



BREWING AND MALTING BARLEY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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To: Canadian Barley Industry Stakeholders

Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, after 10 years of dedicated leadership to BMBRI, our President and CEO, Michael Brophy, will be retiring at the end of August 2018. BMBRI's Board of Directors wishes to announce that we have already begun the process of finding the next Executive Director of BMBRI and expect to have the successful candidate in place before Michael leaves to allow for a smooth transition and continuation of the important work of BMBRI.

On behalf of our members, BMBRI's Board of Directors would like to make it clear to barley value chain stakeholders that the organization will continue to operate as an independent stand-alone non-profit organization dedicated to providing leadership to support pre-commercial breeding and research. This will continue to be done through providing industry feedback and direct funding for breeding and research programs and projects related to our malting and brewing members' needs in both barley production and barley quality research and development.

BMBRI is enthusiastic about the successes of recent funding collaborations with other grower and industry agencies that are supporting major investments in breeding and research programs and projects, leveraging additional funding from various government programs. BMBRI looks forward to helping this to continue in the future.

In addition, BMBRI will continue to provide support for preregistration testing of elite breeder lines with the collaboration of our members and other value chain stakeholders to support the current variety registration system.

Finally, we wish to confirm that BMBRI will continue to work with other value chain organizations on any new or existing joint strategic initiatives or working groups to face future challenges and opportunities. Since BMBRI was founded 70 years ago, the organization has worked with others to help make Canada one of the major producers and suppliers of high quality malting barley to North America and to the World. During that period various challenges and threats were addressed to allow the industry to adapt. BMBRI is committed to work with others to successfully face current and future challenges so that Canada can continue to be an important producer and supplier of malting barley to industries across the globe.

Yours Sincerely,

Judd Carlson
Chairman
BMBRI Board of Directors

"Supporting the development and evaluation of new malting barley varieties in Canada"