

BC Fruit Growers' Association



Friday File

April 7, 2017

Kelowna Council meeting

Come to show your support

The City of Kelowna is proposing a bylaw on temporary farm worker housing. The BCFGA agrees that a bylaw is needed, but the proposed bylaw has not been discussed with industry associations. The bylaw has several problems:

- Duplication of existing requirements of the SAWP program.
- Minimum parcel size is not small enough.
- Maximum number of workers does not relate to farm size.
- Unneeded property covenant.
- Unenforceable criteria - e.g. 'during growing, harvesting and pruning periods'.
- Rigid area requirements that do not relate to farm size.
- Requirement to be within 150 feet of a road.
- Requirement of a vegetative buffer on the farm property.
- Definition of On Farm Processing incomplete (does not include packing and storage).

The BCFGA is encouraging Kelowna growers to attend the meeting. Messages we wish to impress on Council are

- that the farm community is concerned that a proper bylaw be put in place, and
- that a consultation with associations needs take place in order to reach agreement on the bylaw.

At present, the City of Kelowna requires the approval of the Minister of Agriculture before farm bylaws can come into force. The City is proposing to end this oversight (section 919 of the Local Government Act). Given the failure to consult with industry on the Farm Housing Bylaw, the BCFGA is opposed to the removal of this Ministerial oversight.

Where: City of Kelowna Council Chambers, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna

Time: 1:30 pm

Date: Monday, April 10, 2017

Apple Maggot Update

CFIA to Maintain Pest Free Status

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has just posted [a new Pest risk Management Document](#) outlining the current regulatory status of *Rhagoletis pomonella* (apple maggot).

Additional monitoring for the pest will be conducted by SIR with funding from the province and Growing Forward 2. The BCFGAs wishes to thank the many horticultural and entomologists that are engaged in monitoring and planning to help avoid and minimize the impact of possible establishment of Apple Maggot. For the coming year, the Okanagan continues to be a quarantine area - free of established populations of Apple Maggot.

Gramoxone Reminder

Changes to product requirements

Last year, there were changes to the safe use requirements for Gramoxone, and a date of last use for the product has been set for the end of 2018. For the 2017 and 2018 season, growers may continue to use gramoxone, but should be aware, as follows:

- Gramoxone may only be sold to and used by individuals that hold an appropriate pesticide applicator certificate or license as recognized by the appropriate provincial/territorial pesticide regulatory agency.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and First Aid instructions have been changed - please review the information sheet that Growers Supply provides.
- Gramoxone may only be used (i.e. tank-mixed) with other pest control products listed on the Gramoxone label.

These are important changes regarding the continued safe use of this product and we want to support your efforts to ensure compliance.

Apple Clearwing Moth Update

Planning for 2017 underway

The BCFGAs received funding for an areawide Apple Clearwing Moth Project. 2017 is the second year of the project, which aims to determine the effectiveness of an area-wide use of the Isomate P pheromone to disrupt the mating behaviour of the moth.

Zone 1 (Summerland South) will see the second year of Isomate P in a few contiguous area of very high moth populations.

Zone 2 (Peachland to Winfield) will see the second year of Isomate P in about one-half of the area. Originally, the plan was to complete the second half of the area, but that was based on a two-year lifespan for the Isomate-P. The manufacturer has recently clarified that the Isomate P can reliably last only one year. This means that the available funding will only allow treatment for same area in Zone 2 in 2017 as in 2016.

Zone 3 (Winfield North) will see increased and strategic use of areawide deployment of Isomate P, as the low moth populations in parts of Zone 3 were not responding to new treatments.

All areas, regardless of Isomate P deployment, should monitor for pupae and larvae tunnels, etc. If the moth is present (and possibly as a safeguard when the moth is not present), then Rimon should be applied in the Spring and Fall. See [the Tree Fruit Production Guide](#) for information on ACM monitoring and control, especially Rimon usage information.

Tamara Richardson will be providing outreach on the control of ACM. Maps will be available soon on the SIR website, based on the 2016 trapping. Traps in areas with Pheromone will show as “Zero” moths in the traps, as the traps are ‘shut down’ by the pheromone usage. Please continue to monitor and to apply control, especially Rimon.

Mexico SAWP meeting

Register now for this informative session

The Mexican Consulate and BCFGa are coordinating information sessions on the Canada-Mexico Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program.

Register to attend by emailing practicas1@consulmexvan.com

Kelowna Session

Time: 8:45 am - 11:00 am

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Place: Coast Capri, Kelowna

- 8:45 Participant registration, coffee
- 9:00 Welcoming remarks, Pinder Dhaliwal
- 9:05 Employment Standards: wage rates, keeping records, wage statements.
Amanda Clark, Regional Manager, Employment Standards
- 9:30 Travel arrangements, Arturo Hernandez, MiTierra Travel
- 10:00 Housing Inspections and Upholding Standards, Glen Lucas, WALI/BCAC
- 10:15 Consulate Participation
 - Women in SAWP
 - Association of Mexican Accountants
 - Hours of work
- 10:45 Q&A Session
- 11:00 adjourn

Oliver Session

Time: 1:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Place: Meeting Room 1 or 2, Oliver Community Centre

- 1:45 Participant registration, coffee
- 2:00 Welcoming remarks, Pinder Dhaliwal
- 2:05 Employment Standards: wage rates, keeping records, wage statements.
Amanda Clark, Regional Manager, Employment Standards
- 2:30 Travel arrangements, Arturo Hernandez, MiTierra Travel
- 3:00 Housing Inspections and Upholding Standards, Glen Lucas, WALI/BCAC
- 3:15 Consulate Participation
 - Women in SAWP
 - Association of Mexican Accountants
 - Hours of work
- 3:45 Q&A Session
- 4:00 adjourn

Meetings and Events - check the [BCFGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information

Date	Meeting	Attendance
April 4	BCAC Interior Hort Sector Annual Meeting (BCFGA, BC Cherry Association and BC Grape Growers Association)	Fred Steele, Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
postponed	BCFGA Labour Committee	
April 10	BCFGA Member Services Committee	
April 12	BC Agricultural Council AGM BC Investment Agriculture AGM	Fred Steele, Glen Lucas
April 19	Mexico Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program update, Kelowna and Oliver	
April 20	BCFGA Executive meeting	Exec
May 9	BC Election	everyone!

How to contact the BCFGa Office

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