



BC Farm Industry Review Board

July 14, 2020

File: 44200-60/VEG

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Morgan Camley
Dentons Canada LLP

Dear Ms Camley:

RE: TIMELINE FOR LIFTING AGENCY APPLICATION MORATORIUM

Thank you for your June 22, 2020 letter on behalf of Mastronardi Produce Ltd. (Mastronardi), regarding the status of the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission) moratorium on new agency applications.

Mastronardi is requesting that the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) Vegetable Review supervisory panel and the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission) commit to a prompt target date by which the moratorium will be lifted. Mastronardi is also asking that the supervisory panel and the Commission provide a timeline on which agency applications will be considered.

As the panel has indicated on several occasions, it agrees that the moratorium on agency applications cannot be left in place indefinitely. The panel continues to move the supervisory review forward in a timely manner. The areas of focus and consultation process with industry have now been established, and industry meetings are scheduled between July 13 and July 24, 2020.

As per the July 10, 2020 invitation to consult, the closing date for written submissions is August 19, 2020. The panel will begin its deliberations following that date. The panel is targeting early fall 2020 for the release of its decision and direction to the Commission regarding the moratorium on agency applications.

Mastronardi is welcome to raise these issues with the panel at the consultation meeting scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020.

Web:

Email: firb@gov.bc.ca

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/BCFarmIndustryReviewBoard

Phone:

Info: 250 356-8945

Fax: 250 356-5131

Mail:

PO Box 9129 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9B5

Office:

2975 Jutland Rd
Victoria, BC V8T 5J9

Morgan Camley
July 14, 2020
Page 2

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca
or 778-974-5790.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wanda Gorsuch". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Wanda Gorsuch
Manager, Issues and Planning

cc: Matthew Sveinson

Roark Lewis

BCFIRB web site