



Board Highlights: May 17-18, 2016

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

Committee Appointments

Further to a call for committee members that was conducted earlier this year, the Board of Directors appointed members for the Research and Resolutions committees as well as Program Development, Risk Management and Sustainability Advisory Groups. Ontario Pork's staff will be finalizing appointments with producers interested in contributing their expertise to working on various issues affecting the provincial pork industry.

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, 2016. The Resolutions Response document will be finalized and mailed to delegates.

Leadership Training

The Board approved the Ontario Pork Leadership Training program for 2016-17. The program is designed for aspiring pork producers and provides rich context to develop skills and knowledge required to become successful industry leaders. All producers interested in advancing themselves in their leadership journey are encouraged to apply. The cost of the program will be covered by Ontario Pork.

Producer Information Meetings

Staff briefed the Board of Directors on preparations for closed door sessions for producers that will be held in each pork producing zone in June 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to inform pork producers on key issues in the industry and to gather their feedback. Pre-registration is required due to limited space.

- **Monday, June 13**, 5:30 pm – Registration
Best Western Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre
6675 Burtwistle Lane, **London**
- **Tuesday, June 14**, 5:30 pm – Registration
Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn & Suites
7 Buena Vista Drive, **Orangeville**
- **Thursday, June 16**, 5:30 pm – Registration
Quality Hotel & Suites & Convention Centre
580 Bruin Boulevard, **Woodstock**
- **Friday, June 17**, 11:30 am – Registration
Holiday Inn Express, 11 Benson St, **Kingston**

Advisory Groups

Bill Wymenga and Doug Ahrens, Co-Chairs of the Risk Management Advisory Group, provided an update on the ongoing development of the hog mortality insurance. Analysis is underway to assess impact of design options at the individual farm level. Arno Schober and John de Bruyn highlighted policy options and guiding principles developed by the Sustainability Advisory Group for Ontario Pork's input into industry consultations on the government's domestic action plan for Lake Erie.

Cap and Trade

Alex Rosenberg, Senior Policy Advisor, Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, presented the Ontario Cap and Trade program and spoke with the Board regarding the program key design elements including the scope, opt-in provision, use of proceeds, and offsets. Board members also discussed implications for Ontario's agri-food sector.

Social Responsibility Action Plan

Staff updated the Board on the development of the action plan that would incorporate activities that would help achieve goals and objectives set in the Ontario Pork social responsibility report launched in November 2015.