

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX
Sent: May 6, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX
Cc: Zadavec, Don GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX; Milne, Jillian GCPE:EX; Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Subject: AGRI: End of Day Media Request Report

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Fabian Dawson - Seawestnews.com

ISSUE: Minister Popham's Aquaculture Speech

STATUS: Provided Background

- Although Minister Popham's speech may have varied, general speaking points were provided to the reporter.

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Lawrence McFarlane - Times Colonist - Editorial Page

ISSUE: BC Hatching Egg Producers

STATUS: Provided Background

- The B.C. sector, including the BC Egg Marketing Board and the BC Chicken Marketing Board have information on their websites regarding animal care.
In the first link below, BC Egg specifically mentions the The Code of Practice is a national guideline for the care and handling of farm animals (Pullets and Laying Hens). The code is included in the second link.
<http://bcegg.com/farm-to-table/hen-care/>
<https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/pullets-and-laying-hens>
Also, here is a link to the National Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys:
<https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/chickens-turkeys-and-breeders>
And finally, additional information from BC Egg and the BC Chicken Marketing Board.
<http://bcegg.com/the-good-egg/types-of-eggs/>
<http://bcchicken.ca/consumer/how-chickens-are-raised/>

Tyler Olsen - Abbotsford News

ISSUE: ALR - Industrial Land Reserve

STATUS: Provided Background

- The B.C. government's focus is on giving the ALC the tools they need to support farmers and ranchers and attracting and helping farmers succeed.
- The actions in Bill 15 and 52 respond to the committee's report, as well as the input received during the public and stakeholder consultation process, and additional changes are not being advanced at this time.

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In Progress

Yvette Brend - CBC - Vancouver
ISSUE: ALC decision on Restaurants in the ALR
STATUS: With GCPE

The reporter has requested comment from Minister Popham on this case (Rusted Rake Eatery) and this issue by tomorrow at 1 PM.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/rusted-rake-farm-eatery-alr-red-tape-brewery-rules-burgers-1.5134063>

It is regarding restaurants deemed non-farm use in Agricultural Land Reserve, but beer or wine lounges allowed. The reporter specifically wants to know why there's a rule that lounge's for winery's and brewery's is allowed but a regular restaurant requires an arduous 2-year application process — why is an eatery connected to an alcohol establishment preferred over a cafe or bistro that serves food made with the farm produce/meat/eggs?

Completed

Paul Graham - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610
ISSUE: CAP Berry funding
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Minister Popham has completed a talkshow interview with CHNL.

Camille Bains - Canadian Press (BC Bureau)
ISSUE: Contagious Diseases - Imported Dogs
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- AGRI Chief Veterinarian Jane Pritchard has completed an interview with the reporter.

Camille Bains - Canadian Press (BC Bureau)
ISSUE: Feed BC
STATUS: Provided Background

- British Columbians have a passion for foods that are grown, raised, harvested and processed here in B.C.
- Feed BC aims to encourage, inspire and support long-term system changes that will increase the use of B.C. grown and processed foods in hospitals, schools, and other government-supported facilities.
- Two program staff, one from the Ministry of Agriculture, and one from the Ministry of Health, will be speaking at the Nourish Food for Health Symposium on May 15-16 in Toronto.

- They will be making a presentation on Feed BC at a workshop on Sustainable Procurement and Menus/Values-Based Procurement that will include a panel with a representative from Interior Health.
- In March, a Feed BC Initiative was announced in Penticton between the Province and Interior Health.
- Many B.C. food producers and processors have a strong interest in supplying government facilities, such as hospitals.
- Through Feed BC, Interior Health has been actively working with their distributor Sysco Canada to increase the amount of B.C. foods it procures from farmers, fishers and processors in B.C.
- One of the first switches that Interior Health made was to source all of their shelled eggs from B.C. They use 600,000 shelled eggs annually across their healthcare network.
- The representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, and Interior Health will be telling the symposium audience about the successful collaboration that took place for this Feed BC initiative.

Tyler Olsen - Abbotsford News

ISSUE: TPB: Farm tax threshold

STATUS: Provided Statement

- Attributable to Minister Popham:
 “I’ve heard from many people over the past year about how we can protect farming as a livelihood for future generations. I’ve spoken with my colleagues the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing about the current income thresholds but there is no definite timeline for any recommended changes. We wouldn’t make any changes without extensive consultation to make sure it works for farmers and people in B.C.”

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Greta Chiu - Annex Business Media - Greenhouse Canada

ISSUE: Berry funding

STATUS: Provided Background

- The majority of the B.C. greenhouse sector is focused on vegetables including tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers.
- There is a small amount of strawberry, raspberry and blueberry acreage already under tunnels in British Columbia. Tunnels are not greenhouses; however, they are a form of protected cultivation.
- The berry plant breeding program is not specifically linked to greenhouse production. However, the new berry varieties that come from this research program may have potential for tunnel and/or greenhouse production.

Yvette Brend - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: ALC decision on Restaurants in the ALR

STATUS: Provided Statement

- Statement from Agriculture Minister Lana Popham:
“My priority as Agriculture Minister is to help farmers farm. Serving food and other farm products on the farm can be an excellent way for farmers to build and sustain their businesses.
Provincially, one issue is the current rule that allows only alcohol-producing farm businesses to serve small amounts of food, without application to the ALC.
To be clear, that rule has been in place for more than a decade, and it is not a change made by our government.
Our government continues to make farming and ranching a priority in B.C. and we have undertaken a comprehensive approach to preserving the ALR to ensure it is available for farmers and ranchers now and into the future.
We are also committed to continue to enhance the supports and resources for farmers and ranchers and this could include policy changes related to value added activities on the ALR such the serving of food raised or grown on the farm to consumers.
At the same time, it is also my duty to make sure the long-term integrity of the Agricultural Land Reserve is protected.
Any policy change that we would consider would need to ensure we’re still protecting the farmland and helping farmers farm, creating good jobs, and making life more affordable for British Columbians.”

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX
Sent: May 16, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX
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Scott Stanfield - Comox Valley Record (Courtenay)

ISSUE: Bill 52 - ALR House Sizes

STATUS: Provided Statement

- Statement from Agriculture Minister Lana Popham

"Recently my office received a letter from a Comox Valley resident about her plans to put multiple residences on her property in the Agricultural Land Reserve for non-farm purposes. My staff are looking into this situation.

I understand there are people who live in the ALR and are not using the land for farming, and I appreciate that they may want to build or place more than one residence on the property for their family members or for rental income.

Right now, people who live in the ALR and want to build additional homes on farmland to support their farming operations can do so with permission from their local government and the Agricultural Land Commission.

We need farmland so that farmers can farm and provide British Columbians with fresh, locally grown and raised food now and for generations to come.

With a growing population, climate change and ongoing land-use pressures, it has never been more important to ensure that the tiny percentage of land in BC that is best suited for agriculture is available and affordable for farmers and ranchers to produce the food that British Columbians need.

I will continue to work every day to support farmers to build thriving farm businesses that create good jobs and strong local economies."

Diego Flammini - Farms.com

ISSUE: Local Meat Processing in Columbia-Shuswap Regional District

STATUS: Provided Statement

- Statement from Agriculture Minister Lana Popham

"I have been working to address concerns regarding local meat production and processing in British Columbia. Last year, the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food provided a report to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations that focussed on industry growth, abattoir licensing, and the development of a strong, skilled workforce. The report provided 21 recommendations to support growth in the livestock and abattoir sector.

One recommendation does address travel time restrictions between Class A/B licensed facilities and Class E licensed facilities to help alleviate local slaughter capacity challenges and increase local

livestock production. This is one we're actively working on.

We are lucky to have committed local meat producers and processors in communities in the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District and throughout the province. They are amazing people supporting their local economies and providing food security.

We're always listening and we will continue to consider all the feedback we get from across the province as we continue our work to help ranchers, abattoirs and farmers succeed."

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Sent: May 21, 2019 4:33 PM
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Ronda Payne - Girl with a Pen
ISSUE: BC Food Processing Industry
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Minister Popham will be interviewed tomorrow.

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Darcy Smith - BC Organic Grower
ISSUE: BC Wildfires - Agriculture Sector – Follow up Request
STATUS: Provided Background

- I worked with several program staff in the ministry to gather the responses that I originally sent you. Suggest you use 'Ministry of Agriculture' for a source.

Although not specific to the transfer of farms, the ministry has a statistics webpage with lots of information on the sector including the Census of Agriculture:

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

In the BC Agrifood and Seafood 2017 Fast Stats, you will find information on the average age of B.C. farmland operators and stats on B.C. farmland tenures:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/statistics/industry-and-sector-profiles/fast-stats/faststatsbc_2017.pdf

For an industry perspective, you may also want to connect with the BC Forage Council:

<https://bcforagecouncil.ca/about/>

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Glenda Luymes – Province, Adrien Blanc - CBC Radio Canada

ISSUE: Cannabis in the ALR

STATUS: Provided Background

- There has been no change made to the Province's cannabis policy since the original policy framework announced in July 2018.
- The amendments that came into force on Feb. 22, 2019 did not impact the July 2018 framework. They were housekeeping changes to remove a redundancy.
- With cannabis recognized as a legal agricultural crop, it did not require a secondary designation as a farm use in the Act.
- In July 2018, the Province set a policy framework providing local and First Nation governments the authority to prohibit cement-based cannabis production on the ALR within their communities.
- The July 2018 regulation was in response from feedback from local government. The Ministry followed up with them to assist in the transition, including holding a workshop at the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference that fall on this change.
- The Information Bulletin issued in July 2018 made it clear that the change applied to both "licensed medical and non-medical cannabis facilities in the ALR."
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0050-001390>
- Medical cannabis had been classed as a farm use since 2015, and the July 2018 regulation made no distinction between medical and non-medical cannabis as there is no biological difference between a cannabis plant grown for medical or for non-medical purposes.
- In 2015, the previous government made regulations that did not allow local governments, First Nation governments nor the ALC to prohibit medical cannabis on the ALR – at the time the only type of cannabis in legal production.
- Last summer's regulatory amendment responded to requests from local and First Nation governments, giving them the ability for the first time to make decisions regarding cannabis production that align with their local planning and the priorities in their communities.
- The Ministry of Agriculture is reaching out to the Union of B.C. Municipalities and Agricultural Land Commission to clarify this and look forward to continuing to work together collaboratively to support agriculture in our communities.

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To: Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX
Cc: Zadavec, Don GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX; Milne, Jillian GCPE:EX; Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
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Peter Mitham - Country Life in B.C.

ISSUE: Cannabis in the ALR

STATUS: Provided Background

- Here is the regulation that you were looking for:
B.C. Reg. 147/2018, deposited July 13, 2018, under the AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION ACT [section 58 (2)]. Order in Council 380/2018, approved and ordered July 13, 2018.
http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/lc/bcgaz2/v61n14_147-2018
Also, here is some further background information.
 - There has been no change made to the Province's cannabis policy since the original policy framework announced in July 2018.
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Anita Bathe - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Morel Mushrooms

STATUS: Provided Background

- Stats Canada (where the ministry receives data from) does not track morel mushrooms at this time.

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Sent: May 2, 2019 4:34 PM
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Tom Walker - Orchard and Vine
ISSUE: Smoke Damage - Wine
STATUS: Provided Background

- The ministry has not received any Production Insurance claims from insured producers of process (wine) or fresh grapes due to smoke and fire damage from the wildfires in 2018.

Neil Corbett - Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows News
ISSUE: BC Land Matching Program
STATUS: Provided Background

- Reporter will be updated if land match comes through in Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge.

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX
Sent: May 9, 2019 2:45 PM
To: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX; Craik, Jason AGRI:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Draft NR for Approval Two Wine Sub-Appellations
Attachments: NR_Naramata and Skaha Wine Apr 26_19 DRAFT.docx

Hi Sam and Jason,

We understand the wine sub-appellations for Naramata Bench and Skaha Bench were approved yesterday and they will be deposited on Monday.

We have been given a timeslot from the calendar folks to send the NR out on Monday at 3:30 PM.

Here is the draft NR attached for approval , it includes three validator quotes and a draft MLP quote:
“The Okanagan Valley has always been known as one of our province’s premier grape growing regions and today we are taking it a step further by celebrating and showcasing the talent of growers and wineries in Naramata and Skaha,” said Agriculture Minister Lana Popham. “Most of our B.C. wineries are family-owned and operated, they are incredible people, and I am excited to see the new opportunities and continued growth of the sector.”

Thanks,

Dave

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: JB.Communication.Committee <jb.communication.committee-bounces@lists.bcinvasives.ca> on behalf of Danielle Toperczer <dtoperczer@bcinvasives.ca>
Sent: May 15, 2019 9:06 AM
To: JB.Communication.Committee@lists.bcinvasives.ca
Subject: [JB.Communication.Committee] JB social media video and Yard Waste Alert
Attachments: JB_Yard Waste_Fact Sheet_V6_May_14_2019.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Hello Communications Committee,

Just a heads-up that we're promoting the JB video via social media as of today, please feel free to share broadly on social. Thank you all for your review and input!

As well, I have attached the final Yard Waste Alert – thank you for all of your input! Please let us know by end of day tomorrow (May 16) if there are any final edits.

Cheers
Danielle

Danielle Toperczer | Director, Programs & Communications



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From: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX
Sent: May 29, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: IN - Golden Eagle - May 28 2019 (002)
Attachments: IN - Golden Eagle - May 28 2019 (002).docx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX" <Julianne.McCaffrey@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 29, 2019 at 8:05:47 AM PDT
To: "McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX" <McRae.Meghan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: IN - Golden Eagle - May 28 2019 (002)

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Wey, Melody GCPE:EX
Sent: May 1, 2019 8:42 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Subject: Joint letter to farmers - employment standards
Attachments: Scan_20190430.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Hi Agri- sharing this letter that was signed jointly by our Minister's yesterday to reassure farmers about upcoming employment standards changes and a future engagement. We'll craft some if asked messaging and send your way for review if case this get in public realm. Tks, M

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Kenzie Du <kenzie@gmipost.com>
Sent: May 1, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Ministry of Agriculture: Meeting Request from Global Media - Forbes Asia Magazine
Attachments: Letter from Forbes Asia.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Popham,

My name is Kenzie Du of [Global Media](#), a Media Partner of [Forbes Asia](#) Magazine, the Asian edition of Forbes and distributed in 17 countries across the Asia-Pacific, including China, India and Australia.

My team will be travelling to Canada to develop sponsored content for a Special Section on Canada, which we aim to publish in Forbes Asia in Q3 2019.

Taking effect on December 2018, the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) provides an opportunity for the country to strengthen its role as a gateway between Asia Pacific and North America, developing multilateral ties in trade, foreign direct investment, tourism and education.

The objective of this section is to promote such ties between Canada and the Asia-Pacific region by identifying various sectors and geographies that present opportunities for increased collaboration.

With this objective in mind, I would like to request a one-hour meeting with your Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Lana Popham, to discuss the activities of your organization and industry. This meeting can take place in your office during our visit to Victoria between May 13 and May 17.

Meanwhile, I am including a [link](#), which includes the following documents:

1. Official letter of introduction from Mr. James Sundram, Executive Director of Forbes Media Asia
2. A Media Kit on Global Media and Forbes Asia
3. A partial list of proposed participants for the report
4. Sample reports Global Media has published in Forbes Asia, including the previous report on Canada in 2015

Once you have gone through these documents, kindly revert back with your preferred date and time to meet. Please feel free to reach out to me for any further questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I look forward to your swift feedback.

Best regards,
Kenzie

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: May 1, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Peter Mitham
Subject: RE: Agristability question

Hi Peter, hope this helps reduce the number of stories youre chasing by one

- While late enrollments are still being processed for both years, there are currently approximately 2,200 participants in the AgriStability program in 2017 and 2,100 in 2018.

From: Peter Mitham
Sent: May 1, 2019 10:57 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Agristability question

Hello Rob,

AAFC communications told me the AgriStability folks in BC would know how many producers are enrolled in AgriStability, given the release this morning indicating,

- As of April 21, 2019, approximately 51,000 producers across Canada were enrolled in AgriStability for the 2017 program year (the last year for which data is available).

AAFC doesn't know, because it said it isn't responsible for delivering the program, but the folks at 877-343-2767 would know. So that's what I asked Justina.

Country Life in BC asked me to find out more about how this morning's announcement will play out in BC. AAFC has no idea, or if the deadline extension is even required here.

(So many stories I am pursuing this week seem to be a question of corralling people onto the same page. But they're cats! I'm herding cats!)

I am stepping out for a moment, but will be back before noon.

Thanks!

Peter

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On May 1, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Peter, I understand you are looking for some background on agristability enrolment – but we're not sure on the details. Is it that you'd like to know how many are enrolled in Agristability in BC last year / this year?

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From: Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX
Sent: May 7, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: BC Wild Salmon Day
Attachments: DRAFT Provincial Government Invitation - May 16.docx; DRAFT Provincial Government Invitation - May 14.docx

Hi Blake,

I am happy to draft the invitation for you, but would need some help with wording, etc. I have attached the first steps of a draft, along with a draft of the BC Beef Day invitation for context.

Let me know what changes you'd like made, and I can make the updates and put together finalized pdf for when the list is ready to go.

Thanks,

Marlene Behrens | Event Coordinator
Government Communications and Public Engagement
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From: Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: BC Wild Salmon Day

Good morning Marlene,

I'm working on compiling a guest list for B.C. Wild Salmon Day and was wondering if you had a template you would like used for the invitations or should I create one to go out when the list is finished?

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX
Sent: May 7, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CAP berry funding announcement this week

The funding is split approximately:

Blueberry: 55%
Raspberry: 37%
Strawberry: 5%
LMHIA: 3%

Carolyn Teasdale, P.Ag | Industry Specialist, Berries
BC Ministry of Agriculture | p: 604-556-3056
1-888-221-7141 | AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:50 PM
To: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: CAP berry funding announcement this week

Thanks, do you have the funding amounts for each organization?

From: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX
Sent: May 7, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CAP berry funding announcement this week

Hi Rob,

Most of the funding is subcontracted to the BC Blueberry Council, BC Raspberry Industry Development Council and the BC Strawberry Growers Association for research pertaining to:

Berry Germplasm Development
Berry Cultivar Finishing
Berry Crop Enhancement
Pathology
Entomology

The remaining funding is for knowledge transfer activities, and this funding is shared between the LMHIA and the berry industry.

Carolyn

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:22 PM
To: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CAP berry funding announcement this week

Oh, ok, thanks Carolyn, do you have a list of the projects by chance? Which org received funding and for what? Sorry – I'm not certain on all the details on this, just stepping in for the final steps.

From: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX
Sent: May 7, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CAP berry funding announcement this week

Hi Rob,

Thanks for the heads up! I have let the LMHIA and berry associations know.

I'm unclear on your request for a link to application materials. The projects have already been approved and started so they are not soliciting more applications.

One note – funding has already paid for 2018-19, so four years of funding remain:

"The Lower Mainland Horticulture Improvement Association is set to receive \$200,000 in annual funding over five years to improve berry genetics."

Carolyn

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CAP berry funding announcement this week

Hi Carolyn, one more thing please, can you please make sure the LMHIA is aware the release is planned for Saturday as well.

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: May 6, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Teasdale, Carolyn AGRI:EX <Carolyn.Teasdale@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CAP berry funding announcement this week

Surprise Carolyn! The CAP berry release is set to be announced this week, likely Friday or Saturday, I've attached the latest draft and wondering if you could please send me the link where the application materials etc will be posted, so I can add it in. Thank you!

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Sawdon, Gary AGRI:EX
Sent: May 17, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: pic trouble for banners

Hi again,

Thanks for sending through the AWP poster. Looks good.

The flower and forage photos you sent are also good to use.

Attached a few more links to additional photos from the GCPE photo database:

Daffodils: <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target116.html>
Daffodils (2): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target452.html>
Cherry Blossoms: <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target6.html>
Flowering Orchard: <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target226.html>
Blueberry: <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Agriculture Crops/target13.html>
Blueberry(2): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Agriculture Crops/target12.html>
Cranberry: <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target109.html>
Cranberry(2): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target454.html>
Raspberry (1): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target261.html>
Raspberry (2): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target265.html>
Grain (wheat): http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/images/grain_001.jpg
Grain (Wheat): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target477.html>
Grain (Wheat): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target486.html>
Grain (Flowering
Canola): <http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Content/Photos/Legacy/Agrifoods%20&%20Seafood/target447.html>

Have a good weekend

Gary

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Sawdon, Gary AGRI:EX
Subject: pic trouble for banners

Hi Gary, the graphics unit is having some trouble sourcing some high res photos for:

Cranberries
Raspberries
Grains
Flowers

I have these of flowers and forage – do you think they'd be suitable, or have others we could use?

Also, would you be able to track down some high res (2MB) pics of either cranberries or raspberries that they could slot in?

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: May 16, 2019 9:47 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Top economy KM pls by 9:45 pls

Hi rob,

Sorry for delay – had stepped out. Here are ours:

- Our government is building a strong, sustainable economy that works for people in B.C.
- We're investing in people and building infrastructure to deliver the services and goods people need and keep our province moving.
- And we're working to create good jobs and opportunity in every corner of the province.
- The Economic Forecast Council predicts that B.C.'s strong economy will outperform Canada's economy over the next three years.
- B.C.'s economic strength shows that investing in people truly pays dividends and will ensure a strong economy today and into the future.

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: May 16, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Top economy KM pls by 9:45 pls

Great, thanks!

From: Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX
Sent: May 16, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Top economy KM pls by 9:45 pls

Hi Rob, feel free to cherry pick from the attached stats.
High-level here:

- **We are making key investments in people and services that drive strong economic growth and create good jobs throughout B.C.**

- We're committed to making sure B.C. remains a destination for investors.
- We have a balanced budget with a strong, responsible fiscal plan.
- We believe that when you invest in people, you're investing in a strong and sustainable economy.
- That's why we are making life more affordable for British Columbians by investing in key affordability measures such as:
 - Eliminating MSP premiums by 2020.
 - Tackling the housing crisis through a 30-point housing plan.
 - Investing \$1 billion over three years to set us on the path to universal child care.

Economic growth:

- Our economy is growing.
- We have fiscal stability, competitive tax rates and a triple-A credit rating.
- We are currently the only province rated triple-A by each of the international credit rating agencies.
- We also have the fastest employment growth rate among all provinces and the lowest unemployment rate in the country.
- Private sector forecasters expect B.C. to rank near the top of the provincial rankings in economic growth in 2019 and 2020.
- Those numbers are good news for British Columbians and the future of our province.
- They translate into good jobs and growth opportunities in communities.
- And they allow us to make key investments in people and services that will help drive future economic growth.
- That includes investments in post-secondary institutions, schools, health-care facilities and transportation infrastructure.

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

Sent: May 16, 2019 9:25 AM

To: Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Top economy KM pls by 9:45 pls

Hi – would you be able to send me top 5 BC economy Kms in the next 20 minutes please, just the highlights IE - lowest unemployment rate, triple A credit rating, etc, etc. We'd like them for qp prep

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Stewart, Dawn M GCPE:EX
Sent: May 16, 2019 1:18 PM
To: 'alisonpublishing@yahoo.com'
Cc: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Standing offer info

Hi Alison,

Thank you for your e-mail expressing interest to provide services to the Province.

GCPE currently has Standing Offers in place with several vendors to provide a variety of communication services, and at this time we are not adding new vendors to the list, however, when the standing offers expire, we may decide to post for these services again on BC Bid.

I recommend that you monitor BC Bid for future opportunities with the Province, the website link is below:

<http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/open.dll/welcome>

Thank you,

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: May 16, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Stewart, Dawn M GCPE:EX <Dawn.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Standing offer info

Hi Dawn,

I had a call from the below this morning curious about the process in which she could be considered for GCPE's standing offer list for comms products. s.22 which is why she gave me a call. She'd appreciate any info on the process you could provide her.

Alison Nearingburg
s.22
alisonpublishing@yahoo.com

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Sent: May 7, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Subject: FOI Sign Off GCP-2019-91553 **Due May 10
Attachments: GCP-2019-91553 - Redline.pdf

Hi Robert,

We have received the redline for the above noted request. Please provide you approval/comments by Friday, May 10th.

Thanks,
Krista

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Sent: May 15, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Subject: FOI Sign Off GCP-2019-92137 **May 17
Attachments: GCP-2019-92137 - Updated redline.pdf

Hi Rob,

Please review the attached redline and provide you approval/comments by Friday, May 17th.

Thanks,
Krista