



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Debbie Etsell
Chair
BC Vegetable Marketing Commission

Dear Ms. Etsell:

BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION 2021 ELECTION POLICY APPROVAL

On February 25, 2021 the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission) submitted the following recommended changes to its Election Policy:

- Add an “Eligibility for Election or Office” requirement that an individual is not eligible for election or office as an elected member if they hold a director position on a designated agency of the Commission.
- Add a “Nominations” requirement that a commercial producer or appointed employee is not eligible to be nominated to serve as a Commission member if they hold a director position on a designated agency of the Commission.
- Extend the 2021 election deadline from March 31st to April 27th.

The Commission also requested a deadline extension for its regularly scheduled Election Policy review. The review was to be completed by December 2020. The Commission initially requested an extension to March 2021, which was approved, to take any directions arising from BCFIRB’s December 22, 2020 Vegetable Review supervisory decision into consideration. After reviewing the decision, the Commission determined an extension to December 2021 is needed to conduct a full review with industry.

The recommended changes arise from the Vegetable Review supervisory decision:

9. The Commission is to revise its Election Rules and receive BCFIRB’s prior approval under s.3(6) of British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Scheme (Scheme), prior to the 2021 election, to reflect that producers holding a director position on an agency are not eligible for nomination and election.

Decision

Under the British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Scheme s. 3(6) practices and procedures for the election of elected Commission members do not come into effect until approved by the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB).

I approve the eligibility for election and nomination requirements changes. These changes fulfill BCFIRB's Vegetable Review supervisory direction.

The Commission was required to fulfill BCFIRB's supervisory direction before the 2021 election. There is now insufficient time for the Commission to complete its election by March 31st, 2021. As such I direct the Commission to temporarily amend its Election Policy as follows for the 2021 election only:

Under Terms of Office:

- *Replace:* The term of office is 2 years. A term commences on May 1st.
- *With:* The terms of office are two years and commence from the date of the 2021 election and conclude in 2023 on the date to be established by the Commission in conjunction with its 2023 election.

Under Election Schedule:

- *Replace:* Elections shall be completed by March 31st of each year.
- *With:* For the 2021 election, the election shall be completed by a date determined by the Commission and announced in its Election Schedule.

The Commission is to complete a full review of its Election Policy with industry and submit any recommended amendments with a SAFETI¹ rationale to BCFIRB no later than November 26, 2021.

Please make the above directed amendments and forward the final 2021 Election Policy, with the Commission's motion approving the Policy, to BCFIRB for my signature.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Donkers', is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Donkers
Presiding Member

cc: BCFIRB web site

¹ Strategic Accountable Fair Effective Transparent Inclusive