



Interim Report to Members

April 1 – September 30, 2017

Submissions to government consultations

- CFIA Cost Recovery Initiatives – April 21st
- Safe Food for Canadians Regulations – April 21st
- Plant and Animal Health Strategy – April 29th
- ECCC – Carbon Pricing Backstop – June 30th
- ECCC – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting – June 30th
- Pre-Budget Consultation (for Finance Committee) – August 4th
- Health Eating Strategy (incl. Canada's Food Guide & Unhealthy Marketing to Children) – August 14th
- National Food Policy – August 31st
- Corporate Tax Changes – October 2nd (and ongoing)

Trade Specific:

- MERCOSUR – May 30th
- China FTA – Ongoing (originally sent June 2nd)
- NAFTA- Ongoing (originally sent July 18th)
- Pacific Alliance – September 13th

PMRA responses

Pesticide Proposed Re-evaluation Decision Responses

- Imidacloprid (Admire): cancel all agricultural uses (grower survey; submitted March 23, 2017)
- Clothianidin (Titan, Clutch) and thiamethoxam (Actara, Cruiser, Flagship): currently under re-evaluation; grower surveys completed at same time as imidacloprid
- Lambda-cyhalothrin (Matador): cancel all agricultural uses (submitted Sept. 21, 2017)
- Phosmet (Imidan): cancel all uses (submitted Sept. 28, 2017)

Pesticide Proposed Registration Decision Response

- Bifenthrin (Capture): cancel use for wireworm control in potatoes (submitted Sept. 14, 2017)

Direct lobbying activities

Small business tax changes

- Staff / bureaucrats:
 - PMO staff

Commodity/interest-focused "Grower" meetings

Apple Working Group, June 7-8:



- MPs:
 - Parliamentary Secretary David Lametti (Innovation)
 - Parliamentary Secretary Ginette Petitpas Taylor (Finance)
 - MP Stephen Fehr (Kelowna)
 - MP Larry Miller
 - MP Richard Cannings
 - MP Wayne Stetski
- Staff / Bureaucrats:
 - ISED Staff
 - Finance Staff

Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, September 27-28:

- MPs:
 - Minister MacAulay (AAFC)
 - MP Peter Fragiskatos (Southern Ontario Caucus Chair)
 - MP Randeep Sarai (Pacific Caucus Chair)
 - MP John Barlow (CPC Associate AG Critic)
 - MP Ruth-Ellen Brosseau (NDP AG Critic)
 - MP Mark Strahl (CPC Whip)
 - MP Ed Fast (CPC Env. Critic & past Trade Minister)
- Staff / Bureaucrats:
 - Environment Staff
 - International Trade Staff
 - John Moffett, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Canada

Farm tours

- SAWP farm tour in Norfolk County (August, 2017):
 - Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)
 - Service Canada
 - Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
 - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
- Crop Protection tour around Ottawa area (August, 2017):
 - Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA)
 - Pest Management Centre (PMC)
 - Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
 - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
- Greenhouse Tour organized for Senator Oh (Ontario)



Appearances at Parliamentary and Senate committees

- Senate Agriculture & Forestry Committee on Climate Change – March 28th (Rebecca Lee & Justine Taylor, OGVG)
- Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade – CETA – April 6 (Rebecca Lee & Ken Forth, Chair, CHC Trade Committee)
- AGRI Committee on Non-tariff Trade Barriers – June 6 (Rebecca Lee & Ken Forth, Chair, CHC Trade Committee)
- AGRI Committee on National Food Policy – September 28 (Rebecca Lee & Linda Delli Santi, Chair, CHC Greenhouse Committee)

Proposals prepared for Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)

Under the guise of the Canadian Agri-Science Cluster for Horticulture 3 (name tbc), and based on 2018 commodity research strategies, CHC members and researchers have prepared to date (pending approval by CHC working groups):

- Apple – 3 proposals
- Berry (blueberry, strawberry, raspberry) – 4 proposals
- Greenhouse – 8 proposals
- Vegetable – 5 proposals
- Potato – 19 proposals

References to CHC in the press – some examples

- “Campaign Spotlight: Horticultural Council Embarks on Agricultural Tour in Annapolis Valley, with Ag Official in Tow” (The Lobby Monitor, Sept 29, 2017)
- “AgGrowth Coalition to focus on BRM programs” (Farms.com, Sept 14, 2017)
- “AgGrowth Coalition has Named its Chair and Vice Chair” (Discover Airdrie, Sept 12, 2017)
- “Tax reform protest heats up” (The Western Producer, Sept 7, 2017)
- “Tax Changes Bad News For Businesses & Farmers” (Discover Airdrie, Aug 31, 2017)
- “TSC Partners With PSI To Align Metrics In Measuring Sustainability Issues In Potato Supply Chain” (Los Alamos Daily Post, Aug 21, 2017)
- “Ag ministers must decide on program review at meeting” (July 17, 2017)
- “Paper or plastic? Canadian scientist at centre of grocery debate” (The Globe and Mail, April 30, 2017)
- “NSFGA: Celebrating the fruits of their labour” (The Nova Scotia Chronicle, May 22, 2017)
- “Ag groups forming united front on BRM” (The Manitoba Cooperator, June 6, 2017)
- “Numbers speak louder than words for WelchGroup's Enman” (The Ottawa Business Journal, June 12, 2017)
- “Potato bug not a concern for Alberta producers this year” (Lethbridge Herald, August 14, 2017)

Spokesperson Mark Wales, Chair of CHC’s Business Risk Management Committee, appeared on the following networks to talk about small business tax changes:

- BNN
- CBC the Current



- CBC Power & Politics
- Zoomer TV Panel
- Globe and Mail

Staff changes

- Six months after taking on the position of Manager, Policy Research and Development, Nancy Baker left CHC to accept a position in the office of Senator Nicole Eaton.
- Jennifer Babcock took over the position of Manager, Policy Research and Development, on May 16, 2017.
- Justine Payne left CHC in August to take on the position of Auditor Coordinator at CanAgPlus.
- Katherine Strong joined us September 18 as our new Administrative Assistant.
- The CHC Board of Directors approved a new position at their July meeting: Manager, Crop Protection. Caleigh Irwin joined us on September 11.

Highlights of the Financial Report Below

- At the 2017 AGM, members were provided with a forecast for the current fiscal year. This information is summarized in the report below under the titles highlighted in blue. Our current forecast is included under the titles highlighted in green.
- Although we were forecasting total revenue of \$1,063,485, we are now forecasting total revenue of \$1,168,585, an increase of \$105,100. This is mainly due to the following items:
 - The forecast for Other Project Revenue is now \$97,300 which is \$40,000 higher than we originally anticipated. We have earned revenue on 2 projects that were not in the original plans: Reusable Plastic Containers and Global Minor Use Summit.
 - Additional Contribution from fundraising efforts – we have secured a \$15,000 contribution from CropLife.
 - AGM revenue was \$165,000 which is \$38,000 more than originally planned due to an increase in corporate sponsorships.
- Our current forecast for total Expenses is now \$1,038,506, an increase of about \$47,000 over the forecast provided at the 2017 AGM. This is due to the following items:
 - Salaries and Benefits – we have hired a Manager of Crop Protection. This was not in the original plans.
 - Professional Fees – Other Activities – we are making contributions to the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council, the production of a labour video and a contribution for BRM activities out of the Legacy Fund.
- The combined forecasted surplus for the current fiscal year is \$130,079, which offsets the deficit we incurred last year of \$128,081.
- In order to balance the budget for FY2018, the Board increased the membership fees by 6%. This was required to pay for the salary of the new position, Manager of Crop Protection.



CHC staff and/or Board visits to members

- Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association (OFVGA) Annual General Meeting – Toronto, ON (January 10-11)
- Scotia Horticulture Conference – Wolfville, NS (January 23-24)
- Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Annual Convention – Kentville, NS (January 24-25)
- Pacific Agriculture Show – Abbotsford, BC (January 26-28)
- BC Fruit Growers' Association Annual Convention – Penticton, BC (February 2-3)
- PEI Grower Potato Day – Summerside, PE (February 15)
- United Potato Growers of Canada Meeting – Winnipeg, MB (March 13)
- Mid-Summer Apple Meeting & Farm Tour – Mont Tremblant, QC (July 25 – 26)
- Quebec Produce Marketing Association Meeting, Gatineau, QC (August 17-19)

Horticultural presence at agricultural events

- American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) Vegetable and Flower Seed Conference – Orlando, FL (January 28-31)
- Canadian Agriculture Day – Ottawa, ON (February 16)
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) AGM – Ottawa, ON (February 23)
- Invasive Species Forum – Ottawa, ON (March 1)
- AAFC National Apple Breeding Meeting – Toronto, ON (March 6)
- Canadian Produce and Marketing Association (CPMA) Convention and Trade Show – Toronto, ON (May 8-11)
- International Federation of Produce Standards (IFPS) Meeting and Tour – Toronto, ON (May 12-13)
- CPMA Government Issues Management Working Group Meeting – Ottawa, ON (May 24-25)
- Workshop on the Future of Plant Breeding Oversight in Canada – Ottawa, ON (May 30)
- Workshop on the Future of Plant Breeding Oversight in Canada – Ottawa, ON (June 14)
- North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Risk-Based Sampling Symposium – Baltimore, Maryland, USA (June 26-29)
- 4-H Global Summit, Ottawa, ON
- CPMA Semi-Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA (September 13-16)
- United Fresh Washington Conference, Washington, DC (September 18-20)
- CAPI Reception and Dinner, Ottawa (September 19)
- 2021 Census of Agriculture Workshop, Ottawa (September 21)
- NAFTA Roundtable Meeting, Ottawa (September 25)
- NAFTA Stakeholder Updates, Ottawa (September 25, 26, 27)