

BC Poultry Infected Premises Cleaning and Disinfection Cost Recovery Fund – Summary of Board Positions

BC Broiler Hatching Egg:

The BC Hatching Egg Commission passed the following resolutions at its Board meeting on November 22nd, 2017. The resolutions were as follows:

1. The Commission accepts the reports for all five phases of the review.
2. The Commission agrees to not proceed to secure enabling authorities to require producers to maintain insurance for disease losses.
3. The Commission agrees to establish a collective Infected Premises C&D Cost Recovery Fund consistent with sound marketing policy.
4. The Commission agrees to work with the Province to apply to ARI Administrative Capacity Building for start-up funding and initial fund establishment.
5. The Commission agrees to commence work to establish a Group-Funded Deductible.
6. The Commission agrees to notify associations and stakeholders via the Commission website.
7. The Commission agrees to notify BC FIRB via letter.
8. The Commission agrees to request MISC representatives to request BCPA to recommend a cost-sharing formula.

Additionally, the BC Hatching Egg Commission has formally requested Allan Cross as the MISC representative to make the request to the BCPA for the cost sharing formula as per recommendation #8.

Notwithstanding, the Commission plans to review materials pertaining to recommendations 9 and 10 at its next board meeting as part of a final review process. All relevant materials are to be provided to the Commission by MISC by December 4, 2017.

BC Chicken Marketing Board:

The BCCMB at their meeting of November 27 discussed the presentation as well as reviewed the responses from the Turkey and Egg boards. Results:

1. The BCCMB accepts the reports for all five phases of the review.
2. The BCCMB endorses all of the eleven recommendations contained in the November 3, 2017 decision note.
3. The BCCMB agrees that they will not proceed to secure enabling authorities under the NPMA to require producers to maintain insurance against disease loss at this time but reserves the right to do so in the future.
4. The BCCMB is willing to continue to further explore the establishment of an Infected C&D cost recovery fund to cover the extraordinary C&D of infected premises from future NAI incidents using existing contingencies and levy structures.
5. Final commitment to the fund by the BCCMB is contingent upon the final funding and operational structure of the fund itself.
6. The BCCMB is satisfied with the advice received from its counsel and will not seek further clarification at this time with regard to its authority under the BC Chicken Marketing Scheme (1961) to use levies for this purpose.

BC Egg Marketing Board:

The BCEMB discussed the decision note on November 16, 2017

1. The Board accepts the reports for all five phases of the review.
2. The Board agrees that they will not proceed to secure enabling authorities under the NPMA to require producers to maintain insurance against disease losses at this time with the understanding that they reserve the right to do so in the future if the situation warrants it.
3. The Board is willing to continue to further explore the establishment of an Infected Premise Cleaning and Disinfection Cost Recovery Fund to cover the extraordinary C&D of infected premises for future Notifiable Avian Influenza disease discoveries using existing contingencies and levy structures. The willingness of the Board to commit to the fund is dependent upon the funding and operational structure which they would like more information on prior to making a final decision.

The BCEMB had a chance to discuss the November 30, 2017 Briefing Note regarding the BC Poultry Infected Premises Cleaning and Disinfection Cost Recovery Fund at their December 7, 2017 Board Meeting.

- The Board remains in support of the concept of a cost recovery fund however they are not agreeable to the cost sharing mechanism recommended.
- At this time, the BCEMB recommends that the Boards meet (Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director), outside of the MISC, to discuss alternative cost sharing mechanisms in order to move this important project forward.

BC Turkey Marketing Board

The BCTMB passes the following resolutions at its Board meeting on November 20th, 2017.

The resolutions were as follows:

1. The BCTMB accepts the reports for all five phases of the review.
2. The Board agrees that they will not proceed to secure enabling authorities under the NPMA to require producers to maintain insurance against disease losses at this time with the understanding that they reserve the right to do so in the future if the situation warrants it.
3. The Board is willing to continue to further explore the establishment of an Infected Premise Cleaning and Disinfection Cost Recovery Fund to cover the extraordinary C&D of infected premises for future Notifiable Avian Influenza disease discoveries using existing contingencies and levy structures. The willingness of the Board to commit to the fund is dependent upon the funding, operational structure and yearly costs which they would like more information on by December 4, 2017 prior to making a final decision.

At the December 7, 2017 Board meeting an update from the BCTA was received as to how the funding process was unfolding at the BCPA. The Board

- Would like to see that process completed before commenting on any final decision.
- Is not opposed to having a meeting with the other Boards to discuss this matter further as suggested by the Egg Board.
- Is interested in finding out more information with regards to possible government funding. Specifically, if there were any expectations that the insurance group would have to pay back the funding provided to cover the operating costs?
- Would like to see a breakdown of the yearly operating costs of the fund. Are there any functions within the admin cost that could be performed by Board accountants and Managers?