

Board Highlights: August 14, 2024

2024 Policy Day

Ontario Pork's Policy Day is scheduled for September 17, 2024, at the Victoria Park East Golf Club, located at 1096 Victoria Road South, Puslinch. The 2024 event will focus on the value Ontario Pork provides to its members and the services delivered to producers. To enhance delegate engagement, Ontario Pork is changing the meeting structure to include various interactive methods for participants to share their feedback. Recognizing the importance of these discussions for the upcoming strategic planning, the Board has decided to extend invitations to substitutes and leadership program participants, in addition to the usual attendees—elected delegates, presidents, and secretaries this year. The strategic planning process will commence later this fall, following the input gathered at Policy Day. Further details will be sent to all invited participants by the end of August.

Resolutions Policy

The Board of Directors has approved the revised resolution process policy. During the 2023 Policy Day, delegates supported moving the resolution session from the annual general meeting (AGM) to Policy Day. Starting with the 2025 resolutions process, all resolutions will now be presented at the AGM and then, debated at Policy Day. However, the Resolution Committee will recommend to the Board whether any time-sensitive resolutions should still be debated at the AGM. Resolutions can be submitted to the Board at any time, ensuring continuous engagement and consideration of industry issues throughout the year. The updated resolution process will be revised to reflect these changes and will be circulated to the delegate body.

Canadian Pork Council Update

Eric Schwindt and James Reesor, Ontario Pork's representatives on the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Board of Directors reported on the CPC Board meeting that they attended on July 23-24, 2024 in Regina, Saskatchewan. The CPC Board approved the CPC financial statements for 2023 and discussed the national pork strategy, government relations, African swine fever national lobby efforts, Pig Code review, and other issues. CPC will organize a national lobby day for October 29, 2024 and the CPC annual meeting for members is scheduled for October 30, 2024 in Ottawa.

Leadership Training

Registration is ongoing for the Ontario Pork leadership training program. The focus is on helping producers develop the capabilities required to respond effectively to the challenges of leading their farm and the pork industry in Ontario. The program also creates excellent networking opportunities for producers. 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. For more information or to apply, please contact olga.klashtorny@ontariopork.on.ca.