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**RE: Okanagan regional approach to Temporary Farm Worker Housing local government bylaws**

Dear Ms. Guidi:

Thank you for providing a final opportunity to review the draft Temporary Farm Worker Housing bylaw provisions dated August 12, 2016 which were prepared by City of Kelowna staff and other Central Okanagan local government staff.

Ministry of Agriculture staff acknowledge the effort involved in co-ordinating a regional approach to temporary farm worker housing and recognize the potential benefits for both local governments and the farming community. Temporary Farm Worker Housing is an important and complex issue involving multiple levels of government which affects farmers, local governments and the public. Ministry staff are encouraged with the initiative being taken by the working group and appreciate having had the opportunity to participate in the formulation of the draft bylaw provisions.

Ministry staff have reviewed the August 12, 2016 version of the draft bylaw provisions and are of the opinion that they are consistent with the intention of the Minister's Bylaw Standard on Temporary Farm Worker Housing. If you have any questions or require any further assistance through the bylaw approval process, please continue to engage with Ministry staff.

Sincerely,

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RE: TA16-0015/TA16-0016/OCP16-0022 - Temporary Farm Worker Housing - RECIRCULATION

To  Deb Champion

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Deborah Champion  
City of Kelowna

Hi Ms. Champion,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. It's very encouraging to read in the Committee Report (9 February 2017) that the additional research provided on worker numbers per farm, is in-line with the Ministry's own Bylaw Standard provision on the topic.

Kelowna may wish to further review the proposed text of Section 1.2 b) of the draft Development Applications Procedures Bylaw Amendment to ensure that this delegated authority to issue 'or deny' a Permit is the actual intent, given the regulatory criteria of being a 'Right to Farm regulated' community (B.C. Reg. 187/2001) (Local Government Act Section 481, 552 and 553).

Regards,

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