

# CROSS-COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Cross-Commodity Advisory Council** held virtually via MS Teams on April 10, 2025.

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## **PRESENT**

Dapinder Gill  
Gail Nelson  
Kate Durisek  
Michelle Cook  
Nikki Callaway  
Philip Gyug  
Ryan Ostertag  
Sukhpaul Bal  
Tyrion Miskell  
Walter Makepeace

BC Grapegrowers' Association  
BC Fruit Growers' Association  
BC Wine Grape Council  
Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program  
BC Wine Grape Council  
BC Ministry of Agriculture & Food  
Consolidated Fruit Packers  
BC Cherry Association  
BC Grapegrowers' Association  
Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program

## **REGRETS**

Beth Cavers  
Karen Yeung  
Gord Morrison  
Madeleine van Roechoudt  
Jesse MacDonald

BC Cherry Association  
BC Wine Grape Council  
Consolidated Fruit Packers  
Grower at Large  
Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

## **STAFF**

Kellie Garcia  
Shelby Austen

CCLSP Project Director  
CCLSP Administration & Communications Manager

## **1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by: Kate Durisek**

*"THAT the April 10, 2025, meeting agenda be approved as presented."*

**Seconded by: Michelle Cook**

**CARRIED**

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by: Walter Makepeace**

*"THAT the March 18, 2025, meeting minutes be adopted as presented."*

**Seconded by: Dapinder Gill**

**CARRIED**

## **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **4.1 GLOBAL CLUB ACCESS: FINAL REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT**

Kellie walked the Council through the final report and deliverables and explained that the project focused on developing a process, compiling information, and creating checklists to help growers access global club varieties.

**Moved by: Kate Durisek**

**Seconded by: Walter Makepeace**

*"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves the Global Club Access Project Final Report submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends proceeding with a final payment of \$5,714.29, which is the actual project cost of \$45,714.29 minus a payment of \$40,000 previously received from IAF."*

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 BC FRUIT WORKS: FINAL REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT**

Kellie walked the Council through the final report and financials.

**Moved by: Michelle Cook**

**Seconded by: Tyrion Miskell**

*"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves BC Fruit Works Project Final Report submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends proceeding with a final payment of \$3,301.85, which is the actual project cost of \$143,301.85 minus payments equal to \$140,000 previously received from IAF."*

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 CCLSP: PROGRESS REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR INTERIM PAYMENT**

Kellie walked the Council through the progress report, financials, and 2024 annual review document.

**Moved by: Michelle Cook**

**Seconded by: Walter Makepeace**

*"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project Progress Report submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program and recommends proceeding with the interim payment of \$225,000."*

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 HERBICIDE TECHNOLOGY, BEST PRACTICES, AND EXTENSION TFISP FUNDING APPLICATION**

Kellie walked the Council through the due diligence checklist, project application and budget, noting that the project will span two growing seasons, with trials conducted this season and a prototype sprayer developed for the next.

**Moved by: Tyrion Miskell**

**Seconded by: Nikki Callaway**

*"THAT the Cross-Commodity Advisory Council approves the Herbicide Technology, Best Practices, and Extension TFISP application submitted by the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program with a maximum funding contribution of \$36,750, and a project timeline of May 15, 2025, to December 31, 2026."*

**CARRIED**

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Cross-Commodity Advisory Council meeting will be held in-person on April 24, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.