



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Derek Sturko
Chair
British Columbia Hog Marketing Commission

Dear Mr. Sturko,

BRITISH COLUMBIA HOG MARKETING COMMISSION 2022 ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW – APPROVAL

Under the British Columbia Hog Marketing Scheme s. 4(5), the Election Rules and Procedures (Election Rules) of the BC Hog Marketing Commission (Hog Commission) do not come into effect until approved by the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB). I have been appointed by the Chair of BCFIRB as a one-person panel to review proposed changes to commodity board and commissions' election rules and procedures in 2022.

On April 5, 2022, the Hog Commission submitted a request to BCFIRB for prior approval of proposed changes to its Election Rules. The proposed changes to the 2022 Election Rules are summarized as follows:

- The number of registered producer members is no longer stipulated as three, and the requirement that alteration of this number be made by resolution of a General Meeting is removed (Board Composition s.1);
- Online voting is made the default voting method, with the option to vote by paper mail-in ballot upon notification to the Independent Election Officer (IEO) (Voting s.20); and,
- Removal of Election Schedule dates (s.7).

Decision

I hereby approve the changes based on the following conditions:

1. Replace the deleted clause in the "Board Composition" section with "The BCHMC will determine the number of registered producer member positions to be elected in that year prior to the start of the election process."

2. Revise the following sentence in the “Term of Office” section from the proposed “Terms are staggered between the registered producers, so they are not all elected in one year” to “Terms are staggered so not all producer members are elected in the same year. At least one member will be elected each year.”
3. Reverse the order of the “Voting by Paper Ballot” and “Voting Online” sections so that the “Voting Online” section appears first in the document.

Once the above revisions are made, please provide a clean copy of the Election Rules and I will affix my signature. For clarity, attached is a copy of the Hog Commission Election Rules showing BCFIRB’s directed changes.

Following receipt of the signed Election Rules, the Hog Commission is expected to notify all producers of the revised Election Rules.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. High".

Presiding Member

Attachment