



March, 2015	Board Highlights March 3-4, 2015
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provides a single portal through which collective investment in livestock and poultry research conducted in Ontario.

### **Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Update**

Bill Wymenga and Teresa VanRaay provided an update on recent CPC activities including a domestic marketing meeting which took place in February 2015 in Toronto; as well as planned federal government relations program.

### **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. At their meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Research committee members reviewed final reports of the PED applied research projects. The reports and presentations have been posted to the Ontario Pork website: <http://www.ontariopork.on.ca/ped/Research>

### **Supplementary Grants**

The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the feedback from presidents and secretaries of local pork associations regarding supplementary grants eligibility criteria. Following the discussion, the staff was directed to prepare a draft policy which will outline criteria for projects eligible for funding.

### **Nutrition**

Andrea Villneff, Ontario Pork's Nutritionist, presented to the Board an overview of the nutrition policy in Canada; the importance of an up-to-date knowledge about human nutrition for pork producers, and Ontario Pork's initiatives in this area.