

Schedule E: Temporary Farm Worker Housing Policy Input Received

Date	Organization	Summary of Input	Notes
August 10, 2016	Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture (RAMA)	Concerns with violations of SAWP requirements and opportunities for how farmworker housing is regulated.	
September 9, 2016	Ministry of Agriculture	Letter of support for initial proposed TFWH policy acknowledging the consistence with the Minister's Bylaw Standard.	
October 12, 2016	Agriculture Land Commission, Martin Collins Regional Planner	Letter of support for initial proposed TFWH policy and acknowledging consistency with the ALC Act and Regulation. Suggestion to adjust 60-meter road setback to 50-meter road setback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TFWH proposed policies revised to 50-meter road setback as per suggestion.
November 10, 2016	Ministry of Agriculture, Gregory Bartle, Land Use Planner	Support the proposed policy with suggestions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Application Procedures Bylaw and requirements of Right to Farm Regulated Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussions with Ministry of Agriculture to revise the draft policies to ensure consistency with Farm Regulated Community requirements.
December 16, 2016	Ministry of Agriculture, Gregory Bartle, Land Use Planner	Further recommendations for the proposed policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit bylaws for Minister approval as a Farm Bylaw Ensure wording in Development Application Procedures Bylaw cannot deny housing for under 40 workers as per the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Application Procedures Bylaw proposed policy was revised to remove the word "deny"
January 10, 2017	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Blaine Garrison, Development Technician	No objection to proposed policy subject to all new structures adjacent to provincial highways adhere to the Ministry's standards for structural setbacks, and no direct access to controlled access highways.	

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January 20, 2017	Interior Health, Jill Worboys (Public Health Dietician) and Anita Ely (Environmental Health Officer)	Support of proposed policy and outlined the importance that agricultural capacity is a key aspect of local healthy food systems and recommended that applications for TFWH be circulated prior to them prior to issuance of a building permit.	
February 16, 2017	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Blaine Garrison, Development Technician	Referred to same comments made on January 10, 2017.	
February 24, 2017	Ministry of Agriculture, Gregory Bartle, Land Use Planner	Support of proposed policies with suggestions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise section 1.2b) of the Development Application Procedures Bylaw regarding authority to “deny” a permit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Application Procedures Bylaw section 1.2b) was revised and the word “deny” removed.
March 15, 2017	BC Fruit Growers Association, Fred Steele, President	Request that the City organize a roundtable with industry, city staff, employee representatives, and BC Ministry of Agriculture staff to review and discuss proposed policy.	
March 28, 2017	David Geen, President Jealous Fruit Ltd. / Coral Beach Farms Ltd.	Concerns with TFWH proposed policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap of 40 temporary farm workers per farm unit as they currently staff over 700 people, with housing for 335. • Housing TFW in urban areas as it adds to the length of workers’ day • While 90% of farms have less than 40 workers, the remaining 10% of farms produce more • Location of units near a road, suggest use of poorest land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed policy is under development permit guidelines “temporary farm worker housing footprint should be contiguous with residential footprint

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			and/or within 50 meters of the road.” This allows for some flexibility.
March 29, 2017	Central Okanagan Food Policy Council	Supportive of TFWH policy, concerns include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends more detailed standards for zoning (i.e. number of kitchens required for a certain number of workers) • Suggestion of regional housing strategy that provides a variety of housing opportunities off of ALR land • Importance of food system resilience and food self-reliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal SAWP requirements regulate standards for this
March 30, 2017	Elizabeth Heier, resident	Concerns over TFWH proposed policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood awareness of TFWH applications • Enforcement of proposed regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Policy 367 Public Notification and Consultation for Development Application requires neighbourhood consultation for seasonal farm worker housing
March 30, 2017	Bruce Wilson, resident	Concerns over TFWH proposed policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of proposed regulations 	
<i>Input received after report and amendments submitted to Council for April 10 meeting (highlighted in grey)</i>			
April, 6, 2017	BC Fruit Growers Association	Concerns with consultation and not being referred on bylaw amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral sent to BCFGGA on March 15 to both President and General Manager
April 7, 2017	BC Fruit Growers Association	Concerns over length of consultation time. Request for delegation at April 10 Council meeting.	
April 7, 2017	ALC	Letter of support for proposed amendments	
April 26, 2017	BC Fruit Growers Association	Meeting with staff regarding concerns on proposed amendments.	
Written input received for May 2,	Lynn Lashuk	Concerns over consultation period, minimum parcel size too small, maximum number of workers not related to farm size, maximum use per year is too short, housing footprint size not related to farm	

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2017 Public Hearing		size, requirement to be within 50 meter of road, ON Farm Processing definition incomplete.	
	BC Fruit Growers Association	4 main concerns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of farm unit, should be contiguous only. 2. Public hearing threshold is too low, it should be 60 3. Annual term of occupation should be 10 months 4. TFWH should be allowed on poorest farmland 	
	UDI	Support for approach to TFWH to go through a process similar to any other multi-family developer.	
	Norm and Tasha Melnichuk	Concerns over structures for 140 TFWH next to their property. The number is too many due to noise, proximity to neighbouring property, fire protection, water, access and property value.	
	Elizabeth Heier	Support for proposed amendments but concerns over enforcement of regulations.	
May 3, 2017	Ministry of Agriculture	Discussion on farm unit definition.	Ministry of Agriculture advised to keep the definition as outlined in the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas.
May 9, 2017	Meeting with BC Fruit Growers to discuss concerns and future direction.	Reviewed four main concerns as outlined in Public Hearing.	Informed the BCFGA that Ministry of Agriculture strongly advises to keep farm unit definition as outlined in the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas.
May 18, 2017	Ministry of Agriculture	Further discussion on farm unit definition and minimum parcel size versus minimum farm unit size.	Update 3.8 minimum parcel size requirement to 3.8 minimum farm unit size.
May 24	BC Fruit Growers Association	Discuss proposed revisions to policy.	

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May 25	Ministry of Agriculture	Discussion on farm unit and options to allow TFWH in each City sector.	
May 26	BC Fruit Growers Association	Advised that they met with Ministry of Agriculture and that TFWH developments separated by some distance (placing them in different neighbourhoods, for example) could be considered.	
May 31	Ministry of Agriculture	Discussion on farm unit and options to allow TFWH in each City sector as well as maximum TFW allowed per parcel.	
June 1	Ministry of Agriculture	The proposed wording for the sector approach meets the needs of industry and balances other interests	
June 2	Ministry of Agriculture	Meeting to understand technical aspects of allowing TFWH in multiple City sectors	