

Inter-Agency Agricultural Compliance Committee Meeting – May 15, 2013

Langley - Employment Standards; Ministry of Labour Office

Minutes

Attending:

Doug McDonald – (WSBC)
Carol-Anne Boufford – (WSBC)
Bruce Calbick – (CVSE)
Steven Haywood – (CVSE)
Cpl. Robert McDonald – (RCMP)
Ravi Sandhu – (ESB)
Andy Wichary – (ESB) - chair

The Committee discussed Roadside Inspections and Site Visits held thus far and strategies going forward for the remainder of the season.

Carol-Anne Boufford/Doug MacDonald (WSBC) discussed their attendance at the first meeting of the newly formed Fraser Valley Farm Worker Cooperative Association (FVFWCA). The Committee discussed outcomes and action items going forward.

The Committee reviewed successful information and Q&A session, attendance, suggestions etc. for contractors/producers at the Wed. March 13, 2013 Abbotsford venue.

Ravi Sandhu (ESB) gave a brief overview of the “Day on the Farm” session provided by “FACTOS” in Oliver, B.C. This event was also attended by a WSBC representative. RCMP advised of possible issues.

Committee discussed incident Deltaport Way. Information shared with committee members. Strategies and enforcement penalties & sanctions discussed and reviewed.
ESB/CVSE & WSBC following up via electronic notification with regard to licensing, mechanical and transport issues.

Discussed strategies for further education, compliance & enforcement and further strengthening of partnerships in these endeavours between ESB, WSBC and CVSE & RCMP.

Next IACC meeting date: Next Quarter TBA