



## FOCUS Newsletter

### Season's greetings!

Happy Holidays on behalf of Council members and FPCC Staff. Our team joins me in thanking all industry stakeholders for their continued collaboration throughout the year. We hope this Holiday Season will be filled with peace and happiness!

**Brian Douglas**  
Chairman

### FPCC December meeting

Council members met on December 11 to 13, 2018, and discussed a number of files related to the national marketing and promotion and research agencies, and upcoming 2019 activities and commitments. In addition, members were also briefed by the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Strategic Policy Branch, Mr. Tom Rosser, from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on various policy files.

On December 11 and 13, members met the Executive Committee and staff of the Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) and Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC). These sessions were great opportunities to have informal and frank discussions on the agencies accomplishments of 2018, as well as their strategic objectives, critical issues and challenges for 2019. Council looks forward to progress reports in the months to come.

On December 12, members participated in a strategic planning retreat with Larimar Strategies, a consulting firm. During this exercise, members consolidated the previous years' strategic gains and reviewed the recent consultation sessions conducted with industry stakeholders and FPCC staff. Council priorities were discussed and the foundations for new initiatives were outlined and developed. The FPCC will continue to keep *FOCUS* readers informed on the progress of this project.

Additionally, during this meeting, the FPCC approved the following agencies proposed regulatory amendments:

#### ***Canadian Hatching Egg Producers***

Council members approved CHEP's proposed addendum to their Liquidated Damages Agreement to adopt a contingency sleeve as per section (3) (a) of the Federal-Provincial Agreement for Broiler Hatching Eggs. CHEP will approve or revise the contingency sleeve at the same time they approve or revise the allocation for that year. Following the five year period, CHEP will review the impact of the contingency sleeve and determine if the addendum will be continued and for what length of time.

#### ***Egg Farmers of Canada***

Council members approved the *Canadian Egg Marketing Levies Order*, which extends the expiry date to March 28, 2020, and the *Canadian Egg Marketing Agency Quota Regulations, 1986* (schedules 1, 1.1 and 1.2) for the period of December 30, 2018 to December 28, 2019.

To view the decision letters, please follow this [link](#) to **FPCC's Web site**.

### Other Business

#### **FPCC's Staff Update**

On November 26, 2018, Anik Tracey joined our team at the Farm Products Council of Canada as the new Council Liaison Officer. Anik came to us from the Minister's Office. She started her career in the public sector in 2003; she held different positions at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in the last 15 years, most recently as Executive Assistant to the Minister and the Chief of Staff, and previously as a Communications Officer in the Ministerial Correspondence Unit and as the Supervisor of the Employee Service Centre.

In addition, Constantina Vaicoussis, will be joining the FPCC on January 2, 2019, as Council Assistant. Please join the FPCC staff in welcoming both these two ladies!

#### **Industrial Hemp Public Hearing**

The two Panel members Mike Pickard, Chair, and Yvon Cyr, Panel member, who are inquiring into the merits of establishing a Canadian Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Agency are now accepting REQUESTS TO APPEAR until end of business day, January 11, 2019. **To file your Request to Appear, please use this [link](#).**

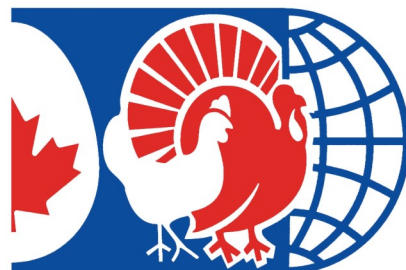
Details on the proposal and information on the upcoming public hearing can be found on FPCC's [Website](#).

#### **CPEPC Sector meetings**

The Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council (CPEPC) will host its 2019 sectoral meetings at the Hilton Lac-Leamy Hotel in Gatineau, Quebec, from February 4 to 8, 2019. All Council members will be attending. To register or receive more information on CPEPC's February 2019 meeting please visit: [www.cpepc.ca](http://www.cpepc.ca).

#### **Upcoming Activities**

The FPCC is currently working on its 2019 Activities Calendar for the upcoming winter and spring events. Every year Council members speak at provincial commodity boards annual general meetings. This is always a good opportunity for provincial stakeholders to meet members and discuss specific issues and inform on their plans for the year to come. Every effort is made by Council to have a constructive presence at these meetings to provide an update on FPCC latest news.



## Upcoming Meetings—2019

### ***January***

15	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON
23-24	Chicken Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
29	Hemp Promotion and Research Agency Public Hearing	Winnipeg, MB

### ***February***

4-8	Canadian Poultry Egg Processors Council Sectoral Meeting	Gatineau, QC
6	Egg Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
12-13 (tentative)	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON

## Comments or questions? [Contact us](#)

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