
MEMORANDUM

APAC-C 2-2020

Subject: Irrigation Steering Committee Update

Date: February 28, 2020

To: Agriculture Policy and Action Committee

From: Kelly Provost, Economic Development Officer

The contract for a 1 year Irrigation Ambassador released by Grape and Tender Fruit Ontario has been awarded. Hugh Fraser is the successful candidate that will advance the irrigation strategy over 2020.

The position was made available by a funding collaboration from the partners of the Niagara Region, the Town of Lincoln, the City of St. Catharines, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Grape Growers of Ontario, and the Ontario Tender Fruit Growers. The position will operate out of the Ontario Tender Fruit Growers office.

Each funding partner, and a number of provincial and federal stakeholders, are represented at the Niagara Irrigation Committee's committee of the whole. A sub-section of this group has been assembled to act as the Steering Committee that will direct and prioritize the work of the Irrigation Ambassador. The Irrigation Steering Committee includes the following representatives:

- Niagara Region 1 rep
- Municipality Rep 3 reps – 1 from each municipality
- OMAFRA 1 rep
- Growers 3 reps – 1 from each priority area
- APAC 1 rep
- Ag Canada 1 rep

Attached are the Minutes from the first meeting of the Irrigation Steering Committee, along with a copy of the advocacy letter submitted requesting that irrigation projects be considered eligible under the Canadian Infrastructure Program: Green Stream.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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