

BC Food Processors Association

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Employee Safety DVD Wins Award

On October 18th, Lisa McGuire, Manager of Health and Safety and four of the Safety Committee members were up on the dais accepting the *Young and New Worker Innovation Award* for the DVD, *Employee Safety Orientation for the Food Industry*. This award is given by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers (BC & Yukon). This group recognizes outstanding work done by companies in all sectors of industry. For more information on the DVD go to [BCFPA Safety & Human Resources Committee](#).

BCFPA at Union of BC Municipalities Conference – Sept 26, 27

The UBCM is the largest gathering of municipal officials in BC. The BCFPA booth was located next to Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC and BC Agriculture Council. BCAC graciously gave us BC Gala apples to distribute to delegates. BCFPA CEO Tony Toth and Donna Brendon were at the booth. BCFPA Director Moe Gill is an Abbotsford Council Member. He dropped by the booth during his time at the conference.

Several districts stopped by the chat about opportunities for food processing in their area. Donna Barnett, Mayor of 100 Mile House, is interested in reopening a small food plant in her district. Call Mayor Barnett at 250-395-2434 ext. 229 or e-mail dbarnett@dist100milehouse.bc.ca for more details. Geoff Millar from the Cowichan Valley Regional District is promoting the district's small processors by offering culinary tours of the area – www.visit.cowichan.net. The Regional District is encouraging more food processors to locate in the Cowichan Valley.

Upcoming Workshops -

WorkSafeBC – Manufacturing Safety Forum

When: November 20-21, 2007

Where: [Pacific Inn](#) 1160 King George Highway, White Rock B.C.

Cost: \$199

British Columbia's first-ever **Manufacturing Safety Conference**, hosted by WorkSafeBC and proudly supported by leading safety organizations CSA and IAPA, will provide this knowledge. Delegates can expect two full days of discussion, dialogue, and debate between like-minded individuals. For more information, please check this site for updates. For more information or to register go to:

<http://www.makingitsafely.com>

Tax Tip – Courtesy of Revenue Services Group

A recent FCA ruling concluded that companies claiming tax credit for GST (all food processors) must meet all documentation requirements in order to make a claim. The FCA ruled that if the GST registrant claiming tax credit does not have the information required to claim the tax credit– in this case a valid GST registration number from the supplier and its proper name - then the registrant cannot claim a tax credit regardless of whether all other requirements are met. The CRA recently

introduced an internet based GST registry system which allows a user to confirm a registrant's GST number and name.

Tax Tips is provided by Revenue Services Group, experts at claiming SR&ED refunds for product development and trials. Contact David Kaplan directly at 604-808-2403 or go to www.RevenueServices.ca

New Members

Associate Members

KPMG – Burnaby office, **Michael Boehm** – Michael's business focuses on the manufacturing sector. has joined the Marketing & Membership Committee of the Association

Mettler Toledo – **Dave**

Neptune Fresh Produce

Westkey Graphics has joined BCFPA as an Associate Member. Westkey Graphics

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News

On August 14, the Honourable Gerry Ritz, MP Battlefords–Lloydminster (Saskatchewan) was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board replacing Chuck Strahl. An additional important change is that the Hon. Stockwell Day, MP Okanagan Coquihalla is the new senior political minister for BC.

On October 17th, Lisa McGuire, BCFPA Manager of Health and Safety, accepted an award from Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (BC/Yukon Region) for the DVD *Employee Safety: Orientation for the Food Industry*. WorkSafe BC featured this DVD in *WorkSafe BC* magazine. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands' **October** newsletter is now available: [BC MAL October Newsletter](#)

BCFPA Activity Update

- With the implementation of the new meat regulations on September 30th, CEO Tony Toth was frequently interviewed by print and broadcast media – CBC national radio program, *The Current*, Dawson Creek Daily News, [Tony, you'll have to fill in here]
- The Association staff was busy traveling around the province with the Meat Transition Assistance Program. Tony Toth, Meat Industry Enhancement Strategy Help Desk Coordinator, Kathleen Gibson, MIES/MTAP Project Manager Don Davidson attended over 14 community meetings organized by Interior Health
- On September 9th Tony Toth attended the Avalon Dairy *Wales Days* celebration as well as Minister of Forests, Rich Coleman's Constituency Picnic. Every year, Avalon Dairy stages a large neighbourhood party with day of entertainers, etc. ,
- On October 9th CEO Tony Toth presented the [BCFPA Brief](#) to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services in Kelowna. The brief was very well received by the government.
- October 9-11, CEO Tony Toth and board member Pieter Vanderpol attended the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC 2008 Planning Session in Penticton.

- October 16, CEO Tony Toth presented at the BC Hydro /BCFPA Power Smart Forum. This forum is part of the partnership with BC Hydro which will include the services of a Power Smart manager.

BCFPA Director Spotlight

Stan Rogers is a Chilliwack booster! Stan arranged for the Chilliwack etc to host the June BCFPA Board meeting. Afterwards, he toured some of the directors around the ever expanding industrial parks. Chilliwack is home to Superior Freeze Dry Corporation of which Stan is

INDUSTRY NEWS

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