



January, 2015	Board Highlights January 27-28 , 2015
<p>The purpose of Board Highlights is to help keep you informed on the issues the Board is dealing with on your behalf.</p> <p>This update is sent by e-mail. If you would like to be added to or removed from our distribution list, please let us know.</p> <p>Please direct any questions or comments to the Ontario Pork Communications department at 1-877-ONT-PORK (668-7675) or by e-mail to comm@ontariopork.on.ca</p>	<p>The following are highlights from the January, 2015 Ontario Pork board meeting.</p> <hr/> <p>Financial Statements</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Annual General Meeting Update</p> <p>Staff briefed the Board of Directors on preparations for the Annual General Meeting which will be held on March 24-25, 2015 at the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre. The Resolutions session will be held on the morning of day two. John de Bruyn was nominated to chair the Resolutions session at the upcoming AGM.</p> <p>Livestock Research Innovation Corporate (LRIC) Update</p> <p>Tim Nelson, Chief Executive Officer and Joe Hill, Board Chair of LRIC presented an update on LRIC, an organization that provides a single portal through which collective investment in livestock and poultry research conducted in Ontario. The overview included the organization's strategic goals, structure and value for its members such as cross-sectoral synergies in research, call for proposals administration and research project management.</p> <p>Antimicrobial Use and Resistance Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>The Board of Directors accepted the Terms of Reference for the ad-hoc Antimicrobial Use and Resistance Committee. The committee will work to ensure that Ontario pork producers have input into strategy and/or policy development related to antimicrobial use in Ontario.</p> <p>Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Update</p> <p>Bill Wymenga and Teresa VanRaay provided a summary of the recent CPC Board meeting which included an update on the CPC appointments to the Canadian Pork International (CPI) Board of Directors, animal health, free</p>

trade agreement negotiations, and an update on domestic marketing and national checkoff.

Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA®) Program Update

Audrey Cameron, National Coordinator, CQA® Program, Canadian Pork Council outlined main components of the current program, its principles, value for producers, trust and transparency, and communication. Program challenges have been also highlighted. In 2015, Audrey will be visiting each province to conduct internal audits. CPC has been working on revamping the CQA® program which will come into effect in 2016.

Country of Origin Labeling

Staff briefed the Board on the recent developments in the Country-Of-Origin Labelling (COOL) World Trade Organization (WTO) Challenge. In October 2014, the WTO Compliance Panel ruled in Canada's favour; however, the US has appealed the ruling. Next, the appeal panel ruling is expected in late spring or early summer of 2015. Lobbying efforts continue throughout the process to encourage the US government to change the law to avoid retaliatory duties.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) Industry Working Group Update

The Board was briefed on the recent activities of the PED industry working group including addressing PED surveillance, truck wash, research and control and elimination. Approximately 50% of the primary cases have eliminated PED and are testing negative.

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