

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

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Temporary Farm Worker Housing Bylaw City of Kelowna

BCFGA representatives Fred Steele and Glen Lucas met with City of Kelowna staff to discuss the proposed Temporary Farm Worker Housing (TFWH) bylaw on May 24. The Ministry of Agriculture “Strengthening Farming Branch” is also engaging in the conversation. The BCFGAs proposal is based on the following:

1. A maximum of 60 workers prior to a requirement to go to public hearing.
2. Up to 10 months of occupation per year (the nursery industry support a maximum of 11 months)
3. Ability for a single operation to have multiple housing sites in locations separated by some distance (e.g. 2 km), such that a grower could have to 60 bed TFWH sites is separated by more than 2 km.
4. Siting of TFWH to take into account soil productivity and location of neighbouring residences.

The BCFGAs remains optimistic that a resolution can be achieved.

BC Election

Was it held on May 9? No government yet

By next Thursday, the Green Party (which holds the balance of power in this minority BC government) is set to establish which party it is able to work with, if any. The [political pundits have set out several possible scenarios](#). The first step is seeing what direction the Green Party is taking next week.

ATVs for auction by SIR Program

Online Auction - June 5 to June 9 @ 3pm – SIR website

Well used (2001 – 2006) Honda ATVs for sale, electric shift. Used every season since purchased for SIR codling moth control program. Ridden in orchards and on roads.

If you would like to come and see the ATVs, they will be available for viewing Monday June 5 from 12pm to 7pm - #1 8 - 2600 Acland Road, Kelowna. Please make an appointment for viewing. Contact Michelle at mcook@oksir.org or call [250 469 6187](tel:2504696187).

For more information please visit our website.

<http://www.oksir.org/the-program/news-notice-events/atv-auction/>

Apple Clearwing Moth Update

Maps available

Maps indicating trapping results for 2016 are now available at <http://www.oksir.org/orchard-information/2016-survey-maps/>

The maps are simplified to better indicate grower actions:

- **ACM Present** In areas with ACM in 2012, 2014 or 2016, growers should plan the application of control methods for 2017. Individual growers may use trunk surveys to detect the presence and level of infestation in selecting control methods.
- **Mating Disruption** In areas where the project placed pheromone traps: traps were 'shut down', demonstrating that the pheromone was active. It is likely that in these 'medium infestation areas' that ACM are present on every orchard. Growers should plan the application of control methods for 2017. Individual growers may use trunk surveys to detect the presence and level of infestation in selecting control methods.
- **ACM Absent** In areas where no ACM were detected in 2012, 2014, and 2016, growers should remain vigilant and closely inspect maps to determine risk of infestation.

In all cases, growers should consult with their horticultural advisor, become familiar with [ACM information in the Tree Fruit Production Guide](#), and attend information sessions (more detail on information sessions to come).

Tractor Road Rules clarification

The BCFGA is offering to aid members who have received a ticket to prepare appeals. If you received a ticket, please contact Glen Lucas at 250-762-5226 ext. 2 to let us know what your situation is and so that we may offer you assistance in appealing the ticket.

The [2016 ICBC brochure on farm vehicle licensing](#) states that:

(page 5)

Implements don't require a vehicle licence if...

Self-propelled implements A self-propelled implement of husbandry [i.e. a tractor] does not need to be licensed to temporarily drive on a highway if these conditions are met:

- *the driver is a farmer, custom farmer or a person driving the vehicle on behalf of the farmer, and*
- *there are no passengers, and*
- *the vehicle is used for farm operations, and*
- *the vehicle is insured with an Unlicensed Farm Tractor Certificate, and*
- *the vehicle is either empty, or*
- *the vehicle is loaded with farm-related materials and is moving between parts of the same farm.*

Example: A farmer may drive an unlicensed, unladen, farm tractor across or along a public road, or a farm employee may do so when working on behalf of the farmer. (Motor Vehicle Act, section 2 (5))

Page 11 of the 2016 ICBC brochure on farm vehicle licensing states that

If an unlicensed self-propelled implement of husbandry will be driven on a highway occasionally, it must be insured for third party liability with an Unlicensed Farm Tractor Certificate (APV49).

Sec 33(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act does not require a driver to produce a license or liability insurance if they are exempted under 2(5) of MVA.

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/LOC/complete/statreg/--%20M%20--/47_Motor%20Vehicle%20Act%20\[RSBC%201996\]%20c.%20318/00_Act/96318_01.xml](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/LOC/complete/statreg/--%20M%20--/47_Motor%20Vehicle%20Act%20[RSBC%201996]%20c.%20318/00_Act/96318_01.xml)

Production of licence and liability card, duplicates

33 (1) Every person, **except**

(a) **a person driving or operating a motor vehicle exempted under section 2 (5)** or section 8 or 10, or

(b) a person driving or operating a motor vehicle of a fire department of a municipality,

must have his or her driver's licence and driver's certificate and a motor vehicle liability insurance card or financial responsibility card, issued for the motor vehicle he or she is driving or operating, in his or her possession at all times while driving or operating that motor vehicle on a highway, and must produce the licence, certificate and card for inspection on demand of a peace officer.

Right to Farm

Reminder from the Strengthening Farming Branch, BC Ministry of Agriculture


Please take care to follow best management practices while operating sprayers. Using accepted and defensible farm practices will help to protect you in any dispute.

- Shut off spray when turning where it might spray into a neighbour's property or onto roads.
- Monitor your spray drift, particularly with changes in wind direction or speed.
- Help neighbours to understand farming; if they have concerns or want to know what is being sprayed or why you can't just work 9-5 like they do.
- Open communication, cooperation and a friendly attitude can go a long way to minimize conflict.
- Common sense, courtesy and consideration are needed on both sides of the fence.
- If you have difficulties with a neighbour or could use some assistance communicating information to them, please give Ministry of Agriculture, Anne Skinner a call at: 250-861-7272 /cell: 250-309-2478

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

Date	Meeting	
June 3	BC Young Farmers' Summerland Farm Tour	By registration at: info@bcyf.ca
June 6	Okanagan Basin Water Board / Okanagan Water Stewardship Committee	Kevin Day, Glen Lucas, Deep Brar
June 7	BCFGA Executive	

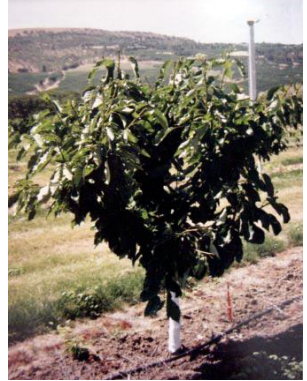
How to contact the BCFGa Office

<p>BCFGA Office - 250-762-5226 Toll free -1-800-619-9022</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brenda Jorde, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.
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BC Young Farmers' Summerland Farm Tour

Saturday June 3



13:00 Carlsons' Cherry orchard and packinghouse tour

16218 Garnet Valley Rd - Park at the very top of the driveway

Hosts: Erin Carlson and family



14:00 Summerland Varieties Corporation presentation

Presenter: Nick Ibuki, Operations Manager (at 16218 Garnet Valley Rd)

14:45 Garnet Valley Organic Farm

27218 Garnet Valley Rd

Host: Thomas Tumbach



15:45 Tasting at Dominion Cidery

10216 Gould Ave.

Host: Mike Harris

Appetizers on Dominion's lawn to follow (weather permitting). Bring your own chair.

Register your attendance at: info@bcyf.ca

