

NFAHW Council update – January 2018

Teleconferences January 11, 2018

The NFAHW Council met by teleconference on January 11, 2018. The Council was joined by Keith Deering, ADM NL and one of the two FPT Reg ADM Committee champions assigned to the Council.

In its first meeting of the new year, Council received reports from each of the working groups outlining their planned activities and timelines for the coming year. These align with the FPT Reg ADM Committee priorities. Progress will be reported to the committee and other stakeholders during the year.

Council also received the compilation of comments from participants at the Forum 2017. All input will be considered in planning for Forum 2018. Thanks to all who participated in the Forum and those who completed either the online questionnaire or the questionnaire at the Forum.

The Emerging Issues WG is leading a small project along with the LMIS Steering Committee and managed by the Canadian Animal Health Coalition to query livestock processors on issues related to access to slaughter in the event of either an emerging disease or a catastrophic disease requiring humane destruction and disposal. The AAFC - GF2 funded project will be complete by March 31, 2018.

A new WG was formed to consider issues related to restructuring the Council to assume a number of activities that the Council has been presented with. Included are the coordination of implementation of the animal side of the Plant and Animal Health Strategy; Animal Antimicrobial Stewardship Canada; and the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System. The WG will develop a discussion paper for consideration at the February 22-23 meeting of Council.

Also at the February 22-23, 2018 meeting of Council, the Animal Welfare WG will lead a discussion on the review by the working group of the Council advisory paper "A National Animal Welfare System for Canada – 2012" with the intent of developing a revised advisory paper on the topic.

Upcoming meetings

- NFAHW Council meeting February 22 and 23, Toronto
- NFAHW Council teleconference March 8

Council website – www.ahwcouncil.ca

- The Council meeting schedule is posted under *meetings*.
- Public documents are posted under *documents*

Would your board like an update from the Council?

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