

## **Board Highlights: August 14-15, 2018**

### ***Canadian Pork Excellence Program: Producer Information Meetings***

Ontario Pork will be holding producer information meetings for producers to discuss the Canadian Pork Excellence program and access to antibiotics for livestock operations. Four meetings will be held across the province:

- Tuesday, September 11, 5:00 pm – Best Western Brantford Hotel & Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford
- Wednesday, September 12, 5:00 pm – Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn, Orangeville
- Thursday, September 13, 5:00 pm – Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre, 6675 Burtwistle Lane, London
- Friday, September 14, 2:00 pm – Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, 1550 Princess St, Kingston

### ***Social Responsibility Report***

Staff briefed the Board of Directors on the 2018 Ontario Pork producer survey. The 2018 survey was designed to focus on six priority areas identified in 2015. Ontario Pork's social responsibility report is an important transparency medium and an effective outreach tool as part of the ongoing shareholder relations campaign to inform the government and society on modern production practices. Ontario Pork will assess the survey results, how the market has evolved and emerging industry challenges. These results will be used as the foundation for the next phase of the Ontario Pork social responsibility report, which is planned to be presented at the Queen's Park reception in November.

### ***Canada Pork Council Update***

Oliver Haan, Ontario Pork's representative at the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Board and Eric Schwindt' Ontario Pork's Board Chair reported on the CPC Board meeting that they attended on July 18-19, 2018 in Montreal. The CPC Board discussed the concern that the PigSAFE and PigCARE programs might not be ready for implementation in all provinces in January 2019. Given this, it was decided to provide producers, scheduled for a full validation in 2019, to option to complete a partial validation in 2019 and still maintain their CQA status. The full validation would be completed in 2020.

### ***Update on the Proposed Swine Research Facility Project***

On July 11, 2018 the internal design committee met in Ridgetown to view the new swine education centre and the biodigester and discuss ideas related to the design process of a potential research facility in Elora, including biosecurity, manure storage, viewing areas and the Ridgetown construction process highlights.

### ***Barn Fire Safety Ad-Hoc Committee***

The ad-hoc Barn Fire Safety committee, established by the Board of Directors earlier this year, held its first meeting on June 29, 2018. This committee was tasked with a development of strategy recommendations to deal with barn fires that would address existing gaps, resources, and regulations. At the first meeting, participants were able to perform an environmental analysis, to identify the desired state and to develop strategic objectives. Committee members include pork producers, Board members, an engineer and a fire prevention officer.