

Advanced Business Leadership & Governance Wrap-Up

The Advanced Business Leadership & Governance Program wrapped up on January 12th, 2017. The one day sessions were attended by Board Directors of CanWest DHI, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, EastGen and Holstein Canada with funding provided in part through *Growing Forward 2 (GF2)*, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. The Agricultural Adaptation Council assists in the delivery of *GF2* in Ontario. The program objective was to provide a foundation of governance, leadership and financial skills for current board directors within the dairy industry. A total of 40 board directors participated over the 2 year period in which the program was offered.

The one-day sessions involved a combination of guest speakers, presentations and workshops. Topics discussed included leadership styles, board governance and the roles and responsibilities of directors, responsibilities of board chairs, strategic planning, personality profile assessments and risk management. The session topics were determined based on director skills assessments and needs.

All sessions were very well received by the participants who left the sessions feeling better equipped to handle situations which may arise on boards where they are currently involved. The participants were looking forward to using the information they had learned and applying it to the current boards on which they currently sit.

