

Board Highlights: November 5-6, 2019

2019-20 Budget

The Board of Directors approved a deficit budget for the 2020 fiscal year. The service fee structure remained the same: the Universal service fee on market hogs will stay at \$0.95 per hog for 2020; a portion of the fee allocated for research is \$0.10 per hog. The service fee on weaner pigs leaving the province will remain at \$0.20 per weaner pig. The 2020 budget underpins the current business plan projects and includes such key initiatives as, the Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) implementation in Ontario, training resources for producers, electronic manifest enhancements to facilitate data flow and reduce paperwork, expenditures for the new research facility, emergency preparedness, as well as communication and consumer marketing programs that would promote positive developments in the Ontario pork sector.

Canada Pork Council

Doug Ahrens and Oliver Haan, Ontario Pork's representatives to the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), reported on the recent CPC Members Fall Meeting and the Board meeting, held in Ottawa on October 22-24, 2019. Eric Schwindt, Ontario Pork's Board Chair and Arno Schober, Board member, also attended the CPC Members Fall meeting. Discussion topics included the 2019 Pig Code Review, BRM, CPE, hog pricing, PigTrace, African Swine Fever (ASF), Made-In-Canada price,

Ontario Pork's Social Responsibility Report

Staff provided an update on the 2019-22 Ontario Pork Social Responsibility Report. The first Social Responsibility Report in 2015 set the baseline of this journey and allowed Ontario Pork to monitor the improvements of the sector over the past three years. The second report will be presented at the Ontario Pork reception in Queen's Park on November 19, 2019. This is a streamlined social responsibility initiative with measurable goals for improvement in four priority areas: 1) Successful farming operations; 2) Healthy animals and safe food; 3) Sustainable environment; 4) Strong communities and people. In 2019, Ontario Pork will share its story in each dimension, outline goals and identify baselines.

Political Structure Review

The Board discussed recommendations developed by the Ontario Pork's Political Structure Review Committee based on delegates' feedback from the Policy Day held in September. These recommendations will be presented to producers for their feedback at the upcoming information meetings that will be held in five locations across Ontario:

- Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – Kingston
- Monday, December 2, 2019 – Brantford
- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – Mitchell
- Thursday, December 5, 2019 – London
- Friday, December 6, 2019 – Palmerston

The AgManifest presentation will be also on the agenda for these meetings. All Ontario pork producers are invited to attend one of the five meetings.