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Chair
BC Vegetable Marketing Commission
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Dear Mr. Krause,

**BRITISH COLUMBIA VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION ELECTION
RULES AND PROCEDURES – APPROVAL**

The BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (the Commission) seeks approval under section 3(6) of the *British Columbia Vegetable Scheme* of its revised elections rules and procedures (election rules) following its scheduled election rules review with its producers. I have been appointed by the Chair of the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) as a single-person panel to consider and, if appropriate, approve the election rules.

During the last review in 2013, the panel identified a potential issue regarding the appointment of individuals to vote on behalf of a partnership or corporation. In the December 18, 2013 approval letter, the panel pointed to a potential situation where a change to a voting appointment is made after the ballots are distributed. This gap was addressed by the Commission in the current election rules through the addition of language (see para. 17) that clarifies how and when corporations and partnerships can change voting appointees.

During this 2016-2017 review process, the Commission considered changes to the board's structure (e.g. independent member and representation). This was, in part, in response to concerns heard during the 2014 Supervisory Review of Regulated Vegetable Production on Vancouver Island. The Commission had also previously discussed making changes to the board structure. See, for example, the Commission's November 29, 2012 submission letter.

Given the significant Commission initiatives currently underway and the suggested implications of the options the Commission considered, the panel agrees with the Commission's decision not to make board structure changes at this time. However, I would encourage the Commission to incorporate discussions around potential structural changes into their operational planning going forward.

I hereby approve the 'British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission Policy – Election of Commission Member Positions,' approved by the Commission on October 16, 2017.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Pastoor". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Diane Pastoor
Member

Attachment: 'British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission Policy – Election of Commission Member Positions' as approved on October 16, 2017