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Submit a question,
To your York-Simcoe
Provincial Candidates:
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Event: Meet The Candidates
Wednesday, May 16th, 2018
Doors open 6pm, Start 7pm Sharp
125 Simcoe Road, 2nd Floor

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FOOD SAFETY – CANADA GAP

Just a reminder that when you are not due for an audit, you must submit your self audit paperwork yearly. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Canada Gap or Jody to assist you.

MOECC & ECA APPROVALS

MOECC is in the area doing routine checks. They are checking on water taking permits paperwork from last season. As well for those who have applied of their ECA's and been approved, please contact Jody so we can guide you through the next steps. MOECC is looking for those approved to start putting their systems in place.





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CHC – LABOUR UPDATE

Below is an update from CHC about the labour issues. If you have had issues getting workers, please contact Jody or CHC with your story. We need to be aware of these as we sit at the table to try to solve this issue.

Week of high-level meetings to address labour crisis

Over the past week, CHC participated in several high-level meetings with Cabinet Ministers and their staff to discuss pressing labour issues.

Tuesday, May 1: Brian Gilroy, CHC President; Beth Connery, CHC Labour Committee Chair; and Rebecca Lee, CHC Executive Director; met with Agriculture and Agri-Food (AAFC) Minister Lawrence MacAulay and senior staff to discuss urgent labour issues and to set the scene ahead of a roundtable with government and industry representatives.

Thursday, May 3: CHC, CPMA, the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council (CAHRC), and many producers from across Canada, participated in a labour-focused meeting led by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Industry heard from Minister Hajdu of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), AAFC Minister MacAulay, Serge Cormier, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Rodger Cuzner, ESDC Parliamentary Secretary, in addition to many government officials from the three departments.

The discussion touched on labour shortages, delays in processing applications (including LMIAs), and challenges in maintaining public trust. Feelings of optimism emerged that government was listening to industry concerns regarding the administration of the TFWP Ag Stream and SAWP. These discussions will hopefully lead to more transparent communication between government and employers.

ESDC officially announced that it is launching a review of LMIA service standards, and that it has streamlined the process for replacing and transferring workers, by waiving the two-week advertising requirement. This change is effective immediately and is a positive first step in the streamlining of this program. Note: Currently, employers will still need to fill out an LMIA.

Friday, May 4: CHC participated in the TFWP Primary Agriculture Review Consultation in Ottawa. This was the first of several regional consultations that will take place around the country (see schedule below). In addition to the regional face-to-face consultations, there will be an opportunity to provide input via:

- Teleconference (in both French and English—details TBC)
- Online survey (we will let you know once it becomes available in the next two weeks)
- Written consultations (CHC will be requesting your input)

Schedule of consultations

May 8 - Abbotsford ▪ May 10 - Kelowna ▪ May 11 - Calgary ▪ May 15 - Regina ▪ May 16 - Winnipeg ▪ May 23 - Halifax ▪
May 24 - Charlottetown ▪ May 29 - Montreal ▪ June 4 - Simcoe ▪ June 6 - Chatham ▪ TBC – St John's and Moncton

If you're able to attend any one of these regional consultations, please RSVP to Chloe Hutchison (chloe.hutchison@hkstrategies.ca) and let Jennifer Babcock (jbabcock@hortcouncil.ca) know as well.

