

## Regional Government Election Support Policy

The BCFGA will support individuals running for regional government office by offering to print up to up to 1,500 one-page colour brochures, individualized for the candidate, if the municipal or regional district candidate provides a statement of support for municipal agriculture issues.



The brochure will include a statement similar to the following

### *Statement of Support for the Agriculture Sector*

*If elected as a municipal/regional district candidate, I will strive to ensure the viability and competitiveness of the agriculture industry in the Okanagan. Key elements of a healthy, dynamic agriculture industry are*

- *The right to farm legislation, which protects 'normal farm practices' and provides a mediation and hearing process to resolve disputes.*
- *The preservation of agricultural land, as a needed resource for farming.*
- *Access to affordable water and inclusion of farm organization representation on the Okanagan Basin Water Board.*
- *Municipal funding for certain agricultural programs which assist in reducing conflict between urban and farm neighbours and which promote environmental health. Examples of such programs are the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program, starling control, and wood chipping.*
- *Municipal sponsorship of Agricultural Advisory Committees, with meaningful farm representation endorsed by agriculture organizations.*

*The contribution of agriculture to our Okanagan way of life and to the local economy needs the support of municipalities and I will do my best, if elected to build a thriving, prosperous agriculture industry.*