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## BC Farm Industry Review Board

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### DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Ben Janzen, Chair  
BC Milk Marketing Board  
200 - 32160 South Fraser Way  
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Dear Mr. Janzen,

### BRITISH COLUMBIA MILK MARKETING BOARD 2021 ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW – APPROVAL

Under the *British Columbia Milk Marketing Board Regulation*, s. 3(4), election rules and procedures 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 2021.

On May 27, 2021, the BC Milk Marketing Board (Milk Board) submitted a request for prior approval of proposed changes to its Election and Appointment Rules and Procedures (Election Rules). The proposed changes to the 2021 Election Rules are summarized as follows:

- Online voting is the default voting method, with the option to vote by paper ballot upon notification to the Independent Election Officer (IEO); and,
- Administration of the voting producers list is transferred from the IEO to Milk Board staff.

### Decision

I hereby approve the changes based on the following conditions:

1. Revise the following sentence in the “Eligibility to Vote” section from “If online voting is approved, the IEO will maintain two lists of Voting Producers – those voting using paper ballots (postal mail and in person) and those voting online.” To “The IEO will maintain two lists of Voting Producers – those voting using paper ballots (postal mail) and those voting online.”

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2. Revise the "Review Process" section to state that the Milk Board will review and approve an online voting system based on appropriate security, safety and ease of use requirements concurrently with its scheduled review of its Election and Appointment Rules and Procedures.

Once the above revisions are made, please provide a clean copy of the Election Rules and I will affix my signature.

Following receipt of the signed Election Rules, the Milk Board is expected to notify all producers of the revised Election Rules, including informing them of the change to default online voting, the option to vote by paper ballot; and, change in administration of the Voting Producers list.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Leigh".

Tamara Leigh  
Presiding Member