



Clare Schlegel Re-Elected Canadian Pork Council President

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(Ottawa) -- At the recent annual general meeting of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), held July 6-7 in Winnipeg, MB, Clare Schlegel was re-elected to lead the national hog producers' federation for a third term.

"I am honoured to take on this role once again," he told CPC's Board of Directors following his election. "I'm looking forward to a good year for our industry."

A Tavistock, ON, hog producer, Mr. Schlegel is joined by a newly elected Executive Committee consisting of 1st Vice-President Florian Possberg (Sask Pork), 2nd Vice-President Jean-Guy Vincent (Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec), Stephen Moffett (Porc NB Pork), Bryan Ferriss (Manitoba Pork Council), Jurgen Preugschas (Alberta Pork), and Jerry Gelderman (BC Pork).

Mr. Schlegel also thanked the outgoing members of the Executive Committee, which include Edouard Asnong (Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec), Jack Moerman (Alberta Pork), and Karl Kynoch (Manitoba Pork Council). "I want to thank Edouard, Jack, and Karl for their dedication and the contributions they have made during their time on the Executive Committee. I especially want to recognize Edouard Asnong for his contributions to our industry, serving on our Executive Committee for the past 12 years, seven of those as CPC President."

The two-day gathering provided a venue for pork producer associations from across Canada to discuss current industry issues including international trade, food safety, animal care, and the environment. Participants also enjoyed a visit from Ms. Joy Philippi, President, and Mr. Neil Dierks, CEO, of the U.S. National Pork Producers Council, who spoke of the synergies that exist between the Canadian and American hog industries, and the importance of working together for the betterment of the integrated North American hog market.

Overall, Mr. Schlegel felt positive about the meeting, adding, "We've had many challenges for our industry over the past year, but there was a lot of goodwill and an atmosphere of cooperation around the table in Winnipeg. We are all interested in working together, and moving forward with positive changes for our sector over the next 12 months."

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