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TRANSITION STAKEHOLDER PROGRESS REPORT

March - 2023

TRANSITION

In 2021, Members of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council (now AHC), voted to adopt:

- a new vision and mission,
- the name of Animal Health Canada, and
- an expanded membership, inclusive of the value chain.

This decision builds on the work done by the Animal Health Canada Working Group from 2017-2021.

Adopting a new name was the first step in the process of transition, but major work areas were identified. This report outlines our progress to date on these key work areas.

We invite wide sharing of this report, and feedback/comments to info@animalhealthcanada.ca

VISION

A sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector strengthened by an inclusive industry-governments partnership protecting the health and welfare of farmed animals.

MISSION

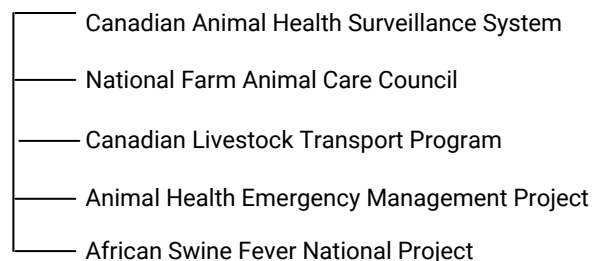
Animal Health Canada provides leadership in building a collaborative, multi-partner model that clarifies the respective roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of each partner implementing an animal health strategy for Canada, beginning with emergency management.

ABOUT US

Animal Health Canada is the only national organization that brings together industry, federal, provincial and territorial partners to provide collaborative guidance on a cohesive, functional and responsive farmed animal health and welfare system in Canada. Founded in 2010, AHC is a not-for-profit corporation jointly funded by members which include federal, provincial, and territorial governments, industry organizations, and other partners working in animal health and welfare in Canada.

Structure

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

The new strategic plan was shared at the AHC Annual General Meeting on September 19, 2022 and was accepted. Operational planning is now well underway.

Guiding Principles:

1. AHC is a leader in One Health and One Welfare.
2. AHC is an agency of communication and integrity. We are leaders, convenors, facilitators, and collaborators for the farmed animal sector.

Four strategic pillars of focus for 2022-2025:

1. Emergency management: preparedness and response
2. Animal welfare
3. Disease surveillance
4. Development of a resilient governance and operational model

To review our strategic plan please visit our [website](#).

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GOVERNANCE PLANNING

Member consultations to move forward with a pilot of a governance structure to broaden AHC's membership and utilize existing good relations with FPT governments. Multiple rounds of consultation took place through the fall and winter leading to by-law revisions. These included a new board structure, member categories, membership agreements and member fees which were adopted by the AHC Board of Directors in order to move the transition forward.

Discussions will continue with AHC members to ensure their needs are heard in advance of these by-laws being brought forward for ratification at the Members' Meeting in September. AHC will also continue to work with its committees, members and Board of Directors to refine its Terms of Reference and the Director Nominations Process.

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RE-BRANDING

Our new brand was accepted by the membership in September 2022 and was launched in early 2023!

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MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

Discussions have recently begun with potential new members and outreach to existing members is underway.

For all members, potential or existing, the value proposition of AHC and its member services in relation to emergency management, disease surveillance and animal welfare is available as a part of the discussion.

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OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT

To accommodate and prepare for change, AHC has undertaken a review and expansion of its capabilities, technology, and processes to meet new needs while remaining a lean and nimble organization.

Now that needs and most cost effective options have been explored, organizational planning is underway for implementation in the next fiscal year based on the revised member fee structure and grant proposals.

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BUDGET

A draft financial model was circulated for member and stakeholder feedback over the course of the fall and winter. Responses were collected and analysed and the resulting budget was presented to and accepted by the Board at their February meeting. AHC is working to ensure all members are aware of changes and have supporting materials available to support their internal discussions.

