Drought Committee

Terms of Reference

**Purpose**

The purpose of this committee is to prepare for drought conditions and advocate for the industry with government when water allocations and curtailment orders are being considered and implemented.

**Scope**

The regional scope includes all of BC. Messaging is for municipal, water authorities and provincial governments. It may also include federal government officials where the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is involved.

**Authority**

The committee submits the key messages and the advocacy plan to the BCLNA Board of Directors for final approval before any advocacy efforts are undertaken.

**Composition**

The Committee will have representatives from the grower, retail and landscape commodities as well as suppliers. The total number of members is not to exceed 12. Other closely related industries may be invited including flower growers, turf grass growers, cement companies and others.

Particular tasks which may be iterative include:

1. Information gathering and reporting to the committee
2. Collaborating with related industries and associations
3. Developing key messages
4. Reporting on Drought and other water issue impacts on industry
5. Advocacy plan development
6. Advocating key messages with local politicians

The Committee will be supported by BCLNA staff for minutes.

**Chairperson**

The Chair will be appointed or elected by the Committee’s BCLNA members.

**Current Membership**

Heike Stippler, Len Smit, Martin Duyvestyn, Brian Ramor, Jason Bruce, Keith Wildeboer, Bill Hardy, Miles Hunter, Poshak Sachdeva (BCIIA), Michelle McEachern, Chris O’Donohue, Rena Vanderwal, Michel Benoit (UFG).

**Meetings**

Five meetings a year are expected, two in the spring and 3 in the summer months although this will be dictated by the weather and curtailment orders.

**Quorum**

In order to provide flexibility and responsiveness, a quorum in this case is a meeting of 5 members.

**Decision-Making**

Decisions will be made by consensus. If a consensus cannot be reached the options will be presented to the BCLNA Board of Directors.

**Reporting**

The Chair of the Committee and/or COO will report to the BCLNA Board at their regular Board meetings.

**Review and Evaluation**

The BCLNA Board will review the committee’s performance at their January meeting.

**Amendment Procedure**

These Terms of Reference can be amended at the request of the committee or the BCLNA Board at a regular BCLNA Board meeting.

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