



Board Highlights: January 26-27, 2016

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The following are highlights from the January 2016 Ontario Pork board meeting.

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

Program Update

The Board was briefed on the recent activities addressing PED cases. Over 79% of the primary cases have eliminated PED and are testing negative. A status report on the PigTrace program included Ag-Manifest status, producer registration and license plate compliance for transporters. Staff reported that the new requirements for Ontario pork producers regarding unvented gas heaters has been temporarily suspended. A multi-commodity working group has been working on the development of revision options related to code requirements for unvented heaters in livestock and poultry facilities by March 1, 2016.

Board Recruitment

Board members discussed options to address a Board vacancy in zone 3. Staff was tasked with preparing a restructuring plan to be submitted for the Board's review. It is expected that the plan will provide a pathway for establishing a rigorous and transparent procedure for the recruitment of new Board members.

Strategic Management Overview

The General Manager presented the strategic management overview and outlined activities, initiatives, objectives, and projects of Ontario Pork's 2016 plan. The crucial role of three advisory groups, Risk Management, Sustainability and Value-Chain, was emphasized, as Ontario Pork requires direct input from pork producers.

Risk Management Advisory Group

Bill Wymenga and Doug Ahrens, Co-Chairs of the Risk Management Advisory Group, reported on the status of the hog mortality insurance options development. The advisory group members met on December 16, 2015 to

brainstorm various program design options for the hog mortality insurance in Ontario. Further feedback from pork producers may be requested when a preliminary model of the program is ready.

Sustainability Advisory Group

Arno Schober and John de Bruyn, Co-Chairs of the Sustainability Advisory Group, briefed the Board on the recent meeting on January 19, where members were able to receive the information regarding the Great Lakes Act from the experts and brainstorm issues and their impact on Ontario's pork industry.

Policy Update

Staff provided an update on federal and provincial government initiatives including the Great Lakes Act, climate change, and antimicrobial resistance. Board members were also updated on the status of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreements.

Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Update

Ontario Pork's representatives at the national Board of Directors provided a summary of the recent CPC Board meeting in Banff including an update on the strategic plan, work plans, and committee appointments. The CPC Board also discussed various programs important to the Canadian pork industry such as animal health, on-farm programs, mandatory price reporting, and government relations.