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# 2026

# Owning Our Future

## Prenons notre avenir en main



## Conference and Annual General Meeting

Conférence et assemblée générale annuelle

March 9-12, 2026 | Ottawa | 9 au 12 mars 2026

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# 104th Conference & Annual General Meeting

# Week at a Glance

***Owning our Future***

## Monday, March 9, 2026

| | | Meeting Space |
|---|---|---|
| 15:00 – 17:00 | *Panel Speaker Event: Regulation, Risk and Resilience* | Governor General Ballroom II |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | *Welcome Reception* | TwentyTwo – 22nd Floor |
| 20:00 – 22:00 | *President's Suite* | |

## Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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|---|---|---|
| 07:00 – 08:00 | Board of Directors + Working Group Chairs Breakfast Meeting (*by invitation only)* | BC/Manitoba – Level 2 |
| 08:00 – 17:00 | Registration Desk Open | Governor General Foyer |
| 08:00 – 14:00 | Canadian Potato Council Meeting *(by invitation only)* | Governor General Ballroom II |
| 08:00 – 14:00 | Greenhouse Vegetable Working Group Meeting *(by invitation only)* | Les Saisons– Level 3 |
| 08:00 – 14:00 | Apple Working Group Meeting *(by invitation only)* | Quebec - Level 4 |
| 08:00 – 12:00 | Berry Working Group Meeting *(by invitation only)* | Maple - Executive Level |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | Field Vegetable Working Group Meeting *(by invitation only)* | Oak – Executive Level |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | Regional Caucus Meetings | |
| | British Columbia | Maple - Executive Level |
| | Prairies | BC/Manitoba – Level 2 |
| | Ontario | Oak – Executive Level |
| | Quebec | Les Saisons– Level 3 |
| | Atlantic | Quebec – Level 4 |
| 20:00 – 23:00 | *President's Suite* | TwentyTwo – 22nd Floor |

## Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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|---|---|---|
| 07:00 – 17:00 | Registration Desk Open | Governor General Foyer |
| 07:00 – 08:00 | *Buffet Breakfast* | Governor General Ballroom III |
| 08:00 – 11:00 | Strategic Review Session *(members only)* | Governor General Ballroom I/II |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Annual General Meeting I | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | *Buffet Luncheon* | Governor General Ballroom III |
| 13:00 – 16:00 | Annual General Meeting I (continued) | Governor General Ballroom I/II |
| | Trade and Marketing | |
| | Business Risk Management | |
| | Energy, Environment and Climate Change | |
| | Industry Standards and Food Safety | |
| | Labour | |
| | Crop Protection | |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | *Break* | Governor General Foyer |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Apple, Tender Fruit and Grape Open Meeting | Quebec – Level 3 |
| | Greenhouse Vegetable Open Meeting | Oak – Executive Level |
| | Berry Open Meeting | Maple – Executive Level |
| | Field Vegetable Open Meeting | Les Saisons – Level 3 |
| | Potato Open Meeting | Governor General Ballroom I/II |

# Week at a Glance

***Owning our Future***

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| 18:00 – 19:00 | *Banquet Reception* | Governor General I/II Foyer |
| 19:00 – 22:00 | *Annual Banquet* | Governor General Ballroom III |
| 22:00 – 24:00 | *President's Suite* | TwentyTwo – 22nd Floor |

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

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|---|---|---|
| 07:00 – 12:00 | Registration Desk Open | Governor General Foyer |
| 08:30 – 10:00 | *Breakfast Panel: Parliamentary Perspectives on the Fruit and Vegetable Sector* | Governor General Ballroom III |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Annual General Meeting II | Governor General Ballroom I/II |

# La semaine en bref

*Prenons notre avenir en main*

| **Lundi 9 mars 2026** | | **Espace de réunion** |
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| 15:00 - 17:00 | *Table ronde : réglementation, risques et résilience* | Governor General lll |
| 18:00 - 20:00 | *Réception d'accueil* | TwentyTwo - 22(ème) étage |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | *Suite du Président* | |

| **Mardi 10 mars 2026** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 07:00 - 08:00 | Petit-déjeuner de travail du conseil d'administration et des présidents des groupes de travail (*sur invitation seulement)* | BC/Manitoba - Niveau 2 |
| 08:00 - 17:00 | Ouverture du bureau d'inscription | Governor General Foyer |
| 08:00 - 14:00 | Réunion du Conseil canadien de la pomme de terre *(sur invitation seulement)* | Governor General ll |
| 08:00 - 14:00 | Réunion du Groupe travail de la culture maraîchère en serre *(sur invitation seulement)* | Les saisons – Niveau 4 |
| 08:00 - 14:00 | Réunion du groupe de travail pour la pomme *(sur invitation uniquement)* | Québec - Niveau 4 |
| 08:00 - 12:00 | Réunion du Groupe de travail pour les baies *(sur invitation uniquement)* | Maple - Niveau exécutif |
| 08:00 - 12:00 | Réunion du groupe de travail sur les cultures maraîchères *(sur invitation seulement)* | Oak - Niveau exécutif |
| 15:00 - 17:00 | Réunions régionales des caucus | |
| | Colombie-Britannique | Maple - Niveau exécutif |
| | Prairies | BC/Manitoba - Niveau 2 |
| | Ontario | Oak - Niveau exécutif |
| | Québec | Les Saisons- Niveau 3 |
| | Atlantique | Québec - Niveau 4 |
| 20:00 - 23:00 | *Suite du président* | TwentyTwo - 22(ème) étage |

| **Mercredi 11 mars 2026** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 07:00 - 17:00 | Ouverture du bureau d'inscription | Governor General Foyer |
| 07:00 - 08:00 | *Petit-déjeuner buffet* | Governor General lll |
| 08:00 – 11:00 | Séance d'examen stratégique *(seulement membres)* | Governor General l/ll |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Assemblée générale annuelle l | |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | *Déjeuner* | Governor General lll |
| 13:00 – 16:00 | Assemblée générale annuelle l (continue) | Governor General l/ll |
| | Le commerce et de la mise en marché | |
| | La gestion des risques d'entreprise | |
| | L'énergie, l'environnement et le changement climatique | |
| | Les normes de l'industrie et de la salubrité des aliments | |
| | La main-d'œuvre | |
| | La protection des cultures | |
| 16:00 - 16:15 | *Pause-café* | Governor General Foyer |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Réunion ouverte des groupes de travail pour la pomme, des fruits tendres et des raisins | Québec - Niveau 3 |
| | Réunion ouverte du groupe de travail de la culture maraîchère en serre | Oak - Niveau exécutif |
| | Réunion ouverte du groupe de travail pour les baies | Maple - Niveau exécutif |

# La semaine en bref

***Prenons notre avenir en main***

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| 16:15 – 17:00 | Réunion ouverte du groupe de travail sur les cultures maraîchères | Les Saisons - Niveau 3 |
| | Réunion ouverte du groupe de travail de la pomme de terre | Governor General I/II |
| 18:00 - 19:00 | *Réception du banquet* | Governor General Foyer |
| 19:00 - 22:00 | *Banquet annuel* | Governor General III |
| 22:00 - 24:00 | *Suite du Président* | TwentyTwo - 22(ème) étage |

**Jeudi 12 mars 2026**

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|---|---|---|
| 07:00 - 12:00 | Ouverture du bureau d'inscription | Governor General Foyer |
| 08:30 - 10:00 | *Panel petit-déjeuner : Perspectives parlementaires sur le secteur des fruits et légumes* | Governor General III |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Assemblée générale annuelle II | Governor General I/II |

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL • LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

**Message from the Governor General**
**2026 Annual General Meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada**

I am delighted to extend warm greeting to everyone gathered for this annual general meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC).

This is a pivotal time for Canada's fruit and vegetable industry. Producers must contend with evolving markets, labour shortages, emerging technologies and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns. Despite these unprecedented challenges, this sector continues to distinguish itself through its resilience, innovative spirit and leadership.

This year's theme, Owning Our Future, reflects a collective desire to explore new horizons and adopt a shared vision for the FVGC. As you complete a comprehensive strategic review, I commend your efforts, which will contribute to the success and strengthening of your sector.

I wish you a productive conference.

Mary Simon

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL • LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

**Message de la gouverneure générale**
**Assemblée générale 2026 des Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada**

C’est un plaisir de saluer chaleureusement les personnes réunies pour cette assemblée générale annuelle des Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada (PFLC).

L’industrie canadienne des fruits et légumes traverse une période charnière. Les producteurs doivent composer avec l’évolution des marchés, des pénuries de main-d’œuvre, l’émergence de nouvelles technologies et des conditions météorologiques toujours plus imprévisibles. Malgré ces défis sans précédent, ce secteur continue de se distinguer par sa résilience, son esprit d’innovation et son leadership.

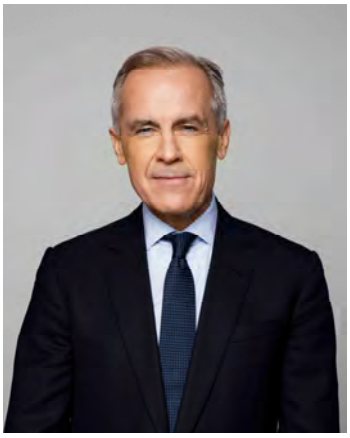
Le thème de cette année, Prendre notre avenir en main, traduit une volonté collective d’explorer de nouveaux horizons et d’adopter une vision commune pour les PFLC. Alors que vous achevez un examen stratégique complet, j’applaudis vos efforts, qui contribueront au succès et à la consolidation de votre secteur.

Je vous souhaite une excellente conférence.

Mary Simon

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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE



I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 104th Annual General Meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC).

Since 1922, the FVGC has worked diligently to represent the best interests of fruit and vegetable growers across Canada. The theme of this event, "Owning Our Future," offers an important opportunity to discuss key issues and to plan for continued success.

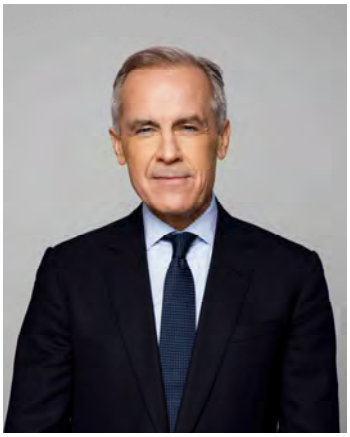
I would like to thank the organizers for putting together a rewarding program for everyone involved. I am certain that delegates will make the most of this chance to network with their peers and to share their experiences and expertise.

I wish you all a productive meeting.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

Ottawa
2026

PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE



Je tiens à saluer chaleureusement toutes les personnes qui assistent à la 104e Assemblée générale annuelle des Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada (PFLC).

Depuis 1922, les PFLC travaillent avec diligence pour représenter les meilleurs intérêts des producteurs de fruits et légumes partout au Canada. Le thème de cet événement, « Prenons notre avenir en main », offre une occasion importante de discuter des enjeux clés et de planifier la poursuite du succès.

Je tiens à remercier les membres du comité organisateur d'avoir mis sur pied un programme enrichissant pour toutes les personnes impliquées. Je suis convaincu que les délégués profiteront au maximum de cette occasion de réseauter avec leurs pairs et de partager leurs expériences et leur expertise.

Je vous souhaite une réunion des plus productives.

Le très honorable Mark Carney, C.P., O.C., député
Premier ministre du Canada

Ottawa
2026

Minister
of Agriculture and
Agri-Food

Ministre
de l'Agriculture et de
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Thank you to the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada for your hard work over the past year. Despite climatic and economic pressures, you continuously provide fresh, healthy produce for Canadians across the country.

You are also a major driver of Canada's economy. Fruits and vegetables generate $8.5 billion in farm cash receipts, with 35% growth over the past five years. Your exports of fresh and processed products continue to grow, reaching $7.9 billion in 2024.

As your conference theme underscores this year, you are working to "Own Your Future" and create a more resilient, competitive, forward-looking sector; one that takes ownership of its economic strength, environmental stewardship and its critical role in ensuring Canada's food security.

It's an honour for me to support you in these efforts. Our biggest challenge right now is the uncertainty in our relations with our biggest trading partner, the United States. Our government is working hard to ensure the strength of our supply chains with our key partners. I'm also committed to working with you to expand and diversify your markets.

We are making decisions with growth in mind, by reducing red tape, supporting innovation and working to create a united Canadian economy. As part of our measures to improve food affordability for Canadians, we've introduced investment incentives in the greenhouse sector. Producers will be able to fully write off greenhouses acquired on or after November 4, 2025, and that become available for use before 2030.

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Over the coming months, we will be looking for your engagement to make sure that the next agricultural policy framework, to begin in 2028, meets your needs. I invite you, as a federation and as individuals, to participate in online and in-person consultations that will help us to build a strong agricultural sector. Together, we will make Canada the strongest economy in the G7.

I wish you a good meeting and a successful 2026 season.



The Honourable Heath MacDonald, P.C., M.P.

Ministre
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Merci aux Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada pour leur travail acharné encore cette année. Dans des conditions climatiques et économiques volatiles, vous cultivez continuellement des produits frais et sains pour les Canadiennes et les Canadiens partout au pays.

Les fruits et légumes représentent 8,5 milliards de dollars de recettes monétaires agricoles, avec une croissance de 35 % au cours des cinq dernières années. Vous exportez également chaque année 7,9 milliards de dollars en produits frais et transformés, un montant qui est aussi en croissance continue. Vous êtes sans conteste un moteur important de l'économie canadienne.

Comme le souligne le thème de votre conférence cette année, vous travaillez pour « Prendre votre avenir en main » et créer un secteur plus résilient, plus concurrentiel et tourné vers l'avenir, qui assume pleinement sa force économique, sa gestion de l'environnement et son rôle essentiel dans la sécurité alimentaire du Canada.

C'est un honneur pour moi de vous accompagner dans cette démarche. Notre plus grand défi en ce moment, c'est l'incertitude qui règne dans nos relations avec notre plus grand partenaire commercial, les États-Unis. Notre gouvernement travaille fort à garantir la solidité de nos chaînes d'approvisionnement avec nos principaux partenaires. Je m'engage également à travailler avec vous afin d'élargir et de diversifier vos marchés.

Nous prenons des décisions en gardant à l'esprit la croissance, en diminuant le fardeau administratif, en appuyant la science et l'innovation et en travaillant à créer une économie canadienne unie. Parmi les mesures que nous avons prises pour rendre les aliments plus abordables, nous avons annoncé des incitatifs à

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l’investissement dans le secteur de la production en serres. Les producteurs pourront déduire le coût total des serres acquises depuis le 4 novembre dernier et pouvant être utilisées avant 2030.

Dans les prochains mois, nous aurons besoin de votre collaboration afin que le prochain cadre stratégique en agriculture, qui sera lancé en 2028, réponde à vos besoins. Je vous invite à participer, en tant que fédération ou à titre individuel, aux consultations en ligne et en personne qui nous permettront de bâtir ensemble une agriculture forte, pour bâtir une des économies les plus fortes du G7.

Bonne assemblée générale et bonne saison 2026.



L’honorable Heath MacDonald, C.P., député

Ontario

Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

March 9 – 12, 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

I would like to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 104th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada.

Canadian fruit and vegetable farmers are among the best in the world. Your efforts help fuel our provincial and national economies while nourishing families in every community. For more than a century, your organization has been a cornerstone of Canada's agricultural strength and food security. Today, as you confront rapid change via shifting climate patterns, evolving market demands and technological advancements, your AGM theme of "Owning Our Future" could not be more timely or more fitting. This year's theme speaks to the vision, leadership and innovation that will shape the next chapter of Canadian agriculture.

Our government remains committed to supporting our agricultural sector by investing in research and innovation, strengthening risk management programs, addressing labour challenges and advancing sustainable practices. Together, we can ensure that growers have the tools and resources needed to remain competitive in a global marketplace, now and in the years to come.

Warmest wishes for a productive and inspiring Annual General Meeting.

**Doug Ford**
**Premier**

Ontario

Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

Du 9 au 12 mars 2026

## UN MESSAGE DU PREMIER MINISTRE DOUG FORD

Je tiens à adresser mes salutations les plus chaleureuses à toutes les personnes participant à la 104e assemblée générale annuelle des Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada.

Les agriculteurs canadiennes et canadiens spécialisés dans la production de fruits et légumes comptent parmi les meilleurs au monde. Votre travail contribue à dynamiser les économies provinciale et nationale tout en nourrissant les familles dans toutes nos collectivités. Depuis plus d'un siècle, votre organisation est l'un des piliers de la force agricole du Canada et de sa sécurité alimentaire. Aujourd'hui, alors que vous êtes confrontés à des changements rapides — qu'il s'agisse des variations climatiques, de l'évolution des demandes du marché ou des avancées technologiques — le thème de votre assemblée générale, « Prenons notre avenir en main », est particulièrement juste et opportun. Il reflète la vision, le leadership et l'innovation qui définiront la prochaine étape de l'agriculture canadienne.

Notre gouvernement demeure résolu à soutenir le secteur agricole en investissant dans la recherche et l'innovation, en renforçant les programmes de gestion des risques, en répondant aux défis liés à la main-d'œuvre et en faisant progresser des pratiques durables. Ensemble, nous pouvons faire en sorte que les producteurs disposent des outils et des ressources nécessaires pour demeurer concurrentiels sur un marché mondial, aujourd'hui comme dans les années à venir.

Je formule mes vœux les plus sincères pour une assemblée générale annuelle à la fois productive et inspirante.

**Le premier ministre,**

**Doug Ford**



**Mark Sutcliffe**
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It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of Members of Ottawa City Council, to welcome all those participating in the **104th Annual General Meeting** of the **Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada**, taking place March 9th to 12th 2026 at the Westin Ottawa on unceded Anishinabe Algonquin territory.

Ottawa, originally Bytown, is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2026 with a diversity of activities for guests to the city to enjoy.

This Canada-wide meeting serves as a valuable forum for fruit and vegetable growers, producing more than 120 types of crops on over 14,237 farms, to convene under the theme *Owning Our Future*. Delegates will examine the challenges of shifting markets, labour shortages, evolving technology and climate change, as well as collectively explore opportunities with industry stakeholders to build a more resilient, competitive, and innovative sector with an emphasis on a growers-led management of its economic strengths, environmental stewardship, and its vital role in ensuring food security for Canadians.

As Head of Council, I want to congratulate the leadership of the FVGC, along with the guest speakers and sponsors for dedicating time, energy, insights, services and resources to the successful organization of the 2026 AGM.

Allow me to offer my best wishes to everyone in attendance for a productive and rewarding gathering, as well as to the visitors for an enjoyable stay in Ottawa.

Sincerely,

J'ai l'immense plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue, au nom des membres du Conseil municipal d'Ottawa, à tous les participants de la **104e assemblée générale annuelle (AGA)** des **Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada**, qui se déroule du 9 au 12 mars 2026 au Westin Ottawa sur un territoire non cédé de la Nation Anishinabe Algonquine.

Ottawa, qui s'appelait Bytown à l'origine, célèbre son 200e anniversaire en 2026 en organisant une panoplie d'activités pour ses visiteurs.

Cette rencontre pancanadienne offre un cadre précieux pour les producteurs de fruits et légumes, qui produisent plus de 120 différentes variétés de récoltes dans plus de 14 237 exploitations agricoles, en vue de leur permettre de se réunir sous le thème « *Prenons notre avenir en main* ». Les délégués vont examiner les défis liés aux marchés en pleine mutation, au manque de main-d'œuvre, à l'évolution des technologies et aux changements climatiques, en plus d'explorer collectivement avec les intervenants de l'industrie les occasions de bâtir un secteur plus résilient, compétitif et novateur, dirigé par les producteurs, et qui assume pleinement sa force économique, sa gestion de l'environnement et son rôle essentiel dans la sécurité alimentaire des Canadiens et des Canadiennes.

En tant que chef du Conseil, je tiens à féliciter la direction des Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada, ainsi que les conférenciers d'honneur et les commanditaires qui ont consacré temps, efforts, savoir-faire, services et ressources au succès de l'AGA de 2026.

Permettez-moi de souhaiter à toutes les personnes présentes une rencontre productive et enrichissante et aux visiteurs un séjour agréable à Ottawa.

Cordialement,

Mark Sutcliffe

Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor/Maire

FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROWERS OF CANADA | PRODUCTEURS DE FRUITS ET LÉGUMES DU CANADA

## STRATEGIC REVIEW SESSION

*(Members Only)*

***08:00 – 11:00 - Governor General Ballroom I/II***

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING I

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
11:00 – 12:00

Governor General Ballroom I/II

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** Marcus Janzen
***Secretary:*** Bev Appleby
***Moderator:*** Amy Hutchinson

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| 1. | Welcome and Call to Order | Marcus Janzen |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda | Marcus Janzen |
| 3. | Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings:<br>• AGM I – March 12, 2025<br>• AGM II – March 13, 2025 | |
| 4. | Business Arising | Marcus Janzen |
| 5. | Review and Approval of Voting Representatives Listing | Amy Hutchinson |
| 6. | Report from the President | Marcus Janzen |
| 7. | Financial Reports<br>7.1 Review and Adoption of Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2025<br>7.2 Presentation of Revised Forecast for Fiscal Year 2026<br>7.3 Presentation and Approval of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027<br>7.4 Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2026 | Quinton Woods |
| 8. | Allocation of Resolutions | Quinton Woods |
| 9. | Election of 2026 Board of Directors | Amy Hutchinson |
| 10. | Other Business | |
| 11. | Adjourn Meeting | |

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING I (continued)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
13:00 – 16:00

Governor General Ballroom I/II

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** Marcus Janzen
***Secretary:*** Bev Appleby
***Moderator:*** Amy Hutchinson

1. Call to Order — Marcus Janzen

2. Trade and Marketing — Jason Whitcher
   - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
   - Report from the Chair
   - Resolutions referred to the Trade and Marketing Working Group
   - Nominations of Trade and Marketing WG members
   - Election of Trade and Marketing WG Chair and Vice-Chair

3. Business Risk Management — Catherine Lessard
   - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
   - Report from the Chair
   - Resolutions referred to the BRM Working Group
   - Nominations of BRM WG members
   - Election of BRM WG Chair and Vice-Chair

4. Energy, Environment and Climate Change — Jan VanderHout
   - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
   - Report from the Chair
   - Resolutions referred to the EECC Working Group
   - Nominations of EECC WG members
   - Election of EECC WG Chair and Vice-Chair

5. Industry Standards and Food Safety — Jody Mott
   - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
   - Report from the Chair
   - Resolutions referred to the ISFS Working Group
   - Nominations of SFS WG members
   - Election of ISFS WG Chair and Vice-Chair

6. Labour — Beth Connery
   - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
   - Report from the Chair
   - Resolutions referred to the Labour Working Group
     - *2026-02 Payroll deductions for temporary foreign workers' accommodation*
   - Nominations of Labour WG members
   - Election of Labour WG Chair and Vice-Chairs
   - Other Appointments and Nominations
     - SAWP Annual Review Meeting Representatives
     - Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC)

7. Crop Protection — Chris Duyvelshoff
   - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
   - Report from the Chair
   - Resolutions referred to the Crop Protection Advisory Group
     - *2026-01 Laser Bird Control Devices*
   - Nominations of CPAG members
   - Election of CPAG Chair and Vice-Chair

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# Apple, Tender Fruit and Grape Open Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
16:15 – 17:00

Quebec - Level 3

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** Charles Stevens
***Grape Co-Chair:*** Matthias Oppenlaender
***Tender Fruit Co-Chair:*** Phil Tregunno
***Secretary:*** Amy Hutchinson

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Welcome and Call to Order | Charles Stevens |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda | |
| 3. | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025 | |
| 4. | Business Arising | |
| 5. | Report from the Apple WG Chair | Charles Stevens |
| 6. | Provincial Apple Crop Reports | |
| 7. | Review of 2025 Tender Fruit Crop Growing Conditions, Harvest and Processing | Phil Tregunno |
| 8. | Review of 2025 Grape Crop Growing Conditions, Harvest and Processing | Mathias Oppenlaender |
| 9. | Resolutions Review | |
| 10. | Elections<br>10.1 Apple Chair (as elected on March 10, 2026, AWG Meeting)<br>10.2 Tender Fruit Co-Chair<br>10.3 Grape Co-Chair | Amy Hutchinson |
| 11. | Other Business | |
| 12. | Adjourn Meeting | |

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# Greenhouse Open Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
16:15 – 17:00

Oak – Executive Level

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** George Gilvesy
***Vice-Chair:*** Armand Vander Meulen
***Secretary:*** Julie Paillat

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Welcome and Call to Order | George Gilvesy |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda | |
| 3. | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025 | |
| 4. | Business Arising | |
| 5. | Report from the Chair | George Gilvesy |
| 6. | Resolutions Review | |
| 7. | Announcement of Greenhouse Produce Alliance of Canada Chair and Vice-Chair Elections (as elected on March 10, 2026, GPAC Meeting) | |
| 8. | Items Referred from March 10, 2026, GPAC Meeting | |
| 9. | Other Business | |
| 10. | Adjourn Meeting | |

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# Berry Open Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
16:15 – 17:00

Maple – Executive Level

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** Lisa Craig
***Vice-Chair*** Janette McDonald
***Secretary*** Bev Appleby

1. Welcome and Call to Order — Lisa Craig
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
4. Business Arising
5. Report from the Chair — Lisa Craig
6. Resolutions Review
7. Nominations and Elections — Bev Appleby
   - Nominations of Berry WG members
   - Election of Berry WG Chair and Vice-Chair
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn Meeting

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# Field Vegetable Open Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
16:15 – 17:00

Les Saisons – Level 3

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** Jody Mott
***Vice - Chair*** Catherine Lessard
***Secretary:*** Angela Reid

1. Welcome and Call to Order — Jody Mott
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025
4. Business Arising
5. Report from the Chair — Jody Mott
6. Resolutions Review
7. Nominations and Elections — Angela Reid
   - Nominations of Field Vegetable WG members
   - Election of Field Vegetable WG Chair and Vice-Chair
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn Meeting

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# Potato Open Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
16:15 – 17:00

Governor General Ballroom I/II

## AGENDA

***Chair:*** Bill Zylmans
***Vice-Chair:*** Shawn Brenn
***Secretary:*** Caleigh Hallink-Irwin

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Welcome and Call to Order | Bill Zylmans |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda | |
| 3. | Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2025 | |
| 4. | Business Arising | |
| 5. | Report from the Chair | Bill Zylmans |
| 6. | Resolutions Review | |
| 7. | Announcement of Election of Canadian Potato Council Chair and Vice-Chair (as elected on March 10, 2026, CPC Meeting) | |
| 8. | Other Business | |
| 9. | Adjourn Meeting | |

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING II

Thursday, March 12, 2026
10:00 – 11:00

Governor General Ballroom I/II

# AGENDA

***Chair:*** Marcus Janzen
***Secretary:*** Bev Appleby
***Moderator:*** Amy Hutchinson

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Review and Adoption of FVGC Standing Policy
3. Review and Adoption of Working Groups' Terms of Reference
4. Review and Motion to Accept All Resolutions
5. Introduction of 2026 FVGC Board of Directors' Officers

| 2025 | Region | 2026 | Region |
|---|---|---|---|
| *President:* Marcus Janzen | BC | *President:* | |
| *1st Vice President:* Quinton Woods | ON | *1st Vice President:* | |
| *2nd Vice President:* Alison Robertson | ON | *2nd Vice President:* | |
| *Chair, Finance:* Quinton Woods | ON | *Chair, Finance:* | |

6. Core Working Group Members

| 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|
| ***Trade and Marketing Working Group*** | |
| Andre Solymosi | BC |
| Ray Biln | |
| Kyle Currie | Prairies |
| Kevin Nickel | |

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| Quinton Woods | ON |
| Brian Gilroy | |
| Patrice Leger Bourgoin | Quebec |
| Laurie Godin | |
| Krista Shaw | Atlantic |
| Matt Hemphill | |

***Business Risk Management Working Group***

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|---|---|
| Suhk Kuhn Kuhn | BC |
| Nancy Chong | |
| Dave Buhler | Prairies |
| Susan Ainsworth | |
| Stefan Larass | Ontario |
| TBD | |
| Andre Mousseau | Quebec |
| Catherine Lessard | |
| Richard Melvin | Atlantic |
| Matt Hemphill | |

***Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group***

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|---|---|
| Ruben Houweling | BC |
| Annelise Simonsen | |
| Stacey Bajema | Prairies |
| Forrest Scharf | |
| Gordon Stock | Ontario |
| Brandon Scholten | |
| Brandon Fombuena | Quebec |
| Valerie Theriault | |
| Brain McInnis | Atlantic |
| Rebecca MacSwain | |

***Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group***

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|---|---|
| Andre Solymosi | BC |
| Lisa Craig | |
| Kyle Currie | Prairies |
| Roland Jeffries | |
| Brian Gilroy | Ontario |

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| Patrice Leger Bourgoin | Quebec |
| Sebastien Morrisette | |
| Denise Cassidy | Atlantic |
| Joanne Driscoll | |

***Labour Working Group***

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| Deep Brar | BC |
| Albert Cramer | AB |
| Connie Achtymichuk | SK |
| Roland Jeffries | MB |
| Stefan Larrass | ON |
| Martin Gibouleau | QC |
| Sam Bourgeois | NB |
| Andy Vermeulen | NS |
| John MacDonald | PE |
| Melvin Rideout | NL |

***Crop Protection Advisory Group***

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|---|---|
| Jason Smith | BC |
| Iris Bitterlich | |
| Shane Eva | Prairies |
| George Lewko | |
| Brian Rideout | Ontario |
| Matt Sheppard | |
| Jennifer Gagne | Quebec |
| Jarek Holoszkiewicz | |
| Gary Brown | Atlantic |
| Benny Nabuurs | |
| Peter Isaacson | At large |

7. Appointment of Working Group Chairs

| 2025 | Working Group Chairs | 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| Jason Whitcher | ***Trade and Marketing*** | |
| Brian Gilroy | Vice Chair | |
| Catherine Lessard | ***Business Risk Management*** | |
| Mike Chromczak | Vice Chair | |
| Jan VanderHout | ***Energy, Environment and Climate Change*** | |
| Gordon Stock | Vice Chair | |

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|---|---|
| Jody Mott | ***Industry Standards and Food Safety*** |
| Sarah Marshall | Vice Chair |
| Beth Connery | ***Labour*** |
| Andy Vergeer | Co-Vice Chair |
| Fernando Borja | Co-Vice Chair |
| Veronica Moreno | Co-Vice Chair |
| | |
| Chris Duyvelshoff | ***Crop Protection Advisory Group*** |
| Tracy Shinners-Carnelley | Vice Chair |
| | ***Apple, Tender Fruit and Grape*** |
| Charles Stevens | Apple Co-Chair |
| Phil Tregunno | Tender Fruit Co-Chair |
| Matthias Oppenlaender | Grape Co-Chair |
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| Lisa Craig | ***Berry*** |
| Janette McDonald | Vice Chair |
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| Jody Mott | ***Field Vegetable*** |
| Catherine Lessard | Vice Chair |
| | |
| George Gilvesy | ***Greenhouse Produce Alliance of Canada*** |
| Armand Vander Meulen | Vice Chair |
| | |
| Bill Zylmans | ***Canadian Potato Council*** |
| Michelle Flis | Vice Chair |

8. Upcoming Conference & AGMs
    - 2027 AGM – March 8-11th at Westin Ottawa
    - 2028 AGM – dates & venue TBD in Ottawa

9. Other Business

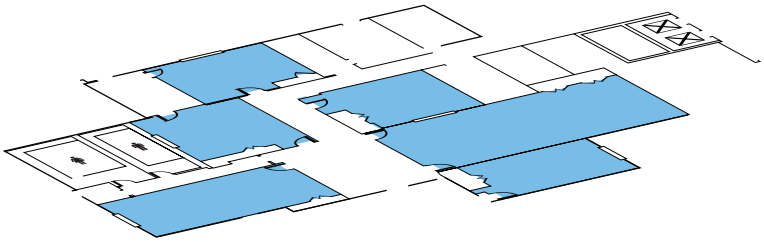
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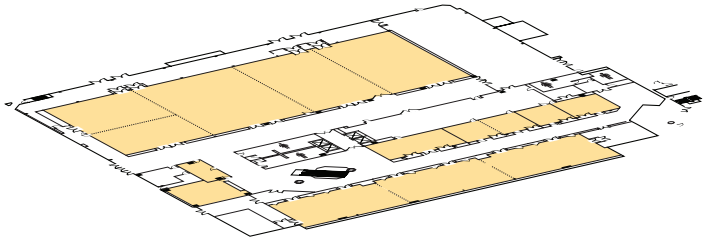
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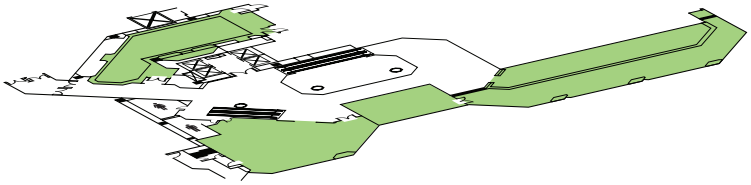
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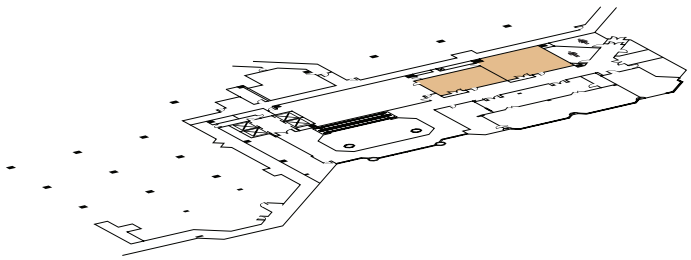
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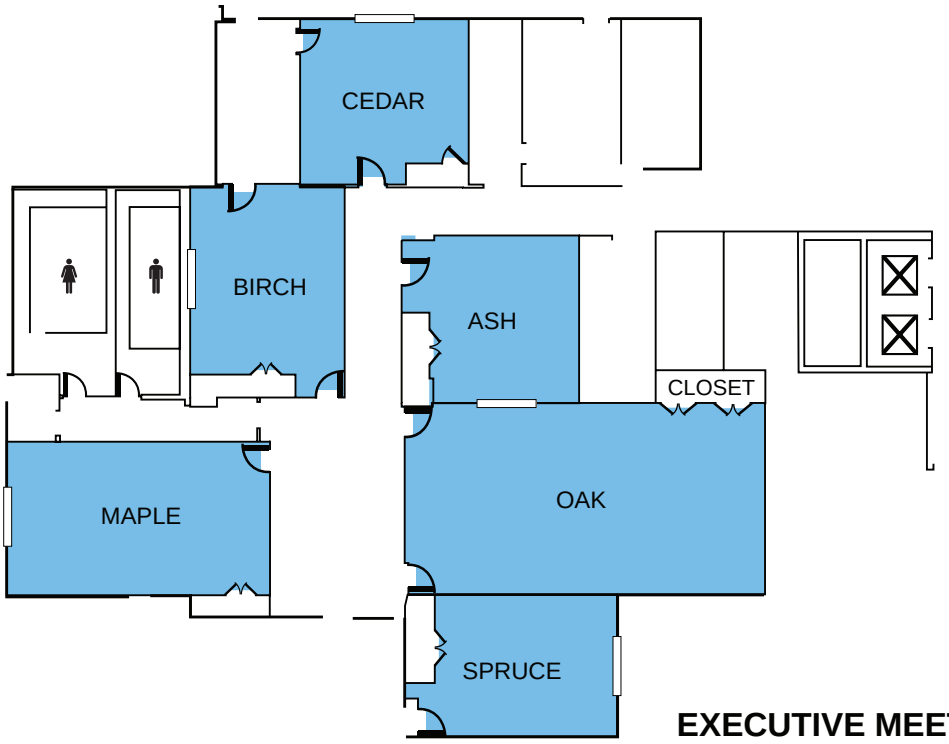
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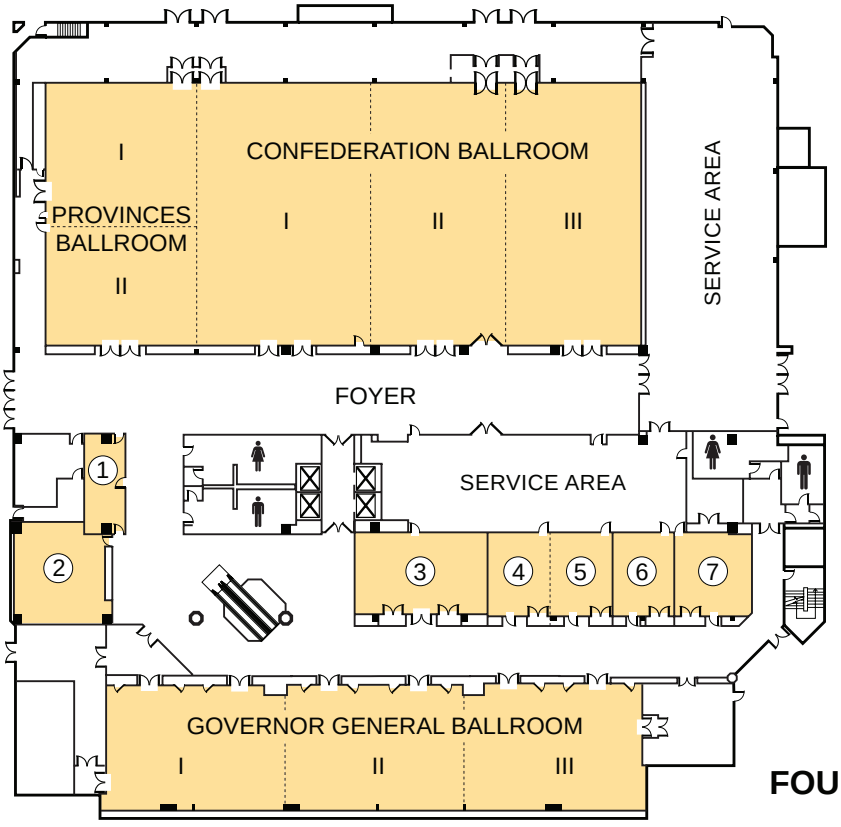



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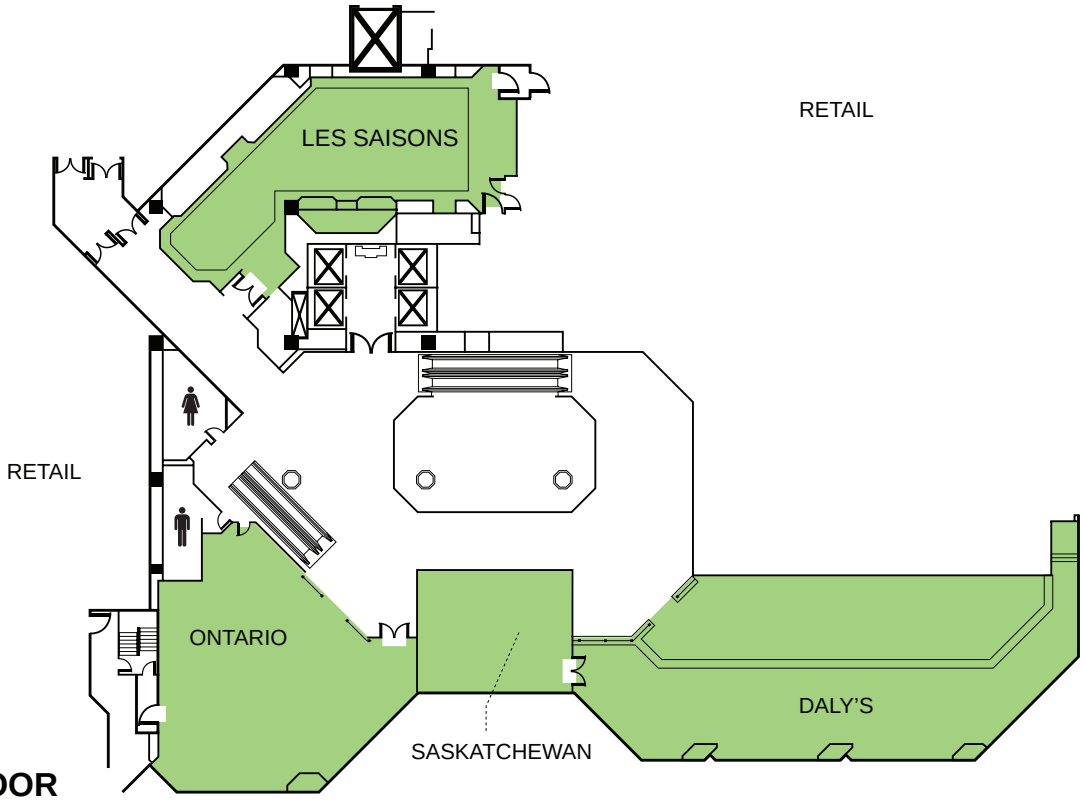

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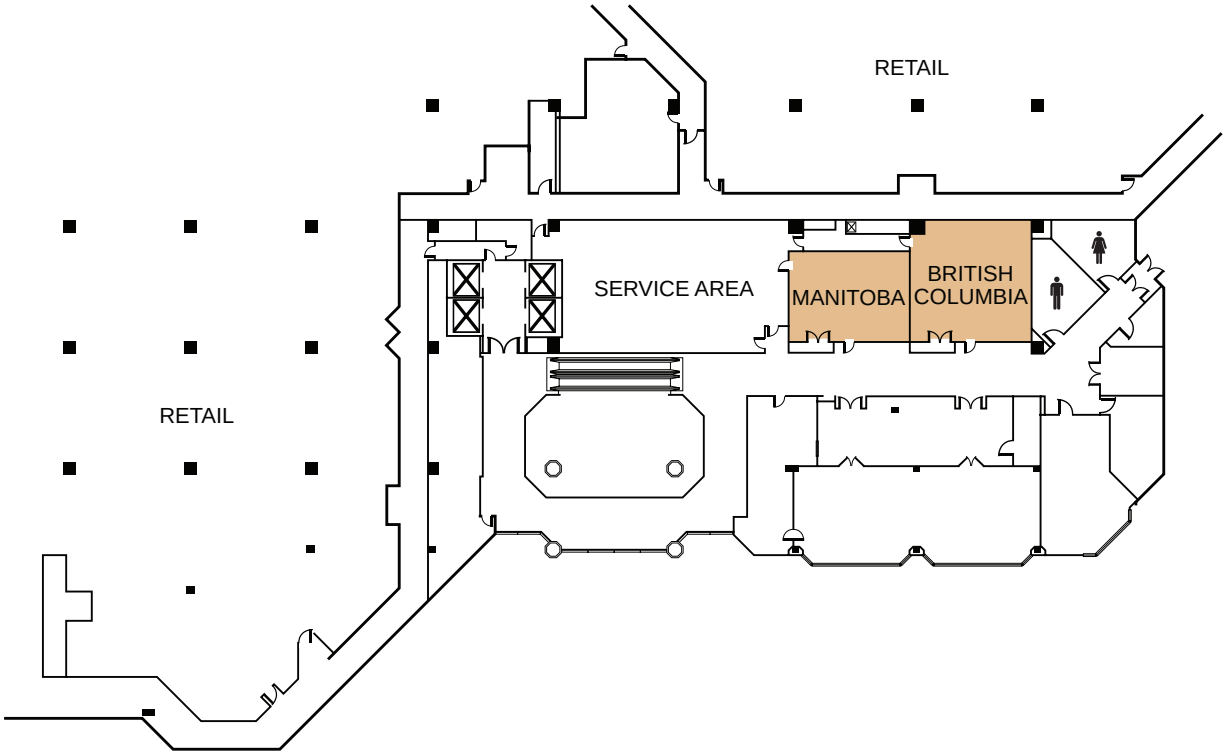



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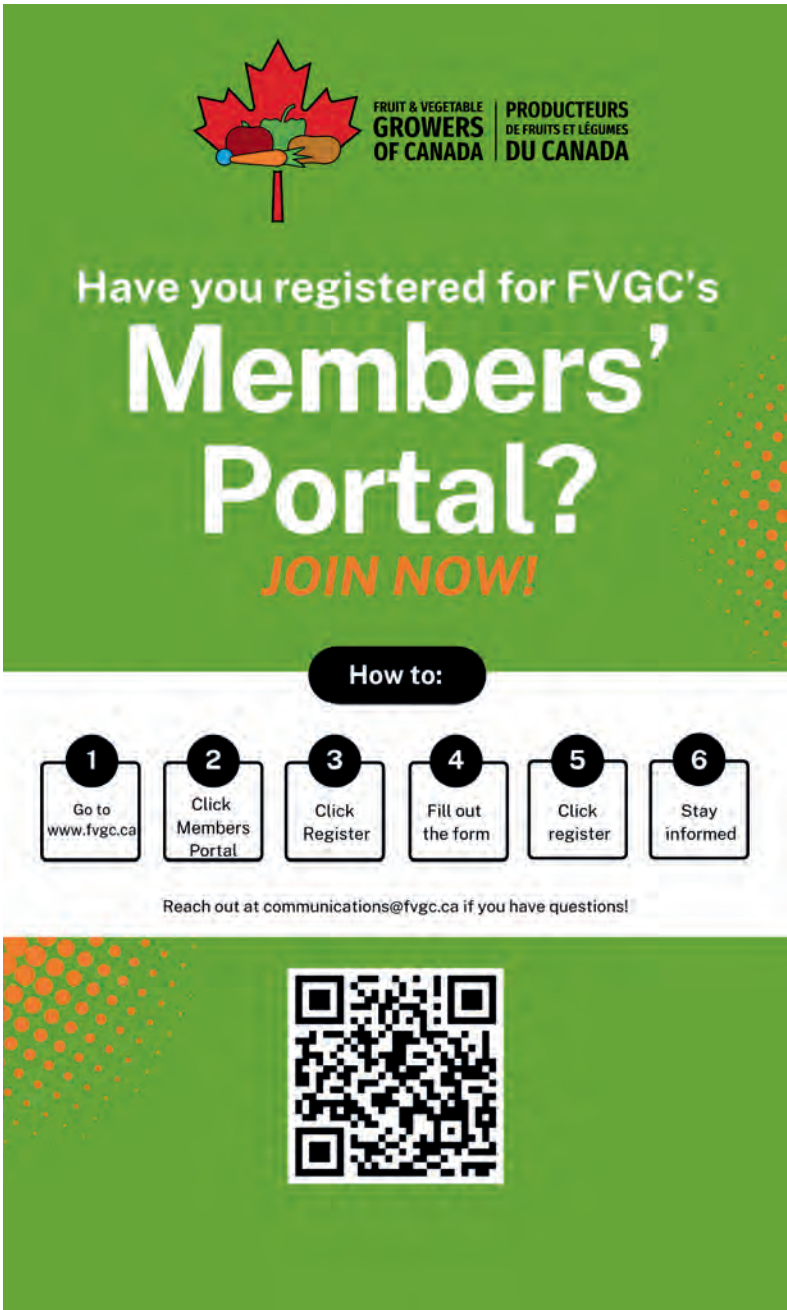
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## Voting Representatives for 2026 AGM

***(as of February 24, 2026 printing)***

| **British Columbia** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| B.C. Blueberry Council | TBD |
| B.C. Cranberry Marketing Commission | TBD |
| B.C. Strawberry Growers Association | TBD |
| B.C. Fruit Growers' Association | TBD |
| B.C. Greenhouse Growers' Association | TBD |
| B.C. Potato & Vegetable Growers' Association | TBD |
| B.C. Raspberry Industry Development Council | TBD |
| B.C. Vegetable Marketing Commission | TBD |
| Fraserland Organics Inc. | TBD |
| Island Vegetable Co-operative Association | TBD |
| Okanagan Grown Produce Limited | TBD |
| Vancouver Island Produce Ltd. | TBD |
| B.C. Fresh Vegetables Inc. | TBD |
| Western Agricultural Labour Initiative - WALI | TBD |

| **Alberta** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Alberta Greenhouse Growers Association | TBD |
| Alberta Seed Potato Growers Association | Stacey Bajema |
| Potato Growers of Alberta | Terence Hochstein |
| Red Hat Co-Op | TBD |

| **Saskatchewan** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Saskatchewan Government | Forrest Scharf |
| Saskatchewan Greenhouse Growers Association | TBD |
| Saskatchewan Seed Potato Growers' Association | Joel Vander Schaaf |
| Saskatchewan Vegetable Growers Association | George Lewko |

| **Manitoba** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Keystone Potato Producers Association Inc. | Susan Ainsworth |
| Manitoba Agriculture | Heather Martens |
| Peak of the Market | Tracey Shinners-Carnelley |
| Seed Potato Growers Association of Manitoba | Dave Buhler |

| **Ontario** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Apple Marketers' Association of Ontario | TBD |
| Asparagus Farmers of Ontario | TBD |
| Berry Growers of Ontario | TBD |
| Bradford Co-operative Storage Ltd. | Matthew Sheppard |
| Central Erie Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association | TBD |
| East Central Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association | Charles Stevens |

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| Elgin County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association | TBD |
| Essex County Associated Growers' | TBD |
| FARMS | Andy Vergeer |
| Fresh Vegetable Growers of Ontario | TBD |
| Garlic Growers Association of Ontario | TBD |
| Georgian Bay Fruit Growers' Inc. | TBD |
| Grand Bend Vegetable Growers' Association | TBD |
| Grape Growers of Ontario | TBD |
| Halton & Wentworth Growers' Association | TBD |
| Holland Marsh Growers Association | TBD |
| Middlesex Lambton Fruit and Vegetable Growers' | TBD |
| Niagara Peninsula Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association | TBD |
| Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association | TBD |
| Ontario Apple Growers | TBD |
| Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association | TBD |
| Ontario Fresh Grape Growers' Marketing Board | David Hipple |
| Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association | TBD |
| Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers | TBD |
| Ontario Potato Board | TBD |
| Ontario Processing Vegetables | Dave Hope |
| Ontario Tender Fruit Growers | Phil Tregunno |

| **Québec** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Association des producteurs de fraises et framboises du Québec | Jasmin Sauvé |
| Association des producteurs maraîchers du Québec | Patrice Léger Bourgoin |
| Fédération québécoise des producteurs de fruits et légumes de transformation | Pascal Forest |
| F.E.R.M.E. | Fernando Borja |
| Les producteurs de pommes du Québec | Sébastien Morissette |
| Les producteurs de pommes de terre du Québec | TBD |
| Syndicat des producteurs de bleuets du Québec | Laurie Godin |
| Syndicat des producteurs en serre du Québec | TBD |

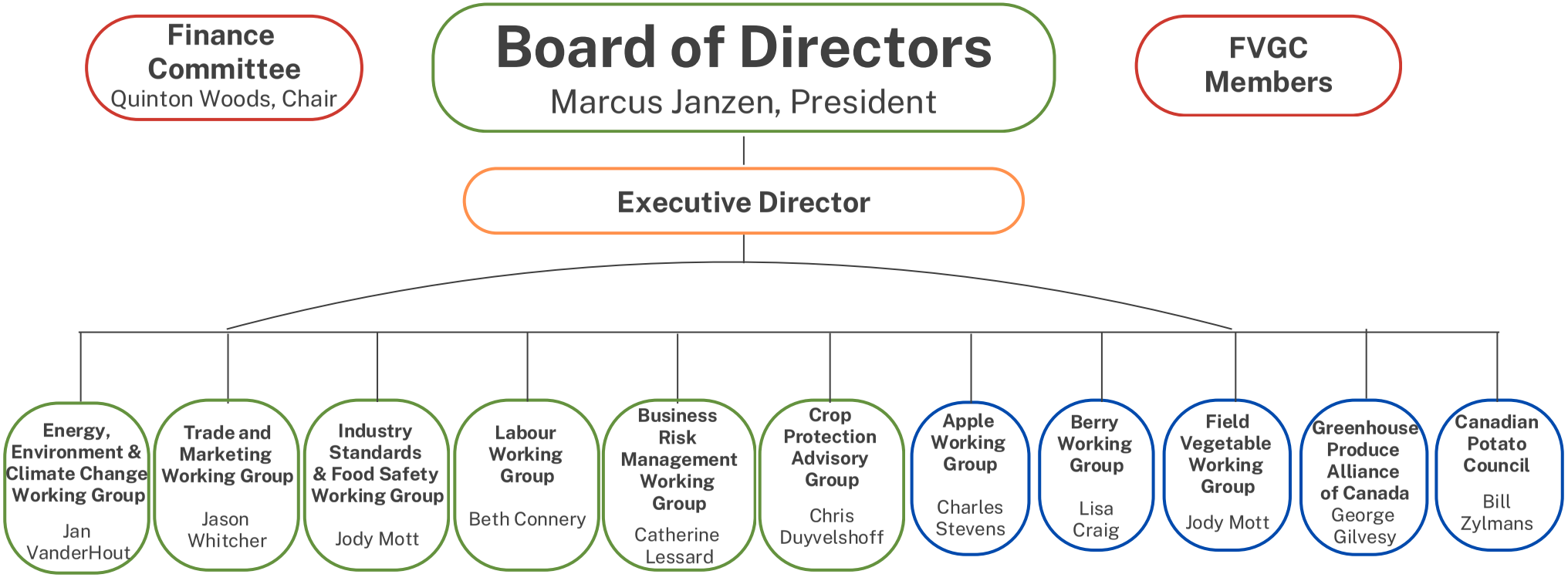
| **New Brunswick** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Apple Growers of New Brunswick | Sam Bourgeois |
| Bleuets NB Blueberries | TBD |
| NB Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Aquaculture | TBD |
| New Brunswick Potato Processor Growers Association | Dan Leblanc |
| New Brunswick Potato Shippers' Association | Rachel Durepos |
| New Brunswick Seed Potato Growers Association | André Coté |
| Potatoes New Brunswick | TBD |

| **Nova Scotia** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| Horticulture Nova Scotia | Jordan Eyamie |
| Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association | Janet Parker |
| Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia | Janette McDonald |

| **Prince Edward Island** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| PEI Department of Agriculture | Alvin Keenan |
| PEI Horticultural Association | Gerald Dykerman |
| PEI Potato Board | Katie MacLennan |
| PEI Potato Dealers Association | Krista Shaw |
| PEI Potato Processing Council | Greg Donald |
| PEI Seed Potato Growers Association | Rebecca McSwain |
| PEI Wild Blueberry Growers' Association | Benny Nabuurs |
| Potato Producers Association of PEI | John Visser |
| Mid Isle Farms | TBD |

| **Newfoundland and Labrador** | **2026 AGM Voting Representative** |
|---|---|
| NL & Labrador Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands. | Not Voting |
| Fruit and Vegetable Growers of NFLD and Labrador | TBD |

# FVGC Governance Structure




*An Open Meeting is held for each Working Group during the Annual General Meeting (for example: Trade and Marketing Open Meeting)*

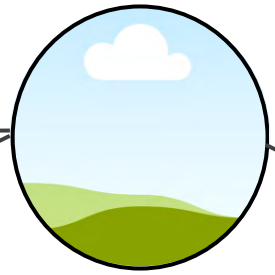
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**Bev Appleby**
Executive Assistant and Corporate Secretary



**Amy Hutchinson**
Senior Director of Operations



Executive Director



**Erik Nielsen**
Director of Policy, Research and Public Affairs



**Linda Vinokuroff**
Coordinator, Crop Profiles



**Stephanie Turpin**
Project Accountant



**Patti Proulx**
Financial Controller



**Contractors**
(Cluster, AGM, IT, etc.)



**Caleigh Hallink-Irwin**
General Manager, Canadian Potato Council



**Julie Paillat**
National Coordinator, Greenhouse Produce Alliance of Canada



Manager, Crop Protection



**Ashley Peyrard**
Manager, Public Affairs



**Angela Reid**
Manager, Policy and Government Relations

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| **President:** | Marcus Janzen<br>Calais Farms<br>Abbotsford, BC |
| **1st Vice President & Finance Chair:** | Quinton Woods, ON |
| **2nd Vice President:** | Alison Robertson, ON |

**Board Members**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Atlantic** | Janet Parker |
| **Atlantic** | John Visser |
| **Quebec** | Pascal Forest |
| **Quebec** | *Vacant* |
| **Prairies** | Beth Connery |
| **Prairies** | Russ Van Boom |
| **BC** | Ray Biln |
| **BC** | Sukhdeep Brar |

# Past Presidents

| Year | Presidents | 5 Regions |
|---|---|---|
| 2025 | Marcus Janzen | British Columbia |
| 2024 | Marcus Janzen | British Columbia |
| 2023 | Jan VanderHout | Ontario |
| 2022 | Jan VanderHout | Ontario |
| 2021 | Jan VanderHout | Ontario |
| 2020 | Brian Gilroy | Ontario |
| 2019 | Brian Gilroy | Ontario |
| 2018 | Brian Gilroy | Ontario |
| 2017 | Alvin Keenan | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 2016 | Keith Kuhl | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 2015 | Keith Kuhl | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 2014 | Keith Kuhl | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 2013 | Keith Kuhl | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 2012 | Murray Porteous | Ontario |
| 2011 | Jack Bates | British Columbia |
| 2010 | Andy Vermeulen | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 2009 | Steve Levasseur | Québec |
| 2008 | Larry Buba | Alberta (Prairies) |
| 2007 | Ken Porteous | Ontario |
| 2006 | Marcus Janzen | British Columbia |
| 2005 | Robert MacDonald | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 2004 | André Turenne | Québec |
| 2003 | Doug Connery | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 2002 | Ken Forth | Ontario |
| 2001 | Penny Gambell | British Columbia |
| 2000 | Don Keenan | New Brunswick (Atlantic) |
| 1999 | Robert Allard | Quebec |
| 1998 | Dave Jeffries | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 1997 | Jeff Wilson | Ontario |
| 1996 | David Hobson | British Columbia |
| 1995 | R. Elmer MacDonald | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 1994 | Jean-Claude Tessier | Québec |
| 1993 | Hector Delanghe | Ontario |
| 1992 | Greg Gowryluk | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 1991 | James Harris | British Columbia |
| 1990 | Jean-Yves Lohé | Quebec |
| 1989 | Gerry Long | Ontario |
| 1988 | Laurie Hennigar | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1987 | John Kuhl | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 1986 | Richard Bullock | British Columbia |

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|---|---|---|
| 1985 | Michel Legault | Québec |
| 1984 | Tony Csinos | Ontario |
| 1983 | John MacDonald | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 1982 | Bill Visser | Alberta (Prairies) |
| 1981 | Arnold Pedersen | British Columbia |
| 1980 | Keith Collver | Ontario |
| 1979 | Pierre Van Winden | Quebec |
| 1978 | Jim Gallant | New Brunswick (Atlantic) |
| 1977 | Ed Connery | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 1976 | Nigel Taylor | British Columbia |
| 1975 | Ron Moyer | Ontario |
| 1974 | Ebbis Peill | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1973 | Gilles Tessier | Québec |
| 1972 | Larry Jorgenson | Alberta (Prairies) |
| 1971 | Don Wright | Ontario |
| 1970 | Allan Claridge | British Columbia |
| 1969 | Yves Bolduc | Québec |
| 1968 | H.N. Cohoon | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1967 | Walter Kroeker | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 1966 | John Brown | Ontario |
| 1965 | R.L. Burge | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 1964 | R.P. Walrod | British Columbia |
| 1963 | Gérald Beaudin | Québec |
| 1962 | John E. Reynolds | Ontario |
| 1961 | A.E. Calkin | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1960 | H.C. Greenlaw | New Brunswick (Atlantic) |
| 1959 | A.R. Garrish | British Columbia |
| 1958 | W. Daman | Manitoba (Prairies) |
| 1957 | M.M. Robinson | Ontario |
| 1956 | Marc H. Hudon | Québec |
| 1955 | T.L. Meek | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1954 | W. R. Shaw | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 1953 | T. Wilkinson | British Columbia |
| 1952 | B. M. Wallace | Ontario |
| 1951 | B. M. Wallace | Ontario |
| 1950 | Roswell Thomson | Québec |
| 1949 | R. J. Leslie | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1948 | F. L. Fitzpatrick | British Columbia |
| 1947 | H. L. Craise | Ontario |
| 1946 | J. W. Boulter | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 1945 | J. W. Boulter | Prince Edward Island (Atlantic) |
| 1944 | R. D. Sutton | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1943 | R. E. Godbout | Québec |
| 1942 | A. K. Loyd | British Columbia |

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|---|---|---|
| 1941 | A. K. Loyd | British Columbia |
| 1940 | G. H. Mitchell | Ontario |
| 1939 | M. V. McGuire | British Columbia |
| 1938 | W. G. Oulton | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1937 | F. A. Lewis | British Columbia |
| 1936 | E. J. Atkin | Ontario |
| 1935 | W. J. Tawse | Québec |
| 1934 | H. E. Kendall | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1933 | R. H. Macdonald | British Columbia |
| 1932 | W. J. Cooke | Ontario |
| 1931 | Thos. Abriel | British Columbia |
| 1930 | Chas. Craig | Ontario |
| 1929 | Paul Fisher | Ontario |
| 1928 | J. H. Lavoie | Québec |
| 1927 | J. T. Mutrie | British Columbia |
| 1926 | E. B. Luke | Québec |
| 1925 | E. B. Luke | Québec |
| 1924 | L. H. Taylor | British Columbia |
| 1923 | F. W. Bishop | Nova Scotia (Atlantic) |
| 1922 | Col. H. L. Roberts | Ontario |

## Honorary Life Members

*Recognizing individuals that have demonstrated, over many years, untiring efforts to improve the field of horticulture within or outside Canada, through leadership, innovation, cooperation and hard work. The individual will have shown dedication, long-term commitment and an outstanding contribution of time and effort.*

**2025** Jane Proctor
**2024** Mary Kay Sonier
**2023** David Jones
**2022** Karen Davidson
Fred Webber
**2021** Hector Delanghe
**2020** Tom O'Neill
Shirley Archambault
**2018** Craig Hunter
**2012** Stephen Whitney
**2011** Danny Dempster
**2000** John Kuhl
Ron Cameron
Walter Kroeker
**1995** Bill Daman
Charles Bishop

## Outstanding Achievement Award

*Recognizing dedication and service as a member of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada*

**2024** Beth Connery
Brenda Simmons
**2023** Don Brubacher
**2022** Larry McIntosh
**2020** Linda Delli-Santi
**2018** Charles Stevens
**2011** Adrian Huisman
**2000** Jean-Claude Tessier
Les Armstrong

## Doug Connery Award

*Celebrating leadership excellence honoring exemplary passion, commitment and dedication to advancing the interests of Canada's horticultural industry. The Doug Connery Award publicly recognizes person(s) who, in the course of their association with the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) (Previously Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC)) and Canada's horticulture sector, have made outstanding contributions to the improvement and advancement of the industry. The award was created in 2012 in honour of the late Doug Connery, a Past President and driving force behind FVGC who suffered an untimely passing in 2011.*

**2025** George Gilvesy
Jean Bernard Van Winden
**2024** Glen Lucas
Alvin Keenan
**2023** Deb Hart
**2022** Brian Gilroy
**2021** Jocelyn St-Denis
**2020** Tracy Shinners-Carnelley
**2019** Murray Porteous
**2018** John MacDonald
**2017** Gary Linkletter
**2016** Claude Laniel
**2015** Marcus Janzen
**2014** Joe Sardinha
**2013** Ken Forth
**2012** Keith Kuhl
Steve Levasseur

# Members of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada

## Founding Members

1922 British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association
1922 Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association

## Members of 50 Plus Years

1937 British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission
1937 New Brunswick Potato Shippers' Association
1937 Nova Scotia Agriculture and Fisheries
1937 Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
1938 Canadian Produce Marketing Association
1938 Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture
1952 Association des producteurs maraîchers du Québec
1954 Alberta Seed Potato Growers' Association
1954 Asparagus Farmers of Ontario
1954 British Columbia Potato & Vegetable Growers' Association
1954 Prince Edward Island Potato Dealers Association
1963 Ontario Tender Fruit Growers
1968 Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
1970 Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
1970 New Brunswick Agriculture, Fisheries & Aquaculture
1970 Peak of the Market
1970 Seed Potato Growers' Association of Manitoba

## Members of 25 Plus Years

1977 Ontario Fresh Grape Growers' Marketing Board
1978 BASF Canada
1978 Grape Growers of Ontario
1978 Horticulture Nova Scotia
1978 Keystone Vegetable Growers' Association
1978 Les producteurs de pommes du Québec
1978 Potato Growers of Alberta
1978 Potato Producers' Association of Prince Edward Island
1977 Prince Edward Island Potato Board
1978 Prince Edward Island Potato Processing Council
1978 Red Hat Cooperative Ltd.
1979 Apple Growers of New Brunswick
1979 Bayshore Vegetable Shippers Ltd.
1979 New Brunswick Seed Potato Growers' Association
1979 Potatoes New Brunswick
1982 Ontario Potato Board
1983 BC Strawberry Growers' Association
1983 Wild Blueberry Producers' Association of Nova Scotia

1984 Island Vegetable Cooperative Association
1985 Cavendish Farms
1987 A. Lassonde Inc.
1987 Mid Isle Farms Inc.
1990 British Columbia Greenhouse Growers' Association
1990 Syngenta Canada Inc.
1991 Corteva Agriscience
1991 Les producteurs de pommes de terre du Québec
1991 Les Vergers Leahy Inc.
1991 Saskatchewan Agriculture & Food
1991 Saskatchewan Seed Potato Growers' Association
1992 Grand Bend Vegetable Growers' Association
1992 Vancouver Island Farm Products
1993 BC Fresh Vegetables Inc.
2000 Prince Edward Island Horticultural Association
2001 Okanagan Grown Produce
2001 Prince Edward Island Seed Potato Growers' Association

## Members of 15 Plus Years

2002 Algoma Orchards Ltd.
2002 Bayer CropScience Canada
2002 Fraserland Organics
2002 Prince Edward Island Wild Blueberry Growers' Association
2002 Saskatchewan Greenhouse Growers' Association
2002 Saskatchewan Vegetable Growers' Association
2002 The Little Potato Company
2003 AG World Support Systems Corp
2003 British Columbia Blueberry Council
2003 Bragg Lumber (Oxford Frozen Foods Ltd)
2004 Association des emballeurs de pommes du Québec
2004 Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (FARMS)
2004 McCain Foods Canada
2004 Ontario Apple Growers
2005 Apple Marketers' Association of Ontario
2005 BC Cranberry Marketing Commission
2005 BC Raspberry Industry Development Council
2005 Berry Growers of Ontario (formerly Ontario Berry Grower' Association)
2005 Bradford Co-operative Storage Ltd.
2005 Central Erie Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association
2005 East Central Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association
2005 Garlic Growers Association of Ontario
2005 Georgian Bay Fruit Growers Inc.
2005 Halton & Wentworth Growers
2005 Holland Marsh Growers' Association
2005 Niagara Peninsula Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association
2005 Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association
2005 Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association
2006 Fondation des Entreprises en Recrutement de Main-d'œuvre agricole Étrangère (FERME)

2006 Fresh Vegetable Growers of Ontario
2006 Syndicat des producteurs de bleuets du Québec
2006 Syndicat des producteurs en serre du Québec
2007 Bleuets NB Blueberries
2007 Groupe Vegco
2007 Jasper Wyman & Sons Canada, Inc.
2007 New Brunswick Potato Processor Growers Association
2008 Association des producteurs de fraises et framboises du Québec
2008 Farm Credit Canada (FCC)
2008 Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Natural Resources
2008 Simplot Canada
2009 Lamb Weston, Division of ConAgra Limited
2010 Alberta Greenhouse Growers Association
2010 Association Québécoise de la Distribution de Fruits et Légumes
2010 Belchim Crop Protection Canada

## Members of 10 Plus Years

2012 Tessenderlo Kerley, Inc.
2015 IFCO Systems US, LLC
2016 Canadian Corrugated and Containerboard Association

## Members of 5 Plus Years

2018 Fédération Québécoise des producteurs de fruits et légumes de transformation
2018 Tuberosum Technologies
2018 Western Agricultural Labour Initiative (WALI)
2019 Applied Bio-nomics Ltd.
2019 Croptracker
2020 Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers
2020 Nortera
2021 MNP LLP
2021 John Deere Canada

## Members of 2 Plus Years

2022 Accu-Label
2024 Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Newfoundland and Labrador

# FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FARM CASH RECEIPTS & MEMBERSHIP FEES

**(IN THOUSANDS)**

**(Source: Statistics Canada Table: 32-10-0045-01)**

## 2020 - 2024 FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

| Province | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 5 YEAR average | % of 5 yr average | Portion of $861,076 FY2027 membership fee budget | FY2026 Membership Fee Budget | Increase (Decrease) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **British Columbia *** | 880,520 | 929,309 | 989,046 | 971,244 | 894,359 | **932,896** | **13.851%** | **119,266** | **130,053** | (10,786) |
| **Alberta ** ** | 381,240 | 407,670 | 449,996 | 512,111 | 590,094 | **468,222** | **6.952%** | **59,860** | **57,402** | 2,458 |
| **Saskatchewan** | 42,311 | 41,740 | 47,035 | 52,444 | 57,743 | **48,255** | **0.716%** | **6,169** | **6,286** | (117) |
| **Manitoba** | 340,685 | 361,704 | 422,884 | 486,491 | 563,363 | **435,025** | **6.459%** | **55,616** | **52,612** | 3,004 |
| **Ontario *** | 2,211,561 | 2,340,215 | 2,646,879 | 2,997,938 | 3,209,133 | **2,681,145** | **39.807%** | **342,772** | **336,642** | 6,130 |
| **Québec** | 1,180,632 | 1,261,206 | 1,485,207 | 1,457,316 | 1,604,889 | **1,397,850** | **20.754%** | **178,709** | **179,151** | (443) |
| **New Brunswick** | 199,332 | 239,001 | 313,683 | 317,585 | 308,081 | **275,536** | **4.091%** | **35,226** | **35,541** | (315) |
| **Nova Scotia** | 111,213 | 135,632 | 145,498 | 117,546 | 134,484 | **128,875** | **1.913%** | **16,476** | **16,963** | (487) |
| **Prince Edward Island** | 284,155 | 253,252 | 393,006 | 438,107 | 425,386 | **358,781** | **5.327%** | **45,868** | **45,256** | 613 |
| **Newfoundland & Labrador** | 8,279 | 9,290 | 8,744 | 8,619 | 8,644 | **8,715** | **0.129%** | **1,114** | **1,171** | (57) |
| **TOTAL** | **5,639,928** | **5,979,019** | **6,901,978** | **7,359,401** | **7,796,176** | **6,735,300** | **100.000%** | **861,076** | **861,076** | **0** |

* Mushroom FCR (backed out)

** excluding processing vegetable receipts

## Farm Cash Receipts Analysis By Commodity and Province (2010 - 2024)

Source: Statistics Canada Table: 32-10-0045-01 (formerly CANSIM 002-0001))

(in thousands)

| CROP | year | nfld | pei | ns | nb | que | ont | man | sask | alta | bc | canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Potatoes | 2010 | 1,840 | 200,657 | 4,966 | 115,003 | 130,211 | 113,801 | 209,621 | 38,630 | 150,690 | 36,836 | 1,002,255 |
| Potatoes | 2011 | 1,919 | 251,966 | 5,207 | 139,757 | 153,454 | 103,480 | 166,342 | 40,747 | 152,736 | 25,515 | 1,041,123 |
| Potatoes | 2012 | 1,743 | 246,231 | 5,116 | 109,781 | 132,300 | 92,218 | 174,926 | 35,576 | 176,510 | 37,279 | 1,011,680 |
| Potatoes | 2013 | 1,822 | 244,495 | 4,808 | 140,288 | 140,233 | 98,718 | 185,402 | 26,119 | 174,626 | 34,120 | 1,050,631 |
| Potatoes | 2014 | 1,507 | 248,381 | 5,923 | 133,498 | 134,085 | 111,387 | 222,411 | 22,729 | 161,684 | 31,013 | 1,072,618 |
| Potatoes | 2015 | 1,295 | 233,683 | 4,325 | 136,038 | 140,539 | 114,127 | 207,972 | 23,346 | 190,460 | 34,809 | 1,086,594 |
| Potatoes | 2016 | 1,571 | 250,387 | 7,087 | 157,712 | 148,461 | 122,396 | 233,087 | 23,790 | 240,229 | 47,342 | 1,232,062 |
| Potatoes | 2017 | 1,414 | 243,870 | 7,118 | 159,910 | 171,821 | 100,539 | 257,030 | 28,483 | 203,896 | 47,881 | 1,221,962 |
| Potatoes | 2018 | 1,349 | 229,782 | 6,220 | 171,638 | 167,128 | 123,280 | 257,603 | 30,992 | 257,251 | 48,842 | 1,294,085 |
| Potatoes | 2019 | 1,307 | 243,875 | 6,873 | 166,836 | 176,429 | 108,099 | 240,296 | 34,254 | 253,847 | 61,391 | 1,293,207 |
| Potatoes | 2020 | 1,305 | 252,085 | 5,227 | 153,504 | 183,519 | 112,123 | 283,621 | 32,046 | 271,918 | 60,732 | 1,356,080 |
| Potatoes | 2021 | 1,317 | 218,187 | 6,115 | 166,152 | 185,203 | 132,602 | 305,802 | 31,585 | 287,888 | 62,886 | 1,397,737 |
| Potatoes | 2022 | 1,246 | 350,219 | 4,661 | 233,418 | 236,352 | 148,646 | 357,417 | 35,004 | 315,215 | 55,918 | 1,738,096 |
| Potatoes | 2023 | 1,152 | 409,136 | 4,131 | 262,908 | 240,510 | 154,173 | 418,563 | 37,553 | 385,073 | 54,705 | 1,967,904 |
| Potatoes | 2024 | 1,120 | 392,915 | 4,302 | 252,763 | 221,440 | 178,219 | 494,779 | 42,583 | 440,327 | 53,399 | 2,081,847 |

| CROP | year | nfld | pei | ns | nb | que | ont | man | sask | alta | bc | canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2010 | 214 | 356 | 4,983 | 1,210 | 95,095 | 666,749 | 972 | 1,131 | 41,554 | 252,466 | 1,064,730 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2011 | 144 | 413 | 6,126 | 1,364 | 93,535 | 700,014 | 1,082 | 1,267 | 43,262 | 266,235 | 1,113,442 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2012 | 153 | 674 | 5,110 | 1,472 | 89,974 | 692,650 | 1,162 | 1,211 | 51,068 | 235,515 | 1,078,989 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2013 | 191 | 885 | 7,825 | 724 | 87,250 | 776,513 | 1,258 | 1,244 | 53,033 | 305,301 | 1,234,224 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2014 | 182 | 1,270 | 7,975 | 639 | 88,488 | 805,429 | 1,300 | 1,298 | 52,803 | 296,591 | 1,255,975 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2015 | 199 | 1,502 | 8,753 | 260 | 95,413 | 835,122 | 1,240 | 1,386 | 53,584 | 298,398 | 1,295,857 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2016 | 210 | 1,508 | 8,620 | 646 | 102,856 | 860,697 | 1,074 | 1,434 | 55,675 | 298,443 | 1,331,163 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2017 | 240 | 1,604 | 8,592 | 963 | 131,792 | 918,909 | 1,082 | 1,474 | 70,542 | 301,892 | 1,437,090 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2018 | 277 | 2,441 | 8,582 | 1,038 | 144,779 | 963,161 | 1,340 | 1,513 | 82,087 | 306,900 | 1,512,118 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2019 | 284 | 2,627 | 9,504 | 1,120 | 146,811 | 1,067,388 | 1,529 | 1,338 | 96,616 | 306,335 | 1,633,552 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2020 | 325 | 2,935 | 9,651 | 1,379 | 174,062 | 1,190,663 | 1,324 | 1,281 | 120,915 | 329,624 | 1,832,159 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2021 | 312 | 3,157 | 9,918 | 1,632 | 211,308 | 1,300,513 | 2,202 | 1,652 | 126,392 | 322,818 | 1,979,904 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2022 | 318 | 3,066 | 10,153 | 1,758 | 248,312 | 1,509,966 | 2,448 | 1,876 | 135,904 | 349,545 | 2,263,346 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2023 | 331 | 3,129 | 10,712 | 1,953 | 269,349 | 1,667,977 | 2,600 | 1,912 | 144,895 | 369,110 | 2,471,968 |
| Fresh vegetables - greenhouse | 2024 | 313 | 3,369 | 13,614 | 3,058 | 300,522 | 1,885,469 | 2,337 | 1,535 | 143,781 | 380,021 | 2,734,019 |

## Farm Cash Receipts Analysis By Commodity and Province (2010 - 2024)

Source: Statistics Canada Table: 32-10-0045-01 (formerly CANSIM 002-0001))

(in thousands)

| CROP | year | nfld | pei | ns | nb | que | ont | man | sask | alta | bc | canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2010 | 3,799 | 10,812 | 17,673 | 8,204 | 281,246 | 583,021 | 36,877 | 1,775 | 20,303 | 185,414 | 1,149,124 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2011 | 4,200 | 12,102 | 25,674 | 9,058 | 295,968 | 621,143 | 39,540 | 3,459 | 29,416 | 204,653 | 1,245,213 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2012 | 4,825 | 10,241 | 23,148 | 8,420 | 337,070 | 683,315 | 41,819 | 3,831 | 30,728 | 211,009 | 1,354,406 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2013 | 5,411 | 11,576 | 30,165 | 8,887 | 365,499 | 707,022 | 40,602 | 4,421 | 31,049 | 207,330 | 1,411,962 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2014 | 4,640 | 11,284 | 34,517 | 8,181 | 385,585 | 731,987 | 43,662 | 4,307 | 39,045 | 221,741 | 1,484,949 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2015 | 4,801 | 10,408 | 33,830 | 8,416 | 429,344 | 756,953 | 42,506 | 4,121 | 44,570 | 233,693 | 1,568,642 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2016 | 5,971 | 12,718 | 37,118 | 8,887 | 460,999 | 797,501 | 46,980 | 4,570 | 42,993 | 273,538 | 1,691,275 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2017 | 5,612 | 14,196 | 39,714 | 8,354 | 451,608 | 839,858 | 52,584 | 5,331 | 43,548 | 274,924 | 1,735,729 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2018 | 4,935 | 14,501 | 33,190 | 7,587 | 472,472 | 887,145 | 49,688 | 5,686 | 46,350 | 279,016 | 1,800,570 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2019 | 5,018 | 14,772 | 29,675 | 7,788 | 503,276 | 898,804 | 53,124 | 6,737 | 51,582 | 311,549 | 1,882,325 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2020 | 5,457 | 14,465 | 30,742 | 7,393 | 517,523 | 962,491 | 54,102 | 6,561 | 51,267 | 323,011 | 1,973,012 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2021 | 6,032 | 12,982 | 29,835 | 9,702 | 578,336 | 1,002,682 | 52,126 | 6,066 | 52,714 | 305,479 | 2,055,954 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2022 | 5,491 | 11,858 | 31,243 | 9,315 | 632,222 | 1,088,009 | 61,279 | 7,546 | 58,021 | 322,667 | 2,227,651 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2023 | 5,557 | 10,881 | 33,137 | 9,826 | 636,936 | 1,137,201 | 63,665 | 8,096 | 60,551 | 332,009 | 2,297,859 |
| Fresh vegetables - field | 2024 | 5,176 | 14,121 | 35,304 | 10,797 | 674,279 | 1,231,485 | 64,220 | 11,159 | 64,750 | 342,136 | 2,453,427 |

| CROP | year | nfld | pei | ns | nb | que | ont | man | sask | alta | bc | canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total fresh fruit | 2010 | 746 | 9,277 | 43,095 | 26,502 | 120,458 | 207,615 | 1,391 | 741 | 1,886 | 270,170 | 681,881 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2011 | 1,096 | 10,568 | 46,119 | 30,858 | 199,021 | 215,934 | 1,562 | 1,021 | 1,729 | 294,362 | 802,270 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2012 | 1,300 | 9,296 | 57,357 | 40,918 | 227,708 | 195,278 | 1,472 | 1,144 | 2,077 | 344,862 | 881,412 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2013 | 1,287 | 10,769 | 58,632 | 37,077 | 197,010 | 259,772 | 1,843 | 1,352 | 2,747 | 314,664 | 885,153 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2014 | 825 | 14,353 | 68,432 | 40,132 | 246,310 | 233,453 | 1,558 | 1,369 | 2,808 | 346,756 | 955,996 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2015 | 1,027 | 11,480 | 73,356 | 47,099 | 234,694 | 228,742 | 2,003 | 2,052 | 3,217 | 402,967 | 1,006,637 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2016 | 1,377 | 10,409 | 62,797 | 37,462 | 275,411 | 277,434 | 2,296 | 2,274 | 2,784 | 402,031 | 1,074,275 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2017 | 920 | 7,090 | 61,065 | 25,265 | 240,146 | 314,753 | 2,794 | 2,518 | 3,417 | 430,330 | 1,088,298 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2018 | 943 | 9,760 | 52,618 | 38,147 | 272,431 | 306,301 | 2,135 | 2,545 | 3,365 | 482,196 | 1,170,441 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2019 | 930 | 12,447 | 59,230 | 47,888 | 309,780 | 329,729 | 2,211 | 2,707 | 3,349 | 481,686 | 1,249,957 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2020 | 1,154 | 15,523 | 65,487 | 36,658 | 330,815 | 298,061 | 1,685 | 2,702 | 3,191 | 430,389 | 1,185,665 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2021 | 1,629 | 18,926 | 89,764 | 61,515 | 286,359 | 321,833 | 1,574 | 2,437 | 2,676 | 434,268 | 1,220,981 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2022 | 1,689 | 27,863 | 99,441 | 69,192 | 368,321 | 339,525 | 1,740 | 2,609 | 2,856 | 465,074 | 1,378,310 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2023 | 1,908 | 24,795 | 82,504 | 40,236 | 322,341 | 409,400 | 1,737 | 2,620 | 3,003 | 457,505 | 1,346,049 |
| Total fresh fruit | 2024 | 2,035 | 14,981 | 81,264 | 41,463 | 408,648 | 382,743 | 2,027 | 2,466 | 3,236 | 345,261 | 1,284,124 |

**Actions on Resolutions from the**
**103rd Annual General Meeting**
**Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada**
***Date Updated: Jan 26, 2026***

FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROWERS OF CANADA | PRODUCTEURS DE FRUITS ET LÉGUMES DU CANADA

| **Resolution Number: 2025-01**<br>**Resolution Name: *US Tariffs and Review of Interprovincial Trade Barriers in Canada*** | | **Sponsor:** Quebec Caucus<br>**Referred to:** Trade and Marketing Working Group<br>**Staff Lead:** Erik Nielsen | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC work with provincial representatives to identify issues and follow up with the relevant federal political bodies. | **U.S. Tariffs**<br>• Tracked developments on the U.S. tariff pause, highlighting political and trade implications.<br>• Updated members on tariff measures and grower impacts.<br>• Integrated tariff concerns into FVGC's election platform and outreach.<br>• Engaged MPs, Ministers' offices, and senior officials on tariff relief and the need for competitive parity. | Monitor U.S. tariff developments and CUSMA renegotiation impacts.<br>**Timeline/Next Update**<br>CUSMA consultations announced September 17, 2025; renegotiation scheduled for 2026. | Monitor outcomes of U.S. and Canadian CUSMA consultations and prepare FVGC input ahead of renegotiation in 2026.<br>**Outcomes**<br>Clearly communicated the sector's high trade exposure to federal officials (briefings/outreach), positioning FVGC for CUSMA input. |
| **Resolution Text (Action 2)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC call upon the organizations concerned by interprovincial dumping (QPMA, CPMA, ADA, DRC, MAPAQ, AAFC, OFVGA, OGVG) to work on an action | **Interprovincial Dumping**<br>• Advised federal leads to proceed cautiously, noting that some measures protect growers, Ministerial Exemptions, for instance.<br>• Confirmed through the Trade & Marketing Working Group that produce growers do not face material interprovincial barriers, allowing FVGC to focus efforts on U.S. tariff threats. | Engage WG and named partners to define issues/impacts and identify collaborative approaches on interprovincial dumping.<br>**Timeline/Next Update** | Draft options memo (info-sharing, voluntary code building on apple MOU, referral pathways), with resource/governance notes.<br>**Outcomes**<br>WG confirmed no current concerns with interprovincial trade barriers. Next step is to |

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| plan to put an end to this damaging business practice. | • The Working Group, by consensus, decided they should not be involved in dumping concerns. | | define and assess interprovincial dumping. |

| **Resolution Number: 2025-02**<br>**Resolution Name: *Urgent Focus Required to Address the Unstable International Trade Environment*** | | **Sponsor:** Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association<br>**Referred to:** Trade and Marketing Working Group<br>**Staff Lead:** Erik Nielsen | |
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| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC urgently advocate for a meaningful Canadian response to the threat of tariffs, balancing numerous factors including protecting Canadian growers and their ability to survive such disruption, and the impact to consumer affordability, while also working diligently to address concerns raised by the U.S., focusing on facts, and avoiding inflammatory arguments and remarks. | **Tariffs and Trade Threats**<br>• Targeted advocacy: Identified priority candidate and campaign contacts for outreach, linking tariff concerns directly to FVGC's BRM messaging.<br>• Competitiveness framing: Developed communications materials referencing the U.S. MASC subsidy to highlight competitiveness concerns and the need for Canadian policy responses. | Advance tariff and trade risk positions in briefings with new Ministers and committees.<br>**Timeline/Next Update**<br>CUSMA consultations announced September 17, 2025; renegotiation scheduled for July 2026. | Continue monitoring U.S. tariff measures and prepare FVGC input into the CUSMA review process.<br>**Outcomes**<br>Framed tariff volatility as a competitiveness/BRM issue in outreach to candidates, committees, and officials; integrated into CUSMA prep. |

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<tr><td rowspan="3">BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC advocate for the federal government to develop and enact an immediate and long-term strategy that addresses specific trade risks to the fruit and vegetable sector, including committing dedicated resources to developing markets by addressing phytosanitary restrictions and other impediments to new markets, and the creation of business risk management programming that is responsive during trade disruptions.</td><td rowspan="3">Market Access & Phytosanitary Barriers<ul><li>Trade negotiation input: Consulted on trade files including MERCOSUR, ASEAN, and Costa Rica renegotiations, capturing SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary) concerns for FVGC’s tracking.</li><li>Retailer standards: Documented member concerns about private and retailer-driven SPS standards as non-tariff barriers in export markets.</li></ul>Business Risk Management (BRM) for Trade Disruptions<ul><li>Post-report advocacy: Conducted follow-up on FVGC’s Cultivating Resiliency BRM report, building targeted outreach lists for campaign engagement.</li><li>Program development: Participated in BRM/greenhouse insurance meetings to advance resiliency tools designed to address shocks from trade disruptions.</li></ul></td><td>Press for a federal trade risk strategy and promote BRM tools for trade disruptions in policy discussions with senior officials.</td><td>Maintain advocacy for a federal trade risk strategy and responsive BRM tools.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Timeline/Next Update</td><td>Outcomes</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Advanced a federal trade-risk strategy ask (SPS market access + BRM for disruptions); priorities are in active discussion with the government.</td></tr>
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| **Resolution Number: 2025-03**<br>**Resolution Name: *Advocate for Increased Resources to the AAFC/CFIA Market Access Secretariat*** | | **Sponsor:** PEI Potato Board<br>**Referred to:** Business Risk Management Working Group<br>**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid | |
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| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC advocate for additional resources for the AAFC/CFIA Market Access Secretariat. | **Market Access & Diversification**<br>• Policy development: FVGC's BRM policy paper advanced proposals for incentives to support market diversification and emphasized the need for increased federal capacity to explore new markets.<br>• Pre-Budget Submission (FINA): Reiterated diversification asks from the BRM paper, highlighting grower needs in new and emerging markets. | Engage AAFC on market access issues through consultations and trade negotiations.<br><br>**Timeline/Next Update** | **Outcomes**<br>Market diversification priorities were elevated in FVGC's federal advocacy and incorporated into discussions with Finance, AAFC, and Trade officials. |
| **Resolution Text (Action 2)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that the Market Access Secretariat prioritize identified new markets and work diligently and timely to investigate and gain new markets for our fresh fruits and vegetables. | **Government Engagement**<br>• AAFC engagement: Presented Greenhouse Investment Roadmap recommendations during summer 2025 meetings with senior AAFC officials.<br>• Trade negotiations input: Participated in consultations on Canada–ASEAN SPS negotiations and the Indo-Pacific Industry Working Group.<br>• Ongoing engagement: Maintained dialogue with Chief Agriculture Negotiators, AAFC's Agricultural Trade Negotiations Consultation Group (ATNCG), and the Trade Agreements and Negotiations Directorate. | Continue engaging AAFC and CFIA on market access priorities through consultations and trade negotiations.<br><br>**Timeline/Next Update** | **Outcomes**<br>FVGC secured ongoing engagement with senior officials to ensure fruit and vegetable export priorities are reflected in Canada's trade negotiation positions. |

| **Resolution Number: 2025-04**<br>**Resolution Name: *Changes to the AgriStability Program*** | **Sponsor:** Quebec Caucus<br>**Referred to:** Business Risk Management<br>**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid | | |
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| **Resolution Text** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC make the necessary representations before the Government of Canada to amend the AgriStability program to better meet the needs of Canadian horticultural businesses, including:<br>• Increasing the $3 million payment limit, which has remained unchanged for several years;<br>• Not considering a company's negative margins in the event of a disaster;<br>• Reviewing the application of the disaster clause to take into account exceptional years;<br>• Removing the clause concerning the limit of years with a negative margin;<br>• Increasing the number of years used to calculate the reference margin by applying an | • Following the release of FVGC's *Extraordinary Measures For Unprecedented Times: Supporting Canadian Horticulture Now And In The Future* BRM report, circulated advocacy materials to members and targeted candidates to reinforce FVGC's priority asks, including specific AgriStability reforms.<br>• Incorporated AgriStability reform into FVGC's election messaging as a central element of the BRM platform.<br>• Engaged the BRM Working Group to align member priorities with FVGC's platform asks.<br>• Raised AgriStability priorities informally during BRM/greenhouse insurance meetings with officials, keeping FVGC's proposals (payment limit increase, disaster clause adjustments, negative margin rules) on the policy radar.<br>• Identified and built targeted MP and candidate contact lists to advance AgriStability reform as a live election issue. | • Re-engage AAFC and Finance on BRM review timelines and AgriStability reform window.<br>• Use *Extraordinary Measures For Unprecedented Times: Supporting Canadian Horticulture Now And In The Future* report as policy anchor for outreach.<br>• Coordinate BRM WG case studies to illustrate program gaps.<br>• Brief Agriculture Committee and key MPs on reform priorities.<br>• Monitor fiscal updates for AgriStability changes. | |
| | | **Timeline/Next Update** | **Outcomes** |
| | | | AgriStability reforms were elevated as a priority in FVGC's BRM advocacy, ensuring members, candidates, and officials are aligned on key grower proposals. Federal officials have acknowledged FVGC's reform package, keeping payment limits, negative margin treatment, and disaster clauses under active consideration. |

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| adjustment factor to reflect inflation;<br>• Including related salaries in eligible expenses;<br>• Lowering the minimum trigger margin to 15%;<br>• Removing the limit on the inclusion of contract work;<br>• Including all revenues from special programs (e.g., AgriRecovery) in the calculation of the reference margin | | | |

| **Resolution Number: 2025-05**<br>**Resolution Name: *Federal Regulations on Plastics*** | | **Sponsor:** Quebec Caucus<br>**Referred to:** Energy, Environment and Climate Change<br>**Staff Lead:** Erik Nielsen | |
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| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC continue efforts to make the federal government aware of the potential impacts of plastics regulations, the lack of viable alternatives, the impacts on food waste, and the costs to the industry. | • Submitted FVGC's response to the Federal Plastics Registry Phase 2 consultation, emphasizing grower concerns about duplication in reporting, lack of viable alternatives, increased food waste risk, and cost pressures.<br>• Circulated draft responses to FVGC members for feedback to ensure commodity-specific examples were reflected.<br>• Maintained communication with ECCC regulators to convey grower concerns directly. | Position plastics regulations as a red tape reduction issue, link to food lens framing, and cross-reference Fall Harvest advocacy package.<br>**Timeline/Next Update** | **Outcomes**<br>Legislation has been paused, pending further consultation in spring 2026. |

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| | • Highlighted in submissions the risk of unnecessary duplication across the supply chain. | | |
| **Resolution Text (Action 2)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions** | **Ongoing Actions** | **Outstanding Actions** |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC ask the Canadian government to carry out a complete study of the costs caused by the application of plastics regulations on agricultural businesses, the industry, and consumers. | • Positioned plastics regulations within the broader red tape reduction and economic impact agenda.<br>• Linked the need for a federal cost study to grower competitiveness, consumer affordability, and food waste outcomes. | Continue pressing for federal recognition of grower cost burdens as part of economic impact analysis.<br>**Timeline/Next Update** | **Outcomes**<br>Legislation has been paused, pending further consultation in spring 2026. |

| **Resolution Number: 2025-06**<br>**Resolution Name:** ***Consolidation and Reduction of Audit Requirements*** | | **Sponsor:** Quebec Caucus<br>**Referred to:** Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group<br>**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid | |
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| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions 1** | **Ongoing Actions 1-4** | **Outstanding Actions 1-4** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC create a comprehensive list of federal, agriculture-related audits and their specific requirements in order to identify overlap in auditing requirements and assess feasibility for streamlining. | • Initiated compilation of a comprehensive list of audit and inspection requirements for Ontario produce growers, covering food safety, social compliance, regulatory inspections, and municipal standards.<br>• Ontario case study illustrates significant overlap and duplicative effort required from growers. | • Continue Ontario case study and expand mapping nationally.<br>• Coordinate member feedback to ensure commodity-specific and jurisdictional needs are reflected.<br>• Build alignment with national partners to ensure scalability and recognition. | • Develop and present a unified FVGC advocacy framework that reflects member and stakeholder input.<br>• Advocate for government acceptance of a streamlined approach that considers jurisdictional and commodity differences. |

| Resolution Text (Action 2) | Actions Undertaken on Resolutions 2 & 3 | Timeline/Next Update 1-4 | Outcomes 1-4 |
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| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC collaborate with its national stakeholders and members to explore opportunities for a more unified and recognized auditing framework, ensuring it remains flexible, scalable, and financially viable. | • Began developing an approach to expand the audit requirements mapping nationally.<br>• Engaged with national partners including CPMA and the IFPS Sustainability Committee to share information on global standards (e.g., SSFI, PSA) and assess opportunities for alignment.<br>• Gathered early feedback from FVGC members on audit burden to shape a grower-driven advocacy strategy. | • National mapping underway through 2025; framework draft expected in early 2026.<br>• Engagement with government and industry stakeholders to continue through 2025–26. | • Audit duplication was confirmed through Ontario case study evidence.<br>• FVGC positioned audit burden as a federal advocacy file with linkages to red tape reduction and competitiveness. |
| **Resolution Text (Action 3)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions 4** | | |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC advocate for the acceptance of a more consolidated approach to audits, prioritizing reduction of redundancies and unnecessary burdensome processes while ensuring industry needs are met. | • Ensured ECCC interest in the file was framed around grower realities rather than narrowly attributed to retailer requirements.<br>• Established audit burden reduction as an active policy file, with plans to develop a consolidated advocacy framework once national audit requirements are mapped. | | |
| **Resolution Text (Action 4)** | | | |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that any proposed consolidation of audit requirements consider jurisdictional differences, commodity-specific needs, and feasibility of | | | |

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| implementation to ensure practical and effective solutions for growers. | | | |

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| **Resolution Number: 2025-08**<br>**Resolution Name: *Recovery of All Applicable Sales Taxes on Renovations for Housing for Agricultural Temporary Foreign Workers*** | **Sponsor:** Quebec Caucus<br>**Referred to:** Labour Working Group<br>**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid |

| Resolution Text | Actions Undertaken on Resolutions | Ongoing Actions | Outstanding Actions |
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| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FVGC make the necessary representations to the Canada Revenue Agency so that buildings used to house agricultural TFWs are recognized as agricultural buildings as defined by the CRA, and employers can obtain an input tax credit for the applicable sales taxes paid on expenses related to buildings used to house agricultural TFWs. | • Participated in federal consultations on proposed national housing standards for agricultural workers.<br>• Documented sector concerns about costs of compliance and feasibility of implementation.<br>• Integrated broader housing cost pressures into FVGC's labour policy work, laying groundwork for future advocacy on sales tax recovery. | • Statute/definition review + CRA guidance scan to assess Finance (policy) vs CRA (administration) lead. | • Capture member cost data from the national housing standards consultations to support the tax-credit case. |
| | | **Timeline/Next Update** | **Outcomes** |
| | | • Prepare and advance a case to CRA for input tax credit eligibility on TFW housing renovations. | • FVGC ensured housing cost concerns are reflected in national standards consultations, strengthening the case for recognizing TFW housing under CRA rules. |

**Resolution Number: 2025-09**
**Resolution Name: *Restoring Capacity and Output of the Minor Use Pesticide Program (MUPP) through Permanent Funding to the Pest Management Centre (PMC) and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA)***

**Sponsor:** Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association
**Referred to:** Crop Protection Advisory Group
**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid/Erik Nielsen

| Resolution Text (Action 1) | Actions Undertaken on Resolutions (1 & 2) | Ongoing Actions (1 & 2) | Outstanding Actions (1 & 2) |
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| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC advocate that AAFC transition the Minor Use Pesticide Program to a permanent/ongoing funding source. | • Met with senior officials at AAFC and PMRA, and with parliamentarians, to advocate for increased resourcing to the Pest Management Centre.<br>• Sent letters and advocacy materials to key decision-makers reinforcing the need for sustained funding.<br>• Through the Horticulture Roundtable, worked with stakeholders on a joint letter to the Ministers of Agriculture and Health highlighting calls for increased PMC funding.<br>• Monitored and engaged on AAFC's audit of PMC's programs, noting recommendations for strengthened MUPP capacity. | Continue advocacy with AAFC and PMRA for strengthened PMC resourcing, tied to implementation of audit recommendations. | • Work with AAFC and FVGC to identify opportunities for increasing capacity at PMC via the next funding framework consultation. |
| **Resolution Text (Action 2)** | | **Timeline/Next Update (1 & 2)** | **Outcomes (1 & 2)** |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC secure increased funding to restore the Minor Use Pesticide Program to levels under Growing Forward (2008–2013). | | • AAFC audit recommendations under review through late 2025.<br>• Next major advocacy push expected ahead of Budget 2026. | FVGC established PMC resourcing as a clear advocacy priority, securing joint stakeholder support and will continue to keep the file active with senior government officials. |

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<tr><td>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That FVGC work with the PMRA to immediately allow the application of pesticides by sprayer drones in Canada.</td><td rowspan="3"><ul><li>In summer 2025, CPAG met with PMRA and PMC senior officials and reiterated FVGC's advocacy for red-tape reduction and efficiencies through collaboration with international partners and common standards.</li><li>FVGC prepared comments for submission to the Treasury Board Secretariat's red tape review, referencing drone approvals.</li><li>FVGC appeared and submitted comments to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food's in October 2025 and highlighted the urgent need for regulatory reform at the PMRA. The need for expedited access to new technologies was highlighted.</li></ul></td><td>Engagement with PMRA on drone data requirements, regulatory framework, and expedited processes for pesticide label amendments.</td><td>Advocate for expedited regulatory approval and simplified pesticide label amendments to allow drone use across fruit and vegetable crops.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FVGC work with PMRA to allow pesticide labels to be easily amended to permit application by sprayer drones in fruit and vegetable cropping systems.</td><td>PMRA meetings to be held Fall/Winter 2025 to address data requirements and discuss regulatory pathway for drones.</td><td>Drone use for pest management formally raised with PMRA, and included in federal red tape reduction consultations. Inclusion of this issue within FVGC's broader advocacy will ensure the issue remains visible at both regulatory and policy levels.</td></tr>
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| **Resolution Number: 2025-12**<br>**Resolution Name: *Predictable Process on Label Changes*** | | **Sponsor:** Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association<br>**Referred to:** Crop Protection Working Group<br>**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid | |
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| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions (1 & 2)** | **Ongoing Actions (1 & 2)** | **Outstanding Actions (1 & 2)** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FVGC urgently work with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to delay any revocations of the maximum residue limits (MRLs) on fruit or vegetables in storage that have already been treated when a product has been revoked by the registrant. | • In March 2025, FVGC met with senior officials to discuss grower concerns regarding the lambda-cyhalothrin decision.<br>• FVGC voiced grower concerns through participation in the MRL consultation for lambda-cyhalothrin.<br>• Over summer and fall 2025, FVGC continued engagement with PMRA on their cancellation policy, advocating for predictable and consistent timelines for label changes. | Engagement with PMRA on consistent implementation timelines for registrant-initiated label amendments which cancel uses or seek voluntary discontinuation. | Engage with PMRA in Fall 2025 on the proposed cancellation policy. |
| **Resolution Text (Action 2)** | | **Timeline/Next Update (1 & 2)** | **Outcomes (1 & 2)** |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FVGC call upon PMRA to ensure that phase-in and phase-out timelines are implemented for any label changes in a consistent manner, regardless of who initiates the label change. | | Policy engagement is ongoing through late 2025. The finalized cancellation policy is anticipated to be published in Winter 2026. | PMRA agreed to not revoke the lambda-cyhalothrin MRL until after Fall 2025, demonstrating that grower concerns can influence implementation timelines. Broader review of cancellation policies remains underway. |

| **Resolution Number: 2025-13**<br>**Resolution Name: *Horticultural Research and Facilities*** | | **Sponsor:** Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association<br>**Staff Lead:** Angela Reid | |
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| **Resolution Text (Action 1)** | **Actions Undertaken on Resolutions (1 & 2)** | **Ongoing Actions (1 & 2)** | **Outstanding Actions (1 & 2)** |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED<br>that FVGC investigate the intentions of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) with respect to their research facilities and elevate the horticultural sector's concerns regarding the relocation of staff and the ramifications to research being conducted at these sites. | • Engaged with senior AAFC officials on research station capacity and sector concerns about potential relocation of staff.<br>• Documented grower priorities for investment in research and infrastructure.<br>• Participated in early discussions with AAFC Programs Branch regarding the next policy framework and AgriScience program design. | Dialogue with AAFC on research program frameworks and investment priorities, ensuring horticulture's needs are represented in upcoming policy | • Advocate for increased federal investment in horticultural research, including modernized facilities, expanded infrastructure, and recruitment/retention of skilled staff.<br>• Monitor AAFC's restructuring plans for research stations to safeguard horticulture research capacity. |
| **Resolution Text (Action 2)** | | **Timeline/Next Update (1 & 2)** | **Outcomes (1 & 2)** |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>that FVGC encourage investment in research, research staff, and research infrastructure for the horticultural sector as a priority for AAFC. | | Nov 4–5, 2025: AAFC Programs Branch sessions focused on AgriScience – Horticulture Cluster design and research priorities (not BRM). FVGC participation confirmed. | Horticulture research investment priorities (facilities, equipment, staffing/retention) are on the agenda for the AgriScience – Horticulture Cluster design process, with FVGC input captured. |

## References & Links (by resource)

| Resource (title) | URL | Linked Resolutions | What it supports |
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| **BRM Report – *Extraordinary Measures for Unprecedented Times*** | https://fvgc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/FVGC-BRM-Eng_-Final.pdf | 2025-01, 2025-02, 2025-04 | Competitiveness/BRM framing; AgriStability reform package; trade-shock resiliency. |
| **Trade & Marketing (topic page)** | https://fvgc.ca/trade/ | 2025-01, 2025-02, 2025-03 | Sector trade exposure; CUSMA context; market access lens. |
| **Business Risk Management (topic page)** | https://fvgc.ca/business-risk-management/ | 2025-01, 2025-02, 2025-04 | Member-facing BRM explainer and asks. |
| **FVGC Pre-Budget 2026 Submission (Aug 2025)** | https://fvgc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/FVGC-2026-PBS-August-2025-FINAL-1.pdf | 2025-03 | Funding asks incl. MAS/diversification. |
| **FVGC Comments on Plastics Registry (Phase 2)** | https://fvgc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FVGC-comments-on-Plastic-Registry.pdf | 2025-05 | Plastics file: duplication, alternatives, food-waste risk, costs. |
| **Red Tape Review – FVGC Submission (Aug 2025)** | https://fvgc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/FVGC-Comments-on-Red-Tape-Review-August-2025.pdf | 2025-05, 2025-06, 2025-09, 2025-11 | Regulatory burden narrative; audits/"once-inspected" idea; PMRA/Drone efficiency notes. |
| **Energy, Environment & Climate Change (topic page)** | https://fvgc.ca/environment/ | 2025-05 | Plastics within competitiveness + food-lens framing. |
| **Industry Standards & Food Safety (topic page)** | https://fvgc.ca/industry-standards-and-food-safety/ | 2025-06 | Audit burden/standardization context. |
| **Labour (topic page)** | https://fvgc.ca/labour/ | 2025-08 | TFW housing standards/cost context for ITC discussion. |
| **Crop Protection (topic page)** | https://fvgc.ca/crop-protection/ | 2025-09, 2025-11, 2025-12 | PMC/PMRA roles; drones; predictable label/MRL timelines. |
| **Cluster 4 (Canadian AgriScience Cluster for Horticulture 4)** | https://fvgc.ca/cluster-4/ | 2025-13 | AgriScience Cluster Program. |
| **Cluster 4 – September 2025 Update (PDF)** | https://fvgc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/4th-Report-FVGC-Cluster-4-EN.pdf | 2025-13 | Background on cluster structure/priorities. |
| ***(Optional)* Fact Sheet – US Tariffs (Apr 3, 2025)** | https://fvgc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/FVGC-Fact-Sheet-US-Tariffs-and-their-Impact-on-Canadian-Growers-Update-April-3.pdf | 2025-01 | Member explainer on tariff impacts. |

# Process for the Submission, Adoption and Action of AGM Resolutions

January 2026

## Process for Submission of Resolutions

1. FVGC staff will send out the first notice for resolutions to the FVGC membership during the first week of January. Resolutions must be actionable and clearly state the intention. The issue to be addressed should to the extent possible affect a broad base of horticulture and include a clear action or end goal that the FVGC could achieve. Background information must be provided along with the submission of the Resolution, including whether it relates to the current FVGC Strategic Plan and/or Standing Policy.

2. All resolutions which simply restate FVGC Standing Policy and/or have been adopted in a previous year will not be accepted. Reference to the appropriate sections of the Standing Policy and/or the previously adopted resolution, as well as an update of status, will be provided to the sponsor. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis (i.e. if a 10-year-old resolution has become a pressing issue again and/or has not been resolved to date).

3. Resolutions must be submitted by FVGC members, FVGC Working Groups or other advisory bodies, or the Board.

4. Upon reception of the submitted resolutions (deadline: first week of February), the FVGC staff will review them for relevance and completeness. Additional information or clarification may be requested of the sponsors. The draft document will be shared with the FVGC Working Group Chairs and a virtual meeting will be convened with them to review the resolutions and allocate them to the appropriate Working Group Open Meeting of the AGM.

   During this meeting, the Resolutions Review Committee members will be nominated (made up of five (5) representatives, one (1) of whom shall be the Resolutions Chair and the remaining four (4) of whom shall be nominated from among the Chairs of the Working Groups). Where possible, the Committee should be representative of all five regions.

5. Approximately two weeks prior to the AGM, the Resolutions to Come Before will be circulated to FVGC Members (English and French).

   **2026 timelines (subject to change – virtual meeting dates to be confirmed)**
   - January 12 – resolutions notice sent to Members
   - February 12 – resolutions deadline
   - February 12-24 – final review and translation of resolutions by FVGC staff
   - February 20 – virtual meeting with resolutions review committee
   - February 25 – resolutions sent out to Members

## Process for Reviewing and Adopting Resolutions at the AGM

1. Resolutions are brought before the Annual General Meeting and are accepted by motion as reviewed by the Working Group to which they have been allocated.

2. Any Working Group Open Meeting may discuss and debate any Resolution; however, the decisions are deferred to the Working Group Open Meeting to which the Resolution has been allocated. Therefore, Chairs of commodity and core working groups should ensure to include discussion of the resolutions that fall to their working group. Those that may require clarification or in-depth debate should be on the agenda of their closed working group meeting (virtual or in person) held in advance of the AGM.

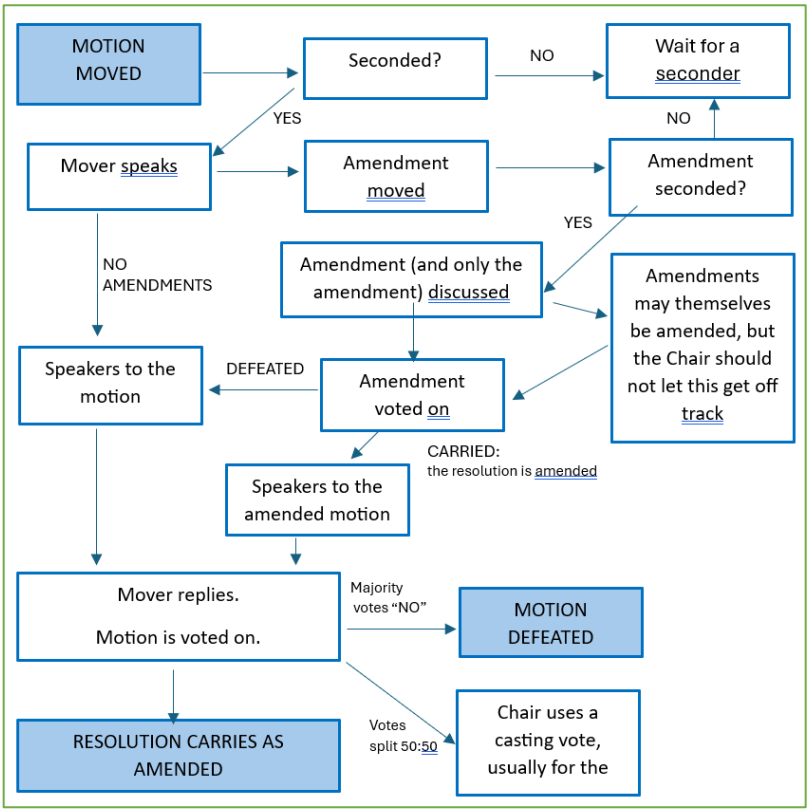
3. A resolution may only be adopted and moved to the Annual General Meeting by the Working Group Open Meeting to which it has been allocated.

4. During a Working Group Open Meeting, each resolution allocated to that Open Meeting is presented stating both number and title, and the "therefore be it resolved" by the Chair.

5. The following actions can be taken on each resolution:
   - ***Approved:*** simple motion required
   - ***Approved as amended:*** motion for adoption of the amendment(s). If the amendments are adopted, then the Chair should ask for a motion for adoption of the resolution as amended.
   - ***Approved with major amendments:*** A resolution referred to a Working Group Open Meeting which is subjected to major amendments, which substantially alter its original format as presented to the working group, should be withdrawn by the sponsor or defeated in favour of the adoption of a new resolution which needs to be referred to the attention of the Resolutions Chair for appropriate action (i.e. numbering and distribution).
   - ***Defeated or withdrawn***: report to the AGM II by the Chair of the Working Group Open Meeting. The Chair normally does not ask for a motion for any further action with respect to these resolutions. However, any resolutions defeated by a Working Group Open Meeting may be re-introduced for consideration at AGM II, if it is moved and seconded from the floor by any two Members of FVGC.

6. All action taken on resolutions during the various Working Group Open Meetings must be reported to the meeting of the Annual General Meeting II by the Chair of the respective working group in order to permit appropriate action by the FVGC.

7. Once the status of all resolutions has been reported by the Working Group Chairs at AGM II, a final motion to approve all the Resolutions together is required.



## Process for Reviewing and Adopting LATE Resolutions at the AGM

1. Any resolution received after the pre-Annual General Meeting deadline set for the first week of February is considered a **late resolution** and will be reviewed by the Resolutions Review Committee to ensure it meets the criteria for late resolutions as set out below.
    - A late resolution must be true and current and will not be accepted after the final deadline unless:
        (i) It responds to some action or event which has happened since the deadline; ***or***
        (ii) It is drafted and carried by a Working Group Open Meeting; ***and***
        (iii) It is approved by the Resolutions Review Committee; ***and***
        (iv) It is approved by three-quarters (¾) of the Voting Representatives during the Annual General Meeting II; ***or***
        (v) It deals with specific topics which are too confidential in nature to discuss openly and therefore, needs to be referred to a closed meeting of the Voting Representatives.

2. A late resolution may be introduced at a Working Group Open Meeting by being moved and seconded by any two attendees who are Voting Representatives, provided the resolution meets the criteria specified above.

3. If adopted by the Working Group Open Meeting, such resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Review Committee within thirty (30) minutes of the adjournment of the Working Group Open Meeting. The responsibility for bringing such resolutions to the attention of the Resolutions Review Committee is that of the Chair of the relevant Working Group.

4. The Resolutions Review Committee will review the late resolution and determine whether it is accepted or declined based on whether it meets the criteria for late resolutions.

5. If accepted, the late resolution will be numbered and distributed, and presented by the Resolutions Chair for debate at the Annual General Meeting II.

## Process for Action of Resolutions Adopted at the AGM

1. Post AGM II, a virtual meeting of FVGC staff, Board of Directors and Working Group Chairs will be held (within the 2 weeks following the meeting) to review the Resolutions as Adopted.

2. FVGC staff will combine the Resolutions as Adopted into a document called: Actions on Resolutions. This document will be the guide for the review process, with each resolution being assigned internally to specific staff, working groups and/or Board Member/s as appropriate.

3. Subsequent to this, staff will meet regularly to review and update the status and progress of each resolution. Periodic updates on specific resolutions are included in HortShorts and distributed to members. Members are encouraged to follow-up with Board members, Working Group Chairs and FVGC staff for further detail.

4. At the following year's AGM, a full reporting of the Actions on Resolutions will be provided to members within the AGM Book.

## Process for Incorporating Adopted Resolutions into Standing Policy

1. As part of the Resolutions as Adopted review, resolutions will be assessed to determine incorporation into Standing Policy, to ensure long-term or permanent concerns of our members are reflected in Standing Policy.

2. In advance of the virtual meeting post AGM, FVGC staff will assess the resolutions based on three points:
    - Is the issue likely to persist for the foreseeable future, spanning multiple years;
    - Is the ask sufficiently high-level to remain relevant over this time horizon; or
    - Is there a critical issue addressed in the resolution that should be included, without the specific ask referenced.

3. FVGC staff will draft text for how these resolutions would be reflected in Standing Policy.

4. Following a presentation by staff on the rationale for why particular resolutions were selected for Standing Policy, the Board and WG Chairs will pass a motion to accept the FVGC staff recommendations and proposed text for Standing Policy inclusion.

5. FVGC staff will update the Standing Policy document to be brought forward for approval at the next AGM Open Meetings.

# Processus de présentation, d'adoption et d'action des résolutions de l'AGA

Janvier 2026

## Procédure de présentation des résolutions

1. Le personnel des PFLC enverra le premier avis de résolutions aux membres des PFLC au cours de la première semaine de janvier. Les résolutions doivent être réalisables et indiquer clairement l'intention. La question à traiter doit, dans la mesure du possible, toucher une vaste base de l'horticulture et comprendre une mesure ou un objectif final clair que les PFLC pourraient s'efforcer d'atteindre. Des renseignements contextuels doivent être fournis avec la soumission de la résolution, y compris si elle se rapporte au plan stratégique actuel des PFLC et / ou à la politique permanente.

2. Toutes les résolutions qui reformulent simplement la politique permanente des PFLC et / ou ont été adoptées au cours d'une année précédente ne seront pas acceptées. Une référence aux sections appropriées de la politique permanente et / ou de la résolution précédemment adoptée, ainsi qu'une mise à jour du statut, seront fournies au parrain. Les exceptions seront examinées au cas par cas (c'est-à-dire si une résolution vieille de 10 ans est redevenue un problème urgent et / ou n'a pas été résolue à ce jour).

3. Les résolutions doivent être soumises par les membres des PFLC, les comités ou d'autres organes consultatifs des PFLC, ou le conseil d'administration.

4. À la réception des résolutions soumises (date limite : première semaine de février), le personnel des PFLC les examinera pour vérifier la pertinence et le caractère complet des renseignements supplémentaires ou des clarifications peuvent être demandés aux parrains. L'ébauche du document sera partagée avec les présidents des groupes de travail des PFLC et une réunion virtuelle sera organisée avec eux pour examiner les résolutions et de les attribuer à la réunion ouverte du groupe de travail approprié de l'AGA.

   Au cours de cette réunion, les membres du Comité d'examen des résolutions seront nommés (composé de cinq (5) représentants, dont un (1) sera le président des résolutions et les quatre (4) autres seront nommés parmi les présidents des groupes de travail). Dans la mesure du possible, le comité doit être représentatif des cinq régions.

5. Environ deux semaines avant l'AGA, les résolutions à présenter à l'AGA seront distribuées aux membres des PFLC (en anglais et en français).

   **Échéancier 2026 (sous réserve de modifications - dates des réunions virtuelles à confirmer)**
   - 12 janvier - envoi de l'avis de résolution aux membres
   - 12 février - date limite pour les résolutions
   - 12-24 février - réunion virtuelle avec le Comité d'examen des résolutions
   - 20 février – examen final et traduction des résolutions par le personnel des PFLC
   - 25 février - envoi des résolutions aux membres

## Processus d'examen et d'adoption des résolutions à l'AGA

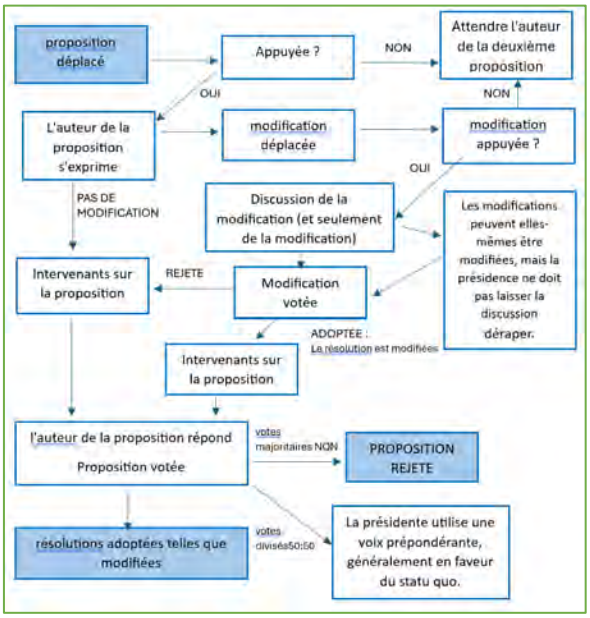
1. Les résolutions sont soumises à l'Assemblée générale annuelle et sont acceptées par motion pour être examinées par le groupe de travail auquel elles ont été attribuées.

2. Toute réunion publique du groupe de travail peut discuter et débattre de toute résolution, mais les décisions sont reportées à la réunion publique du groupe de travail à laquelle la résolution a été attribuée. Par conséquent, les présidents des groupes de travail sur les produits et des groupes de travail principaux devraient s'assurer d'inclure la discussion des résolutions qui relèvent de leur groupe de travail. Celles qui pourraient nécessiter une clarification ou un débat approfondi devraient être à l'ordre du jour de la réunion (virtuelle ou en personne) de leur groupe de travail fermé, tenue avant l'AGA.

3. Une résolution ne peut être adoptée et présentée au comité plénier que par la réunion ouverte du groupe de travail auquel elle a été attribuée.

4. Au cours d'une réunion ouverte d'un groupe de travail, chaque résolution attribuée à cette réunion ouverte est présentée en indiquant son numéro et son titre, ainsi que la mention "par conséquent, il est résolu que" par le président.

5. Les mesures suivantes peuvent être prises pour chaque résolution :
   - ***Approuvée :*** motion simple requise.
   - ***Approuvée telle qu'amendée :*** motion pour l'adoption de l'amendement (des amendements). Si les amendements sont adoptés, le président doit alors demander une motion d'adoption de la résolution telle qu'amendée.
   - ***Approuvée avec des amendements majeurs :*** Une résolution renvoyée à une réunion ouverte du groupe de travail qui est soumise à des amendements majeurs, qui modifient substantiellement son format original tel que présenté au groupe de travail, doit être retirée par son auteur ou rejetée en faveur de l'adoption d'une nouvelle résolution qui doit être renvoyée à l'attention du président des résolutions pour une action appropriée (c'est-à-dire, numérotation et distribution).




   - ***Rejetée ou retirée*** : rapport à l'AGA II par le président du Groupe de travail réunion ouverte. En général, le président ne demande pas de motion pour une action ultérieure concernant ces résolutions. Toutefois, toute résolution rejetée par une réunion publique du Groupe de travail peut être présentée de nouveau pour examen à l'AGA II, si elle est proposée et appuyée par deux membres des PFLC.

6. Toutes les mesures prises à l'égard des résolutions au cours des diverses réunions publiques des groupes de travail doivent être signalées à l'Assemblée générale annuelle II par le président du groupe de travail concerné afin que les PFLC puissent prendre les mesures appropriées.

7. Une fois que les présidents des groupes de travail ont fait rapport sur l'état de toutes les résolutions lors de l'AGA II, une motion finale d'approbation des résolutions est requise

## Processus d'examen et d'adoption des résolutions tardives à l'AGA

1. Toute résolution reçue après la date limite de l'assemblée générale annuelle fixée à la première semaine de février est jugée être une **résolution tardive** et sera examinée par le Comité d'examen des résolutions afin de s'assurer qu'elle répond aux critères des résolutions tardives énoncés ci-dessous.
    - Une résolution tardive doit être vraie et actuelle et ne sera pas acceptée après la date limite, à moins que
        (i) qu'elle réponde à une action ou à un événement qui s'est produit depuis la date limite***; ou***
        (ii) qu'elle soit rédigée et adoptée par une réunion ouverte du Groupe de travail; et
        (iii) qu'elle soit approuvée par le Comité d'examen des résolutions; ***et***
        (iv) qu'elle soit approuvée par les trois-quarts (¾) des représentants votants au cours de la réunion du Comité plénier; ***ou***
        (v) qu'elle traite de sujets spécifiques qui sont de nature trop confidentielle pour être discutés ouvertement et qui doivent donc être renvoyés à une réunion fermée des représentants votants.

2. Une résolution tardive peut être présentée à une réunion publique du groupe de travail en étant proposée et appuyée par deux participants qui sont des représentants votants, à condition que la résolution respecte les critères précisés ci-dessus.

3. Si elles sont adoptées par la réunion publique du groupe de travail, ces résolutions doivent être soumises au Comité d'examen des résolutions dans les trente (30) minutes suivant l'ajournement de la réunion publique du groupe de travail. La responsabilité de porter de telles résolutions à l'attention du Comité d'examen des résolutions est celle du président du groupe de travail concerné.

4. Le comité d'examen des résolutions examinera la résolution tardive et déterminera si elle est acceptée ou refusée en se basant sur les critères des résolutions tardives.

5. Si elle est acceptée, la résolution tardive sera numérotée et distribuée, et présentée par le président des résolutions pour être débattue à l'Assemblée générale annuelle II.

## Processus de suivi des résolutions adoptées lors de l'AGA

1. Après l'AGA II, une réunion virtuelle du personnel des PFLC, du conseil d'administration et des présidents des groupes de travail sera organisée (dans les deux semaines suivant la réunion) afin d'examiner les résolutions telles qu'elles ont été adoptées.

2. Le personnel des PFLC regroupera les résolutions adoptées dans un document intitulé : Actions sur les résolutions. Ce document servira de guide pour le processus d'examen, chaque résolution étant affectée en interne à des membres du personnel, à des groupes de travail et/ou à des membres du conseil d'administration, selon le cas.

3. Par la suite, le personnel se réunira régulièrement pour examiner et mettre à jour l'état et les progrès de chaque résolution. Des mises à jour périodiques sur des résolutions spécifiques sont incluses dans Horti-Concis et distribuées aux membres. Les membres sont encouragés à effectuer un suivi auprès des membres du Conseil d'administration, des présidents des groupes de travail et du personnel des PFLC pour obtenir de plus amples détails.

4. Lors de l'AGA de l'année suivante, un rapport complet sur les suites données aux résolutions sera fourni aux membres dans le livre de l'AGA.

## Processus d'incorporation des résolutions adoptées dans la politique permanente

1. Dans le cadre de l'examen des résolutions adoptées, les résolutions seront évaluées en vue de leur incorporation dans la politique permanente, afin de garantir que les inquiétudes à long terme ou permanentes de nos membres soient reflétées dans la politique permanente.

2. Avant la réunion virtuelle qui suivra l'AGA, le personnel des PFLC évaluera les résolutions sur la base de trois points :
    - L'enjeu est-il susceptible de persister dans un avenir prévisible, sur plusieurs années?
    - La demande est-elle d'un niveau suffisamment élevé pour rester pertinente à cet horizon temporel; ou
    - Y a-t-il un enjeu crucial abordé dans la résolution qui devrait être inclus, sans que la demande spécifique soit référencée?

3. Le personnel des PFLC rédigera un texte sur la manière dont ces résolutions seront reflétées dans la politique permanente.

4. Après une présentation par le personnel des raisons pour lesquelles certaines résolutions ont été sélectionnées pour la politique permanente, le conseil d'administration et les présidents des groupes de travail adopteront une motion pour accepter les recommandations du personnel des PFLC et le texte proposé pour l'inclusion dans la politique permanente.

5. Le personnel des PFLC mettra à jour le document de politique permanente qui sera soumis à l'approbation lors des prochaines réunions publiques de l'AGA.

# Resolutions to Come Before

**The 104th Annual General Meeting of the**

# Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada

**Westin Ottawa, Ottawa**
**March 10-12, 2026**

## Crop Protection

**2026-01** ***Laser Bird Control Devices***
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association

WHEREAS management of bird damage continues to be essential for horticultural crops, including berries and grapes; and

WHEREAS laser-based bird control devices offer another solution for bird management in addition to falconry, netting, and sound cannons; and

WHEREAS laser devices for bird management are used safely in more than 100 countries worldwide, but are not currently authorized by Health Canada,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada advocate to Health Canada to authorize the use of laser devices, up to and including laser classification 3B, for bird control.

**Background information and rationale provided by the sponsor**
The sector needs additional tools for preventing bird damage in horticultural crops. Lasers are safely used in many countries but not currently authorized for use in Canada.

## Labour

**2026-02** ***Payroll deductions for temporary foreign workers' accommodation***
Quebec Caucus

WHEREAS federal programs for TFWs are still under review, but it is highly likely that the federal government will impose stricter housing standards than the current ones; and

WHEREAS a draft regulation on housing conditions for workers covered by the *Act* respecting occupational health and safety (Chapter S 2.1, a. 223) was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on January 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS this Draft Regulation imposes new requirements that are particularly restrictive for agricultural businesses, and that the implementation deadlines are too short; and

WHEREAS the Draft Regulation, as tabled, will significantly affect the profitability and competitiveness of Quebec's agricultural businesses, even going so far as to force the closure of several of them; and

WHEREAS other provinces have also begun to harmonize housing conditions for temporary foreign workers; and

WHEREAS the Employment Contract for the agricultural stream of the federal Temporary Foreign Worker Program stipulates that the employer may deduct a maximum amount of $30 per week per worker for housing, unless provincial labour standards require a lower amount; and

WHEREAS the *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail* (CNESST) provides that accommodation fees that can be deducted from workers' wages are $60.29/week for a dwelling where the room accommodates 4 workers or less,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada make the necessary representations to Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to have the Temporary Foreign Worker Program Employment Contract adjusted:

- to give precedence to provincial standards for housing deductions; and
- provide an amount for housing only if there is no provincial standard in effect.

**Background information and rationale provided by the sponsor**

Quebec is currently amending the accommodation requirements for TFWs through a Draft Regulation that includes several prohibitive clauses for the agricultural sector. We understand that other provinces will soon follow suit. We would like the federal government to amend the Employment Contract under the TFWP so that the provinces can apply the housing deduction. We would like to be able to deduct $60.29/week for housing for our TFWs, whereas the federal government currently blocks this by capping the amount at $30/week. We understand that other provinces will also encounter this problem.

# Résolutions à présenter à la

**104e Assemblée générale annuelle des**

# Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada

**Westin Ottawa, Ottawa**
**Du 10 au 12 mars 2026**

## Protection des cultures

**2026-01** ***Appareils de contrôle des oiseaux par laser***
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

ATTENDU QUE la gestion des dommages causés par les oiseaux continue d'être essentielle pour les cultures horticoles, y compris les petits fruits et les raisins ; et

ATTENDU QUE les appareils de contrôle des oiseaux par laser offrent une autre solution pour la gestion des oiseaux, en plus de la fauconnerie, des filets et des canons à son ; et

ATTENDU QUE les appareils à laser pour la gestion des oiseaux sont utilisés en toute sécurité dans plus de 100 pays à travers le monde, mais qu'ils ne sont pas actuellement autorisés par Santé Canada,

À CES CAUSES IL EST RÉSOLU QUE les Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada préconisent en faveur de Santé Canada d'autoriser l'utilisation d'appareils à laser, jusqu'à la classification 3B inclusivement, pour la lutte contre les oiseaux.

**Informations généraux et Raison d'être de la soumission**
Le secteur a besoin d'outils supplémentaires pour prévenir les dommages causés par les oiseaux dans les cultures horticoles. Les lasers sont utilisés en toute sécurité dans de nombreux pays, mais ne sont pas actuellement autorisés pour un usage au Canada.

## Main d'œuvre

**2026-02** **Déductions salariales pour le logement des travailleurs étrangers temporaires**
Caucus du Québec

ATTENDU QUE les programmes fédéraux pour les TET sont toujours en révision, mais qu'il est très probable que le fédéral impose des normes de logement plus exigeantes que celles actuelles; et
ATTENDU QU' un Projet de règlement sur les conditions d'hébergement des travailleurs relevant de la Loi sur la santé et la sécurité du travail (chapitre S 2.1, a. 223) a été publié dans la Gazette officielle du Québec le 14 janvier 2026; et

ATTENDU QUE ce Projet de règlement impose des exigences nouvelles particulièrement contraignantes pour les entreprises agricoles et que les délais de mise en application sont trop courts; et

ATTENDU QUE le Projet de règlement, tel que déposé, affectera considérablement la rentabilité et la compétitivité des entreprises agricoles du Québec, allant même jusqu'à forcer la fermeture de plusieurs d'entre-elles; et

ATTENDU QUE d'autres provinces ont aussi entamé une harmonisation des conditions d'hébergement des travailleurs étrangers temporaires; et

ATTENDU QUE le Contrat d'emploi pour le volet agricole du Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires fédéral prévoit que l'employeur peut déduire un montant maximal de 30$ par semaine par travailleur pour le logement, à moins que les normes du travail provinciales requièrent un montant inférieur; et

ATTENDU QUE la Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) prévoit que des frais d'hébergement pouvant être déduit du salaire des travailleurs est de 60,29$/semaine pour un logement dont la chambre héberge 4 travailleurs ou moins;

A CES CAUSES, IL EST RÉSOLU de demander aux Producteurs de fruits et légumes du Canada de faire les représentations nécessaires auprès d'Emploi et développement social Canada (EDSC) afin que le Contrat d'emploi du Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires soit ajusté:

- Pour donner préséance aux normes provinciales concernant les déductions pour le logement; et
- Prévoie un montant pour le logement que s'il n'existe aucune norme provinciale en vigueur.

**Informations généraux et Raison d'être de la soumission** :
Le Québec modifie actuellement les conditions d'hébergement pour les TET via un Projet de règlement qui prévoie plusieurs clauses prohibitives pour le secteur agricole. Nous comprenons que les autres provinces emboiteront aussi prochainement le pas. Nous souhaitons que le gouvernement fédéral modifie le contrat d'emploi dans le cadre du PTET pour que les provinces puissent appliquer le montant de déduction pour le logement. Nous souhaitons pouvoir retenir 60,29$/semaine pour le logement pour nos TET, alors qu'actuellement le fédéral nous bloque à cet effet en plafonnant le montant à 30$/semaine. Nous comprenons que les autres provinces rencontreront aussi cette problématique.

# Standing Policy

**Adopted as Amended at 2025 Annual General Meeting**

Standing Policy allows the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada to easily reference FVGC's policy directions and enables staff to ensure advocacy and program development is in parallel with the interests of members.

Annually at the AGM, these Standing Policy statements are reviewed, amended and reaffirmed as necessary. Previous years' resolutions maybe be incorporated as new policy statements, as appropriate.

***Note: For members and FVGC staff using the policy statements in Sections 3-8, please use the bold statement at the top of the page along with the statement to capture the properly worded statement in its entirety.***

*(i.e.: **The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to** ensure that all Canadian fruit and vegetable growers have adequate BRM program coverage available and that such programs are relevant, readily accessible and delivered in a timely manner while supporting orderly marketing and allowing the industry to be stable, durable and profitable.)*

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**OBJECTIVE**

The objects of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada shall be to advance all matters tending towards the improvement of the horticultural and allied industries in Canada, including plant origination and recording, production, grading, packing, transportation, storage and marketing by:

a) bringing about a closer cooperation between those engaged in the horticultural and allied industries in Canada and a fuller understanding of their problems;

b) initiating, fostering and assisting in obtaining such legislation and regulations as will be beneficial to horticultural and allied industries;

c) emphasizing through inter-provincial cooperation, the importance of the horticultural and allied industries and to obtain for them the position they deserve as an important and progressive branch of agriculture;

d) encouraging the development of horticultural education, the holding of horticultural displays and conferences, the distribution of literature and systematic advertising, informing the general public as to the value and general use of horticultural products;

e) encouraging the adoption of uniform standards of grading, packages and packing;

f) assisting in the development of domestic and foreign markets;

g) cooperating with any agency working in the national interest for the improvement of marketing methods or for the more equitable distribution of horticultural products;

h) Carrying on any undertaking which may seem to FVGC capable of being carried on in furtherance of these objects.

## 1. NATIONAL STRATEGIES

**1.1** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada is resolved to work with members, stakeholders and the Farm Products Council of Canada to assess the feasibility of implementing a national promotion and research agency for horticulture in Canada; and move to establish a national promotion and research agency for fresh and processed fruits and vegetables.

**1.2** **Food Policy -** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada will work with the federal government to:

- Adopt an integrated and collaborative approach to increase fruit and vegetable consumption by ensuring domestic policy is focused on Canadian produce when in season.
- Provide necessary support to strengthen food security and make it easier to fill Half Your Plate with fruits and vegetables.
- Establish a clear goal for an integrated, inter-governmental approach to bringing adequate supplies of fruit and vegetables to northern, rural, remote and inner-city areas.
- Better inform consumers of the benefits of consuming adequate quantities of fruit and vegetables, and to collaborate with non-government and industry stakeholders to achieve this goal.

**1.3** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada supports federal programs and initiatives for rural development, that consider the unique factors, challenges and emerging needs of rural life.

**1.4** **Food Loss** – The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada supports initiatives that help reduce food loss on farms and will work with the federal government to better equip growers with the necessary tools to minimize food loss by:

- Acknowledging the ongoing efforts of growers to reduce the loss of food on-farm, and that incidents of food loss are generally the result of systemic challenges beyond their control.
- Increasing funding for the process of registering and reviewing crop protection products and organisms.
- Addressing the lack of stable domestic labour which places considerable burden on production.
- Lobbying for more adequate funding for research and innovation to develop new varieties, inputs, processing, and technologies.

## 2. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

**2.1** As an industry, we are conscious of the long-term goals for our environment which apply to our activities. We want to build soundly for the future. Agricultural research must continue at a high level. We are grateful for the agencies active in this field, and it gives us great satisfaction to cooperate with them. They are a sound investment in the future of food production.

**2.2** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada is committed to encouraging the generation of health and nutrition data for Canadian fruits and vegetables and will work with relevant Canadian government departments to facilitate the gathering and analysis of nutrient information and the dissemination of that information to Canadian consumers.

**2.3** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada is committed to encouraging the federal government to maintain funding for researchers to conduct essential research projects which enhance Canadian producers' ability to compete in the global market. In order for the government to meet its international obligations it must support a basic level of research and the personnel required to conduct that research as well as committing to establish research programs with adequate personnel and funding to monitor pest management issues, identify new pests and liaison with government extension specialists and growers on identification and management, and study control strategies for new pests. Whenever possible the government should ensure that horticultural producers are involved in the identification of research priorities for horticulture, including making increasing horticultural production research a priority and developing regional, multi-disciplinary, primary production research. The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada is committed to collaborating with federal, provincial and territorial governments to address the decline in research capacity and the withdrawal of government extension services, which are necessary to sustain innovation and competitiveness in the Canadian horticultural sector.

**2.4** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada is committed to improving information sharing among key stakeholders to exchange information on models used in various countries and to consider projects to promote and improve horticultural innovation in Canada. The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada will work to ensure that government decision making as it relates to the acceptance or rejection of funding be conducted respecting the principles of transparency and providing clarity and full disclosure of the nature of funding and associated restrictions with respect to eligibility at the outset of future Agri-Science Cluster programs.

## 3. BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT

**The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to:**

**3.1 Business Risk Management (BRM) Programs** - Ensure that all Canadian fruit and vegetable growers have adequate BRM program coverage available and that such programs are relevant, readily accessible and delivered in a timely manner while supporting orderly marketing and allowing the industry to be stable, durable and profitable.

**3.2 AgriInsurance** – Ensure that crop insurance or an equivalent tool provides effective coverage for all Canadian fruit and vegetable growers.

**3.3 AgriStability** – Amend the AgriStability Program to re-establish the trigger level at 85% (up from 70%) and establish the compensation levels at 85% (up from 80%).

**3.4 AgriInvest** - Ensure that federal, provincial and territorial governments increase their share of the AgriInvest contribution. Caps should be eliminated from the program and contribution percentage of Eligible Net Sales should be increased.

**3.5 AgriRecovery** – Increase the effectiveness of the program with regards to catastrophes with long term business impacts by streamlining the program in order to provide a timelier response, and by narrowing the gap between AgriRecovery compensation and that of other BRM programs so that growers can effectively recover from disaster situations.

**3.6 Plant and Crop Quarantine Compensation** – Establish a program to compensate growers who are forced to destroy plants, plant materials, or crops due to a quarantine resulting from the infestation of pests and/or diseases.

**3.7 Access to Conventional Programs –** Ensure that all growers are able to access conventional financial programs such as crop insurance or self-directed risk management programs without requiring that they adopt food safety or environment guidelines.

**3.8 Tax Policies** – Advocate for responsible and fair tax policies which provide contributions for a competitive horticultural sector in Canada.

**3.9 Research and Innovation Fund** –Amend the AgriInvest Program (for sectors or regions that request it) by adding a supplementary grower contribution of .1% of ENS (not matched by government) to be collected by the federal government and deposited into a Research and Innovation Fund for the participating sector.

**3.10 Agricultural Water Infrastructure** – Provide low-cost loans through the Canadian Infrastructure Bank for agricultural water infrastructure.

## 4. CROP PROTECTION

**The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to:**

**4.1 Public Awareness –** Ensure active government participation in advising the public that chemicals and residue levels are controlled and extensively tested both before and after registration, and that farmers are required to pass pesticide applicator examinations, that Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs are embraced by the farming community and they understand that farmers suffer economic losses each time they are denied access to a chemical approved in other countries.

**4.2 Crop Protection Research –** Ensure adequate federal resources are invested into critical programs and services. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) research is critical and FVGC is committed to working with government partners in Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on increasing research efforts in IPM. Research into IPM should be focused on resistance management and other closely related areas of IPM research should be maintained where active and enhanced where necessary. FVGC is committed to encouraging the Canadian government to recognize industry research and to expand its research efforts and the financial and material support of industry research efforts in the horticultural sector, including biological controls, biopesticides, and biotechnology.

**4.3 Registration and Label Review Process –** Establish with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency a registration and label review process which is timely, efficient, and transparent and results in effective application rates which do not accelerate resistance to pests and diseases.

**4.4 Crop Tolerance Results –** Develop a process to provide access to all Canadian efficacy and crop tolerance results, including trials publicly funded by the Pest Management Centre (PMC) and to provide accurate national and international listings of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for all pesticides registered for use on horticultural crops.

**4.5 Transparent Industry Guidelines –** Ensure that the CFIA is communicating inspection guidelines with industry stakeholders and respecting these guidelines during the inspection process. It is critical for industry that the CFIA implement a system, respecting the principles of transparency, to inform importation permit holders of any possible modifications to the regulations and to clarify their charters, methods and inspection sampling protocols.

**4.6 Public Notification of Infractions –** Ensure that any public notification of infractions related to pesticide residues be deferred until it can be determined that a violation has actually occurred, recognizing the importance of transparency in government relations with the public.

**4.7 Reduced Pesticide Usage –** Recognize that the goal of reduced pesticide usage is desirable where it is consistent with the more critical needs of environmental quality, agricultural sustainability, acceptable pest management, the assurance of an adequate supply of quality food for Canadian consumers at reasonable cost, and the continued viability of Canadian agriculture and domestic food processing industries in a competitive global trading environment.

**4.8 Harmonized Pesticide Registration -** Make harmonization of agricultural pesticides and growth regulators with the U.S. a reality. FVGC will work with Canadian and U.S. government partners to develop a registration system that simultaneously registers pest control products and work to further harmonize pesticide registrations with all of our import and export trading partners. If regulatory systems are not harmonized, a zero-tolerance policy should be implemented regarding the importation of product treated with pesticides not registered in Canada.

**4.9 Minor Use Process –** Sustain the minor use process by gaining efficiencies and removing

impediments to the introduction of newer, safer and more effective pest control products. FVGC is committed to ensuring that the federal government honour its commitment to competitive agriculture and to advocate grower's interests with concrete action with regards to pest control products. FVGC recognizes the need to accept U.S. registrations of crop protection materials in Canada for minor use crops.

**4.10 Seed Importation –** Support the importation of seeds treated with pesticides which are not registered in Canada.

**4.11 PMRA Regulatory Fees –** Support PMRA's proposed modernization of regulatory charges and user fees (Cost Recovery Framework) charged for pesticide regulation including amended fees and a new cost recovery regime for pesticide regulation that intends to better reflect current costs and help address priorities of both government and stakeholders. FVGC supports a regulatory package that proposes new reasonable fee increases provided that government addresses gaps related to pesticide regulation and provides stability to the program.

**4.12 Global Joint Scientific Reviews –** Ensure Canada's PMRA plays a leadership role at the international level to promote regulatory harmonization and it is important that the PMRA expand international regulatory cooperation, science policy, and electronic infrastructure, to continue deriving the benefits that this brings to Canadian growers and the domestic horticultural industry. FVGC supports the fact that the PMRA must demonstrate its capabilities to advance Canadian approaches for establishing health standards for commodities treated with pesticides and that this fact is made even more important by the proliferation and acceleration of international trade agreements between Canada and foreign partners. To this end, FVGC firmly believes that the PMRA must participate fully in global joint scientific reviews and international work to address developments in science and policy as such international work is important both to the competitiveness of the Canadian horticultural industry and trade and to gain access to the best modern science to prevent unacceptable risk from the use of pesticides.

**4.13 Pest Management Research -** Commit to research, promote and financially support the agricultural use of new technologies, paying particular attention to those used in good pest management practices and which are necessary to maintain our trade competitiveness with NAFTA partners and more specifically with other competitors around the world.

**4.14 Compensation to Producers for Crops Ordered Destroyed -** Modify CFIA policies and provide crop compensation to producers ordered by law to destroy their crops in order to eradicate a pest or disease of quarantine significance. As well FVGC will work with the federal government to introduce a compensation program for any losses arising from the introduction of foreign invasive pests and diseases and for the federal government to provide increased resources for the monitoring and inspection of imported produce.

**4.15 Plant Health and Competitiveness –** Ensure that sufficient funding and personnel are dedicated to the continuation of critical plant health activities including regulation of pests and diseases, and monitoring activities. It is critical that plant health activities be maintained to protect the horticultural industry and to maintain our international obligations. FVGC recognizes the critical importance of plant health issues to the viability, sustainability, profitability and competitiveness of the Canadian horticultural sector.

**4.16 Deregistration of Crop Protection Products** – Ensure that Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency continue their commitment to not deregister crop protection products when there is no replacement product that the horticultural industry considers effective.

**4.17 Plant and Animal Health Strategy** - Work with federal and provincial governments on the Canadian Plant Health Council in order to facilitate a comprehensive response plan for the monitoring and control of invasive pests, enhancing Integrated Pest Management for fruits and

vegetables.

**4.18 On-farm experience to Pest Management Regulatory Agency Staff -** that FVGC offer on-farm tour experience to Pest Management Regulatory Agency staff on an annual basis working in partnership with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, CropLife Canada, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association and other interested partners, and contribute a share of the funding to make it happen.

## 5. LABOUR

**The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to:**

**5.1 Memorandum of Understanding –** Support the Memorandum of Understanding on Human Resource Planning which establishes the terms and conditions under which we endeavour to develop and implement measures required to overcome identified human resource imbalances in order to ensure availability of an adequate labour supply. FVGC recognizes the value to the Canadian economy of the horticultural sector's continuing contribution to growth and employment.

**5.2 Increase Workforce –** Increase the agricultural workforce available and affordable for horticulture in Canada.

**5.3 Seasonal Agricultural Work Permits –** Establish programs that encourage and allow immigration for workers and students in the agricultural sector as well as the provision of seasonal work permits for all foreign immigrants and visitors to increase availability within the agricultural workforce. The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada supports the provision of temporary work permits for foreign visitors participating in exchange programs that allow them to accomplish agricultural work in Canada.

**5.4 Employment Insurance –** Advocate FVGC's opposition to reforms made to the employment insurance benefits policy which do not reflect the specific and unique needs of the farming community and which target those seasonal workers who require access to the Employment Insurance program (EI). It is critical that Department of Employment and Social Development Canada assist the farming community in its struggle to employ and retain seasonal labour by no longer demanding that those of the labour pool who claimed EI benefits take new training and change their occupation to secure 12 months of employment.

**5.5 Social Programs –** Streamline and simplify Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and other labour related regulations to encourage people to take seasonal agricultural employment. Social programs and the relevant legislation should be amended so that those who receive social assistance as well as EI benefits be permitted and encouraged to work in agricultural planting and harvesting without financial penalty. The resulting system should be created to allow the hiring of short-term employees whereby the length of employment does not have an effect on the EI or social service status of such employees, removes disincentives to on-farm labour, reinstates respectable levels of insurance benefits for seasonal workers and is coordinated with other levels of government to enable greater access to the available labour force.

**5.6 Canada Pension Premiums** – Ensure farmers and spouses of farmers are permitted to pay the full premiums for Canada Pension on the basis of gross income.

**5.7 Employment Insurance Waiting System –** Create favourable conditions for seasonal workers and ensure that the current system is modified to change the present two-week waiting system prior to receiving employment insurance benefits to allow seasonal workers to work up to 20 hours per week in each of the two-week waiting period without penalty.

**5.8 Administrative Delays –** Reduce processing delays, the regulatory burden of applying the Temporary Foreign Workers Program (TFWP) and the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP), and facilitate labour mobility between employers, which could be through the establishment of a recognized employer program, in addition to the other recommendations made in the Report of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA) of 2017.

**5.9 Changes to Minimum Requirements for Housing Provided by Employers** – Employer-provided worker housing are an important part of the success of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program. Employers understand that they must provide housing that meets all of the standards laid out by the program. The federal government continues to examine ways in which the minimum standards, or requirements, for housing, can be adjusted. The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada must work with the federal government to ensure that any new requirements to housing apply only to new housing units; take into account the ability of growers to implement them in compliance with municipal and provincial regulations; be implemented after a reasonable period of time be allowed to plan and carry out permitting and construction; be supported by financial assistance to farm employers so as not to weaken the Canadian agricultural sector and their ability to receive foreign workers and their capacity to produce; take into account the diversity of housing models in establishing the required ratios; and requirements be outcome-based to prioritize worker health and safety, and not be prescriptive nor arbitrary.

**5.10 Frequency of Housing Inspections** –New requirements for housing inspections were put in place in January 2018 which require housing inspections to be conducted every 8 months. This essentially forces growers to apply for Labour Market Impact Assessments (LMIAs) during harvest of the current year, and in some cases means that growers will have their facilities inspected twice in a season. This can be very disruptive to businesses and puts an additional administrative burden on growers. FVGC will work with Employment and Social Development Canada to change the requirements so as to revert back to the annual housing inspection requirement.

## 6. TRADE

**The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to:**

**6.1 Equitable and Fair Trade –** Promote the welfare of our producers and their employees in fair and equitable tariffs and trading conditions for our horticultural products, fresh and processed, on our own and foreign markets. Our objective, while recognizing international trade agreements, continues to be a moderate tariff during our production and marketing season for fresh produce, a parallel equivalent tariff on processed horticultural products, plus automatically triggered emergency mechanisms as a protection against occasional and massive surges of foreign surpluses at distress prices.

**6.2 Countervailing Duties –** Establish recognized freedom of action in imposing countervailing duties, other tariffs and trading conditions in cases where other countries restrict entry of our produce through prohibition or other non-tariff barriers or who subsidize exports to Canada at values below their domestic prices.

**6.3 U.S. Inspection Rules –** Ease the inspection rules for Canadian grown fruit and vegetables by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol as FVGC supports trade with the United States.

**6.4 Imported Processed Fruit and Vegetables –** Ensure that the federal government assigns the appropriate resources, human and financial, necessary to enforce the proper inspection of imports of processed fruit and vegetables with the objective of ensuring that these products meet the standards imposed upon the Canadian industry and that Canadian producers and processors face fair competition.

**6.5 Imported Fresh Produce** – Ensure the Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspects all produce entering Canada from foreign countries and implements a similar fee structure as that of the United States Department of Agriculture to offset the costs of increased inspection and confirm the country of origin.

**6.6 Monitoring of Imports –** Ensure greater attention is paid to the monitoring of imports, with quick and effective corrective action taken against violations through legitimate trade instruments and procedures, as depressed prices and predatory offerings of imported products are a major constraint to viable increased production of horticultural crops and products in Canada. FVGC will urge the federal government to establish a comprehensive system of monitoring prices of imported goods, subsidies and export assistance to industry in foreign countries, in order that fast and appropriate action may be taken against imports in violation of trade agreements.

**6.7 Anti-Dumping–** Amend the anti-dumping legislation which will allow Canadian producers of primary products to seek relief from material injury or the threat of material injury, which is or can be caused by the importation into Canada of dumped and/or subsidized manufactured products. Further, FVGC urges the federal government to implement a program which provides the framework for financial assistance to producers at the preliminary investigation of injury, as in the U.S.

**6.8 Support Programs –** Cease support program cuts and take appropriate steps in WTO negotiations to ensure that competing countries match Canadian support program reductions in order to provide a level playing field.

**6.9 Financial Protection -** Create a limited statutory deemed trust to provide financial protection for produce sellers in Canada in a manner that is equivalent to the U.S. *Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act* (PACA) protections for produce sales to U.S. buyers, and that this protection, once in place should be extended to U.S. sellers to permit reinstatement of the preferred access to PACA protection for Canadian produce sellers into the U.S. and the elimination of this unnecessary trade irritant. The lack of financial protection for fruit and vegetable sellers relating to slow pay, non-pay and bankrupt Canadian buyers results in disproportionate financial risk for produce sellers in Canada and the failure of the Canadian Government to provide financial protection for U.S. produce sellers into Canada has resulted in the U.S. removing the longstanding preferential access for Canadian produce sellers to the protections under the PACA resulting in Canadian produce exporters now being required to post a bond valued at double the

value of their claim to access the PACA formal complaint process resulting in significant additional financial burden in addition to lack of payment by the U.S. buyer. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has indicated its willingness to reinstate Canada's preferred status under PACA if Canada provides equivalent protection for U.S. sellers to Canadian buyers.

**6.10 Licensing and Arbitration Regulations –** The FVGC is pleased that the CFIA put regulations in place under the SFCR requiring membership in the Fruit and Vegetable Dispute Resolution Corporation as the single entity for the Canadian dispute resolution system. However, CFIA and DRC must work together so that primary producers who only market products that they have grown themselves have full access to the DRC system on a pay as you go basis, and not increase the scope, requirements or criterion for posting financial security by applicants to or members of the DRC as the current policies and rules of the DRC provide a level of security for specific instances without creating a barrier to entry or needless burden on small and medium size businesses. As well the government must maintain adequate staffing to ensure that regulations are enforced appropriately and ensure that all government actions are undertaken while respecting the principles of transparency.

**6.11 International Development** – Commit to Canada's role in international development and to avoid and if necessary, mitigate any potential negative impacts on Canadian agriculture.

**6.12 U.S. Inspection Procedures –** Ensure CFIA inspectors use U.S. inspection instructions and reporting procedures for all fresh fruit and vegetable commodities for which there are no Canadian grade standards, including the scoring and reporting of damage, serious damage and very serious damage and that the CFIA use common inspection instructions and reporting procedures with those of the USDA for all fresh fruit and vegetable commodities for which there are Canadian grade standards that have been standardized with those of U.S., including the scoring and reporting of damage, serious damage and very serious damage.

**6.13 Zero Tolerance for Pests –** Ensure the CFIA and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) enforce zero tolerance for new, invasive pests and pathogens, and establish a zero tolerance for pesticide residues in harmonization with the United States; and that such resource is used to monitor imports for pesticide residues and microbial pathogens to ensure that imports are compliant with Health Canada's Directives on pesticide residue limits and Health Canada's desire to prevent food borne illness.

**6.14 Canada Brand –** Develop and maintain markets both domestic and international, to ensure the sustainability of these markets through the collection and dissemination of market information, to support the Canada Brand and to increase the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

**6.15 Marketing Techniques –** Develop and refine advanced marketing techniques designed to achieve a viable industry, to provide reasonably compensatory returns to producers and reduce the destructive impact of supply surpluses, while maintaining adequate production for our domestic and export needs.

**6.16 Tariff Elimination -** Build on the established market access in China by requesting that China reduce their tariffs from 30 percent to 13 percent by July 2020 on HS Codes: 08104012, 08119012 and 08119011; and put the Government of Canada on notice to include in their Canada-China free-trade preliminary talks the terms of tariff elimination on all Canadian fruits and vegetables.

**6.17 Fair Compensation** - Ensure fair compensation paid to farmers for their products and set maximum profit margins for fruits and vegetables at retail.

## 7. INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND FOOD SAFETY

**The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to:**

**7.1 Standardized Grading –** The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada recognizes the importance the (CFIA) Canadian Grade Compendium Volume 2 – Fresh Fruits or Vegetables (Compendium) as the lexicon for describing fruit and vegetable commodities and associated defects. The grade standards are used to determine if the terms and conditions of a contract have been met and are an essential business-to-business tool.

FVGC supports the DRC in its initiative on behalf of horticulture and the fruit and vegetable supply chain to modernize grade standards of the Canadian Grade Compendium Volume 2 – Fresh Fruits or Vegetables through broad industry consultation and establish an agreement with CFIA to assume responsibility to maintain the grade standards once the review has been completed. The FVGC recommends that AAFC provide funding for this initiative to fully realize its objective of standardizing, to the two-week extent possible, the grades standards and the corresponding CFIA Quality Inspection Manuals and USDA Shipping Point and Market Quality Inspection Instructions.

**7.2 Definition of "Greenhouse"** – Ensure this definition of greenhouse is standard throughout government. FVGC has adopted the following definition of "Greenhouse" to replace any pre-existing FVGC definitions:

> "A Vegetable Greenhouse or Hothouse" means a fully enclosed permanent aluminum or steel structure clad either in glass or impermeable plastic which must: (a) Use automated irrigation and climate control systems, including heating and ventilation capabilities: and (b) Utilize hydroponic methods". "Vegetable Greenhouse/Hothouse Production Standards" also include: i) Minimizing pesticide use by utilizing no herbicides and following production practices such as Integrated Pest Management; and ii) Complying with the standards of a globally accepted Food Safety program.
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> A certified organic greenhouse/hothouse vegetable facility must meet the greenhouse definition, with the exception of (b), as, according to Canadian organic standards (CAN/CGSB-32.310-2020, hydroponics are not allowed and "soil" must be used as the growth medium.

**7.3 Production Methods –** Support all Government of Canada approved production methods which will support the future viability and sustainability of horticulture production.

**7.4 Transport Weight Limits –** Harmonize weight limits for the transport of fruits and vegetables to the highest level established within Canada.

**7.5 Plant Breeders' Rights –**Ensure that Plant Breeders Rights are protected through adequate legislation and recognition of international conventions including the Canadian Plant Breeders' Rights Act (S.C. 1990, c.20) and the 1991 International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants Convention. FVGC is committed to Plant Breeders' Rights and recognizes the importance of these rights as they relate to research and affirms that these rights are critical to the development of new varieties as stated in the "FVGC Position on Changes to Plant Breeders' Rights Act", and encourages the recognition and Plant Breeders' Rights Office acceptance of international test results produced in similar conditions as those used in Canada.

**7.6 Marketing Regulations –** Work with producers, consumers, processors and relevant government partners in establishing a fair and consistent marketing of horticultural products in Canada. Knowledgeable consumers are crucial to ensure fair and open markets. It is critical that packaging and labeling regulations as well as industry practices allow consumers to obtain accurate information as to the origin, quantity, quality and ingredients contained with agricultural and food products.

**7.7 Grade Labeling –** Ensure that the grade is clearly displayed on the package of any product and that no product will be labeled with words declaring or implying that the produce within is superior in quality to the grade marked on the package.

**7.8 Standard Containers –** Ensure the preservation of the standard container section of the Processed Products Regulations. FVGC opposes the Repeal of Standard Containers, the removal of ministerial exemptions and the revocation of all specific packaging requirements as the industry desires to maintain standard containers.

**7.9 Packer/Shipper Information on Containers –** Support measures to facilitate trade between Canada and the United States, and as such Canadian packer and shipper information requirements should be harmonized to create the conditions for increased flexibility for packer and shipper information on master containers.

**7.10 Product of Canada Labeling –** Ensure only suitable products are eligible to use Product of Canada labelling and to ensure that CFIA has the appropriate resources to enforce labelling regulations which are supported by consumer-oriented information and apply these guidelines to agricultural and food products as a whole.

**7.11 CanadaGAP –** Commit to the viability of the CanadaGAP on-farm food safety program and keep the CFIA from using public funds to implement a parallel audit system for packers and storage intermediaries of products that the CFIA has identified as “high risk” and to make sure no functional or jurisdictional overlap or competition jeopardizes the sustainability and the profitability of the program. FVGC is supportive of the need for equivalency of CanadaGAP and U.S. food safety requirements in order to remove the need for dual audits.

**7.12 CanadaGAP Certification of Emerging Products and Innovative Production Methods** – As our industry adapts to changing climates and consumer demands by developing new and innovative products and production methods, FVGC will work with CanAgPlus to develop the means and processes to effectively support growers with agility and creativity in certifying them. FVGC will advocate that the federal government provide the necessary funds to finance the new programs required by CanadaGAP to create certification of emerging products and innovative production methods.

**7.13 Food Safety –** Ensure that government assistance be available to help producers implement food safety programs. Canadian producers recognize the critical importance of food safety in maintaining a safe and secure food supply which preserves consumer confidence and trust. Still food safety systems are expensive and FVGC is determined to mitigate the cost to producers of on farm food safety systems. These food safety systems should be voluntary, easy to use and cause the least amount of added costs possible. The whole value chain, from farm to fork, benefits from on-farm food safety systems and FVGC believes it is critical to the successful implementation of food safety systems that costs are shared between all stakeholders. The costs should not all have to be borne by producers and there should be a viable market return for producing safe, high-quality products. Public dollars should be spent on an obvious public good, food safety. Canadian fruit and vegetable producers need access to markets, both domestically and internationally and therefore need access to a realistic, cost effective, credible program that will provide the necessary food safety conditions to access these markets. This is the guiding principle behind FVGC’s food safety policy and the CanadaGAP program and its delivery.

## 8. ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) will work with the federal government and all relevant government departments and agencies to:**

**8.1 Environmental and Water Stewardship –** Develop adequate on farm practices to ensure the sustainability of the industry and stewardship of the environment. FVGC is committed to ensure Canadian horticultural industry's engagement and representation during water resource management policy development by federal and provincial governments or international policy development with regional industry and government partners in the United States and Mexico. Given the importance of water management and the significant costs involved, FVGC is committed to engaging with government partners to encourage cost sharing measures to implement applicable standards.

**8.2 Climate Change -** Ensure that adequate funding for agricultural adaption programs which relate to climate change and the environment are provided, given the significant impact that climate change has on Canadian horticulture.

**8.3 Species at Risk –** Consider programs implemented in other countries which are designed to protect critical habitat for at risk species and other habitat diversity efforts and provides full compensation for lost land and crop value through an Environmental Goods and Services Program.

**8.4 Carbon Pricing** - Ensure that carbon pricing impacts on the Canadian horticultural industry's competitiveness, growth, and investment are understood and supported, given the significant impacts that carbon pricing policy has on growers.

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada recognizes that climate change is a global issue that needs to be addressed.

It is critical the Canadian government works towards the harmonization of carbon pricing policies with the signatories of the United States-Mexico-Canada Act; and, until harmonization is achieved, provide consistent support and relief for all agricultural fuels for the full range of farmers and growers across provincial boundaries within their respective carbon pricing policies and programs.

More specifically, the Canadian government, already valuing the horticultural industry as an economic driver, must acknowledge the horticultural growers' continued role and contributions towards the intersecting priorities of both climate change mitigation and food production.

# Acronyms

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| AAFC | Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada |
| AANB | Agriculture Alliance of New Brunswick |
| AARD | Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development |
| ADM | Assistant Deputy Minister |
| AGM | Annual General Meeting |
| AGRI | Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food |
| AFA | Alberta Federation of Agriculture |
| AMP | AgriMarketing Program |
| AMPS | Administrative Monetary Penalty System |
| APAC | Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan |
| APEC | Asian Pacific Economic Corporation |
| APHIS | Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (US) |
| ASA | Agricultural Stabilization Act |
| ATB | Artificial Trade Barrier |
| ATS | Agri-Food Trade Service |
| AWG | Apple Working Group |
| BCAC | British Columbia Agriculture Council |
| BCMAL | B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands |
| BRM | Business Risk Management |
| BRR | Bacterial Ring Rot |
| BWG | Berry Working Group |
| CA | Controlled Atmosphere (Storage) |
| CAP | Canadian Agricultural Partnership |
| CAHRC | Canadian Agriculture Human Resource Council |
| CANSIM | Canadian Socio-economic Information Management (System) |
| CAP Act | Canadian Agricultural Products Act |
| CASA | Canadian Agricultural Safety Association |
| CBSA | Canada Border Services Agency |
| CCA | Capital Cost Allowance |
| CDC | Centre for Disease Control (U.S.) |
| CFA | Canadian Federation of Agriculture |
| CFBMC | Canadian Farm Business Management Council |
| CFIA | Canadian Food Inspection Agency |
| CFSQP | Canadian Food Safety and Quality Program |
| CGSB | Canadian General Standards Board |
| CHC | Canadian Horticultural Council |
| CIDA | Canadian International Development Agency |
| CIFST | Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology |
| CITT | Canadian International Trade Tribunal |
| COP | Cost of Production |
| COS | Confirmation of Sale Form |
| CPAG | Crop Protection Advisory Group |
| CPC | Canadian Pallet Council |
| CPC | Canadian Potato Council (CHC) |
| CPHC | Canadian Plant Health Council |
| CPIQ | Canadian Partners in Quality |
| CPMA | Canadian Produce Marketing Association |
| CPP | Canada Pension Plan |
| COHA | Canadian Ornamental Horticulture Alliance |
| CRA | Canada Revenue Agency |
| CRIFS | Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety |
| CSGA | Canadian Seed Growers Association |
| CSMPA | Canadian Sugar Beets Producers Association |
| CUSMA | Canada - United States - Mexico Agreement |

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| CYFF | Canadian Young Famer's Forum |
| DFAIT | Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada |
| DIS | Destination Inspection Service |
| DRC | Dispute Resolution Corporation (Fruits and Vegetables) |
| DM | Deputy Minister |
| DPCP | Domestic Phytosanitary Certification Program |
| EDI | Electronic Data Interchange |
| EI | Employment Insurance |
| EIP | Employer Information Package (distributed through FARMS) |
| EMAC | Economic Management Advisory Committee |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency (US) |
| ESDC | Employment and Social Development Canada |
| EU | European Union |
| EUFIC | European Food Information Council |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| FARMS | Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Service |
| FCC | Farm Credit Canada |
| FCPC | Food & Consumer Products of Canada |
| FDMA | Farm Debt Mediation Act |
| FPA | Fresh Produce Alliance |
| FPAFIC | Federal/Provincial Agri-Food Inspection Committee |
| FPC | Food Processors of Canada |
| FPCC | Farm Products Council of Canada |
| FPMAA | Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act |
| FQPA | Food Quality Protection Act |
| FSC | Food Secure Canada |
| FTA | Free Trade Agreement |
| FVGC | Fresh Vegetable Growers of Canada |
| GATT | General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade |
| GFSI | Global Food Safety Initiative |
| GMP | Good Manufacturing Practices |
| GST | Goods & Services Tax |
| HACCP | Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point |
| HC | Health Canada |
| HESA | Standing Committee on Health |
| HMGA | Holland Marsh Growers Association |
| HPB | Health Protection Branch, Health Canada |
| HST | Harmonized Sales Tax |
| HVCRT | Horticulture Value Chain Roundtable |
| IAIM | Integrated Agency Inspection Model |
| IAS | Invasive Alien Species |
| ICAR | Inventory of Canadian Agri-Food Research |
| IFP | Integrated Fruit Production |
| IFPS | International Federation for Produce Standards |
| IPM | Integrated Pest Management |
| IR-4 | Interregional Research Project No. 4 (US) |
| ISO | International Standardization Organization |
| ISS | International Sustainability Summit |

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| KAP | Keystone Agriculture Producers (Manitoba) |
| L&AR | Licensing & Arbitration Regulations |
| LAEB | Local Agricultural Employment Boards |
| LMIA | Labour Market Impact Assessment |
| LOD | Level of Detection |
| MAF | Manitoba Agriculture and Food |
| MAPAQ | Ministère de l'agriculture, pêcheries, et alimentation du Québec |
| MAS | Market Access Secretariat |
| MCFA | Minor Crop Farmers' Alliance |
| ME | Ministerial Exemption |
| MECP | Ministry of Environment & Climate Change |
| MFN | Most Favoured Nations |
| MISB | Market & Industry Services Branch, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada |
| MNR | Ministry of Nature Resources |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MRL | Maximum Residue Limit |
| MTN | Multi-Lateral Trade Negotiations |
| MUAC | Minor Use Advisory Committee |
| MUPP | Minor Use of Pesticides Program |
| MUWG | Minor Use Working Group |
| NAFPP | National Association of Fresh Produce Processors |
| NAFTA | North American Free Trade Agreement |
| NAPPO | North American Plant Protection Organization |
| NBAFA | New Brunswick Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture |
| NEBS | New Exporters to Border States Program |
| NFU | National Farmers Union |
| NSFA | Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture |
| NISA | Net Income Stabilization Account |
| NLFA | Newfoundland & Labrador Federation of Agriculture |
| NOC | National Occupational Ca |
| NOFS | National Office for Food Safety |
| NSERC | National Sciences & Engineering Research Council |
| NSNAC | National Safety Nets Advisory Committee |
| NTB | Non-Tariff Barrier |
| NTSP | National Tripartite Stabilization Plan |
| OAG | Office of the Auditor General |
| OAG | Ontario Apple Growers |
| OECD | Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development |
| OFA | Ontario Federation of Agriculture |
| OFFS | On-Farm Food Safety |
| OFIS | Office of Food Inspection Systems |
| OFT | Ontario Food Terminal |
| OFCV | Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Convention |

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| OFVGA | Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association |
| OGVG | Ontario Greenhouse Growers |
| OMAFRA | Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs |
| OPMA | Ontario Produce Marketing Association |
| OPS | Organophosphates |
| OSCIA | Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association |
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| PAA | Potato Association of America |
| PACA | Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (US Equivalent to CAP Act) |
| PBR | Plant Breeders' Rights |
| PCN | Potato Cyst Nematode |
| PCO | Privy Council Office |
| PCPA | Pest Control Products Act |
| PEIB | Produce Electronic Identification Board |
| PEIDA | Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture |
| PEIFA | Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture |
| PEMD | Program for Export Market Development |
| PEQ | Post Entry Quarantine |
| PIP | Production Insurance Program |
| PIQ | Partners in Quality Program (US) |
| PLU | Price Look Up Code |
| PMAC | Pest Management Advisory Council |
| PMC | Pest Management Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada |
| PMO | Prime Minister’s Office |
| PMRA | Pest Management Regulatory Agency |
| PMUC | Provincial Minor Use Coordinators |
| PRA | Pest Risk Assessment |
| PRRT | Pesticide Registration Review Team |
| PVYN | Potato Virus Y Necrotic |
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| QAP | Quality Assurance Program |
| QMP | Quality Management Program |
| QPMA | Quebec Produce Marketing Association |
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| RCC | Regulatory Cooperation Council |
| RFP | Request for Proposal |
| RPC | Reusable Plastic Container |
| RPW | Registered Produce Warehouse |
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| SAWP | Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program |
| SC | Service Canada |
| SCC | Standards Council of Canada |
| SDRM | Self-Directed Risk Management |
| SFC | Safe Food for Canadian |
| SFCA | Safe Food for Canadian Act |
| SFCR | Safe Food for Canadian Regulations |
| SIMA | Special Import Measures Act |
| SIP | Standard Inspection Process |
| SKU | Stock Keeping Unit |
| SME | Small & Medium Sized Enterprises |
| SR&ED | Scientific Research and Experimental Development |

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| TDE | Trade Distorting Equivalents |
| TEER | Training, Education, Experience & Responsibilities |
| TFW | Temporary Foreign Worker |
| TFWP | Temporary Foreign Worker Program |
| TRC | Technical Review Committee |
| TWG | Technical Working Group |
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| UPC | Universal Product Code |
| UPA | Union des Producteurs Agricoles (Quebec) |
| UPOV | International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants |
| URMULE | User-Requested Minor Use Label Expansions |
| URMUR | User-Requested Minor Use Registrations |
| USFDA | United States Food and Drug Agency |
| USDA | United States Department of Agriculture |
| USITC | United States International Trade Commission |
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| WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Material Information System |
| WSIB | Workplace Safety & Insurance Board |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING I
## Hilton Quebec - Palais
## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson***: Marcus Janzen
***Secretary***: Bev Appleby

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Marcus Janzen, President**
M. Janzen called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM and announced that with those present, a quorum has been constituted. Marcus welcomes attendees and introduces the Board of Directors.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was approved as presented.
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Alison Robertson/ Pascal Forest) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings**
- **AGM l March 6, 2024**
- **AGM ll March 7, 2024**

The Minutes of March 6 and 7, 2024 were circulated to the membership.
***Motion:*** *to approve the Minutes of March 6 and 7, 2024 (Brian Gilroy/ Beth Connery) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising.

**5. Review and Approval of Voting Representatives Listing – Marcus Janzen**
M. Janzen reviewed the Voting Representatives Listing and called for amendments to be declared, noting that only named representatives are eligible to vote at Annual General Meeting I and II.
***Motion****: to approve the Voting Representatives Listing as amended. (Bill Zylmans/ Bill George) Approved*

**6. Report from the President and Vice President – Marcus Janzen and Jocelyn Gibouleau**
M. Janzen and J. Gibouleau provided the report (in French and English)
They highlighted:
- The economic situation in our country. That this is a time of uncertainty, but it is also a time of opportunity. If we remain steadfast in our mission and proactive in our approach, we will ensure that the voices of Canadian fruit and vegetable growers are heard and prioritized in the political and policy decisions to come.
- In 2024, FVGC achieved a major victory with the adoption of Bill C-280, while also advocating on key issues like input costs and food security, emphasizing their interconnectedness with agriculture.
- Looking ahead to 2025, FVGC is prepared to navigate a shifting political landscape, remaining proactive in ensuring Canadian fruit and vegetable growers' voices are prioritized amidst uncertainty and opportunity.

***Motion:*** *to accept the President's report as presented (Paul Pryce/ Melissa Tesche) Approved*

## 7. Report from the Executive Director – Massimo Bergamini

M. Bergamini provided his report. He highlighted:

- FVGC Fresh Approach - Renewed emphasis on government relations and advocacy.
- Emphasis on research and policy development and stronger communication to our members
- Redefining FVGC's relations and value proposition to its members
- Development of an election platform to reflect our members' needs
- Potential US Tariffs
- Thanked Board, working groups and staff.

***Motion**: to accept the Executive Director's report (Jan VanderHout/ Lisa Craig) Approved*

## 8. Financial Reports – Quinton Woods

### 8.1 Review and Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024

Quinton Woods presented a detailed overview of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ended October 31, 2024.

***Motion:** to approve the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ended October 31,2024 as presented. (Matt Hemphill/ Alison Robertson) Approved*

### 8.2 Presentation of the Revised Forecast for Fiscal Year 2025

Quinton Woods presented the Revised Forecast for Fiscal Year 2025. The FY2025 Original Budget was approved at the 2024 AGM. The FY2025 Revised Forecast is presented for approval today, along with the budget for FY2026.

- For FY2025, membership fees increased by 6%. In FY2026, we are asking for a 4% increase to maintain our financial stability and investments in strategic initiatives.
- In terms of the Expense Forecast, we continue to support the strategic priorities of the FVGC by allocating resources to staff working on advocacy and communications. We must maintain our effectiveness and a 4% increase in membership fees is necessary.
- The deficits planned for each of FY2025 and FY2026 will be deducted from the large General Fund balance.

***Motion:** to approve the Revised Forecast for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented. (see 8.4 for approval)*
***Motion**: to approve a 4 % increase in membership fees in Fiscal Year 2026. (see 8.4 for approval)*

### 8.3 Presentation and Approval of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Quinton Woods presented the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and brought forward the following motions for consideration.

***Motion:** to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget as presented – (see 8.4 for approval)*

### 8.4 Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2025

***Motion:** to appoint Hendry Warren LLP as the auditor for 2025 (Bill Zylmans/Matt Hemphill) Approved*

## 9. Allocation of Resolutions – Quinton Woods, Resolutions Chair

Quinton Woods, Resolutions Chair, referred to the resolutions being brought forward for discussion. Resolutions have been allocated to the Working Groups by the Working Group Chairs in a previous meeting.

***Motion:** to table the resolutions to the AGM l (Brian Gilroy/Alison Robertson) Approved*

**10. Election of 2025 Board of Directors – Massimo Bergamini**

M. Bergamini proceeded with call for nominations and election of the Board of Directors for 2025:

- British Columbia: *Marcus Janzen/Deep Brar*
- Prairies: *Beth Connery/Russ Van Boom*
- Ontario: *Alison Robertson/Quinton Woods*
- Québec: *Jocelyn Gibouleau/ Pascal Forest*
- Atlantic: *John Visser/Janet Parker*

**Motion:** *to declare the elected Board of Directors for 2025 (Jan VanderHout, Lisa Craig) Approved*

**11. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12. Adjourn Meeting** (*Jan VanderHout /Brian Gilroy)*

# TRADE AND MARKETING OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Jason Witcher
***Vice Chair:*** Brian Gilroy
***Secretary:*** Angela Reid

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Jason Whitcher**
Jason Witcher called the meeting to order at 9:36

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. Approved (Krista Shaw /Sam Connery) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting as circulated. (Melissa Tesche / Matt Hemphill) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Report from the Chair – Jason Witcher**
The Chair provided his report, highlighting key issues including Bill C-280, the proposed border carbon adjustment, the Grocer Code of Conduct and tariffs.
***Motion:*** *to approve the Chair's report as presented. (Quinton Woods/Sarah Marshall) Approved*

**6. Resolutions Referred to the Trade and Marketing Working Group**
**2025-01** ***US Tariffs and Review of Interprovincial Trade Barriers in Canada***
In a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted as presented.
*Approved (Jocelyn Gibouleau/ Quinton Woods)*
**2025-02** ***Urgent Focus Required to Address the Unstable International Trade Environment***
In a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted as presented.
*Approved (Allison Robertson / Krista Shaw)*
**2025-03** ***Advocate for Increased Resources to the AAFC/CFIA Market Access Secretariat***
In a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted as presented.
*Approved (Krista Shaw / Andrew Verger)*

**7. Review of Standing Policy**

Standing Policy for Trade was reviewed starting on page 98.

***Motion:*** *to approve the standing policy pertaining to the core area of Trade, as presented. (Richard Lee/ Sam Connery) Approved*

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference *(Please refer to tab: Resources)***

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated. (Richard Lee / Lisa Craig) Approved*

**9. Nominations for consideration at AGM II**

**9.1. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair called on Angela Reid to process the appointments for 2025.

***Motion:*** *to appoint Jason Whitcher at Chair for 2025 (Lisa Craig / Jocelyn Gibouleau)*

***Motion:*** *to appoint Brian Gilroy as Vice-Chair for 2025 (Sarah Marshall / Jan VanderHout)*

**9.2. Trade and Marketing Working Group members**

The Chair asked for nominations to the Trade and Marketing WG (See AGM II list)

BC – Andre Solymosi, Ray Biln

Prairies – Kyle Currie, Kevin Nickel

Ontario – Quinton Woods

Quebec – Patrice Léger Bourgoin, Laurie Godin

Atlantic – Krista Shaw, Matt Hemphill

**Motion to close nominations:** *Approved (Lisa Craig / Jocelyn Gibouleau)*

**10. Other Business**

There was no new business.

**11. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 10:10

***Motion to adjourn:*** *Approved (Sam Connery / Allison Robertson)*

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# BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Stefan Larrass
***Vice Chair:*** Mike Chromczak
***Secretary:*** Angela Reid

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Stefan Larrass**
Stefan Larrass called the meeting to order at 10:15.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair.
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Matt Hemphill / Deep Brar) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Wednesday, March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting as circulated. (Quinton Woods/Kelly Ciceran) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Report from the Chair – Stefan Larrass**
The Chair provided his report, with the following highlights:

- **Strengthened BRM Programs** - FVGC prioritized closing gaps in Business Risk Management programs, ensuring growers can withstand climate, market, and financial volatility.
- **Advocacy Before Parliament**: FVGC's BRM Chair, Stefan Larass, presented growers' challenges to the House AGRI Committee-shaping its key report on improving Canada's horticultural resilience.
- **APP Interest-Free Limit Secured**: FVGC successfully advocated to maintain the $350,000 interest-free Advance Payments Program limit, providing growers with crucial cash-flow support.
- **Advancing Revenue-Based Insurance**: FVGC collaborated with AAFC and Gallagher on feasibility work for revenue insurance models tailored to horticulture, driving modernization of BRM tools.

- **Focused 2025 Priorities**: FVGC will push forward revenue insurance, disaster support tailored to horticulture, improved access for greenhouse growers, and alignment of BRM programs with environmental best practices.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Chair's report as presented. (Sarah Marshall/Allison Robertson) Approved*

**6. Resolutions Referred to the BRM Open Meeting**

**2025-04 Changes *to the AgriStability Program* -** *(Deep Brar /Paul Pryce) Approved*

In a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted as presented.

**7. Review of Standing Policy**

Standing Policy for BRM was reviewed starting at page 102.

***Motion:*** *to accept standing policy pertaining to the core area of BRM, as presented. (Lisa Craig/Matt Hemphill) Approved*

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference *(Please refer to tab: Resources)***

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated. (Bill Zylmans/Kelly Ciceran) Approved*

**9. Nominations for consideration at AGM II**

**9.1 Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair called on Angela Reid to process the appointments for 2025.

***Motion:*** *to appoint Catherine Lessard for Chair for 2025 (Jan VanderHout / Joanne Driscoll)*

***Motion:*** *to appoint Mike Chromzak as Vice-Chair for 2025 (Joanne Driscoll / Lisa Craig)*

**9.2 Business Risk Management Working Group members**

The Chair asked for nominations to the BRM WG (See AGM II list)

BC – Suhk Khunkhun, Nancy Chong

Prairies – Dave Buhler, Susan Ainsworth

Ontario – Stefan Larass

Quebec – André Mousseau, Catherine Lessard

Atlantic – Richard Melvin, Matt Hemphill

***Motion****: to close nominations: (Jan VanderHout/ Melissa Tesche) Approved*

**10. Other Business**

There was no new business.

**11. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 11:00.

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## ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Gordon Stock
***Vice Chair:*** Vacant
***Secretary:*** Angela Reid

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Gordon Stock**
Gordon Stock called the meeting to order at 10:44

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Jan VanderHout/ Shawn Brenn) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024, meeting as circulated. (Kelly Ciceran/Jocelyn Gibouleau) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising.

**5. Report from the Chair – Gordon Stock**
The Chair provided his report, with the following highlights:

- Follow-up on prior resolution re: carbon capture recognition in edible horticulture/greenhouses; industry caution noted; advocacy to secure incentives and recognition continues.
- Bill C-234 update: exploring alternate routes for energy cost relief.
- Plastics/packaging: engagement with ECCC; price-look-up sticker ban; push for realistic timelines and support.
- Sustainable Agriculture Strategy: process/clarity concerns; continued engagement urging practical, grower-friendly approaches.
- Trade & market-access implications of climate policy (BCAs, CUSMA sustainability provisions); ongoing monitoring and advocacy for fair, competitiveness-aware rules.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Chair's report as presented. (Alison Robertson/ Brian Gilroy) Approved*

## 6. Resolutions Referred to the Energy, Environment and Climate Change WG

**2025-05 - *Federal Regulations on Plastics***

In a motion duly moved, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted as presented.
*Approved (Alison Robertson / Quinton Woods)*

## 7. Review of Standing Policy

Standing Policy for EECC was reviewed including page 98.
***Motion:*** *to accept standing policy pertaining to the core area of EECC, as presented. (Quinton Woods/Andy Vermulen) Approved*

## 8. Adoption of Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.
***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated, (Shawn Brenn/ Deep Brar) Approved*

## 9. Nominations for consideration by the AGM ll

### 9.1 Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair called on Angela Reid to process the appointments for 2025.
***Motion:*** *to appoint Jan VanderHout as Chair for 2025 (Alison Robertson/Quinton Woods)*
***Motion:*** *to appoint Gordon Stock as Vice-Chair for 2025 (Alison Robertson/Quinton Woods)*

### 9.2 Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group members

The Chair asked for nominations to the Energy, Environment and Climate Change WG (See AGM II list)
BC – Ruben Howling; Analise Simonson
Prairies – Stacy Bagema, Forrest Scharf
Ontario – Jan VanderHout; Gordon Stock (Alternate: Brandon Schulten)
Quebec – Brandon Fombuena
Atlantic – Brian McInnis, Rebecca Zwayne
**Motion to close nominations**: *(Cathy McKay / Kelly Ciceran) Approved*

## 10. Other Business

Retailers are now requesting GHG emissions reporting
Jane Proctor provided an update from CPMA on a new Sustainability Committee, international coordination, and learning-lounge content at the CPMA convention in April.

## 11. Adjournment

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 11:05. *(Alison Robertson/Quinton Woods)*

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## INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND FOOD SAFETY OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Jody Mott
***Vice chair:*** Sarah Marshall
***Secretary:*** Angela Reid

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Jody Mott**
Jody Mott called the meeting to order at 12:59

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair.
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Richard Lee/ Lisa Craig) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting as circulated.*
*(Brian Gilroy/ Alison Robertson) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Report from the Chair – Jody Mott**
The Chair provided her report, with the following highlights:

- CFIA Food Safety for Canadians Act review: FVGC submitted feedback to the 2023 survey
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grades: revisions continuing; cucumbers (long/greenhouse) discussions with CFIA/USDA.
- Ongoing FVGC support to DRC regarding grades clarity.
- CanadaGAP: expansion to emerging/innovative products; 2025 manuals not re-issued (v10.0 remains current with errata); Audit Checklist v10.2 now in use.
- Proactive work on audit burden: exploratory engagement with CanadaGAP on acting as a potential "home" for additional audit layers (if needed).

***Motion:*** *to approve the Chair's report as presented. (Alison Robertson / Sarah Marshall) Approved*

**6. Resolutions Referred to the Industry Standards and Food Safety WG.**
***2025-06 Consolidation and Reduction of Audit Requirements*** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**
**Motion:** *to bring resolution to the floor (Sarah Marshall / Quinton Woods)* **-** *Carried*.
**Motion:** *to adopt friendly amendments: (Sam Connery / Joanne Driscoll)* **-** *Carried*.

1. Amended "Therefore" actions (summary):
    a. FVGC to create a comprehensive list of federal agriculture-related audits and requirements to identify overlap and assess streamlining feasibility.
    b. FVGC to collaborate with national stakeholders on a more unified/recognized framework that is flexible, scalable, and financially viable.
    c. FVGC to advocate for acceptance of a more consolidated approach that reduces redundancy and unnecessary burden while meeting industry needs.
    d. Any consolidation to account for jurisdictional differences, commodity specifics, and implementation feasibility.
2. Discussion noted contributions from Richard Lee, Tracy Shinners-Connely, Jan VanderHout intent (reduce duplication; avoid forcing non-applicable requirements; align customer-driven asks where feasible).

**Motion:** *to approve the resolution as amended*: *(Andrew Verger / Jan VanderHout) Carried*.

**7. Review of Standing Policy**

Standing Policy for ISFS was reviewed starting on p. 98 of the AGM Book
***Motion:*** *to accept standing policy pertaining to the core area of ISFS, as presented.*
*(Brian Gilroy/ Sarah Marshall) Approved*

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated**.**
***Motion*****:** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated. (Sarah Marshall/ Lisa Craig) Approved*

**9. Nominations for consideration at the AGM II**

**9.1 Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair called on Angela Reid to process the appointments for 2025.
***Motion:*** *to appoint Jody Mott as Chair for 2025 (Sarah Mashall/Alvin Keenan)*
***Motion:*** *to appoint Sarah Marshall as Vice-Chair for 2025 (Lisa Craig/Alvin Keenan)*

**9.2. Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group Nominations**

The Chair asked for nominations to the ISFS WG (See AGM II list)
BC – Andre Solymosi, Lisa Craig
Prairies – Kyle Curry, Roland Jeffreys
Ontario – Jody Mott, Sarah Marshall *(Alternate: Brian Gilroy)*
Quebec – Patrice Léger Bourgoin, Sebastien Morrisette
Atlantic – Denise Cassidy, Joanne Driscoll
***Motion*****:** *to close nominations: (Lisa Craig / Sarah Marshall) Carried.*

**10. Other Business**

George Gilvesy raised concern about recent US public commentary suggesting that imported food is less safe than domestically produced food. Working Group members noted that this narrative is not supported by evidence and risks undermining confidence in both Canadian and imported produce. The Working Group agreed to prioritize aligned messaging that emphasizes the equivalence of North American food safety standards and to equip governments and partners with clear, evidence-based communications to counter misleading claims.

**11. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 1:31 PM.
***Motion*****:** *to adjourn (Cathy MacKay)*

# LABOUR OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Beth Connery
***Co-Vice Chairs:*** Ken Forth
Fernando Borja
Veronica Moreno
***Secretary:*** Angela Reid

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Beth Connery**
Beth Connery called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair.
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Bill Zylmans / Sam Connery) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting as circulated.*
*(Deep Brar/ Pascal Forest) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Report from the Chair – Beth Connery**
The Chair provided her report, with the following highlights:

- Ongoing federal Labour White Papers: submissions filed on #1–2; #3–4 received recently; extension to be requested; additional two papers incoming. Strong encouragement for member organizations to submit responses to ESDC.
- Annual SAWP/TFW negotiations (rotating Ottawa/Mexico/Caribbean); quarterly Canada–Caribbean and Canada–Mexico meetings used to work off negotiation "undertakings" through the year.
- Regular engagement with CAHRC, ESDC, IRCC, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, CBSA; participation in CFA/government forums.
- Thanks to vice chairs (Fernando Borja, Veronica Moreno, Ken Forth) and FVGC staff support.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Chair's report as presented. (Alison Robertson/ Jocelyn Gibouleau) Approved*

**6. Resolutions Referred to the Labour Working Group**

**2025-07 - *Change of Designation for Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs)* (Quebec)** Withdrawn by sponsor.

**2025-08** - ***Recovery Of Sales Taxes on Renovations for TFW Housing***

- Title broadened to "applicable sales taxes" (not just GST/QST).
- Clarified reference to CRA definition of agricultural buildings.
- "On-farm" wording discussed extensively; retained in the adopted text.

***Amendments adopted*** *(Deep Brar / Joanne Driscoll) - Carried.*

FVGC will advocate with CRA so that buildings used to house TFWs on-farm are recognized as agricultural buildings (per CRA) and that employers can obtain input tax credits for applicable sales taxes paid on related maintenance/construction/renovation expenses.

**7. Review of Standing Policy**

Standing Policy for labour was reviewed starting at page 106 in the AGM Book.

**Motion:** *to accept standing policy pertaining to the core area of Labour, as presented. (Michaela Frey / Joanne Driscoll) Approved*

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference *(Please refer to: Resources)***

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.

**Motion:** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated. (Jan VanderHout / Lisa Craig) Approved*

**9. Nominations for consideration at the Annual General Meeting II:**

**9.1. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair called on Angela Reid to process the appointments for 2025.

**Motion:** *to appoint Beth Connery as Chair for 2025 (Lisa Craig/ Tracey Shinners-Carnelley)*

**Motion:** *to appoint the following individuals: Andy Vermeer, Fernando Borja, Veronica Moreno as Vice-Chairs for 2025 (Jan VanderHout / Lisa Craig)*

**9.2. Labour Working Group members**

The Chair asked for nominations to the Labour WG

British Columbia: Deep Brar
Alberta: Albert Cramer
Saskatchewan: Connie Achtymichuk
Manitoba: Roland Jeffries
Ontario: Stefan Larrass
Quebec: Martin Gibouleau
New Brunswick: Sam Bourgeois
Nova Scotia: Andy Vermeulen
Prince Edward Island: John MacDonald
Newfoundland & Labrador: Melvin Rideout

**9.3 SAWP Annual Review Meetings Representatives**

For FVGC: Beth Connery; *Alternate* - Fernando Borja
For F.A.R.M.S.: Andy Vergeer; *Alternate* - Sue Williams
For F.E.R.M.E.: Fernando Borja; *Alternate* - Martin Gibouleau
For WALI: Deep Brar; *Alternate* - David Mutz

**Motion:** *to appoint the above-named individuals as Annual SAWP meeting representatives. (Quinton Woods / Lisa Craig) Accepted*

### 9.4 Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.)
Morris Gervais, Alternate: Brian Gilroy

### 9.5 Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC)
Beth Connery, Alternate: Fernando Borja

### 10.Other Business
- Jennifer Wright, Executive Director, at CAHRC provided an update: labour-market research, real-time LMI plans, skills framework, HR toolkit & e-learning/micro-credentials, leadership training (incl. Spanish), “Welcome to Canadian Agriculture,” and HR consulting; FVGC members do receive discounts.
- U.S. narrative that Canada’s TFWP is “subsidized” flagged as a risk; request for a proactive government/industry response.

### 11.Adjournment
The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.

# CROP PROTECTION OPEN MEETING

## Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Chris Duyvelshoff
***Vice-Chair:*** Tracy Shinners-Carnelley
***Secretary:*** Christina Turi

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Chris Duyvelshoff**
Chris Duyvelshoff called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair.
***Motion:*** *to approve the agenda as presented. (Jan VanderHout, David Hipple) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024, meeting as circulated (Jan Vanderhout / Jocelyn Gibouleau) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising.

**5. Report from the Chair – Chris Duyvelshoff**
The Chair provided his report, with the following highlights:

- Opening remarks and thank you to CPAG and FVGC.
- In 2024, only five new active ingredients were registered in Canada (one conventional herbicide and four biologicals), highlighting a limited influx of new crop protection technologies.
- Promising new products are stuck in a slow regulatory pipeline at PMRA, causing delays in availability and hindering innovation in crop protection.
- The minor use pesticide program a joint effort through AAFC and PMRA is relied upon heavily by the sector for new registrations and unfortunately the budget has not increased in over a decade, which in turn has had a significant impact on the program's output.
- CPAG's key priorities this year were (1) focusing on broader policy issues that support timely delivery of product registrations and (2) advocating for increased capacity and funding for the minor use program.
- In 2025 there are many re-evaluations schedule and growers may be contacted by CPAG for input.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Chair's report as presented. (Benny Nabuurs/ Kelly Ciceran) Approved*

**6. Resolutions Referred to the Crop Protection Working Group**

The following resolutions were reviewed by the members:

**2025-09**- **Permanent Funding for the Pest Management Centre (PMC)** - Approved as amended (*Sam Connery/Shawn Brenn)*

**2025-10** - **Cost Benefit Analysis of Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) Registration and Re-evaluation** – Tabled to CPAG

**2025-11 - Expedited approval for the use of sprayer drones for pest management in agriculture and subsequent expedited funding to do so in a timely manner** – Approved (*Matt Hemphil / Alison Robertson*)

**LR-2025-XX - Predictable label process on label change** – Approved as amended (*Cathy McKay/Kelly Ciceran)*

**7. Review of Standing Policy**

Standing Policy for Crop Protection was reviewed including page 103.

***Motion:*** *to accept standing policy pertaining to the core area of Crop Protection, as presented. (Lisa Craig/Brian Gilroy) Approved*

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference *(Please refer to tab: Resources)***

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated. Pg 164.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated (Sarah Marshall/Beth Connery) Approved*

**9. Nominations for consideration at the Annual General Meeting II:**

**9.1 Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair called on Christina Turi to process the appointments for 2025.

***Motion:*** *to appoint Chris Duyvelshoff at Chair for 2025 (Melissa Tesche/Sarah Marshall)*

***Motion:*** *to appoint Dr. Tracy Shinners-Carnelly as Vice-Chair for 2025 (John Visser/Joanne Driscoll)*

**9.2 Crop Protection Advisory Group Members**

The Chair asked for nominations to the Crop Protection Advisory Group:

BC - Jason Smith, Iris Bitterlich

Prairies - Shane Eva, Tracy Shinners-Carnelley (Alternate: George Lewko)

Ontario - Chris Duyvelshoff, Matt Shephard (Alternate: Brian Rideout)

Quebec - Jennifer Gagné, Jarek Holoszkiewicz

Atlantic - Gary Brown, Benny Nabuurs (Alternate: Peter Burgess)

***Motion***: *to close nominations (John Visser/Kelly Ciceran)*

**10. Other Business**

There was no new business.

**11. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 3:08 PM *(Alison Robertson)*

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# APPLE, TENDER FRUIT & GRAPE OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Janet Parker
***Secretary:*** Amy Hutchinson

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Janet Parker**
Janet Parker, Apple Working Group Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31PM.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair.
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Kelly Ciceran/ Melissa Tesche) Approved*

**3. Adoption on the Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting as circulated. (Brian Gilroy/ Sam Bourgeois) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising.

## Apple Section

**5. Report from the Chair – Janet Parker**
The Vice-Chair provided their report, with the following highlights:

- The Apple Working Group (AWG) met twice in 2024
    - The AWG met during the FVGC Annual Meeting in Ottawa on March 5th, 2024. Topics discussed included 2023 crop and marketing conditions, apple sector trends, Research & Promotion Agency, Ministerial Exemptions, export market opportunities, and crop protection issues.
    - The FVGC Apple Working Group Mid-Summer Meeting was held on July 16, 2024, in Quebec and was hosted by the Les Producteurs de Pommes du Québec. The agenda included market situations and trends, 2023 crop estimate, crop protection issues, and several research reports. The AWG participated in the PPQ's Great Apple Tour which was a two-day tour with many topics and research activities highlighted. The 2025 AWG Mid-Summer meeting will be held in British Columbia.
- The AWG was pleased to have two research projects approved as part of the Cluster 4 funding. The two projects are:
    - Reducing losses from Apple Pests with Alternative Control Strategies - Principal Investigators: Kristy Grigg-McGuffin (OMAFRA) and Suzanne Blatt (CRDA)

- Apple crop load management: Enhancing thinning predictability and tree response through advancements in modeling, new precision thinning products and strategies, and technology, Principal Investigator: Dr. John Cline (U of G)
- Thank you to AWG members for all their work this year

***Motion:*** *to approve the Vice-Chair's report as presented. (Deep Brar/ Sam Bourgeois) Approved*

**6. Provincial Apple Crop Reports**

Reported at the AWG Closed Meeting on March 11th.

## Tender Fruit Section – Phil Tregunno, Co-Chair

**7. Review of 2024 Tender Fruit Crop Growing Conditions, Harvest and Processing**

The Co-Chair provided his report, with the following highlights:

- Last year we had a very early year, two weeks ahead of time
- A bit of frost damage but generally a very good year
- Huge plum and pear crops, typical for peaches
- Shipped a lot west this year (peaches…maybe 2-3 loads a week for 6 weeks)
- Also did a lot of promotion, sampling but the prov govt gave $1.6m for display bins and that was helpful
- Continuing work on variety development
- Most sales focused on import replacement…timely
- Conducting a life cycle assessment, looking at carbon footprint and other things (with prov funding)
- Last year of provincial replant program, was well utilised

***Motion:*** *to approve the Co-Chair's report as presented. (Bill George/ Sarah Marshall) Approved*

## Grape Section – Bill George on behalf of Mathias Oppenlaender, Co-Chair

**8. Review of 2024 Tender Fruit Crop Growing Conditions, Harvest and Processing**

Bill George provided a report, with the following highlights:

- Industry was optimistic heading into the 2024 growing season
- Enhanced support for VQA wine program
- Government sector table established
- 2024 season produced excellent crop, 64k metric tonnes
- Early grape harvest with warm dry fall
- Price negotiations in July, 1.6% price increases
- Investment in research and the next generation of growers are important
- Clean plant program investment by AAFC
- 2024 was the first year Bill experienced surplus grapes in Ontario, quite a few hit the ground but with modernization in retail and promotion the outlook is positive
- Deep: did BC wineries buy ON grapes this year? Bill: no, only within the same company
- Cathy: loyalty to ON/Canadian wine? Bill: I think it will be good for the industry as long as people have the funds to buy wine. Some more interest from LCBO to encourage wineries not in store to start filling the shelves

***Motion:*** *to approve the grape section report as presented. (Dave Hipple/ Sarah Marshall) Approved*

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business arising.

## General

**10. Resolutions Referred to the Apple, Tender Fruit & Grape Open Meeting.**
No resolutions were allocated to this meeting.

**11. Adoption of Terms of Reference for Apple WG**
Apple WG Terms of Reference were reviewed and adopted at the March 11th Apple Working Group Closed Meeting.

**12. Nominations for consideration by the AGM ll:**
**12.1 Working Group Chair and Co-Chairs**
During their March 11th Closed Meeting, the Apple Working Group nominated Charles Stevens as Apple WG Chair & Janet Parker as Vice-Chair for 2025.

The Chair called on Amy Hutchinson to process the appointments for 2025.
***Motion**: to appoint Phil Tregunno as Tender Fruit Co-Chair for 2025 (Sarah Marshall / Dave Hipple) Approved*
***Motion:** to appoint Mathias Oppenlaender as Grape Co-Chair for 2025 (Bill George / Kelly Ciceran) Approved*

**13. Other Business**
There was no other business arising.

**14. Adjournment**
The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.

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# GREENHOUSE VEGETABLE OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Courville

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**
**15:45 – 16:30**

# DRAFT MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** *Vacant*
***Vice-Chair:*** Richard Lee (Interim Chair)
***Secretary:*** Julie Paillat

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**
Richard Lee called the meeting to order at 15:48. A welcome was extended to all attendees.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair.
***Motion:*** *to approve the agenda as presented (M. Frey/J. VanderHout) Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion:*** *to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting as circulated (M. Frey/J. VanderHout) Approved.*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising.

**5. Report from the Chair**
The Chair provides his report with the following highlights.

- GVWG members provided strong support for the broader FVGC advocacy efforts at keeping critical legislation for carbon pricing relief and securing financial protection for fresh produce sellers, in submissions to consultations, appearances at the Parliamentary Standing Committees, and in meetings with government officials and elected MPs and Senators.
- The GVWG met throughout the year in three virtual meetings, two in-person meetings, in addition to the meetings held in person at the 2024 March meetings in conjunction with the FVGC AGM to work on national priorities:
- Last fall, the Member agreed to include the existing role contracted to Iris Bitterlich, Camas Consulting, within the Greenhouse Restricted Fund Budget. This adds capacity in addition to funds to support the National Coordinator, the sector-specific federal advocacy and events, and CGEN development.
- The GVWG have led the development of the FVGC-University of Windsor Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that aims to address the unique challenges facing the greenhouse vegetable sector including: energy resilience, sustainability, and economic growth.

More information can be found in the Annual Report section on the activities of the Greenhouse Vegetable Working Group, found on page 39 of 52.

The Vice-Chair thanked the Chair.
***Motion*:** *to approve the Chair's report as presented (S. Terrault/ J. VanderHout) Approved*.

**6. Regional updates (to include production and region-specific issues)**
Members were surveyed to inform our key messages and advocacy. Reported at the closed, GVWG meeting on March 11, 2025. Members were able to verbalize impacts of trade disruption on the growth and competitiveness, to the government representatives participating in our discussions.

**7. Resolutions Review**
There were no Resolutions referred. Members noted an intention to collaborate with the Trade and Marketing Working Group on Resolution 2025-01, and further dialogue to confirm its intentions and workplan to address it. The sector's priority in maintaining free, fair, and stable international trade with its largest trading partner and within North America. Critical for policy makers to understand the integration and reduce risks of domestic oversupply of perishable produce due to trade war.

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference (*Please refer to: Resources)***
The Terms of Reference were approved at our face-to-face meeting in October 2024 as provided in the AGM book. No amendments were made at the closed, GVWG meeting on March 11, 2025.

**9. Nominations for consideration at AGM II**
**9.1 Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**
Nominations for the GVWG Chair, Vice-Chair and working group members were made by GVWG members at the closed, GVWG meeting on March 11, 2025, in alignment with General Operating By-law No. 8. In motions duly moved, seconded and carried, the GVWG elected:

2025 Chair: George Gilvesy
2025 Vice-Chair: Armand VanderMeulen

*These nominations will be adopted tomorrow during AGM II*.

Sincere appreciation was noted to both to our past Chair and Vice-Chair including Linda Delli Santi for over 10 years of service as Chair, and to Richard Lee for his leadership as Vice-Chair and the Interim Chair for the past few months.

**10. Items referred from Tuesday, March 11, 2025 GVWG Meeting**
The Chair reviewed items covered on the agenda (for information, discussion or decision) tabled from the member-only meeting, including Motions and decisions made:

- Greenhouse Vegetable WG Business items were there were Motions to Adopt the agenda, and the Minutes from Jan. 28th 2025 as presented; and a Motion to Approve the Workplan and Budget as discussed and amended.
    - Agreement to develop a new name and a clear process; to be discussed further.
- This was followed by a GVWG Industry – Government Session where we were joined by Global Affairs Canada, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada (AAFC), CFIA.

  - Ontario members noted the 3-day U.S. tariffs imposed a $6 million estimated total cost.
- We welcomed DRC to present and discuss the greenhouse grades and implementation of the Deemed Trust (C-280). A Motion was carried to:
  - Amend the Greenhouse Long English Cucumber Grades to ensure Canada No. 1 and Canada No. 1 small are both set at a 10-inch minimum length. AND
  - Request that the import requirement for greenhouse cucumbers from the U.S. be removed/rescinded.
- We then resumed a closed members meeting to wrap up the discussions from the morning and conduct the nominations and election of the voting GVWG members.

Further discussion regarding the U.S. Tariffs, Business Risk Management and Emergency Preparedness noted:

- Tariffs applied to greenhouse produce will leave our sector extremely vulnerable, as over 85% of our produce is destined for U.S. markets.
- The perishability of our products leaves few options for competitive alternate export markets. Disruptions are expected throughout the fresh produce sector because of the integrated North American value chain.
- Impacts on greenhouse growers will be immediate, including a slowdown of orders, domestic oversupply, price deterioration, quality losses which will all directly hit grower's revenue and valuation of the inventory.
- In addition, there is uncertainty and a growing threat of Mexican product displacing Canadian produce in an already-flooded Canadian market. Depending on the severity of the acute impacts, and the duration of tariffs or other related market disruptions, we can expect a cascading effect to impact greenhouse business operations that risks the long-term sustainability of the sector.
- BRM Review has program review (2026) needs prioritization
- BRM Suite of programs are not up to the task, i.e., even before geo-political disruptions
- U.S. is pumping $USD into edible horticulture sector
- The RCC was established in 2011 to make trade easier between Canada and the U.S. through regulatory cooperation. Its objective is to increase economic competitiveness while maintaining high levels of protection for health, safety, security and the environment for Canadians and Americans.
- Since its inception, the RCC has undertaken a number of initiatives to facilitate cross-border trade, making it easier for industry to conduct business in both jurisdictions and lowering costs for consumers.
- Perimeter Approach to Plant Protection: Trade policy to ensure a commitment to mutually defend our principal trading partner(s) against the unintentional introduction of emerging plant pests and invasive species, and the associated risks including non-tariff trade disruptions, in addition to protecting the domestic production base.

**11. Other Business**

There was no new business.

**12. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 16:30.

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# BERRY WORKING GROUP OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Montmorency

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Lisa Craig
***Vice-Chair:*** Peter Burgess
***Secretary:*** Bev Appleby

**1. Welcome and Call to Order** – Lisa Craig
Lisa Craig called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair and was amended to add - 9.1 - Reciprocity
***Motion***: *to approve the agenda as presented with the amendment.* (Jasmine Sauvé/ Sam Connery -Nichol)
*Approved*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion****: to approve the minutes of March 6,2024 meeting as circulated.*
*(Forrest Scharf/Joann Pineau) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Report from the Chair – Lisa Craig**
The Chair provides her report with the following highlights.

- The Berry Working Group held a meeting on March 12.
- The discussions focused on critical updates regarding bee health during transportation, resulting in two action items
    - Getting pollinators on the political platform
    - Creating a subcommittee that will work with other sectors, for example potato or vegetable and potentially the Canadian Honey Council, so that they can work on issues for pollinators and other topics.
- Research is required on Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD)
- Discussed gene-driven technology, biologicals, and chemistry reviews
- Anne Fowlie gave a presentation on Bill C-280
- Discussed the ongoing pollination project through University of Saskatchewan
- Aiming for regular meetings to coordinate research across provinces

- Discussed import MRLs and pesticide residue issues
- Highlighted challenges with different regulations for domestic vs. imported product

***Motion*:** *to approve the Chair's report as presented (Benny Nabuurs/ David Coté) Approved.*

**6. Resolutions Referred to the Berry Working Group**
There were no resolutions referred to the Berry Working Group.

**7. Adoption of Terms of Reference (*Please refer to: Resources)***
The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.
***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated. (Sam Connery- Nichol/ Joann Pineau) Approved*

**8. Nominations for consideration at the AGM II:**
**8.1. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**
The Chair called on B. Appleby to process the appointments for 2025.
***Motion***: *to appoint Lisa Craig as Chair for 2025 (Sam Connery- Nichol /Forrest Scharf) Approved*
***Motion:*** *to appoint Peter Burgess as Vice-Chair for 2025 (Sam Connery- Nichol/Benny Nabuurs) Approved*

**8.2 Berry WG voting members (2 members per province)**
The Chair asked for nominations to the Berry WG
BC – Paul Pryce, TBD
AB - TBD
SK – Forrest Scharf, TBD
MB – Angie Cormier, Beth Connery
ON - TBD
QC – Jasmine Sauve, Laurie Godin
NS – Marlene Huntley, TBD
NB – TBD
PEI – Peter Handrahan, Bennie Nabuurs
NL- Melvin Rideout, TBD

**9. Other Business**
**9.1 Reciprocity**
Québec raised concerns regarding reciprocity on pesticides used on imported fruit and vegetables and is looking for any concrete examples of this being an issue in other provinces.
There is a double standard when QC are not allowed to use these products, but the US can use them on products that we are importing. B. Nabuurs offers that this may be a PMRA issue regarding import MRLs. We all need to be playing with the same toolbox.
J Sauvé will circle back to the Berry Working Group after the first meeting of the committee that has been created to address these issues.
**Action Item:** J Sauvé to follow up with the WG to share information on reciprocity issues discussed at the committee meeting in Quebec.
**Action Item:** Include Jasmine Sauvé on packaging meetings with A. Reid.

F. Scharf comments on a study done by a professor at the University of Saskatchewan regarding heavy metals found on imports. **Action Item:** F. Scharf to forward the study to J Sauvé.

The working group also discussed the need for increased FVGC engagement with smaller commodities, increasing the value for membership with FVGC. The topic of shared FVGC staff for apples and berries was briefly mentioned, as well as the initiative for bi-monthly attendance for the Berry Chair at FVGC Board meetings. The working group appreciates the representation for the industry on CPAG, as pesticides are a major issue for fruit production.
**Action Item:** Lisa Craig and Peter Burgess - Discuss with M. Bergamini about potential expansion of Berry Working Group activities

**10. Adjournment**
The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 3:59 PM. (*Sam Connery- Nichol)*

**Additional Action items from the Closed Berry Working Group meeting:**
**Beth Connery** - Provide name from veg sector for pollinator subcommittee
**Lisa Craig** - Share Anne Fowlie's presentation on Bill C-280 upon request

# FIELD VEGETABLE OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - Saint Foy

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Catherine Lessard
***Vice-Chair:*** Jody Mott
***Secretary:*** Ashley Peyrard

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Catherine Lessard**
Catherine Lessard called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair and amended to add:
- introductions of everyone in attendance
- Discussion to address topics that were brought to the closed meeting March 11.
- Anne Fowlie from DRC will present an update on Grade Standards and Financial Protection.

***Motion***: *to approve the agenda as presented as presented. (Pascal Forest/ Joanne Driscoll*)
*Approved*

3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion****: to approve the minutes of March 6,2024 meeting as circulated. (Dave Hope / Beth Connery)*
*Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising

**5. Report from the Chair – Catherine Lessard**
The Chair provides her report with the following highlights.
- During the last year addressed issues for growers. Highlighted regional challenges for rutabagas and beets, worked with CPAG, and initiated communications with federal government.
- Tried to engage with experts and put together a network for knowledge sharing. This was not successful but continuing to work on.
- Discussed ministerial exemptions.
- Challenge is representing diverse needs of growers across Canada, 66 diverse crops.
- This is Catherine's last year as a working group chair.
- There is power in being a unified voice, even though the members are diverse.

- Sincere gratitude to Jody Mott as Vice Chair for all her contributions.

***Motion*:** *to approve the Chair's report as presented (Mike Chromczak/Dave Hope) Approved*

**Discussion of topics from March 11th Closed Meeting**

It will be possible to have a pre-meeting at next year's AGM at no cost.
Also discussed lobbying efforts with FVGC. Currently doing a lot of lobbying with CPMA. We think it would be better to have a lobby day with just growers, to speak from the grower voice. Everyone was on the same page. We would address a letter to the Board asking for lobbying representation once a year with only growers present. Look into it, to make sure it is financially viable.
Dave Hope mentioned that a lot of the cost is the reception and not sure about the value of the reception. Jody Mott mentioned that there is value in the reception, but that we need unified asks, and we need to understand the resources and cost that comes from planning the event. Discussion around a virtual lobby event.
Decision to table this and bring it back to the first working group meeting to further discuss and come up with a plan. Chair will try to get more information from the Board and FVGC staff before the meeting.

**6. Regional Reports**

No regional reports were presented.

**7. Resolutions Referred to the Field Vegetable Working Group**

No resolutions were referred.

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.
***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of reference as circulated. (Beth Connery/Mike Chromczak) Approved*

**9. Nominations for consideration at AGM ll**

**9.1. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair called on A. Peyrard to process the appointments for 2025.
***Motion***: *to appoint Jody Mott as Chair for 2025 (Dave Hope/Ryan Leclair)*
***Motion:*** *to appoint Catherine Lessard as Vice-Chair for 2025(Mike Chromczak/Dave Hope)*

**9.2. Vegetable Working Group Members**

The Chair called for nominations to the Field Vegetable WG
**BC** – Randy Cox, Jerome Lengkeek
Kevin Husband (alternate)
**Prairies** - Robert Purton, Roland Jeffries
**ON** - Jody Mott, Mike Chromczak
Brandon Scholten (alternate)
**QC** - Catherine Lessard, Pascal Forest
Jocelyn Gibouleau (alternate)
**Atlantic** - Gerald Dykerman, Kent Fudge, Joanne Driscoll, Marlene Huntley

**10. Other Business**

- Presentation by Anne Fowlie. Vegetable Crop Grade Standard Review and update on Bill C-280. FVGC and DRC support Option 1 for the grade standard review. C-280 – received royal

assent on December 12, 2024. Currently waiting on regulations to be in put in place so that the law can be used.

- A group will be assembled to discuss pollination. If there are growers/reps interested in the pollination issue, please send your names to Lisa Craig.
- Jody Mott raised that in the meeting yesterday they discussed a spot to put some information/statistics. Will try to have information by next meeting.
- Request for a Cluster 4 Update to the Field Vegetable Working Group.

**11. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.
Moved by *(Joanne Driscoll)*

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# POTATO OPEN MEETING

## Hilton Quebec - St Louis Room

### Wednesday, March 12, 2025

# MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Bill Zylmans
***Vice-Chair:*** Michelle Flis
***Secretary:*** Caleigh Hallink-Irwin

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Bill Zylmans**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was reviewed by the Chair
***Motion***: *to approve the agenda as presented as presented. (Greg Donald/John Visser) Approved*

3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2024**
The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.
***Motion****: to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting as circulated. (Shawn Brenn/Susan Ainsworth) Approved*

**4. Business Arising**
There was no business arising

**5. Report from the Chairs – Bill Zylmans**
The Chair provided their report, with the following highlights:

- CPC Milestones: CPC held three in-person meetings in 2024 and hired its General Manager, Caleigh Hallink-Irwin, in October. CPC also completed its first-ever Strategic Plan, outlining four key priorities and a three-year roadmap.
- Strategic and Technical Collaboration: Worked with the Fruit and Vegetable Dispute Resolution Corporation (DRC) on CFIA files (grade standards, test markets, Rhizoctonia) and continued to prioritize collaboration with CFIA and PMRA on regulatory issues.
- Potato Wart Response: Supported CFIA's publication of the National Potato Wart Response Plan. Rebuilding the relationship with the U.S. and ensuring science-based trade approaches remain priorities.
- March 11 CPC Meeting Highlights: Received updates from industry partners UPGC, CFA, PSA, DRC, and CFIA; discussed topics including Potato Wart, seed regulation modernization, tariffs, emerging pests/diseases, and private lab disease testing; began feedback process on revised CPC Terms of Reference.
- Looking Ahead: CPC will continue to focus on trade relations (particularly with the U.S.), support the rollout of the wart response plan, diversify market access, collaborate with government, and advance implementation of the Strategic Plan.

***Motion*****:** to *approve the Chair's report as presented (Terence Hochstein/Krista Shaw)*

**6. Regional Reports**

**7. Resolutions Review**
There were no resolutions assigned to the working group.

**8. Adoption of Terms of Reference *(Please refer to: Resources)***
The Terms of Reference were reviewed as circulated.
***Motion:*** *to approve the Terms of reference as circulated. (Matt Hemphill/Shawn Brenn)*

**9. Nominations for consideration by the AGM ll**
**9.1. Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair**
The Chair called on Caleigh Hallink-Irwin to process the appointments for 2025.

***Motion***: *to appoint Bill Zylmans as* Canadian Potato Council Chair: *for 2025 (Shawn Brenn/Matt Hemphill)*
***Motion:*** *to appoint Michelle Flis as* Canadian Potato Council Vice-Chair: *for 2025 (Shawn Brenn/Matt Hemphill)*
***Motion***: *to appoint Dave Buhler as* Seed Potato Sub Committee Chair: *for 2025 (Susan Ainsworth/Matt Hemphill)*
***Motion***: *to appoint Rebecca MacSwain as* Seed Potato Sub Committee Vice-Chair: *for 2025 (Susan Ainsworth/Shawn Brenn)*

**9.2. Potato Working Representatives to Committees**
The Chair called for nominations to:
Stuart Cairns Memorial Chipping Research Fund: *Brandon Fombuena, Kevin Brubacher, Marlon Kuhl*

**10. Other Business**
Concerns with expiration of Test Market Authorization for 2" rounds beginning in 2025. CFIA proactively issued a notice in Oct 2024: extensions applied until new standards determined.

**11. Adjournment**
The Chair thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 16:20

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## Annual General Meeting II

## Hilton Quebec - Palais

## Thursday, March 13, 2025

# (DRAFT) MINUTES

***Chairperson:*** Marcus Janzen
***Secretary:*** Bev Appleby
***Moderator***: Amy Hutchinson

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Marcus Janzen**
M.Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

**2. Approval of the Agenda**
The Chair reviewed the agenda as circulated.
***Motion****: to approve the agenda as presented. (Melissa Tesche/ Jan VanderHout) Approved*

**3. Core Working Group Open Meetings Reports: Marcus Janzen**
M. Janzen called on the Working Group Chairs for their respective reports.

- **Trade and Marketing** – Jason Whitcher – Presented by Brian Gilroy
  Items that were discussed at the open meeting - Bill C-280, Border Carbon Adjustment, the Grocer Code of Conduct and impending Tariffs. Three resolutions were reviewed and all carried. Standing policy and TOR were reviewed and approved.
- **Business Risk Management** – Stefan Larrass
  Highlighted – The model of finding a champion within the government who will work with you within Parliament. Someone you can invest in and who will lead you to success.
  The Advance Payments Program (APP) interest-free limit is set at $250,000 for the 2025 program year.
  We should continue to advocate for an increase.
  We must begin positioning ourselves for tariff compensation and get ready for the election.
  We should aim to establish robust Business Risk Management (BRM) programs, with a focus on short-term compensation and long-term program strength. It's essential to collaborate effectively with partners and overcome historical barriers, particularly those imposed by provincial governments like those in the Prairie region, that have hindered their participation in more costly AgriStability programs.
  We had one resolution, on AgriStability that passed.
- **Energy, Environment and Climate Change** – Gordon Stock
  Highlighted carbon sequestration, emissions reduction, Bill C-234 and plastics legislation, packaging, sustainable agriculture strategy and trade and market access impacts of climate change policies.
  Other business saw comments raised about the increasing number of retailer requirements regarding sustainability and environmental reporting. CPMA provided details around some work they are doing with

respect to a new sustainability committee. One resolution 2025- 05 Federal Regulations on plastics was passed.

- **Industry Standards and Food Safety** – Jody Mott
  Grade Standards, CanadaGAP and GFSI were discussed, with one resolution passed addressing audit streamlining.
- **Labour** – Beth Connery
  Discussions centered on the TFW and SAWP programs, as well as the groups involved in collaborating on these initiatives. Highlighted the ongoing engagement with ESDC's white papers for their new TFW stream. Reviewed two resolutions. 2025 -07 was withdrawn and 2025-08 was passed as amended.
- **Crop Protection** – Chris Duyvelshoff
  Highlighted ongoing delays for registration of new active ingredients at PMRA and the continued lack of capacity for the minor use program at AAFC's Pest Management Center. The group also discussed the upcoming re-evaluations for 2025 and the potential need for member input on these assessments. Four resolutions were reviewed. Three were carried, all three were amended that were carried and one was tabled.

**3. Commodity Working Group Open Meeting Reports: Marcus Janzen**

M. Janzen called on the Working Group Chairs for their respective reports.

- **Apple, Tender Fruit and Grape –** Janet Parker for Charles Stevens.
  Updates were given by tender fruit and grape. There were no resolutions to review. Most growers had good seasons. Within the BC industry, growers are battling low prices due to pressures from the crop in Washington State.
- **Berry –** Lisa Craig
  Further work on pollination is required, so a committee will be formed, with additional sectors being involved. Working group priorities are researching tools for producers, new and existing issues for berries and leveling the playing field between US and Canadian producers with regards to import products for MRLs.
- **Field Vegetable –** Catherine Lessard
  The working group is trying to set up a committee for crop protection dedicated to field vegetables. Discussion also took place on how to better organize the working group and provide more resources.
- **Greenhouse Vegetable –** Richard Lee
  The report summarized advocacy efforts, including a February lobby day and appearances before parliamentary committees aimed at supporting carbon pricing relief and financial protection for fresh produce sellers. It also discussed the development of the Canadian Greenhouse Excellence Network (CGEN) and the working group's need for a more inclusive name. The group focused on tariffs and trade, with Ontario members highlighting a $6 million cost due to US tariffs over three days. Additionally, DRC presented on greenhouse grades and the implementation of Bill C-280's deemed trust provisions.
  **Potato –** Bill Zylmans
  The Chair report highlighted the strategic plan implementation around the four pillars of governance, trade, research and crop protection. The working group's strength is working together from coast to coast.

**Motion**: *to accept the Working Group Chair Reports as presented. (Jan VanderHout/ Deep Brar) Approved*

**4. Motion to accept FVGC Standing Policy**

The Standing Policy was reviewed at the Open Meetings and amended as necessary.

***Motion:*** *to approve the Standing Policy as amended by the Working Groups.* (*Lisa Craig/ Jocelyn Gibouleau) Approved*

**4. Motion to accept Resolutions**

***Motion:*** *to vote on all the resolutions at once (Greg Donald/ Shawn Brenn) Approved*

*Resolutions Chair directed the processing of resolutions, which were reviewed and disposed of as follows:*

| ***Number*** | ***Name*** | ***Allocation*** | ***Status*** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2025 -01** | U.S. Tariff and Review on interprovincial trade barriers in Canada | Trade and Marketing | CARRIED |
| **2025-02** | Urgent focus required to address the unstable international trade environment | Trade and Marketing | CARRIED |
| **2025-03** | Advocate for the increased resources to the AFC/ CFIA market access secretariat. | Trade and Marketing | CARRIED |
| **2025-04** | Changes to AgriStability program. | Business Risk Management | CARRIED |
| **2025-05** | Federal regulations on plastics | Energy, Environment and Climate Change | CARRIED |
| **2025-06** | The consolidation and reduction of audit requirements | Industry Standards and Food Safety | CARRIED |
| **2025-07** | Change of designation for temporary foreign workers (TFWS) | Labour | WITHDRAWN |
| **2025-08** | The recovery of all applicable sales taxes on renovations for housing for agriculture temporary foreign workers | Labour | CARRIED AS AMENDED |
| **2025-09** | Restoring capacity and output of the minor use pesticide program (MUPP) through permanent funding to the Pest Management Centre (PMC) and The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) | Crop Protection | CARRIED AS AMENDED |
| **2025-10** | Cost benefit analysis of Pest Management Regulatory Agency's (PMRA) registration and evaluation | Crop Protection | Tabled to CPAG |
| **2025-11** | Expedited approval for the use of sprayer drones for pest management in agriculture and subsequent expedited pesticide label amendments | Crop Protection | CARRIED |
| **LR2025 - 12** | Predictable Process on Label Changes | Crop Protection | CARRIED |
| **2025-13** | Horticultural research and Facilities | Crop Protection | CARRIED AS AMENDED |

## 5. Introduction of 2025 Board of Directors & Officers

| 2024 | Region | 2025 | Region |
|---|---|---|---|
| **President:** | | | |
| Marcus Janzen | BC | Marcus Janzen | BC |
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| **1st Vice President:** | | | |
| Jocelyn Gibouleau | Quebec | Jocelyn Gibouleau | Quebec |
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| **2nd Vice President:** | | | |
| David Hoekstra | Alberta | Quinton Woods | Ontario |
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| **Chair, Finance:** | | | |
| David Hoekstra | Alberta | Quinton Woods | Ontario |
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| **Members:** | | | |
| Jason Smith | BC | Ray Biln | BC |
| Sukdeep Brar | BC | Sukdeep Brar | BC |
| Beth Connery | Prairies | Beth Connery | Prairies |
| Alison Robertson | Ontario | Russ Van Boom | Prairies |
| Jan VanderHout | Ontario | Alison Robertson | Ontario |
| Pascal Forest | Quebec | Pascal Forest | Quebec |
| Gerald Dykerman | Atlantic | Janet Parker | Atlantic |
| Patricia Bishop | Atlantic | John Visser | Atlantic |

## 6. Appointments to FVGC Working Groups

| 2024 | Working Group Chairs | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| Jason Whitcher | ***Trade and Marketing*** | Jason Whitcher |
| Brian Gilroy | Vice-Chair | Brian Gilroy |
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| Stefan Larrass | ***Business Risk Management*** | Catherine Lessard |
| Mike Chromczak | Vice-Chair | Mike Chromczak |
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| Gordon Stock | ***Energy, Environment and Climate Change*** | Jan VanderHout |
| XXX | Vice-Chair | Gordon Stock |
| | | |
| Jody Mott | ***Industry Standards and Food Safety*** | Jody Mott |
| Sarah Marshall | Vice-Chair | Sarah Marshall |
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| Beth Connery | ***Labour*** | Beth Connery |
| Ken Forth | Co Vice-Chair | Andy Vergeer |
| Fernando Borja | Co Vice-Chair | Fernado Borja |
| Veronica Moreno | Co Vice-Chair | Veronica Moreno |

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| Chris Duyvelshoff | ***Crop Protection*** | Chris Duyvelshoff |
| Tracy Shinners-Carnelley | Vice-Chair | Tracy Shinners-Carnelley |
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| Bill Zylmans | ***Canadian Potato Council*** | Bill Zylmans |
| Michelle Flis | Vice-Chair | Michelle Flis |
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| Kevin Nickel | ***National Seed Potato Sub-Committee*** | Dave Buhler |
| Donald Stavert | Vice-Chair | Rebecca McSwain |
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| | ***Apple and Fruit*** | |
| Charles Stevens | Apple Chair | Charles Stevens |
| | Apple Co-Chair | Janet Parker |
| Matthias Oppenlaender | Grape Co-Chair | Matthias Oppenlaender |
| Phil Tregunno | Tender Fruit Co-Chair | Phil Tregunno |
| | | |
| Lisa Craig | **Berry** | Lisa Craig |
| Peter Burgess | Vice-Chair | Peter Burgess |
| | | |
| Catherine Lessard | ***Field Vegetable*** | Jody Mott |
| Jody Mott | Vice-Chair | Catherine Lessard |
| | | |
| Linda Delli Santi | ***Greenhouse Vegetable*** | George Gilvesy |
| Richard Lee | Vice-Chair | Armand Vander Meulen |

***Motion:*** *to approve the slate of Working Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs as presented. (Jan VanderHout/ Alison Robertson) Approved*

| 2024 | **Core Working Group Members** | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| ***Trade and Marketing Working Group*** | | |
| Krista Shaw, Matt Hemphill | Atlantic | Krista Shaw, Matt Hemphill |
| Patrice Léger-Bourgoin, Michelle Flis | Québec | Patrice Léger-Bourgoin, Laurie Godin |
| George Gilroy, Brian Gilroy | Ontario | Quinton Woods |
| Kyle Currie, Kevin Nickel | Prairies | Kyle Currie, Kevin Nickel |
| Andre Solymosi, Ray Biln | BC | Andre Solymosi, Ray Biln |

| 2024 | Core Working Group Members | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| ***Business Risk Management Working Group*** | | |
| Richard Melvin, Matt Hemphill | Atlantic | Richard Melvin, Matt Hemphill |
| André Mousseau, Catherine Lessard | Québec | André Mousseau, Catherine Lessard |
| Rob Petro | Ontario | Stefan Larrass |
| Dave Buhler, Susan Ainsworth | Prairies | Dave Buhler, Susan Ainsworth |
| Mani Gill, Nancy Chong | BC | Nancy Chong, Suhk Kuhn Kuhn |
| Glen Snoek (Observer) | Ontario | |

| 2024 | Core Working Group Members | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| ***Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group*** | | |
| Brian McInnis, Rebecca McSwain | Atlantic | Brian McInnis, Rebecca McSwain |
| Joey Boudreault, Brandon Fombuena | Québec | Brandon Fombuena, Valerie Theriault |
| Gordon Stock, Jan VanderHout | Ontario | Gordon Stock, Brandon Scholten |
| Stacy Bajema, TBD | Prairies | Stacy Bajema, Forrest Scharf |
| Linda Delli Santi, Annelise Simonsen | BC | Ruben Houweling, Annelise Simonsen |

| 2024 | Core Working Group Members | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| ***Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group*** | | |
| Denise Cassidy | Atlantic | Denise Cassidy, Joanne Driscoll |
| Patrice Leger Bourgoin, Sébastien Morrisette | Québec | Patrice Leger Bourgoin, Sébastien Morrisette |
| Brian Gilroy | Ontario | Brian Gilroy |
| Kyle Currie, Roland Jeffries | Prairies | Kyle Currie, Roland Jeffries |
| André Solymosi, Lisa Craig | BC | André Solymosi, Lisa Craig |

| 2024 | Core Working Group Members | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| ***National Labour Working Group*** | | |
| Sukdeep Brar | BC | Sukdeep Brar |
| Albert Cramer | AB | Albert Cramer |
| Connie Achtymichuk | SK | Connie Achtymichuk |
| Roland Jeffries | MB | Roland Jeffries |
| Stefan Larass | ON | Stefan Larass |
| Martin Gibouleau | QC | Martin Gibouleau |
| Rachel Durepos | NB | Sam Bourgeois |
| John MacDonald | PE | John MacDonald |
| Andy Vermeulen | NS | Andy Vermeulen |
| TBD | NL | Melvin Rideout |

| 2024 | Core Working Group Members | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| ***Crop Protection Advisory Group (CPAG)*** | | |
| Gary Brown, Benny Nabuurs | Atlantic | Gary Brown, Benny Nabuurs |
| Jennifer Gagne, Jarek Holoszkiewicz | Québec | Jennifer Gagné, Jarek Holoszkiewicz |
| Brian Rideout, Ryan LeClair | Ontario | Matt Sheppard, Brian Rideout |
| Gord Penner, George Lewko | Prairies | Shane Eva, George Lewko |
| Jason Smith, Iris Bitterlich | BC | Jason Smith, Iris Bitterlich |
| Peter Isaacson | Ornamental (At large) | |

**Other appointments and nominations**

**7. Appointment – Canadian General Standards Board Committee on Organic Agriculture**

2024: Wayne Rempel, Julie Paillat (alternate)

2025:

**8. Appointment of SAWP Annual Review Meetings Representatives**

| 2024 | Area | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| Beth Connery, Fernando Borja (Alt) | FVGC | Beth Connery, Fernando Borja (Alt) |
| Ken Forth, Sue Williams | FARMS | Andy Vergeer, Sue Williams |
| Fernando Borja. Martin Gibouleau | FERME | Fernando Borja. Martin Gibouleau |
| David Mutz, Sukhdeep Brar | WALI | David Mutz, Sukhdeep Brar |

**10. Appointment to Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.)**

2024: Ken Forth, Morris Gervais (Alt)
2025: Morris Gervais, Brian Gilroy (Alt)

**11. Appointment to the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC)**

2024: Beth Connery Alternate: Fernando Borja
2025: Beth Connery Alternate: Fernando Borja

**12. Appointment to the S. Cairns Chipping Potato Research Committee**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 2024: | Marlon Kuhl | Michelle Flis | Kevin Brubacher |
| 2025: | Marlon Kuhl | Brandon Fombuena | Kevin Brubacher |

**13. Appointments to the Plant Breeders' Rights Advisory Working Group***

| 2024 | Area | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| Sean Biernes, Brian Gilroy | Tree Fruit | |
| NA | Tree Fruit | |
| NA | Potatoes | |
| NA | Potatoes | |

*AAFC Ministerial appointments first made for a 3-year term. Next reappointments will occur at the 2025 Annual General Meeting

***Motion:*** *to approve the slate of Working Group appointments and other nominations as presented. (Jan VanderHout/ Alison Robertson) Approved*

**14. Upcoming Annual General Meetings**

- 2026 March 10 -12th – Ottawa
- 2027 March - TBD

**15. Other Business**

There was no other business

**16. Adjournment**

Marcus Janzen thanked delegates for their attendance and by motion, concluded the meeting at 10:46 AM (*Sukdeep Brar/ Brian Gilroy)*

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# Terms of Reference

# Trade and Marketing Working Group (TMWG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Trade and Marketing Working Group (TMWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing trade and marketing related matters of interest and concern to Canadian growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian horticultural industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the Trade and Marketing Working Group is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian fruit and vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to Trade and Marketing to be taken to the FVGC Trade and Marketing Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on trade and marketing issues in federal government fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

The Trade and Marketing WG shall consider matters pertaining to:

- Market access,
- International trade agreements and related issues,
- National promotion and research agencies, and
- Other relevant matters and issues as may be deemed appropriate.

**Membership**

*TMWG Chair*

The Chair of the Trade and Marketing Working Group will be elected each year during the Trade and Marketing Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may nominate (an) additional WG member(s) to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of FVGC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meetings, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*TMWG Members*
Membership of the Trade and Marketing Working Group consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 representatives per region (BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic). Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The Trade and Marketing WG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
All FVGC WGs, including the Trade and Marketing WG, will convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The Trade and Marketing WG may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

A Trade and Marketing Open Meeting, where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each region will be allowed two votes. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the Trade and Marketing WG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member, will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the TMWG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) must be approved by the FVGC Board of Directors prior to the expense.

The Terms of Reference for the Trade and Marketing Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Business Risk Management Working Group (BRM WG)

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**Mandate**

The mandate of the BRM WG is:

1. To advance the individual and collective BRM interests of Canadian fruit and vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to BRM to be taken to the FVGC Business Risk Management Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on BRM issues in federal government fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

**Membership**

*BRM WG Chair*

The Chair of the Business Risk Management Working Group will be elected each year during the BRM Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may nominate (an) additional WG member(s) to fill the WG membership.

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*BRM WG Members*

Membership of the Business Risk Management WG consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 representatives per region (BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic). Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The BRM WG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
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The Business Risk Management WG may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

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**Quorum**
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**Reporting**
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**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the BRM WG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) must be approved by the FVGC Board of Directors prior to the expense.

The Terms of Reference for the Business Risk Management Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group (EECCWG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group (EECCWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing energy, environmental, and climate change-related matters of interest and concern to Canadian growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian horticultural industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian fruit and vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to energy and environment to be taken to the FVGC Energy, Environment and Climate Change Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on EECC Working Group issues in federal government and wherever else relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

**Membership**

*EECCWG Chair*

The Chair of the Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group will be appointed each year during the EECC Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are chosen from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may appoint (an) additional WG members to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of FVGC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meetings, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*EECCWG Members*
Membership of the EECCWG consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 representatives per regions (BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic). Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The EECC WG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
As required by all FVGC WGs, the EECCWG will convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The EECC may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

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**Voting**
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**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the EEEC WG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the EECCWG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) must be approved by the FVGC Board of Directors prior to the expense.

The Terms of Reference for the Energy, Environment and Climate Change Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group (ISFS WG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group (ISFS WG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing industry standards and food safety matters of interest and concern to Canadian growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian horticultural industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the ISFS WG is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian fruit and vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to ISFS to be taken to the FVGC Industry Standards and Food Safety Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on IS&FS issues in federal government fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

**Membership**

*ISFS WG Chair*

The Chair of the Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group will be elected each year during the ISFS Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may nominate (an) additional WG member(s) to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of CHC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meetings, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*ISFS WG Members*
Membership of the ISFS WG consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 representatives per region (BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic). Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The ISFS WG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
All FVGC WGs, including the ISFS WG, will convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The ISFS WG may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

An ISFS Open Meeting, where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each region will be allowed two votes. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the ISFS WG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the ISFS WG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) must be approved by the FVGC Board of Directors prior to the expense.

The Terms of Reference for the Industry Standards and Food Safety Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Terms of Reference

# Labour Working Group (LWG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Labour Working Group (LWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing labour-related matters of interest and concern to Canadian growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian horticultural industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the LWG is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian fruit and vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to labour to be taken to the FVGC Labour Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on labour issues in federal government and international fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

The Labour WG shall consider matters pertaining to:

- Domestic and Foreign Labour
- The Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP), Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) stream and the Agricultural stream (AgStream)
- Immigration,
- Pertinent federal regulations,
- National policy, and
- Other matters and issues as deemed appropriate.

**Membership**

*LWG Chair and Vice-chairs*

The Chair of the Labour Working Group will be nominated each year during the Labour Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region from which the Chair is chosen may nominate an additional WG member to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of FVGC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meetings, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*LWG Members*
Membership of the Labour WG consists of the Chair, three Vice-Chairs, and one member per province. The three Vice-Chairs are drawn from the three TFW administration groups, FARMS, FERME and WALI. The WG therefore has a total of 14 members.

Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The Labour WG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
All FVGC WGs, including the Labour WG, will convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The Labour WG may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

A Labour Open Meeting, where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each member of the WG will be allowed one vote. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the Labour WG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the LWG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) must be approved by the FVGC Board of Directors prior to the expense.

The Terms of Reference for the Labour Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Crop Protection Advisory Group (CPAG)

**ADOPTED - March 2025**
**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Crop Protection Advisory Group (CPAG) was formed to provide a forum to develop and advance crop protection management policies and programs that promote the economic viability and competitiveness of FVGC members within a sustainable framework.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the Crop Protection Advisory Group (CPAG) is to:

1. Advise the FVGC Board of Directors on all pesticides / crop protection-related matters, including activities to be carried out.
2. Represent issues pertinent to growers within all industries of horticulture on a national basis.
3. Provide broad representation to and from other working groups and organizations, meetings, seminars, to articulate the position of the horticulture community on crop protection issues.
4. Act as the knowledge base relative to crop protection issues among FVGC's members. Policy positions on crop protection issues will be made as recommendations to the FVGC Board of Directors.
5. Crop protection related issues and activities shall include, but not be limited to:
    - environmentally sustainable and economically viable policies for crop protection;
    - biosecurity;
    - pest surveillance;
    - promoting sustainable development within the agricultural industry;
    - the continuation and improvement of the minor use program;
    - the development of an effective and efficient registration and re-evaluation system for crop protection products;
    - the development of a harmonized registration system with the United States as well as with other OECD countries;
    - adaptation initiatives, both economically and environmentally sustainable, for crop production and protection; and
    - Work at the international level to ensure that the interests of Canadian horticulture are considered and acted upon.
6. To liaise with other national and provincial farm and other groups as required.

**Membership**

*CPAG Chair*

The Chair of the Crop Protection Advisory Group will be elected each year during the Crop Protection Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the 10 CPAG Members.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of FVGC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meeting, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*CPAG Members*
Membership of CPAG consists of up to 2 representatives per region, with a member being appointed as Chair. CPAG has the privilege to invite advisory members to sit on the AG, such as a technical advisors, other government departments, other national associations, or a member/s designated “at large”. The Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. Notice of CPAG meetings, conference calls, etc. will be sent only to the direct members. CPAG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members.

**Meetings**
As required by all FVGC Working Groups, the CPAG may convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The CPAG meets during the year virtually, by conference call and face-to-face when required.

A Crop Protection Open Meeting, where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each region will be allowed two votes. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the CPAG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
CPAG will prepare an annual work-plan and budget which will be subsequently submitted to the Finance Committee and approved by the FVGC Board of Directors.

The Terms of Reference for the Crop Protection Advisory Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Apple Working Group (AWG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Apple Working Group (AWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing matters of interest and concern to Canadian apple growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian apple industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the AWG is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian apple growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to Apple WG to be taken to the FVGC Apple, Tender Fruit & Grape Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on Apple WG issues in federal government fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

**Membership**

*AWG Chair*

The Chair of the Apple Working Group will be elected each year during the Apple, Tender Fruit & Grape Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may nominate (an) additional WG member(s) to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of the provincial AWG Managers and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meeting, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*AWG Members*

Membership of the AWG consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and two apple grower representatives from each of the five apple producing provinces (NS, NB, QC, ON, BC), as determined by the apple grower organization of each respective province (NS Fruit Growers Association, Apple Growers of NB, Producteurs de Pommes du Québec, Ontario Apple Growers, and BC Fruit Growers Association). Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The AWG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
The AWG may convene by conference call three times a year, which may include one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The AWG meets face-to-face in closed, by invitation only, sessions twice a year (March, and July/August) and more frequently as needed, electronically, face-to-face and by conference call.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

An Apple, Tender Fruit & Grape Open Meeting, where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each region will be allowed two votes. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 4 out of 5 provinces to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the AWG at each meeting. The Chair or designated provincial Manager, will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or teleconference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
The operating expenses of the AWG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) will be shared among members on a pro-rated provincial allocation, based on provincial volume of apples for marketed production. Calculations as to the percentage share for AWG assessments are made on an as needed basis, using the latest available data from Statistics Canada for marketed production of apples and based on a 5-year running average.

The Terms of Reference for the Apple Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Terms of Reference

# Greenhouse Vegetable Working Group (GVWG)

**Adopted March 2025**

Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Greenhouse Vegetable Working Group (GVWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing matters of interest and concern to Canadian greenhouse vegetable growers while promoting the exchange of information within the sector.

## Mandate

The mandate of the Greenhouse Vegetable Working Group is to:

1. Advance the national interests of Canadian greenhouse vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations to guide advocacy efforts.
3. Develop an annual work plan and budget that prioritizes objectives and supports outcomes.
4. Provide representation to committees, organizations, meetings and engage in other opportunities to present the national position of the sector, raise awareness, and build relationships.
5. The working group may make policy advice and recommendations to the FVGC Board of Directors and/or FVGC Executive Committee for consideration and action.

**The GVWG shall consider matters pertaining to**:

- Sector profitability and sustainability;
- Market access and other trade related matters;
- Government Acts and regulations; and
- Other matters and issues as may be deemed appropriate.

The GVWG may develop task group(s) and/or sub-committee(s), with designated GVWG member representatives to advance various workplan priorities, develop policy advice and recommendations for GVWG consideration or decision. Depending on the nature of the designated work, separate Terms of Reference may be established by the GVWG.

**Annual Review**

The Terms of Reference for the Greenhouse Vegetable Working Group are to be reviewed and adopted on an annual basis.

## Definitions

**Member in good standing** – as outlined in the FVGC Bylaws section 2.03 has the following requirements:

1. Furthers the purposes for the Corporation as contained in the Articles;
2. Respects and submits to the procedures of the Corporation;
3. Continues to meet all qualification requirements for Members as set out in Section 2.01;
4. Pays in full and not be in arrears of membership dues and assessments determined by the Board from time to time; and
5. Meets such additional requirements as set out in the Corporation's policies from time to time.

**Greenhouse** – as outlined in FVGC Standing Policy, FVGC will ensure this definition is standard throughout the government.

> "A Vegetable Greenhouse or Hothouse" means a fully enclosed permanent aluminum or steel structure clad either in glass or impermeable plastic which must:
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> (a) Use automated irrigation and climate control systems, including heating and ventilation capabilities: and
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> (b) Utilize hydroponic methods.
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> "Vegetable Greenhouse/Hothouse Production Standards" also includes:
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> i) Minimizing pesticide use by utilizing no herbicides and following production practices such as Integrated Pest Management; and
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> ii) Complying with the standards of a globally accepted Food Safety program (GFSI recognized).
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> "A certified organic greenhouse/hothouse vegetable facility" must meet the greenhouse definition, with the exception of (b), as, according to Canadian organic standards (CAN/CGSB-32.310-2020, hydroponics are not allowed and "soil" must be used as the growth medium.

**Consensus** is defined as general agreement, that is:

(a) More than a simple majority, but not necessarily unanimity;

(b) Characterized by the absence of sustained opposition to substantial issues;

(c) Applied within a process that is transparent and accountable, respects diverse interests, seeks the views of all parties concerned, and aims to reconcile any conflicting arguments[1].

## GVWG Membership

Every GVWG Member must be a FVGC Member (provincial greenhouse grower association/marketing board) in good standing.

GVWG voting member status is reserved for those members (provincial grower association/marketing board) who are paid-in members contributing to the Greenhouse Restricted Fund.

Non-voting representatives to the GVWG may include additional grower representative(s).

Each provincial grower association will have an open, transparent process for eligibility, nominations/appointments of their GVWG Member representative(s). The elected, eligible voting representatives may include the FVGC member organizations' Executive Director (or equivalent position) and grower(s), however must include at least one greenhouse vegetable grower representative who is an active provincial association board member.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

- Objectively contribute ideas, provide advice and engage in an open, frank and respectful exchange of views in the interest of the GVWG Mandate.
- Represent the interests of their provincial grower organization with an aim to connect with other members and achieve desired outcomes on shared interests and challenges.
- Fully engage in meetings by proposing agenda items, reviewing meeting materials in advance, actively participating during meetings, and sharing information to support implementation of the workplan.
- Communicate progress and promote the activities of the GVWG, as appropriate, to demonstrate value and return on investment to greenhouse growers.

[1] Note: Sustained opposition is not intended to provide a 'veto' to any one stakeholder.

- Treat meeting materials and discussions marked as confidential with discretion, refraining from attributing individual members' statements to external audiences.
- Declare any real or potential conflicts of interest.

**GVWG Executive Committee**
FVGC GVWG shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, whose mandate is to govern the activities and budget of the restricted fund dedicated by the sector.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the GVWG are elected on an annual basis at the GVWG Meeting held in conjunction with the FVGC Annual General Meeting. The GVWG Chair and Vice-Chair will be nominated from the GVWG Members. Other appointments, as may be required, shall be made at this time.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Vice-Chair assumes the responsibilities of the Chair, in their absence. The role of the Secretary is to support the Chair and Vice Chair; this appointment is held by the National Coordinator or the designated FVGC staff.

**GVWG Leadership Committee**
The GVWG Leadership is comprised of the GVWG Executive and voting members.

Each provincial grower association will be allowed the designated number of votes as agreed upon by the Leadership Committee and outlined below:

- Ontario (3); British Columbia (2); Quebec (2); Alberta (2) and Atlantic (1)

The role of the Leadership Committee is to be strategic decision-makers participating in designated business meetings in addition to other GVWG member meetings, task forces and/or sub-committees to advance the GVWG objectives.

## Voting

Most decisions are dealt with by consensus. Should a vote be required, the elected, eligible GVWG Leadership Committee representatives will be notified ahead of the meeting and asked to confirm their voting representatives (themselves or an alternate). Each region will be allowed the designated number of votes as agreed upon by the Leadership Committee.

The Chair and Vice Chair do not get a vote by default. They may vote if the province which she/he represents has appointed them as the voting representatives. The Chair may, if necessary, pass the responsibility of chairing to the designated FVGC staff member, if she/he is required to vote in the absence of the provincial representatives.

Proxy votes will not be permitted. The voting representatives must be present at the meeting (virtual, or in-person) in order to vote.

Electronic voting is an option (e.g., email or other application) where the needed discussion has been held previously, but a vote requires additional timelines e.g., budgetary decisions that may be contingent on provincial board approval. Electronic votes will be disclosed and recorded in the Minutes, similar to in-person voting (in favour, against, abstain).

Majority rules (e.g., 6 of 10 votes will carry the decision). A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

## Meetings

Notice of any GVWG meetings (Executive, Leadership, Membership) will be sent only to the designated representatives, or at the Chair's discretion.

GVWG Membership Meetings will be convened at a minimum (virtually, or in-person) three times a year, and more frequently as determined by the GVWG Executive. Non-voting member representatives (growers) and additional guests or observers, such as FVGC or provincial association staff, technical advisors, government officials, other national associations, or a member designated "at large", may be invited to participate in GVWG Membership Meetings or other GVWG-hosted events.

Each provincial grower association may designate an observer to the GVWG Membership Meetings from its provincial department of agriculture. Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation and are to be identified in advance of the meeting to the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time to permit in-camera discussions. Observers must be clearly distinguished from GVWG voting members and may speak upon recognition of the Chair. Observers do not have voting status.

The GVWG Membership will meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation-only, session in conjunction with the FVGC Annual General Meeting (AGM; March). The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the AGM.

A Greenhouse Vegetable Open Meeting, which all FVGC members and AGM delegates may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and, if so designated, to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Quorum**
Quorum for the GVWG meetings (Leadership, Membership) will require the participation of 50% of elected, eligible voting representatives plus one, who represent a minimum of three regions that include one representative each from BC and Ontario.

## Reporting Relationship

Governance roles and responsibilities, and clear lines of accountability between governance and administration will be outlined in Board Policy. The Chair (or Vice Chair as alternate) will be invited to participate in all FVGC Board of Directors + Working Groups meetings. The designated FVGC staff member will provide regular (i.e., monthly) written reports to the FVGC Board of Directors. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member may request/be requested to report and/or make recommendation on matters for the FVGC Board of Directors discussion or decision.

The FVGC Executive Director will be invited to attend GVWG meetings as an ex-officio member. The designated staff, reporting to the Executive Director, will oversee the strategic and operational implementation of the annual workplan and budget with accountability to the GVWG Chair, Vice-Chair, and ultimately to GVWG and FVGC members.

The Chair, supported by the designated FVGC staff member, shall provide updates to GVWG Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Greenhouse Vegetable Open Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting II.

The designated FVGC staff member will ensure regular communications to inform, support decision-making, and demonstrate progress with various stakeholders. Reporting of GVWG activities is provided at regular intervals throughout the year via executive summaries, briefing notes, meeting discussions, and subscriptions (GVWG member emails, FVGC *HortShorts, On Your Behalf, Member Notes*, etc.)

## Financials

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FVGC and the GVWG sets forth the terms of the partnership and the agreement as to how operating expenses are budgeted, applied, cost-shared among

the voting members of the GVWG, as well as the support(s) provided to the employees of FVGC. It outlines the process for financial approvals and signing authority.

The Greenhouse Restricted Fund will pay for the operating expenses, as agreed upon by the GVWG Leadership Committee, and will be funded by the members, as follows:

(a) Calculations of percentage share for Greenhouse Restricted Fund assessments will be made on November 1st annually, on a pro-rated provincial allocation based on a 5-year rolling average of the latest available Farm Cash Receipts data from Statistics Canada (Table: 32-10-0045-01).

Any request for payment deferrals or payment plans with regard to greenhouse membership dues require notification to the FVGC Executive, GVWG Executive, and the FVGC Financial Controller. Any such request will need to demonstrate suitable arrangements, and are subject to approval.

## Member Orientation and Succession

FVGC staff will provide a on-boarding package to new GVWG members to support them and ensure a common understanding of the organization, procedures, roles and responsibilities, and stakeholders.

The GVWG Executive Committee will aim to develop and maintain a succession plan to ensure continuity of operations, retain corporate memory, and provide training as needed.

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# Berry Working Group (BWG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Berry Working Group (BWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing matters of interest and concern to Canadian berry growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian berry industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the Berry WG is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian berry growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to berry production to be taken to the FVGC Berry Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on BWG issues in federal government fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

**Membership**

*BWG Chair*

The Chair of the Berry Working Group will be elected each year during the Berry Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may nominate (an) additional WG member(s) to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of FVGC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in a format, as requested (i.e.: virtual meetings, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*BWG Members*

Membership of the Berry Working Group consists of 2 representatives per province, in addition to the Chair, and shall be representative of the variety of berry production including, low and high bush blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, cranberries, and haskap. Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The BWG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
All FVGC WGs, including the BWG, will convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The BWG may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

An Open Meeting (the Berry Open Meeting), where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each province will be allowed two votes from a provincial association which is contributing to the Berry WG's annual budget (if any). A member not contributing to the budget may participate in the conversation of the group, but will not have the right to vote. For further clarity, the Chair and Vice-Chair do not vote. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the BWG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the Berry Working Group (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) will be shared among members on a pro-rated provincial allocation. Calculations as to the percentage share for assessments are made on an as needed basis, using the latest available data from Statistics Canada for marketed production of berries and based on a 5-year rolling average.

The Terms of Reference for the Berry Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

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# Terms of Reference

# Field Vegetable Working Group (FVWG)

**FOR APPROVAL – MARCH 2026**

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC) Field Vegetable Working Group (FVWG) was formed to provide a forum for discussing matters of interest and concern to Canadian field vegetable growers and promote information exchange within the Canadian horticultural industry.

**Mandate**

The mandate of the Field Vegetable Working Group is:

1. Advance the individual and collective interests of Canadian field vegetable growers.
2. Develop policy advice and recommendations related to field vegetable to be taken to the FVGC Field Vegetable Open Meeting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
3. Review the WG-related portions of the FVGC Standing Policy and the Actions on Resolutions, prior to the AGM.
4. To develop an annual work plan and work towards the objectives and outcomes.
5. To represent the FVGC position on Field Vegetable Working Group issues in federal government fora where relevant.
6. To act as a liaison with other agricultural groups as required.

**Membership**

*FVWG Chair*

The Chair of the Field Vegetable Working Group will be elected each year during the Field Vegetable Open Meeting at Annual General Meeting of the FVGC. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - if deemed appropriate and/or necessary – are nominated from among the 10 WG Members. As a result, the region(s) from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are chosen may nominate (an) additional WG member(s) to fill the WG membership.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to the WG members. The Chair will convene meetings, organise the annual workplan with the support of FVGC staff, and provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and in a format as requested (i.e.: virtual meeting, conference call, written report, etc.). The Chair will participate in periodic joint Board of Directors - All Chair Meetings. The Chair shall provide updates to Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

*FVWG Members*

Membership of the *FVWG Members* consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 representatives per region (BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic). Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation at the request of the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from time to time so as to permit in-camera discussions. The FVWG also provides regular updates throughout the year for distribution to FVGC members, as appropriate.

**Meetings**
All FVGC WGs, including the *FVWG Members*, will convene by conference call three times a year, minimum: one-month post-AGM and before each Board of Directors face-to-face meetings, scheduled for December/January and June/July.

The FVWG may meet face-to-face, if possible, in a closed, by invitation only, session once a year (March) and more frequently as needed.

The working group shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

A FV Open Meeting, where all FVGC members and interested parties may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.

**Voting**
Most issues are dealt with by consensus. In an instance where consensus on a particular issue cannot be reached, a vote will take place. Each region will be allowed two votes. A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

**Quorum**
Quorum for voting would require 60% of total voting members to be represented. If a voting delegate is not available for a meeting, they can appoint another delegate.

**Reporting**
Activities will be reported to the FVWG at each meeting. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member will provide interim reports to the FVGC Board of Directors as may be requested and, in the format requested (i.e. electronic or tele-conference, written report, etc.).

**Financials**
Expenses (if any) of the FVWG (in-person or virtual meetings, conference calls, staff travel, approved member expenses, administration by the FVGC National Office, or other) must be approved by the FVGC Board of Directors prior to the expense.

The Terms of Reference for the Field Vegetable Working Group are to be reaffirmed on an annual basis.

Canadian Potato Council
Conseil canadien de la pomme de terre

# Canadian Potato Council
## Terms of Reference
**DRAFT 14 - Approved by CPC to be taken to FVGC AGM 2026**

Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada's (FVGC) Canadian Potato Council (CPC) was formed to provide a forum for discussing matters of interest and concern to Canadian potato growers while promoting the exchange of information within the sector.

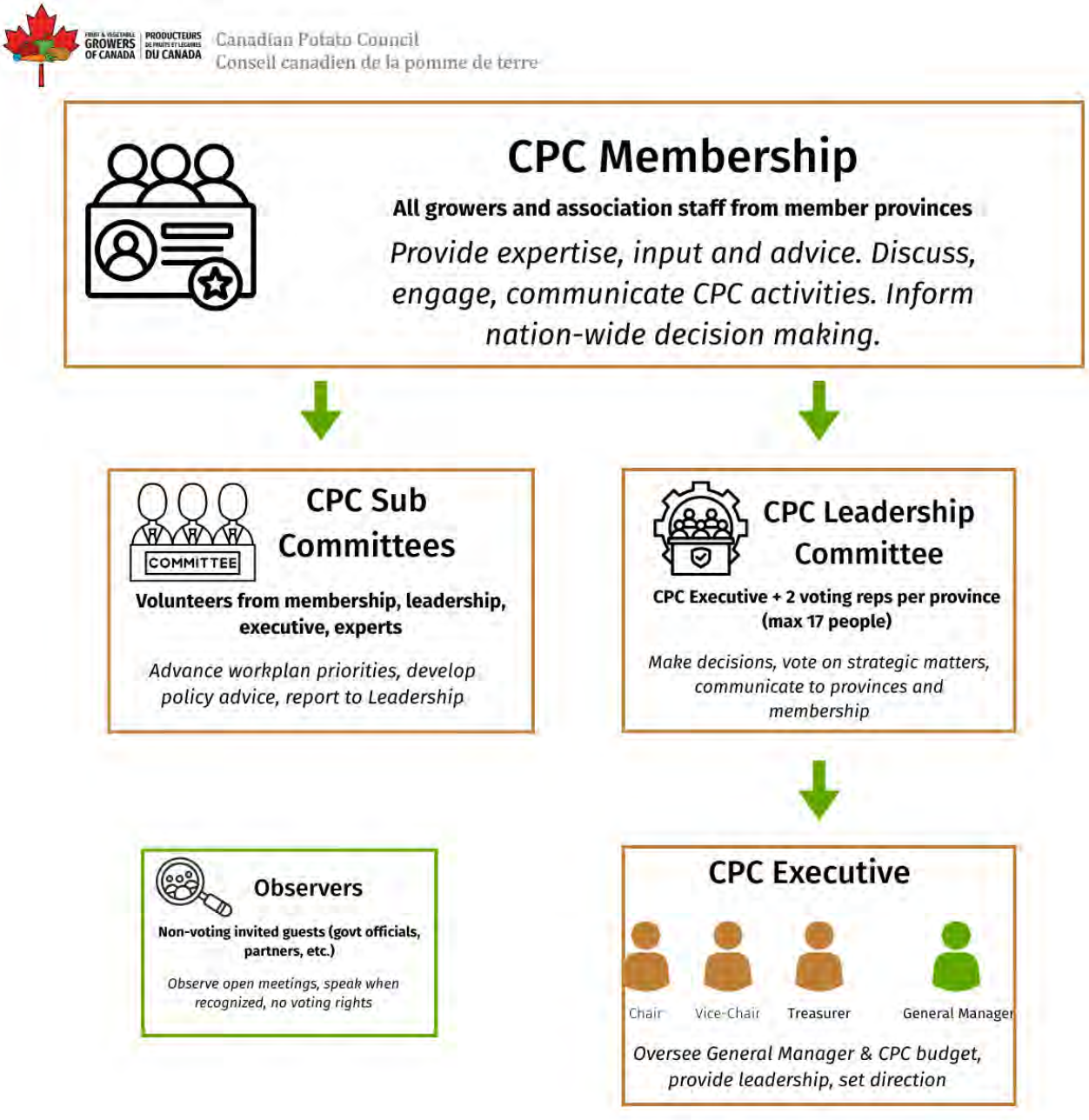
## 1. Mandate
- The CPC has elected representation from grower organizations of the eight major potato producing provinces who work to provide **a unified voice of Canadian potato growers, overseeing initiatives leading to increased profitability of the industry.**
- The Canadian Potato Council (CPC) operates within the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC), advancing potato-sector interests through FVGC's national platform while retaining clear authority on potato-specific matters. Working synergistically, CPC and FVGC align priorities, share expertise, and ensure CPC remains the authoritative national voice for potato advocacy, communications, and crisis response.
- CPC's strategic direction is guided by members, following four national priorities: effective governance, pre-emptive trade advocacy, research, and pest management. Together, these areas define CPC's yearly focus and serve as the framework for decisions, resource allocation, and performance evaluation.
- The CPC shall make policy advice and recommendations to the FVGC Board of Directors, FVGC Executive Committee, FVGC Executive Director, and/or FVGC staff for consideration and action in advocacy efforts.
- The CPC meets face-to-face three times per year (usually in March, July and November), and more frequently as needed.
- The Terms of Reference for the CPC are to be reviewed and adopted on an annual basis.

## 2. Membership & Structure
- Membership of the CPC is made up of delegates from potato grower associations in each province.
- The CPC will be appointed each year during the Annual General Meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada (FVGC).

***Structure***
- The Structure of the CPC is as follows:
    - CPC Executive
        - Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, CPC General Manager
    - CPC Leadership Committee
        - Composed of the Executive Committee plus the additional voting representatives from each potato-producing province, ensuring two voting representatives per province, and a total of 17 members (16 voting).
        - Executive Committee members automatically serve as one of their province's designated Leadership Committee representatives.
        - Functions in a "Board of Directors" format, with Leadership Committee

members serving as the voting body that represents and supports the broader CPC membership.

- CPC Membership
    - All members in good standing of potato-producing provinces
    - Growers and/or association staff
    - No limit to provincial delegates – provincial organizations are welcome to invite all who are interested
- CPC Subcommittees
    - Designated by membership




## 3. Roles and Responsibilities

***CPC Executive Committee***

- CPC shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and CPC General Manager whose mandate is to govern the activities and budget of the

restricted fund dedicated by the sector.
- The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions and provide a leadership role to CPC members.
- The Vice-Chair assumes the responsibilities of the Chair in their absence and is positioned to succeed the Chair.
- The role of the Treasurer is to support the Chair and Vice Chair and provide guidance and oversight of the CPC budget with the assistance of FVGC's financial controller.
- The CPC General Manager is an employee of FVGC, reporting to the Executive Director, with accountability to and direction from the Executive of the CPC. They are never a voting member.
- The CPC Executive committee can be composed of provincial member organization staff and growers representing their province. At least one member of the CPC Executive Committee must be a grower.
- Executive Committee members automatically serve as one of their province's designated Leadership Committee representatives.

***CPC Leadership Committee***

- The CPC shall have a Leadership Committee, comprised of the CPC Executive and CPC voting members (2 per potato-producing province).
    - Maximum total of 17 people: 16 provincial representatives, including Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair, and the non-voting CPC GM.
- The Leadership Committee serves as the voting body of the Canadian Potato Council. Its members are responsible for providing strategic leadership, participating in decision-making through formal votes, and serving as key communicators of CPC updates and decisions within their respective provinces and memberships.
- The Leadership Committee votes and makes decisions guided by the CPC membership, not independent of it. They are informed by the CPC membership, and are accountable to that same membership.
- The leadership committee delegates shall be determined by their provincial organizations.
- Each province's two Leadership Committee representatives will be chosen at the AGM for the calendar year.
- An alternate can be determined by their provincial organization, and can step in when a member of the leadership committee cannot attend a meeting, the alternate can vote.
- Issues can be tabled from the CPC Membership to the Leadership Committee.
- The Leadership Committee can choose to meet privately "in camera" (see Appendix II) to discuss matters in confidence, if needed.

***CPC Membership***

- CPC membership includes all growers and/or association staff in good standing from potato-producing provinces, with no limit on the number of delegates. Provincial organizations are welcome to invite all who are interested.
- CPC Members shall:
    - Contribute ideas and provide advice in a manner that is objective, constructive, and aligned with the CPC mandate, engaging in open, respectful dialogue.
    - Represent the interests of their provincial grower organization while working collaboratively to identify and address shared challenges and opportunities.
    - Actively participate in meetings by proposing agenda items, reviewing materials in advance, contributing to discussions, and supporting the implementation of the CPC workplan.
    - Communicate progress and promote CPC activities within their networks, helping to demonstrate value and return on investment to potato growers.
    - Treat confidential materials and discussions with discretion, and avoid attributing

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individual members' statements outside of the meeting context.
- Disclose any real or potential conflicts of interest.

***CPC Subcommittees***

- The CPC may develop subcommittees, with designated CPC member representatives to advance various workplan priorities, develop policy advice and recommendations for CPC consideration or decision.
- Subcommittee representation is composed of volunteers from the CPC membership, leadership, executive, outside experts, and/or CPC General Manager.
- Subcommittees will report their progress to CPC Leadership Committee at meetings.
- Subcommittees may be permanent when pertaining to CPC strategic priorities (ie seed, research, crop protection), may be formed ad hoc as needed, and may dissolve by consensus once the relevant issue has been resolved.
- Subcommittees will designate a chair and may utilize CPC observers or external expertise to inform their work.
- Subcommittee chairs are responsible for facilitating discussions, providing a leadership role, and reporting back to CPC Leadership and/or Membership.
- CPC's Standing Subcommittees (as of Feb 2025):
  - Seed Subcommittee
  - Research
  - Crop Protection
  - Potato Wart
  - Governance
  - Market Access

***Observers***

- Observers are not CPC members; they typically include government officials or partner organization staff. (See Appendix II for definition)
- Observers are welcome by invitation in Open Meetings (see Appendix II) but will be dismissed for Closed Meetings or "in camera" sessions.
- Immediately upon commencement of a meeting, the Chair will call for a Motion to allow observers to attend the meeting. Observers must be clearly distinguished from CPC voting members, and may speak upon recognition of the Chair.
- Observers do not have voting status.

## 4. Elections & Terms

- Elections of CPC leadership are done on an annual basis at the CPC Meeting held in conjunction with the FVGC Annual General Meeting.
- The CPC Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer will be nominated from the CPC Membership, and elected for a one-year term by the CPC Leadership.
- Other appointments, as may be required, shall be made by CPC Leadership at the AGM-adjacent meeting.
- CPC's elected representatives are permitted to hold their position for three consecutive terms.

## 5. Meetings

- Notice of any CPC meetings (Executive, Leadership, Membership, Subcommittee) will be sent only to the designated representatives, or at the Chair's discretion.
- CPC Membership Meetings will be convened at a minimum (virtually, or in-person) three times a year, and more frequently as determined by the CPC Executive. Non-voting member representatives and additional guests or observers, such as FVGC or provincial association staff, technical advisors, government officials, other national associations may be invited to

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participate in CPC Open Meetings or other CPC-hosted events.

- Each provincial grower association may designate observers to the CPC Membership Meetings. Observers/guests may attend meetings by invitation and are to be identified in advance of the meeting to the Chair; the Chair may excuse invited guests and observers from Closed or In-Camera Meetings (see Appendix II). Observers must be clearly distinguished from CPC voting members and may speak upon recognition of the Chair.
- A Canadian Potato Council Open Meeting, which all FVGC members and AGM delegates may attend, is held as part of the FVGC Annual General Meeting. However, only FVGC members are entitled to submit resolutions for consideration and, if so designated, to vote on said resolutions. Submissions must conform to the FVGC policy pertaining to resolutions.
- The CPC Membership will meet face-to-face, if possible, in a Closed Meeting, by invitation-only, session in conjunction with the FVGC Annual General Meeting (AGM; March). The CPC shall consider and process assigned resolutions for discussion and consideration at the AGM.

## 6. Voting

- **Most CPC membership decisions are dealt with by consensus by membership (see Appendix II).**
- Should a vote be required, the elected, eligible CPC Leadership Committee representatives will be asked to vote.
    - Each region has two representatives on the Leadership Committee and therefore has two votes.
- The Chair serves as one of their province's voting representatives and is responsible for chairing meetings by default. However, if the Chair needs to cast a vote, they may temporarily delegate the chairing role to the designated FVGC staff member in order to do so. The CPC General Manager is never a voting member.
- The voting representatives must be present at the meeting (virtual, or in-person) in order to vote. The voting representative can be a designated Alternate.
- Electronic voting is an option (e.g., email or other application) where the needed discussion has been held previously, or when a vote requires additional timelines e.g., budgetary decisions that may be contingent on provincial board approval. Electronic votes will be disclosed and recorded in the Minutes, similar to in-person voting (in favour, against, abstain).
- Majority rules (e.g., 9 of 16 votes will carry the decision). A tie vote is a defeated motion. For a motion to pass, a simple majority must agree.

***Quorum***

- Quorum for CPC Leadership Committee meetings requires the participation of at least 50% of the elected, eligible voting representatives plus one. This means a minimum of 9 voting members present is required to meet quorum.
- Quorum must include one representative each from the top three member provinces with the majority potato acreage (area planted) based on a five-year running average derived from Statistics Canada data.
    - 2025 - Alberta, Manitoba, PEI

## 7. Reporting & Accountability

- Governance roles and responsibilities, and clear lines of accountability between governance and administration will be outlined in FVGC Board Policy. The Chair (or Vice Chair as alternate) will be invited to participate in "FVGC Board of Directors + Working Groups" meetings. The designated FVGC staff member (CPC General Manager) will provide regular written reports to the FVGC Board of Directors. The Chair or designated FVGC staff member may request/be requested to report and/or make recommendations on matters for the FVGC

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Board of Directors discussion or decision.

- The FVGC Executive Director will be invited to attend CPC Membership meetings as an ex-officio member. The designated staff, reporting to the Executive Director, will oversee the strategic and operational implementation of the annual workplan and budget with accountability to the CPC Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and ultimately to CPC and FVGC members.
- The Chair, supported by the designated FVGC staff member, shall provide updates to CPC Members summarizing issues and activities for presentation at the Canadian Potato Council Open Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting II.
- The designated FVGC staff member will ensure regular communications to inform, support decision-making, and demonstrate progress with various stakeholders. Reporting of CPC activities is provided at regular intervals throughout the year via executive summaries, briefing notes, meeting discussions, and subscriptions (CPC member emails, FVGC *HortShorts, On Your Behalf, Member Notes*, etc.)
- CPC Subcommittee chairs will provide reports to the CPC Leadership Committee when appropriate at CPC Membership meetings.

## 8. Budget

- CPC operating expenses will be shared among provincial member association on a pro-rated basis based on provincial acreage/ percentage of potato production. Calculations of percentage share for CPC assessments will be made on November 1 annually, using the latest available data from Statistics Canada for area planted to potatoes and based on a 5-year running average of potato acres (Appendix I).
- Any request for payment deferrals or payment plans with regard to CPC membership dues require notification to the FVGC Executive, CPC Executive, and the FVGC Financial Controller. Any such request will need to demonstrate suitable arrangements, and are subject to approval.

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1. Furthers the purposes for the Corporation as contained in the Articles;
2. Respects and submits to the procedures of the Corporation;
3. Continues to meet all qualification requirements for Members as set out in Section 2.01;
4. Pays in full and not be in arrears of membership dues and assessments determined by the Board from time to time; and
5. Meets such additional requirements as set out in the Corporation's policies from time to time.

*Consensus* is defined as general agreement, that is:

1. More than a simple majority, but not necessarily unanimity;

# APPENDIX I

**Planted Potato Acres (Stats Can)**

# APPENDIX II

***Definitions***

*Membership/Member in good standing* – as outlined in the FVGC Bylaws section 2.03 has the following requirements:

1. Furthers the purposes for the Corporation as contained in the Articles;
2. Respects and submits to the procedures of the Corporation;
3. Continues to meet all qualification requirements for Members as set out in Section 2.01;
4. Pays in full and not be in arrears of membership dues and assessments determined by the Board from time to time; and
5. Meets such additional requirements as set out in the Corporation's policies from time to time.

*Consensus* is defined as general agreement, that is:

1. More than a simple majority, but not necessarily unanimity;
2. Characterized by the absence of sustained opposition to substantial issues;
3. Applied within a process that is transparent and accountable, respects diverse interests, seeks the views of all parties concerned, and aims to reconcile any conflicting arguments.

*Open Meeting*

An Open Meeting is a meeting of the Canadian Potato Council to which **all** CPC members and designated observers and guests are invited. These meetings are intended to promote transparency, collaboration, and information-sharing. Observers may participate in discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Open Meetings may include presentations, updates, or discussions relevant to the broader CPC membership and stakeholder community.

*Closed Meeting*

A Closed Meeting is attended only by CPC membership, including the Leadership and Executive committees. All observers and guests are asked to leave for the duration of the meeting. Closed Meetings are used when discussions require confidentiality, voting by the Leadership Committee, or are specific to grower-led decision-making. CPC members and their delegates retain full participation during these meetings. Guests can attend by invitation only.

*In-camera* –

CPC Membership Meetings can conclude with an "in camera" session, in which the CPC Leadership Committee (without the CPC General Manager) may discuss matters privately, or have issues tabled to them from the Open or Closed Meetings. The CPC Leadership Committee can invite guests "in camera" as necessary to serve as testimony or provide expertise.

*Observer*

An Observer is a non-voting participant who may attend CPC meetings by invitation. Observers typically include representatives from federal government departments or agencies (e.g., CFIA, AAFC, PMRA), as well as staff from partner organizations (e.g. DRC, CPMA, CFA) or provincial industry associations. Observers may be invited to contribute to discussions at the discretion of the Chair but do not participate in decision-making or voting.

*Alternate*

An Alternate is an individual designated to temporarily fill in for a CPC Leadership Committee representative when they are unable to attend a meeting. Alternates have the same voting rights, participation privileges, and responsibilities as the representative they are replacing, ensuring full continuity in decision-making and representation.

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