



Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 15th, 2026
7:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Regional District of Central Okanagan, Woodhaven Boardroom
1450 K.L.O. Road, Kelowna

Tree Fruit Industry Insights and Panel

Opening Remarks – Paula Quinn, Chair **7:30 am**

Land Acknowledgement

The RDCO acknowledges our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded t̓m̓x̓w̓úlaʔx̓w̓ (land) of the syilx / Okanagan people who have resided here since time immemorial. We recognize, honour, and respect the syilx / Okanagan lands upon which we live, work, and play.

Previous Meeting Minutes **7:35 am**

February 25, 2026, meeting minutes approval

Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project Presentation **7:40 am**

Kellie Garcia – Project Director

Agriculture Panel **7:55 am**

Sukhpaul Bal – BC Cherry Association

Born and raised in Kelowna BC, Sukhpaul Bal comes from a family that has been farming in Kelowna for over a hundred years. Currently the family is operating a vertically integrated Sweet Cherry operation, as well as being diversified into Agri-tourism with an on-farm Cafe, Market and Bed & Breakfast. Sukhpaul has been a board member of the BC Cherry Association since 2012 and has served as President for the past 9 years. During this time the cherry industry has seen strong growth and is one of the leading horticulture crops grown in the Okanagan Valley. Sukhpaul is a trustee for the Black Mountain Irrigation District and represents BC on the National Program Advisory Committee.

Adrian Arts – BC Fruit Growers

A seasoned agricultural leader and Summerland orchardist, Arts brings over a decade of experience in the tree fruit sector, spanning government policy, hands-on farm operations, and strategic industry leadership. Most recently, he served as Regional Manager for the Southern Interior with the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, where he played a pivotal role in securing over \$100 million in new investments for the province's agricultural sector. Arts is a Registered Professional Agrologist with a career built on collaboration, policy advocacy, and results-driven leadership. In addition to his government service, he has held key positions on provincial and regional committees, including the Climate Action Initiative, the New Tree Fruit Varieties Development Council, the



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BC Institute of Agrologists and the Water Stewardship Council of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Kevin Day – Day’s Century Growers

Kevin Day is a fourth-generation farmer carrying on a proud family legacy that dates back to 1894. As co-owner and operator of Day’s Century Growers, he manages a diverse mixed agricultural operation that reflects both tradition and innovation. His work spans a thriving pear orchard, a cow-calf cattle operation, and a logging enterprise, alongside forage production supporting the bovine and equine industries. Kevin also oversees a market garden, contributing fresh, locally grown produce to his community. Deeply rooted in the land and committed to sustainable practices, he continues to build on generations of stewardship and hard work.

New Business

8:50 am

Adjournment

9:00 am