

February
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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

No ballot is required, but one position remains vacant

Request to regulate new Storage Crops

2008 ELECTION

With the Independent Elections Officer completing a review of the nominations received by the Commission the 2008 election process is complete, other than the Commission considering options available to it regarding the vacant District II & III Storage Crop position. A nomination for this position was not received.

Declared re-elected by acclamation:

- District I & II Greenhouse Pepper Representative incumbent Linda Delli Santi;
- District I & II Greenhouse Tomato Representative incumbent William Cheuk;

Declared elected by acclamation:

- District I Storage Crop Representative Peter Schouten;

With only one nomination received for each of the above three positions, balloting is not required.

As mentioned above and following review of regulations under the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act including the BC Vegetable Scheme, the Commission is to consider options for filling the vacant position.

SAVOY AND TAIWANESE CABBAGE - Notice of General Meeting -

Recently the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission received an expression of interest from Lower Mainland Savoy and Taiwanese cabbage producers for the regulation of these crops.

Part XIII of the General Order requires the Commission to schedule a General Meeting for the purpose of examining all aspects of requests of this nature.

The purpose of the information meeting is to facilitate the Commission reaching a decision after producers and other industry stakeholders have put information before it. Should any interested party be unable to attend the meeting they may provide information in writing to the Commission.

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: March 20, 2008

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Delta Town & Country Inn
Hwy 17, Delta, BC

BC Vegetable
Marketing Commission

OFI funding now available to Potato Producers

March 15 deadline approaching for D/A transfers

2008 Cole Crop negotiations completed

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On-Farm Implementation Funding*

On-Farm Implementation Funding (OFI) is now available for BC Potato Producers under the ***Canadian Food Safety & Quality Program***.

The total OFI funding allocation is a maximum of \$1,050 per producer. This includes workshop attendance, technical support and/or the purchase of specialized food safety equipment.

OFI funds are not available retroactively, however, approved purchases made after January 2, 2008 are eligible for reimbursement.

Detailed information has now been forwarded to potato producers registered with the Commission.

*(*First published in Jan/08 newsletter)*

DELIVERY ALLOCATION TRANSFERS

The procedure for transferring Delivery Allocations is set out in the General Order. For transfers to have effect for the 2008-2009 crop year the completed request form must be received by the Commission no later than March 15th.

A Delivery Allocation Transfer Request form can be found on the Commission's website, www.bcveg.com. Alternatively to obtain the form, telephone the office and a form can be faxed to you. Telephone 604-542-9734.

COLE CROP CONTRACTS SETTLED

February kicked off the processing crop contracts negotiation season that, other than strawberries for processing, will complete in mid-March. Cole crop contract negotiations were held and completed mid-February.

Commission approval of the

completed cole crop contracts is expected to occur in early March. Processors introduced and cole crop producers accepted the inclusion of a contract clause pertaining to organic crop recycling and environmental stewardship.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Delta Town & Country Inn
 6005 Highway 17 at Hwy. 99, Delta