential challenges and opportunities facing the agriculture and agri-food sector and on prospective priorities and vision for the NPF. Board members provided their feedback on a draft document that addresses Guelph Statement categories and determines potential non-BRM funding initiatives including on-farm and industry-wide projects for the Ontario pork sector. The finalized document will be shared with partner organizations and submitted to the government.

### ***Advisory Groups and Committees***

The Board of Directors approved draft Terms of Reference for the Research and Risk Management Advisory Groups including the proposed working groups. Draft terms of reference incorporated changes to the advisory groups and standing committees structure approved by the Board of Directors at the April meeting. The Board of Directors selected candidates to serve on the Resolutions committee as well as Research Priority Setting, Research Proposal Review and Production Insurance Working Groups. Ontario Pork will be finalizing appointments with producers interested in contributing their expertise and time to working on various issues affecting the provincial pork industry.

### ***AgScape***

Jennifer Kyle, Vice-Chair, Mercedes Unwin, Program and Resource Manager, and Ashlee Leggett, Fund Development Manager of AgScape provided an overview of the organization's strategic objectives, membership, as well as recent and planned activities and initiatives. AgScape provides factual, balanced, curriculum-linked food literacy programs and resources to Ontario's educators and students. The organization also delivers interactive career events for students, grades 5-12. Representatives from the agriculture and food industry meet directly with students and lead engaging activities exploring careers in agriculture and food. The organization's Teacher Ambassadors are Ontario Certified Teachers who provide engaging and interactive lessons to grade 4-12 students. Ontario Pork partners with AgScape to promote students' engagement and understanding of the agriculture. Last year, in collaboration with Ontario Pork AgScape launched An Exploration of Pig Farming teacher guide.

### ***Resolutions Response Document***

Board members approved responses to resolutions that were brought forth by delegates at Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2022. The Resolutions Response document will be finalized and mailed to delegates by June 30, 2022.