

Board Highlights: January 29, 2025

2025 Zone Meetings and Elections

The Board of Directors was briefed on zone meetings. All pork producers are invited to attend a meeting in their zone. Topics are based on issues that have a high impact and relevance for the pork sector, including swine health, changes to the Temporary Workers Program, an economic update, and the Board report. Ontario Pork's staff is coordinating the event planning, including announcements, registration, speakers, presentations, venues, and meals. The meetings provide an opportunity and a venue for local pork producers' associations to hold their meetings, as well as networking opportunities during lunch or dinner before the meeting. Elections for delegate and Board member positions will be conducted in zone 3 and zone 4. One at-large Board position, representing pork producers within the province, will be subject to election at the Ontario Pork annual general meeting on March 26, 2025. More information can be found: <https://www.ontariopork.on.ca/Communications/Upcoming-Events>.

Canadian Pork Council Update

TJ Murray and James Reesor, Ontario Pork representatives on the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Board of Directors, provided an update on the recent CPC Board meeting, which focused on committee assignments, African swine fever trade recovery program, the CPC advocacy plan for 2025, and the Pig Code update. James Reesor spoke with the Board about ongoing and planned producer consultations across Canada about the Pig Code review process.

Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting

The inaugural Ontario Swine Conference will be taking place on March 25-26, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, in London, Ontario. As part of the conference, Ontario Pork will be hosting its Annual General Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on March 26. The AGM will feature an update on Ontario Pork's activities and initiatives for the last year, the financial and audit reports, and elections for an at-large Board position. Resolutions submitted by February 21, 2025, will be circulated prior to the AGM and then debated during Policy Day. If any time-sensitive resolutions submitted by February 21, the Resolution Committee may recommend to the Board for immediate debate at the AGM. Further information about the AGM will be circulated in February. Ontario Pork delegates as well as presidents and secretaries of local pork producers' associations are registered by Ontario Pork for the entire two-day Ontario Swine Conference including the industry gala. For questions regarding the Ontario Pork AGM, contact [Ontario Pork](#).

Financial Statements

The Board of Directors approved the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Ontario Pork for the last fiscal year, following a thorough review by the Audit Committee. The auditors attended the meeting to present their findings and address any questions from the Board, to ensure responsible financial oversight.

Deadstock Bins

John Nyenhuis and Erin Kollman, on behalf of the Perth working group, attended the Board meeting to discuss practical solutions for responsible deadstock management and the need for clear communication with producers. They encouraged proactive planning—especially during new barn construction—to ensure compliance and maintain a positive public image. Collaboration with Darling, exploration of government grant opportunities, and peer-to-peer support were highlighted as key steps. The Board supported a focused communication strategy with the Perth working group to strengthen awareness and promote best practices across the sector.