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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Newsletter
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Acclamations fill
all four
vacancies

All growers
invited to attend
BCVMC AGM

Producer prices
increase for peas,
broccoli and
corn

2007 Election Results

The 2007 Commission elections will be completed by acclamation – no balloting will be required. Only one nomination was received by the nomination deadline date for each of the 4 open positions. The nominees are Peter Guichon (Storage Crops – District I); John Slater (Greenhouse Vegetable Crops – District III); Tom Reinhart (Greenhouse Cucumbers – Districts I and II); and Hugh

Reynolds (Processing Crops). Mr Guichon, Mr Slater and Mr Reinhart are all re-elected to the Commission while Mr Reynolds will be a Commissioner for the first time replacing long serving Commissioner and former Chair John Savage.

All terms are two years and begin on April 1 2007.

Commission Annual General Meeting

DATE	Wednesday March 21 2007
TIME	7:00 PM
PLACE	Delta Town & Country Inn (Second Notice)

Processing Crop Contracts

Negotiations have been concluded on the 2007 processing crop contracts for Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Corn and Peas. 2007 negotiations were not required for a bush bean contract as a two year agreement was reached in 2006. Producer prices increased marginally on broccoli, and corn while the pea

contracts included a \$25 increase for all tenderometer readings. Prices and other contract provisions remain unchanged for Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. Negotiations for the 2007 processing strawberry contracts will take place in May.

Commission recommendations due to FIRB by March 31

New system in place for 2007 in District I

Joins LMVDI as President and CEO

Pea growers wanted

District Policy

The three regional meetings convened to discuss the District Policy have now been completed.

Meetings in Districts II and III were relatively well attended while only a few producers turned out for the District I meeting. The Commission will now consider the representations

made at the regional meetings and other relevant information for determining its response to the Farm Industry Review Board.

The review was undertaken as a result of a directive from the FIRB and the Commission has until March 31 to submit its policy recommendations.

Potato Delivery Allocation – By Type

Preliminary information is now being sent by post to potato producers in District I providing a description of the Delivery Allocations for the 2007 / 2008 crop. The information includes the Delivery Allocation by type for the first time, and is being circulated early to assist growers.

The Commission understands that the DA by type may present some difficulties for some growers particularly with smaller acreages and wishes to minimize any disruptions. For 2007 only the Commission has extended the deadline date to transfer Storage Crop Delivery Allocation, to May 15th. The extended deadline date is being provided to encourage growers to work together to find the optimum crop mix for each operation. The requisite “Transfer” form may be downloaded from the Commission’s website at www.bcveg.com.

Murray Driediger joins LMVDI

Former Commission General Vegetable Distributors Inc. The Manager, Murray Driediger, has re-joined the industry as the President and CEO of Lower Mainland and looks forward to working closely with him.

Notices

Snowcrest Packers advises it is looking for additional pea contracts in the upper Fraser Valley. Anyone interested in growing peas should contact Harry Sande at 778-878-0435.

Storage Crop and Processing Crop Producer licenses are due on May 14th. Producers can expect to begin to receive renewal notices beginning April 1.