



ONTARIO PORK

# Resolutions Booklet

March 1, 2019

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# Letter from the Chair of the Resolutions Committee

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March 1, 2019

Dear Delegates, Substitutes, Presidents and Secretaries:

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I would like to thank all of the local associations for participating in the resolution process.

The committee has organized the resolutions and notes have been added by the appropriate staff, board members or submitting body for clarification purposes. Further update on the issues mentioned in the resolutions will be provided at the annual general meeting. Some resolutions have been listed in the booklet as "not for debate." If an association disagrees with this decision, it is welcome to present itself to the committee at breakfast on March 20 at 7:30 a.m., and ask that the committee reconsider its decision.

I encourage each of you to review and consider the resolutions for 2019 and come to our annual meeting prepared to help determine the future direction of our industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa VanRaay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "V".

Teresa VanRaay  
Chair, Resolutions Committee

## Introduction

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The Resolutions Committee met on February 22, 2019 to review all received resolutions. In accordance with the resolution policy, the committee grouped a number of similar resolutions. Every effort has been made to properly categorize each resolution.

Submitters of resolutions listed are invited to call or meet with any member of the Resolutions Committee before the resolution sessions if, in their opinion, their resolution needs further consideration or clarification. The committee will be available prior to the annual meeting at breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on March 20, 2019.

It is the intent of the Resolutions Committee and the Board to streamline the resolution process in an effort to focus debate and improve time utilization.

### **2018-2019 Resolutions Committee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Association</b>
Teresa Van Raay (Chair)	Board Member	1	Huron
Mike Mitchell	Board Member	1	Middlesex
John de Bruyn	Board Vice-Chair	2	Oxford
Mark Dejong	Producer	4	Northumberland/Quinte
John Sikkens	Producer	2	Niagara
Jackie Rombouts	Producer	1	Lambton

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# Resolution Process

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## Submission of resolutions

**Who** is eligible to submit resolution(s):

- a single registered producer
- a group of producers
- an association and/or a zone

***Note:** a resolution will only be debated at the annual general meeting if a delegate seconds this resolution*

### **Format of the resolutions:**

- See [Appendix A](#) for the resolution format.
- Avoid a motion containing a negative statement even in cases where it would have a meaning, since delegates may become confused as to the effect of voting against such a motion.

***Note:** Ontario Pork staff is available to provide assistance if required.*

### **Submission:**

- Deadline: **February 19, 2019 11:59 PM**
- Resolutions submitted **after February 19, 2019** and not published in the resolution booklet will be debated, if 2/3 majority of the delegate body at the AGM resolutions session agree.
- Resolutions are to be submitted in writing to Olga Klashtorny, Board Executive Assistant by email at [olga.klashtorny@ontariopork.on.ca](mailto:olga.klashtorny@ontariopork.on.ca) or by fax at 519-829-1769 or by mail:
  - Ontario Pork, 655 Southgate Drive, Guelph, ON N1G 5G6

## The Resolutions Committee<sup>1</sup> process

1. The Resolutions Committee Chair is elected from amongst the Board of Directors to oversee all proceedings of the committee. Board and producer representatives are appointed to the committee.
2. Review the resolutions process on annual basis.
3. Review, organize and prioritize submitted resolutions including notes for clarification.
4. Address requests for re-consideration of debate or re-prioritization of the Resolutions booklet<sup>2</sup>.

## Preparation of the resolutions booklet

1. Assessing the resolutions:
  - a. The committee will determine which resolutions will be debated at the annual general meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolutions committee – the committee of the Board consisting of the Board Chair or Vice Chair, two Board Directors, and three producer/industry representative. The purpose is to promote and support constructive communication between Ontario Pork's elected Board of Directors and the broader ownership for all resolutions submitted to Ontario Pork.

<sup>2</sup> Resolutions Booklet – the compilation of all submitted resolutions

2. Resolutions that will not be debated, if they:
  - a. are not directly related to Ontario Pork - such resolutions will be referred to appropriate organizations
  - b. were reviewed in previous years and no new information/action is available
  - c. support a policy currently in place, or extend acknowledgements to other organizations or individuals
  - d. are represented by another resolution that was selected for debate.

These resolutions will be included in the booklet and an explanation will be provided.

3. Resolutions that will be debated:
  - a. All submitted resolutions that do not meet criteria listed above, will be debated.
  - b. The Resolutions Committee may contact the resolution submitter for clarification
  - c. A number of resolutions that request the same action may be compiled into one resolution to streamline debate. A list of submitters will be included.
  - d. A brief explanation may be provided when applicable.

## **Board adoption of the resolutions booklet**

1. The Resolutions Committee will submit the draft Resolutions booklet to the Board of Directors for adoption.
2. The Board will review the draft and finalize the booklet.

## **Completion of the resolutions booklet**

The booklet will be printed and mailed to all delegates and associations' executives. The booklet will be also posted online: [www.ontariopork.on.ca](http://www.ontariopork.on.ca)

## **Preparation for the resolutions session at the annual general meeting**

1. Delegates will review and discuss resolutions included in the booklet.
2. Resolution submitters will have an opportunity to meet with the Resolutions Committee to address any issues with resolutions they submitted or the order in which resolutions are proposed for presentation.
3. The Resolutions Committee will be available for a meeting prior to the AGM resolution session. Any resolutions marked 'Not for debate', can be debated provided the resolution submitters make the request to the Resolutions Committee prior to the start of the resolution session. If the request is made by a delegate from the floor during the session, it will require a vote 2/3 majority vote of the delegate body to allow debate.

## **Presentation and debate at the annual general meeting**

1. The Board will appoint the Resolution Session Chair<sup>3</sup> who will conduct the session according to the Robert's Rules of Order.

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<sup>3</sup> Resolutions Session Chair – is appointed or elected by the Board of Directors to run the Resolutions Session at the Annual General Meeting.

2. The Resolutions Committee will suggest names of four scrutineers to be approved by delegates.
3. A member of the Resolutions Committee will read a resolution and make a motion.
4. Debate on the motion will begin when the motion is seconded by a delegate.
5. A delegate may speak in debate twice on any debatable motion – each time for up to five minutes.
6. A maker of a motion has a one-time right to preference in speaking to it.
7. A delegate who has not yet spoken on the motion has preference over anyone who has already spoken on it. The Resolutions Session Chair will try to alternate between speakers who favor and those who oppose a motion that is being debated.
8. Debate on the motion will continue until the Resolution Session Chair calls the question.
9. The Resolutions Session Chair will call the question when one of the following occurs:
  - a. The seconder speaks the second time on the motion
  - b. Seeing no further debate
  - c. If a motion to close debate has passed
  - d. Debate has become repetitive and no new information is being provided

## Voting procedure

To ensure confidentiality and accuracy in voting, an electronic technology will be used.

If this system fails

1. Delegates will vote by showing their registered delegate tag.
  - a. Upon Resolution Session Chair's request, scrutineers will assist in counting the vote.
2. In the event a confidential ballot is required, a paper ballot will be used.
  - a. Delegates will be required to remain seated.
  - b. Scrutineers will hand out ballots to the delegates.
  - c. Once all ballots are handed out, and delegates vote, the Resolution Session Chair will ask the scrutineers to collect them.
  - d. Scrutineers will count the ballots and provide the Resolution Session Chair with the results of the vote.
  - e. The Resolution Session Chair will announce results.
  - f. At the end of the Resolutions Session, the Resolution Session Chair will ask for a motion to destroy ballots.

## Results

1. The Resolution Committee will submit results of the resolutions session and their recommendations to the Board of Directors.
2. The Board will review the results and recommendations and decide what action (if any) needs to be taken.
3. Ontario Pork will report to delegates on progress with all resolutions passed no later than September 30 in the same year.

Decisions of resolutions have no legal authority. A vote on a resolution will not overturn a decision of the Board, nor can it force the Board to take action.

## 2018-19 Resolution Process Timeline

November 5, 2018	Resolutions committee to review resolution process for 2018
December 11, 2018	Resolutions process is outlined at the Presidents and Secretaries meeting
January-February 2019	Resolutions are developed at the associations' annual meetings
February 19, 2019	Deadline for submitting resolutions
February 22, 2019	Resolutions committee meeting to review submitted resolutions and prepare the resolutions booklet
February 27, 2019	Board to review and approve the resolutions booklet
March 6, 2019	The resolutions booklet is printed and sent to all delegates
March 20, 2019	Resolutions committee meeting to address requests
March 20, 2019	Resolutions session at the AGM
May 30, 2019	The resolutions response is finalized by the Board of Directors
June 30, 2019	The resolutions response is printed and sent to all delegates

## Regulations

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### **RESOLUTION 1 – Certification of licensed farm vehicles**

#### **FOR Debate**

**Whereas** producer members have to certify licensed farm vehicles, be it a truck or truck and trailer annually; and

**Whereas** this certification is most often unnecessary due to the low kilometers, limited and seasonal use of these licensed farm vehicles; and

**Whereas** the current provincial government wishes to reduce red tape where and when it is practical;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork support a partial annual certification process for low annual mileage licensed farm vehicles and present the idea to the Ministry of Transportation.

**Submitted by: Northumberland/Quinte Producers' Association**

## Animal Care

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### RESOLUTION 2 – Animal Care

#### FOR Debate

**Whereas** Ontario's pork producers care greatly about the welfare of the animals they are responsible; and

**Whereas** Ontario's pork producers wish to portray themselves to Ontario's public as caring and considerate for the livestock under their care; and

**Whereas** Ontario's public has replaced terms such as "castrating" and "tail docking" with culturally appropriate terms such as "neutering" and "tail trimming"; and

**Whereas** the terms "neutering" and "tail trimming" accurately describe regular pork production practices;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork and Ontario's pork producers cease from using the terms "castrating" and "tail docking" when describing regular pork production practices, and instead use the terms "neutering" and "tail trimming" to describe these regular pork production practices.

**Submitted by the Niagara, Golden Horseshoe and Haldimand/Norfolk Pork Producers' Associations**

### RESOLUTION 3 – Autogenous vaccines

#### FOR Debate

**Whereas** autogenous vaccines are an important part of a farm's health strategy; and

**Whereas** farm specific autogenous vaccines will sometimes be the ONLY WAY to control some diseases, because commercial vaccines will not have been manufactured from the unique pathogen found on a particular farm; and

**Whereas** without costly additional testing, after 24 months autogenous vaccines run out of their ability to be re-manufactured until the specific problem is identified and re-cultured, which put the barn and animals at risk of antibiotic use to control the issue; and

**Whereas** the new rules of antibiotic use rely on vet scripts of specific time and for treatment levels of animals;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork work with the appropriate agency to reduce or eliminate the amount and cost of paperwork necessary to extend the use of autogenous vaccines past the current 24 month period, perhaps indefinitely, or until the threat of harm caused by the particular disease has been removed as determined by a veterinarian.

### **Submitted by the Perth Pork Producers' Association**

**NOTE:** Amendments to federal regulations are process-driven and can only be amended when they are opened up for review. The Health of Animals Regulations are not currently open for review. Ontario Pork will monitor the regulation and when it opens up for review, will participate in the process.

## **RESOLUTION 4 – Compounding of medications**

### **NOT FOR Debate**

**Whereas** the on-farm compounding (mixing) of medications is prohibited by the Canadian Pork Excellence program and Health Canada; and

**Whereas** this potentially labour saving practice on sow farms could be good for piglet welfare since it decreases the number of injections required; and

**Whereas** it is important to the integrity of the Canadian Pork Excellence program that its requirements are practical and reflect on farm practices; and

**Whereas** the Canadian Pork Excellence program is a living document who's requirements are to be regularly reviewed and updated to meet the needs of pork producers and processors;

**Therefore** let it be resolved that Ontario Pork work with the Canadian Pork Council, veterinarians and Health Canada to develop a regulatory framework that would allow for

on-farm compounding of certain medications in certain situations, and modify the Canadian Pork Excellence program accordingly.

### **Submitted by Huron and Perth Pork Producers' Associations**

**NOTE:** According to:

- the current College of Veterinarians of Ontario's "Guidelines for Compounding of the Veterinary Drugs":
  - "Health Canada has the mandate to approve all drugs, including veterinary drugs, and to regulate related manufacturing processes."
  - "In Ontario, no individual other than a licenced veterinarian or pharmacist may compound or dispense drugs for administration to animals."
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Guidelines for the Legitimate Use of Compounded Drugs In Veterinary Practice, 2006.
  - "Compounding activities performed by a person other than a licensed veterinarian or pharmacist (such as animal owner, breeder, feed mill operator, agricultural producer) not pursuant to a prescription, or outside the scope of a valid VCPR<sup>4</sup>, will be considered manufacturing and subject to all applicable provisions of the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations."
- Health Canada, Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate, Policy on Manufacturing and Compounding Drug Products in Canada (POL-0051)
  - The full document can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/compliance-enforcement/good-manufacturing-practices/guidance-documents/policy-manufacturing-compounding-drug-products.html>

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<sup>4</sup> VCPR - Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship

### **RESOLUTION 5 – Supplementary Grant Surpluses**

#### **FOR Debate**

**Whereas** there continues to be declining interest to participate at the association level along with volunteering at local events; and

**Whereas** a solid and involved producer base can only help to strengthen Ontario Pork as a whole; and

**Whereas** there are typically surpluses in the Supplementary Grant budget;

**Therefore** be it resolved Ontario Pork create an account to hold these surplus funds. Such funds could be used to pay per diems to dedicated producer/volunteers that devote the extra time, energy and in-kind contributions to association level events. In time, if the account permits, Ontario Pork could potentially utilize these funds to innovatively promote involvement at the association level.

#### **Submitted by Middlesex Pork Producers' Association**

**NOTE:** Recognizing the importance of active producer engagement, Ontario Pork grants supplementary funds to local pork producers associations for qualified projects through an application process to ensure that these funds are distributed in an open, fair and accountable process and to the best benefit of the pork industry in Ontario. Ontario Pork's Board of Directors, at its discretion can increase the funds for each year.

## Pork Pricing

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### **RESOLUTION 6 – New Pricing Mechanism**

#### **FOR Debate**

**Whereas** the CME base price used to calculate the 100% Formula Price is only based on about 1.5% of the hogs being reported in the U.S., therefore, proving that this is not an accurate measure of the true value of a market hog; and

**Whereas** there has been a shift from valuing hogs on a live weight basis to valuing hogs on a cutout basis in the US hog industry in recent years. This puts some producers at a disadvantage; and

**Whereas** pork in Canada, is raised in a more highly regulated production environment than pork in the US;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork work with CPC, the Federal Government and Canadian hog packers to come up with a mandatory Canadian Pork Cutout Value, thus, giving Canadian independent hog producers the information they need to decide if this would be a beneficial mechanism for pricing the hogs they produce.

#### **Submitted by Middlesex Pork Producers' Association**

**NOTE:** In February 2019, Canadian Pork Council (CPC) initiated the "Made-in-Canada Hog Price" study. The study deliverables include creation of competitor producer pricing profiles for the United States, Germany, Denmark, Chile and Mexico explaining price discovery and transparency in the context of the relative importance of exports and the supply chain structure and regulations within each country. The report recommendations will outline a model for a Made-In-Canada price formula along with a discussion of the feasibility of its implementation considering possible issues with data availability. The report, expected to be completed in the summer of 2019, will also include recommendation on preferred price discovery. Ontario Pork, along with CPC, the federal government and processors, will be part of the working group for this project.

# Vomitoxin

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## **RESOLUTION 7 – Vomitoxin (DON) Levels**

### **FOR Debate**

**Whereas** 2018 has been a challenging year for toxins in corn, the GFO did extensive testing on the varieties of corn grown in the corn trials in this province and no results have been made public;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork spearhead an industry wide-solution on this issue that will provide transparency around these results on an ongoing basis and publish the results.

**Submitted by Kent Pork Producers' Association**

### **RESOLUTION 8 – Threat of African Swine Fever**

#### **NOT FOR Debate**

**Whereas** the threat of African Swine Fever entering Canada is high; and

**Whereas** the impact of African Swine Fever, should it enter Canada, be devastating to the national pork industry;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork advocates for the Canadian Border Security Agency (CBSA) to increase border scrutiny and security, and get additional sniffer dogs to patrol Canadian international airports.

#### **Submitted by Huron and Perth Pork Producers' Associations**

**NOTE:** To address the threat of African Swine Fever (ASF), Canadian Pork Council, a national organization representing pork producers, has been participating in discussions with Canadian Federal Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) to increase preventive measures at the border. The CPC, Canadian Meat Council and Canadian Cattlemen's Association have all asked the Government of Canada to triple the number of detector dogs in service at airports. CFIA is actively monitoring the global situation and has measures in place, including import restrictions and border control of products brought in by international travellers are in place to minimize the chances of introducing the virus into Canada. CPC continues to collaborate with CFIA on different groups working on ASF prevention and planning. Work is ongoing to address feed ingredient biosecurity, emergency preparedness and the organization of an international ASF Forum to develop a roadmap to prevent and respond to the threat of ASF in the Americas.

### **RESOLUTION 9 – Traceability**

#### **FOR Debate**

**Whereas** Ontario pork producers are under constant threat to virus and disease such as PED, PRRS, Seneca Virus and possible threat of African Swine Fever; and

**Whereas** the existence of these diseases threaten healthy swine herds in Ontario; and

**Whereas** African Swine Fever will have a devastating impact on Ontario and Canadian pork industry; and

**Whereas** unknown movement of pigs to locations that are not traceable; and

**Whereas** informing pig owners of feeding any meat products to their pigs; and

**Whereas** traceability is key when investigating where all the pigs are in the province of Ontario and to minimize the spread of above-mentioned diseases;

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork sends out an official letter to all pork producers strongly suggesting that pork producers not sell any pigs or piglets to persons or organizations that are outside of the Ontario Pork producer enrollment for Pig Trace/CQA/ACA programs.

**Therefore** be it resolved that Ontario Pork informs persons who purchase pigs to be aware of feeding pigs meat and by-product of meat.

**Submitted by Wellington/Dufferin Producers' Association**