



Clare Schlegel Takes the Reins Once Again As Canadian Pork Council President

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(Ottawa) – At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), held July 5-6 in Fredericton, NB, Clare Schlegel was re-elected to lead the national hog producers' association for a fourth term.

“I thank you all for your support, and am pleased to take on this role once again,” he told CPC's Board of Directors following his unanimous nomination as President. “These are difficult times for our industry, and we need to rally together and find ways to address the challenges that will face our sector in the year to come.”

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

The two-day meeting also provided a forum for discussions on current industry issues including competitiveness, international trade, food safety, animal care, animal health, and ID and traceability.

Commenting on the state of the industry, Mr. Schlegel asserted, “This year has been particularly tough on hog producers, especially with the steadily climbing value of the Canadian dollar, and ever-increasing costs for inputs, such as feed. But even with these struggles, we have grown a highly successful export market, and have determined, dedicated producers – those on their farms, as well as those sitting at the Boardroom tables at the provincial and national levels – who strive to do things better every day.” He added, “Globalization is moving forward, and over the next year, we’ll need to find ways to be more competitive so that we can take advantage of business opportunities available to us on a global scale.”

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