

### Issue 21 September 2012

#### Upcoming Meetings

##### OLPC Membership Meetings

- o October 12, 2012
- o December 14, 2012

#### New Communications Member

At their September meeting, the OLPC Board approved a communications membership application from Dr. Naeem Nazir Awan on behalf of Al – Awan Industries Canada Inc.

Communications members receive OLPC biosecurity information via the electronic distribution list.

#### 2012-2013 OLPC Board

Elected Chair: Gord Coukell

#### Agriculture and Food Associations and Coalitions:

Susan Collier,  
AOCP

#### Individual Agri-Businesses:

Ian Richardson, e-Biz

Major Livestock: Richard  
Horne, OCA

Minor Livestock: Jennifer  
Bullock, Ontario Livestock  
Alliance

Poultry: Harry Pelissero, Egg  
Farmers of Ontario

#### Veterinarian Associations:

Doug Raven, OVMA

Susan Collier was also re-elected by the Board as Vice-Chair.

#### **On-Farm Biosecurity Resources**

The writing and development of the on-farm biosecurity resources is complete and the items are currently in production. The biosecurity signs were profiled in our June newsletter. In addition, there are two producer manuals, one for livestock and one for crops. Both are available in English and French. Posters targeting farm visitors (e.g. delivery people, contractors, technicians, etc.) are also available in both languages for livestock and cropping operations. A 20-minute video highlighting the importance of biosecurity to producers and the basic control areas on farm is nearing completion. All material, except for the signs, will also be available in electronic format via the OLPC website which is currently undergoing a facelift.

#### **Mass Carcass Disposal Project**

The Mass Carcass Disposal Guide for Municipalities is finished. OMAFRA, MOE and CFIA staff provided input and reviewed the draft version. Six municipalities who have been involved in other OLPC emergency response activities were asked if they would like to pilot the resource and all six were quite eager to do so. They are: City of Kingston, County of Wellington, Perth County, City of Kawartha Lakes, United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, and Niagara Region. In addition to a hard copy of the guide, they have been provided with a computer disk containing an electronic pdf copy of the guide, fillable pdf forms for the templates in the guide, an Excel spreadsheet to calculate municipal livestock inventories, and pdf files of the Regulations and Acts contained in the Guide. Alberta Agriculture has also received a copy as they graciously allowed us to use their mass carcass guide as a template from which to develop our Ontario guide.

The municipalities have been asked for their feedback, even if just initial comments, by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Below is one testimonial from a municipal emergency manager who has begun working through the guide.

*So far I can say this is FANTASTIC!! Unfortunately, I can't complete the project before Oct 15<sup>th</sup> ...But I can say this is extremely helpful and I will be using it for sure. Please let me know if I can do anything further...but I'm not giving this binder back. It's much too valuable!!!*

#### **Incident Command System Training**

In our June newsletter, we noted that the OLPC Board, with the support of OMAFRA and the University of Guelph, is investigating holding a one-day session on the Incident Command System (ICS) for industry leaders, service and supply groups. David Kelton, University of Guelph in conjunction with OMAFRA submitted an application for KTT funding under the OMAFRA/U of G Emergency Management Research Program to support the cost of holding ICS training for OLPC members. The funding request was approved. The training session will be held during the first quarter of 2013.

The session will increase the understanding of the ICS among livestock and poultry industry members and improve their capacity to respond effectively in a coordinated emergency response situation. It also ties into the outreach activities the OLPC has been conducting over the past two years with municipalities urging them to consider agriculture events in their emergency management plans. Many of them have moved to an ICS format for emergency response so agricultural groups should likewise be familiar with the response model.

#### **Our Mission**

*Provide a forum to facilitate the development and coordination of an Ontario strategy to deal with foreign animal disease and other transmissible livestock and poultry diseases.*