

**From:** [Popham, Lana AGRI:EX](#)  
**To:** [Craik, Jason AGRI:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 188380- s.22  
**Date:** April 17, 2019 7:16:53 PM

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Looks good

Cheers,  
Lana

On Apr 17, 2019, at 2:22 PM, Craik, Jason AGRI:EX <[Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Minister,

Attached is a response to a letter that was missed and has taken a little too long for a response, not a rush per se, but we should probably get it out soon. Are you able to give it a quick read and give approval and I can get Brianna to send it off?

Thank you,  
Jason

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**From:** Leppard, Brianna AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 2:16 PM  
**To:** Craik, Jason AGRI:EX <[Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** 188380- s.22

Hi Jason,

As requested, please see the attached letter responding to s.22

If MLP approves, I will apply an e-sig and sent it out.

Thank you,

**Brianna Leppard** | Administrative Assistant  
Honourable Lana Popham's Office | Minister of Agriculture  
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**From:** Popham, Lana AGRI:EX  
**To:** Oldham, Lisa E AGRI:EX  
**Subject:** Re: April 30th Introduction  
**Date:** April 23, 2019 4:08:35 PM

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Of course!

Cheers,  
Lana

On Apr 23, 2019, at 3:57 PM, Oldham, Lisa E AGRI:EX <[Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Lana,

Teresa called to see if you would introduce the executives that are coming for BC Book day on April 30<sup>th</sup> during QP?

She will send us names once she gets them.

Thanks,  
Lisa

<image001.jpg> | Lisa Oldham  
Administrative Coordinator to the  
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**From:** Popham, Lana AGRI:EX  
**To:** Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX  
**Cc:** Craik, Jason AGRI:EX; Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Hayes, Brooke AGRI:EX  
**Subject:** Re: ECNF success story  
**Date:** April 30, 2019 5:18:03 PM

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This is soooooo amazing! Thank-you!!!!

Cheers,  
Lana

On Apr 30, 2019, at 3:48 PM, Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX <[Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Some good news for the day Minister.

**Arif Lalani** | ADM | Business Development Division | Ministry of Agriculture

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**From:** "Hayes, Brooke AGRI:EX" <[Brooke.Hayes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brooke.Hayes@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2019 at 3:26:12 PM PDT  
**To:** "Hoerger, Andrea AGRI:EX" <[Andrea.Hoerger@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrea.Hoerger@gov.bc.ca)>, "McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX" <[Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Patterson, Mat AGRI:EX" <[Mat.Patterson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mat.Patterson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX" <[Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: ECNF success story

That's amazing!! Thank you so much for sharing Andrea.

Arif - you may be interested in the good news story below.

E. Brooke Hayes  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Hoerger, Andrea AGRI:EX  
Sent: April 30, 2019 2:42 PM  
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Cc: Patterson, Mat AGRI:EX <[Mat.Patterson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mat.Patterson@gov.bc.ca)>  
Subject: ECNF success story

Hi Brooke & Meghan

We would like to share another good news story with you that came out of the Every Chef Event (ECNF) last November.

One of the exhibitors at the ECNF, High Mountain Farm (<https://www.haskapbc.com/>), is now connected with Forage restaurant in Vancouver because of a connection made at ECNF and is providing regular shipments to the restaurant. High Mountain Farm is the first commercial grower/processor of haskap berry located in Salmon Arm.

This is very exciting!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Andrea

-----Original Message-----

From: Grout, Kevin AGRI:EX

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 7:43 AM

To: Hoerger, Andrea AGRI:EX

Cc: Patterson, Mat AGRI:EX

Subject: ECNF success story

Hi Andrea,

FYI and for reporting purposes: Was chatting with Axel Hvidberg from High Mountain Farm (Haskap producer processor) here at SIAL.

He mentioned that because of ECNF he is now connected with Forage restaurant in Vancouver, providing regular shipments to them.

Kevin

**From:** [Popham, Lana AGRI:EX](#)  
**To:** [Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FOR QUOTE APPROVAL: Final NR for YA/Land Matching  
**Date:** April 25, 2019 9:55:54 AM

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Good!

Cheers,  
Lana

On Apr 25, 2019, at 9:54 AM, Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <[Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

**Sam Godfrey**

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**From:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <[Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>; Craik, Jason AGRI:EX <[Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FOR QUOTE APPROVAL: Final NR for YA/Land Matching

**Just need MLP approval on her quote, then we can send out to editors...thanks!**

"The challenge for young and new farmers entering the agricultural industry is acquiring affordable farm land that they can farm," said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. "Since expanding the B.C. Land Matching Program last summer we've seen successful matches throughout the province, ensuring more B.C. farmland is in production and helping secure our farming industry and food security for future generations."

**B.C. Land Matching Program brings opportunities for young farmers**

VICTORIA – New and young farmers throughout B.C. are seeing results and getting agricultural land into production, thanks to the support of regional Land

Matchers and the B.C. Land Matching Program, delivered by Young Agrarians.

“The challenge for young and new farmers entering the agricultural industry is acquiring affordable farm land that they can farm,” said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. “Since expanding the B.C. Land Matching Program last summer we’ve seen successful matches throughout the province, ensuring more B.C. farmland is in production and helping secure our farming industry and food security for future generations.”

After launching as a pilot in Metro Vancouver in 2016, the program expanded across Southern B.C. in July 2018. Since 2018, the B.C. Land Matching Program has helped 19 new farmers and farming families connect with landowners in the province to sign farming agreements, with a total of 66 acres of B.C. land having been brought into or maintained in agricultural production. The Province has committed \$375,000 in funding to build on the success of the program for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Land matchers assigned to Vancouver Island, Metro-Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, Okanagan and Columbia Basin have been working closely with farmers, landowners, local governments and agricultural organizations to help facilitate agreements between farmers and land owners.

Tucked away between orchards and wineries overlooking Powers Creek in West Kelowna, Popham visited Alpine Roots Farm to meet with farmer Eoin Carey and landowners John and Anne Whittall, as well as their land matcher Tessa Wetherill for a tour of their property, and to announce the results of the B.C. Land Matching Program, as well as additional funding for the program for 2019-2020.

The B.C. Land Matching Program is creating opportunities for young and new farmers by matching them to land owners looking to lease their land, and keep it, or get it into production. It is actively supporting access to farmland and encouraging farming production while increasing availability of locally grown foods for all British Columbians.

The land owners and the farmer signed their lease this past January, and farmer Eoin Carey and his family have already started to till the land for what will be a 2-acre market garden, selling to CSA members. They also plan to partner with local restaurants throughout Kelowna and the region and are excited to offer chefs the option of having them grow-to-order unique or hard to find varieties of produce.

For landowners John and Anne, both retired, this was an opportunity to see the

agricultural land they own and steward in full production, while allowing them to keep the land's Farm Classification status, which will support them as they age in place on the land on a fixed income.

The B.C. Land Matching Program falls within Grow BC, a mandate commitment of the Ministry of Agriculture that supports young farmers and food producers who are looking for a career in B.C. agriculture and addresses major challenges for new farmers such as gaining access to land in regions around the province.

The B.C. Land Matching Program is part of the Province's larger New Entrant Strategy, a framework for increasing the number of new and young farmers working in B.C.'s agriculture sector.

### **Quotes:**

#### **Eoin Carey, farmer, Alpine Roots Farm –**

"I had been looking for suitable land on and off for a few years. I found it next to impossible to find anything - the main issue was overpriced lease values and a complete shortage of anything being advertised on the classified ads or local agriculture publications. I believe overall the B.C. Land Matching Program has accelerated my business development by at least a year, maybe more. I found answers to all my questions and more when I got involved with Young Agrarians. I really hadn't expected the level of help I received and am forever grateful for it."

#### **John and Anne Whittall, land owners –**

"Our smaller acreage is well suited for farming, but we are no longer active in that. Young Agrarians seemed like a wonderful way to see the land used productively, help us regain our farm status and to give an opportunity to a younger, aspiring farmer. Making a 'match' went very smoothly. We are confident that it is an excellent one and now we are excited for the growing season to begin!"

#### **Tessa Wetherill, Okanagan Central-North Young Agrarian land matcher –**

"I've been honoured to facilitate negotiations and open discussions that have led to successful land matches. It's an incredible thing to witness people coming together, being honest about their needs, values, roles and responsibilities and it is ultimately this foundation, along with a spirit of collaboration, that carry these folks forward into mutually beneficial, long term relationships."

**Quick Facts:**

- Since the pilot launch in 2016, the program has helped a total of 29 farmers and farming families and a total of 100 acres have been brought into or maintained in agricultural production.
- Since the program expanded in July 2018, 19 matches have been finalized, with 19 farm businesses supported, representing 22 agreements on 21 properties.
- Number of land matches in regions:
  - Okanagan: 4 matches finalized
  - Vancouver Island: 6 matches finalized
  - Columbia Basin: 1 finalized
  - Metro Vancouver/Fraser Valley 8 matches finalized, supporting 8 new farm businesses with 11 agreements on 10 properties

**Learn More:**

Find out more about the B.C. Land Matching Program:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/land-matching>

Young Agrarians B.C. Land Matching Program: <http://youngagrarians.org/land/>

Government of B.C.'s New Entrant Strategy:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/farm-management/farm-business-management/6322\\_agri\\_newentrantstrategy\\_web.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/farm-management/farm-business-management/6322_agri_newentrantstrategy_web.pdf)

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Darcy Smith

B.C. Land Program Manager, Land Matcher

Young Agrarians

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Backgrounder to follow.



## **BACKGROUNDER**

The program is helping make connections for new and young farmers all over the province:

Okanagan:

- A three-year lease was completed for a 1.75-acre cherry orchard in the South Okanagan.
- A one-year lease agreement with three-year renewal option on 2.5 acres between landowners in West Kelowna and a new market gardener.
- A 20-year lease in Summerland for a new vineyard on 18 acres.
- A year to year lease agreement for a new flower farm on 0.6 acres in Central Kelowna, on ALR land.

Vancouver Island:

- A market garden was matched to 0.5 acres on a property outside Duncan on a rolling lease.
- An established 0.2-acre garden with housing in Saanich was matched to a farming couple with other sites already in production on the peninsula.
- 4-acres of a 7-acre property in Cobble Hill for a market garden was matched to a land seeking farmer with 8 years of experience at an incubator farm.
- A garlic farmer in start-up was matched to a 2-acre property in Saanich for a year-to-year rolling lease.
- An apiary was matched to an organic market garden farm in Metchosin for a year-to-year rolling lease.
- A cow, goat, sheep and chicken farmer was matched to 3 acres in Yellow Point.

Columbia Basin:

- A 10-year lease on 2.5 acres in Creston between a new farmer in start-up doing garlic production and a neighbouring landowner.

Metro Vancouver/Fraser Valley:

- A four-year lease agreement was completed for a farmer starting a 0.45-acre vegetable and apiary operation in Langley.
- An apiary in start-up was matched to a 20-acre property in Surrey with a

temporary 6-month lease, and in negotiations for a 10-year leasing agreement.

- A farmer specializing in Japanese vegetables was matched and agreements completed for a total of 2 acres on two neighbouring properties in Surrey.
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre on a 3-acre property in Burnaby was matched to a flower farmer.
- A land use agreement template was developed for a farmer with a 6-year lease on property in Burnaby to use with additional farmers on the land, a flower farmer and a mixed-vegetable farmer.
- A farmer with an apiary operation was matched to two properties in Abbotsford, approximately 0.25 acres of each property is allocated for bees.
- An existing flower farm business was matched, and an agreement completed for one acre in Richmond including the transfer of assets from the previous farmer.
- A five year lease agreement for a seed start-up and educational program was completed for 3 acres of a 20 acre property in Abbotsford.

**From:** Popham, Lana AGRI:EX  
**To:** Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Set up call for Grain and CN performance Update  
**Date:** April 3, 2019 3:26:12 PM

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I definitely need to be included.

On Apr 3, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <[Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Any thoughts on this?

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**To:** "Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX" <[Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Oldham, Lisa E AGRI:EX" <[Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Set up call for Grain and CN performance Update

Hi Lisa,

I somehow missed this email from CN Rail but this may be something MLP would be interested in joining as we have heard continued concerns from our grain growers in the Peace on rail service.

Sam or Lisa can you please flag for her and reply to Joslyn? I will email her now and ask her to copy Sam on future outreach emails.

Thank you

Jess

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**From:** Joslyn Young <[Joslyn.Young@cn.ca](mailto:Joslyn.Young@cn.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 1:12 PM  
**To:** Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <[AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jessica C AGRI:EX <[Jessica.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jessica.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX <[Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Set up call for Grain and CN performance Update

Dear Minister Popham,

Every third week of the month, CN grain experts have calls with government officials in MB and SK about the state of the grain supply chain and CN's performance.

We would like to extend this opportunity to your Ministry as well. The call would include a Canada update, but also provide details for the Peace River region. Is this something you would be interested in? If so, please let me know who from

your Ministry is the best contact and I would be pleased to connect you with the grain team to set up a regular call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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**Joslyn Young**

Manager, Public Affairs, British Columbia

C: **778-847-3616**

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**From:** [Popham, Lana AGRI:EX](#)  
**To:** [Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATE PLEASE: CCFAM Minister meeting dates  
**Date:** April 5, 2019 12:35:32 PM

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Thanks!

Cheers,  
Lana

On Apr 5, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX <[Wes.Shoemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Wes.Shoemaker@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

See feedback from DFO. I've asked when dates might be confirmed as last year last minute changes caused lots of problems.

Wes

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**Subject:** Re: UPDATE PLEASE: CCFAM Minister meeting dates

Hi Wes,

I think we are now looking at the week of June 10th

Tim

On Apr 5, 2019, at 12:51 PM, Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX  
<[Wes.Shoemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Wes.Shoemaker@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Tim/Lin,

I look forward to seeing you in about a week for our DMs meeting. I have been getting several inquiries from my Minister's office for confirmation of CCFAM Ministers meeting dates. They are trying to nail down their June schedule.

We have tentative hold dates of the first week of June (June 4&5?). I am hearing that the meeting may be moved until the second week of June. Have meeting dates been finalized and if so what are the confirmed dates?

***Wes***

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