



New Entrant Program (NEP) Committee – Terms of Reference

October 2017

Background:

In January 2017, the BC Milk Marketing Board invited the remaining waitlisted Graduated Entry Program (GEP) candidates to begin the GEP process, which includes submission of a five-year business plan, ministry approvals and a Board interview. Those who are approved must begin production by early 2019 to remain eligible for the GEP allocation of 13.7 kgs of CDQ, with an additional matching allocation of up to 5.5 kgs of CDQ, provided the GEP entrant purchases 5.5 kgs of CDQ.

Following the Board's thorough [BC Dairy Quota Policy & Governance Review](#) (2013-2014), the BCMMB provided to the BC Farm Industry Review Board, a list of recommendations and a commitment to create a *new program* for new entrants, noting stakeholder support for change to the previous GEP approach to encouraging new dairy entrants. In 2014, the BC Farm Industry Review Board accepted the Milk Board recommendation that the new entrant program be reviewed and updated.

The intention of the NEP Consultation is to encourage input from producers, processors and other interested stakeholders, including the public, throughout the seven-month consultation. Ultimately, the Board plans to release the details of a final NEP program by summer 2018, with an eye to approved NEP participants beginning production by mid-2019.

Objective:

To develop and make non-binding recommendations to the Board on a future new entrant program. The committee is expected to work on a consensus model, but could decide to offer more than one recommendation, where not necessarily all the recommendations are compatible. In other words, wholly separate options could be offered to the Board for its consideration. The Board asks that the committee provide a brief rationale with each recommendation.

In its deliberations, the committee is asked to consider the following principles: fairness, effectiveness, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness and a strategic focus.

Terms of Reference:

All finalized materials resulting from the work of the NEP Committee will belong to the BC Milk Marketing Board.

All materials will be made available with agreed upon transparency and accountability principles. Summaries of the NEP committee meetings will be made available via the NEP Consultation webpage on the BCMMB website.

Reporting and Deliverables:

Formal deliverables are to be provided in electronic format, as determined appropriate by Board staff.

Meetings:

One meeting in Fall 2017 and another in Spring 2018, as per the NEP Consultation Schedule – BCMMB website. Additional meetings may be considered, as needed.

Committee:

Jeremy Wiebe, Chair

Cornelis Hertgers, BCMMB

Vicki Crites, BCMMB staff

Elizabeth Schouten, BCDA staff

Dave Taylor, BCDA

Phil Owen, BCDA

Sarah Sache, MMPA

Gord Ferguson, KODA

Ben Cuthbert, IMPO

Mike Duncan, MYMP

Nathan Klein Geltink, GEP producer

Matt Schmidt, GEP producer

Paul Davidson, Bulkley Valley

Members of the committee serve at the discretion of the Board.