## BC Farm Industry Review Board

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## **DELIVERED BY EMAIL**

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Dear Mr. Underhill,

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## RE: BCFIRB VEGETABLE REVIEW UPDATE

The following is an update on the behalf of the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) Vegetable Review supervisory panel.

The panel is targeting December 18, 2020 to release its decision pending any unforeseen administrative challenges.

The three supervisory review topics were finalized with industry and Commission input and posted to BCFIRB's web site. Now that the fulsome consultation with industry and the Commission on these three topics is closed<sup>1</sup>, the forthcoming supervisory review decision will address the following:

- 1. The structure of the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission): supervisory directions and recommendations related to managing perception of bias and potential conflict of interest in Commission decision-making.
- 2. The Commission's legislated agency oversight responsibilities: supervisory directions and recommendations related to agency accountability to ensure the Commission meets its regulatory obligations.
- 3. The oversight and management of storage crop Delivery Allocation.

<sup>1</sup> See <u>BCFIRB web site</u> for consultation process, questions and summaries.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at <a href="www.ward.gov.bc.ca"><u>Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca</u></a> or 778-974-5790.

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