

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 15, 2019 12:51 PM
To: 'Matt Lamers'
Subject: RE: Query - grants

Hope the background information below helps with your story Matt, and that there's a good weekend ahead for you.

Cannabis producers or projects can access or be part of the following Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs and services in B.C.:

- Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program
- Traceability Program
- Environmental Farm Plan Program
- Beneficial Management Plan Program
- Climate Change Adaptation Program - Farm Adaptation Innovator Program
- Business Development Program – Producers & Processors
- Business Development Program – Indigenous Groups
- Knowledge Transfer Program
- On-Farm Food Safety Program
- AgriService BC (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/agriservice-bc>) for information about additional resources.

From: Matt Lamers <mattl@annehollandventures.com>
Sent: March 14, 2019 4:14 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Query - grants

Thanks Robert, appreciate it!

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 14, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Matt Lamers
Subject: Query - grants

Thanks for this Matt, just wanted to let you know I received this and should be in touch with some information for you tomorrow.

For future stories you're looking for comment from the BC government on , our media contacts for various ministries are @ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/contacts>

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From: Matt Lamers [<mailto:mattl@annehollandventures.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:51 AM
To: AGRIServiceBC AGRI:EX
Subject: Query - grants

Good afternoon, I'm a journalist covering agriculture.
Are any resources and/or funding available for cannabis-related agricultural businesses via the Canadian Agricultural Partnership?
If so, can you tell me what is available exactly (the exact name and the amount available) as well as the deadline to apply?
Thanks in advance,

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

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 13, 2019 4:42 PM
To: s.22
Subject: FW: KODA follow-up

Hi Jackie,

Please see the below replies to your questions As the topic involves employees in both the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment (as per the joint presentation you saw @ KODA), if needed, the information can be attributed to the BC government.

What constitutes a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?

A NMP is a planning document that guides the use of nutrient sources on the farm for the coming year. The core components of a plan include an inventory of the nutrient sources that are used on the farm and the field by field allocation of these nutrients. The plan is designed to minimize the risk of nitrogen and phosphorus loss into the environment and ensure that nutrients are applied at rates which meet but don't exceed crop needs. A plan takes into account all of the nutrient sources that are available to the crops which includes nutrients present in the soil in addition to inputs of fertilizer and manures.

Who should have a NMP?

Agricultural operations will need to have and implement a NMP if they meet all of the following conditions:

1. the operation is a total of five hectares or more,
2. nutrients are applied to the land,
3. soil nitrate and phosphorus test levels are high (thresholds change over time), and
4. fields being land applied are in a high-risk area.

Many farms in BC will not trigger the conditions listed above and will therefore not need a NMP.

The requirement to have a NMP will be phased-in over time based on location and type of operation. As of February 28, 2019, NMPs are required for the next growing season in the Hullcar Valley.

An interactive map is available to help producers understand if they need a NMP, and if so, when:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=b2eb013a0666473dabeacf89f81f0e89>

How does one obtain a NMP?

As established above - not everyone needs a NMP. The requirement for NMPs is being phased in over a 10-year period, with the first being required in Hullcar Valley. This phase-in approach is to allow for government to develop the necessary guidance and tools to support implementation. For example, the Province is currently developing a nutrient management training program to certify qualified professionals and experienced persons in nutrient management planning. In the meantime, producers can seek help in determining how to get a NMP in their region by contacting us at AEMCoPenquiries@gov.bc.ca.

Why is having a NMP important?

NMPs are important to ensure crops receive nutrients to optimize crop growth and minimize environmental risks to water quality. NMPs assist with decisions surrounding nutrient management - the 'right' nutrient source, the 'right' rate, the 'right time', and the 'right place' - nutrients applied to land match crop needs. NMPs are an important tool for helping ensure agricultural practices are consistent with the protection of clean, safe drinking water.

What happens to the NMP once it is done?

The NMP must be implemented. If the plan was required to be prepared by a qualified professional, an operator will need to notify the Ministry of Environment. A copy of the NMP must be kept, including all relevant information that was used to create the plan, and made available upon request. Any changes to the plan must be tracked and the plan should be reviewed annually by the farm operator. A qualified professional or experienced person must review the plan at least once every 5 years or when significant changes occur to the agricultural operation.

How much might it cost?

Government is working to keep the costs down by developing a NMP training program, as well as providing tools and guidance on good environmental management practices thus helping farmers avoid the need for a NMP. For many farmers in B.C. there will be no costs involved as their operations will not trigger the need for a NMP. Similar to an irrigation plan or pest management plan, costs vary significantly depending on the size, location and type of activity. Actual costs will depend on the complexity of the situation and consultant fees.

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

Sent: March 7, 2019 3:38 PM

To: s.22

Subject: KODA follow-up

Hi Jackie,

Dave Poon let me know you were looking for some information as a follow up to his co-presentation with Ministry of Environment colleagues that you caught at KODA last week. Just wanted to let you know, we'll be in touch, likely early next week, with the additional details you were looking for.

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Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 26, 2019 9:18 AM
To: Gill, Akaljot AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: account transfer form
Attachments: CAP template.docx

Good to hear from you AJ, I've attached a CAP template that Mohini s.22 put together that has AAFC approval – the logos are all at their required specs and placement, so if you work off these, they're ready to go.

From: Gill, Akaljot AGRI:EX
Sent: March 25, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: Ray, Jody AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: account transfer form

Hi Robert,
Hope you are well, Mohini s.22
We changed this Form from GF2 to CAP branding, could you please approve it.
Regards
AJ

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 1, 2019 12:47 PM
To: 'Chad Pawson'
Subject: RE: CBC News -- cold weather and the Japanese beetle

A few more details on background Chad, attributable to the Ministry of Agriculture if need be.

1/If spring soil temperatures remain low, could that reduce the populations of emerging adult Japanese beetles?

- The spring soil temperatures are more likely to impact the timing of the emergence than the population of the beetles.
- Some larvae mortality may have occurred during the cold spell, but we do not expect the temperatures were severe enough to significantly impact the overall larvae population.

2/How do provincial entomologists describe the severity of the Japanese beetle problems in city's like Vancouver/

- The Japanese beetle poses a serious risk to plants and trees in Vancouver and surrounding areas, and a partnership of governments, industry and non-profit organizations are acting now to minimize that risk.
- The CFIA, Ministry of Agriculture, City of Vancouver, Invasive Species Council of BC and BC Landscape and Nursery Association continue to cooperate on a response that includes treatment of infested sites, controls around the movement of soil and plants, enhanced surveillance and monitoring activities, public education and outreach, and support from BC nursery growers and landscapers.
- The agencies are working together to contain and treat areas infested with the beetle and to reduce the risk it poses. Each partner is playing a role to make that happen.
- The overall goal is to eliminate the infestation, and reduce the risk the beetle and its spreading poses.
- To support the response, people can:
 - Report sightings of Japanese beetle in British Columbia to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
 - Not transport soil, plants or plant parts out of the regulated area without permission from the CFIA. (<http://inspection.gc.ca/jb>)

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 1, 2019 11:20 AM
To: 'Chad Pawson' <chad.pawson@cbc.ca>
Subject: RE: CBC News -- cold weather and the Japanese beetle

No problem Chad, My understanding is the soil temperature may impact the timing of the emergence, but not so much the volume, but let me confirm with the entomologists. Likewise, with the overall assessment of their presence.

And I'll connect you with colleagues @ Forests re: the Mtn Pine Beetle, you should be hearing from one of them shortly.

From: Chad Pawson <chad.pawson@cbc.ca>
Sent: March 1, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: CBC News -- cold weather and the Japanese beetle

Thanks Robert.

Sorry just a couple of follow-up questions

1/If spring soil temperatures remain low, could that reduce the populations of emerging adult Japanese beetles?

2/How do provincial entomologists describe the severity of the Japanese beetle problems in city's like Vancouver/

As for the other request...

The link was to the Invasive Alien Species Framework for BC: Identifying and Addressing Threats to Biodiversity report.

Can you connect me to an provincial entomologists about the mountain pine beetle through your colleagues at Ministry of Forests?

Thank you,

Chad

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On Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 11:02 AM Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Chad, here's some information from our entomologists about the Japanese beetle, attributable to the Ministry of Agriculture if needed.

- Japanese beetles spend the winter as grubs in the soil. There are no adult beetles present in the winter. The cold weather will not kill the grubs since they burrow deep into the soil to spend the winter and will go further down as temperatures get colder to avoid freezing to death. Snow also acts as an insulator and offers some protection from extreme cold. Spring soil temperatures affect adult emergence.

The link you sent me led to the an expired session page, so apologies I can't offer assistance there.

Entomologists have their specialties though, much like everyone else, and if most of them are forest based, like the mtn pine beetle, I can connect you with colleagues of mine at the Ministry of Forests, if they are more based on agriculture crops, I'm happy to dig out the details, just let me know please.

From: Chad Pawson <chad.pawson@cbc.ca>

Sent: March 1, 2019 10:39 AM

To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: CBC News -- cold weather and the Japanese beetle

Hi Robert,

Thanks for working on this for me.

Can I add to the inquiry? My editors want to know if there are other invasive insects in B.C. negatively impacted by the cold this winter in other parts of the province ie the Mountain Pine Beetle or others on [this list](#).

Thank you,

Chad

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On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 9:49 AM Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks for this Chad, let me check in with our entomologists to make sure, getting back to by tomorrow at noon, seems very reasonable. Will be in touch.

From: Chad Pawson <chad.pawson@cbc.ca>

Sent: February 28, 2019 9:45 AM

To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: CBC News -- cold weather and the Japanese beetle

Hi Robert,

This is Chad Pawson, I'm a reporter with CBC News in Vancouver.

I received your email from Jag Sandhu with the City of Vancouver.

I'm curious if the cold winter weather the South Coast has been experiencing could have any impact on invasive insects, in particular the Japanese beetle that Vancouver is dealing with?

Can you let me know if you think there is anything to be said about the potential for the below normal cold weather to control/eradicate these pests?

Can you please get back to me by Friday NOON?

Thank you,

Chad

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 4, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Sigouin, Melissa GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Expression of Interest: Sr. PAO's & PAO's - AGRI impact
Attachments: RE: AGRI GCPE structure; RE: AGRI Sr PAO role

Hi Melissa, wondering if you might have ten minutes for me for a phone call about Sr PAO's sometime this week please. I've attached part of the ongoing discussion we had been having with Mike for context. Perhaps once you've had a chance to look them over, we can connect and see if there are any options available.

From: Sigouin, Melissa GCPE:EX
Sent: March 1, 2019 3:44 PM
To: GCPE All Staff
Subject: Expression of Interest: Sr. PAO's & PAO's

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to notify you of several opportunities available for employees at Government Communications and Public Engagement, specifically for Public Affairs Officers and Senior Public Affairs Officers. See the details below.

Public Affairs Officer

Classification Band 1

Salary range: \$54,000 to \$75,400

- **Advanced Education & Skills Training – permanent – starting asap**
 - Primarily a proactive role to support an ambitious roll out of student housing, skills training and new academic programs that are helping people get ahead in life, while working closely with universities and colleges.
- **Attorney General – permanent – starting asap**
 - The position may potentially have a focus on media monitoring, media relations and issue management.
- **Various Others**
 - There will be other vacancies on the horizon for Public Affairs Officers and we are looking to create an eligibility list. This is a great career development opportunity, so if you are interested in being considered for the vacancies listed above or future vacancies as they arise, please follow the application instructions below.

Senior Public Affairs Officer

Classification Band 2

Salary range: 63,200 to \$87,600

- **Social Development & Poverty Reduction – term-limited to August 2019 – starting asap**
 - This role will have a strong focus on strategic communications in program areas related to people with disabilities and poverty reduction. Creativity, strong critical thinking skills and experience or interest in a social ministry would be considered an asset.
- **Environment & Climate Change – term-limited to December 31, 2019 - starting May 2019**
 - The team manages communications opportunities for the ministry including a priority on CleanBC implementation. Media relations experience and interest would be considered an asset.
- **Various others**

- there will be other vacancies on the horizon for Senior Public Affairs Officers and we are looking to create an eligibility list. This is a great career development opportunity, so if you are interested in being considered for the vacancies listed above or future vacancies as they arise, please follow the application instructions below.

*These positions are excluded from union membership.

We would like to invite Government Communications and Public Engagement employees who are interested in being considered for these positions, to email their expression of interest directly to the GCPE HR mailbox (CommCareers@gov.bc.ca) no later than **8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11th**.

With your expression of interest, please include an up-to-date resume and cover letter. **In the body of the email, clearly identify the position(s) you are interested in from the list above and/or the ministries you are interested in for future vacancies.** Your cover letter should include a brief outline describing your experience that is relevant to the job requirements described in the attached description. As a courtesy, applicants may wish to advise their supervisor of their intention to submit an expression of interest.

For complete details about these positions, including accountabilities and job requirements, please refer to the attached job profile. If you have any further inquiries about the position, please contact **GCPE HR via email at** CommCareers@gov.bc.ca

Kind Regards,
Melissa

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Where ideas work



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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 25, 2019 2:44 PM
To: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Cc: Plan, Jakelene GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOI Request GCP-2019-91553 Due March 25
Attachments: 91553 cln.pdf; 91553 with notes.pdf

Please see the attached records Justin, one set is clean (cln) and the other is marked (with notes). Pls note the pkg also includes records from AGRI, GCPE and federal govt colleagues, and also pls provide a redline for review before release. Thanks!

From: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Sent: March 18, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>; Plan, Jakelene GCPE:EX <Jakelene.Plan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOI Request GCP-2019-91553 Due March 25

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GCPE has received a request for information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA).

Scope:

All sent emails from Rob Boelens, Communications Manager. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/01/2018 To 10/31/2018)

Applicant Type: Political Party

Please ensure to perform "Conversation Clean-up" on your sent outlook folder prior to printing your records to PDF. If you need assistance performing this action, please contact the FOI Coordinator, Justin Smith for assistance.

Instructions and Due Dates:

Due Date: Monday, March 25, 2019

- All records should be provided in one combined PDF ([Instructions](#))
- Submit one clean copy and one marked copy indicating specific harms recommendations ([guide to harms](#))
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Fee Estimate Due Date: Friday, March 22, 2019

- Please discontinue your search and notify GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca
- Copy and paste the following information into your response:

Fee Estimate Recommended:

1. Time (hours):

- Should include time to search, gather, review and provide records
- must exceed 3 hours

2. Reason:

If you wish to contact the IAO FOI Analyst assigned to this request, please let me know and I will provide you with their contact information.

Should you have any questions, concerns or anticipate any delay in processing this request please contact the FOI Coordinator at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Justin Smith
GCPE FOI Coordinator

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 26, 2019 11:31 AM
To: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOI Request GCP-2019-91553 Due March 25
Attachments: FW: AGRI IN - flood impacts Grand Forks

Sorry about that Krista, I've attached the e-mail

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Hi Robert,

Pages 24-30 aren't legible, I can you please resend in outlook format?

Many thanks,
Krista

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