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## **DELIVERED BY EMAIL**

André Solymosi General Manager BC Vegetable Marketing Commission

Dear Mr. Solymosi:

## RE: MEETING WITH THE VEGETABLE SUPERVISORY REVIEW PANEL

Thank you for arranging and attending the meeting with the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) supervisory panel, composed of Daphne Stancil, Dennis Lapierre, Tamara Leigh, and BCFIRB staff (Wanda Gorsuch and Ganna Drozd) on October 28, 2019. Please extend our thanks to the chair of the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission) and members. We appreciate that all members were able to attend the meeting in person and recognize the time commitment this required.

As noted in BCFIRB's September 27, 2019 letter, the purpose of the meeting was to assist the panel in understanding the business of the Commission as background to determining the scope and process of the Vegetable Supervisory Review. The roundtable discussion allowed the panel to get a better understanding of the Commissions' activities and concerns, and to gain some familiarity with projects and work the Commission is currently planning or undertaking. These projects include the Agency Review, strategic plan process, and in relation, revisions of the Commission's General Orders. The Commission also mentioned that it is in the process of meeting BCFIRB's February 28, 2019 appeal directions, which included reconsideration of several orders related to Prokam Enterprises Ltd.

The panel remains acutely aware of the time available to the Commission, producers and agencies for planning prior to the 2020/21 production year and the related need for regulatory certainty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2019 February 28. BCFIRB. In the Matter of the *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act* and Appeals from Compliance Orders of the British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission.

The panel will propose the scope for its supervisory review bearing this in mind and as soon as practical. Thank you for the offer to meet again as necessary on short notice for the panel to accomplish this.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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Acting Executive Director

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