



## Board Highlights: May 12-13, 2015

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The following are highlights from the May 2015 Ontario Pork board meeting.

### Committee Appointments

Arno Schober, the Chair of the Research committee was appointed to represent Ontario Pork on the Swine Innovation Porc (SIP) Board of Directors. Oliver Haan was appointed as Ontario Pork's representative to the Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC). Three advisory groups have been created within the new committee and affiliations framework approved by the Board at the last meeting in April:

- Sustainability Advisory Group – Board members: Arno Schober, John de Bruyn
- Risk Management Advisory Group – Board members: Doug Ahrens, Bill Wymenga
- Value Chain Advisory Group – Board members: Oliver Haan, Teresa Van Raay

The new framework is designed to support broader collaboration among producers, senior staff, and other industry stakeholders within main areas of value chain, sustainability, and business risk management, where workload is balanced and shared depending on the issue area and participants' core competencies.

### Ontario Swine Health Strategy Development Committee Update

The Board of Directors accepted in principal a final report from the Ontario Swine Health Strategy Development committee. Board members provided their feedback on the next steps including the proposed framework, funding sources, and stakeholders engagement. Ontario Pork will continue working in collaboration with OPIC/OSHAB and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) on the plan implementation.

### Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Update

Bill Wymenga and Teresa Van Raay provided a summary of the recent CPC Board meeting that was held on April 28, 2015. The summary included updates on CPC committee appointments, animal health, traceability, domestic marketing, Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and trade issues.

### Anti-Microbial Resistance Update

The federal government has committed to address the occurrence of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) with a range of initiatives, some of which impact livestock agriculture, including hog production. CPC has led coordination of a

national pork industry position and providing technical input with federal regulators. The Board was briefed on the status of the consultations and CPC's analysis to date. The Board discussed and approved Ontario Pork's feedback on specific implementation components of the proposed policy initiatives tabled by the federal government that are not already addressed under current programs such as CQA.

### **Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) 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. Over 55% of the primary cases have eliminated PED and are testing negative.

### **Resolutions Response Document**

Board members discussed draft responses to resolutions brought forth by delegates at Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2015. The Resolutions Response document will be finalized and mailed to delegates.

### **Leadership Training**

The Board approved the Ontario Pork Leadership Training program for 2015-16. The program is designed for aspiring pork producers who are looking for insights, knowledge and tools to become more effective leaders and advance themselves in their leadership journey. It focuses on helping them develop the capabilities required to respond effectively to the challenges of leading the pork industry in Ontario. As discussed at the Policy Day and the Presidents' and Secretaries' meeting last year, Ontario Pork staff will invite presidents and secretaries of local pork producers' associations to suggest potential candidates.

### **Pig Trace Update**

Ontario Pork, together with the other provincial members of CPC, are working to address both the Regulatory and program delivery concerns that have been expressed. Regulations governing the Pig Trace program are found in Part XV of the Health of Animals Regulations. Between May 13th and June 26, 2015 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is accepting comments for revision of Part XV. Ontario Pork is contributing to a CPC submission and is preparing its own. Producers will be encouraged to provide input on the Regulations. Program's delivery improvements will be instituted as timely and efficiently as possible where not restricted by the Regulations.