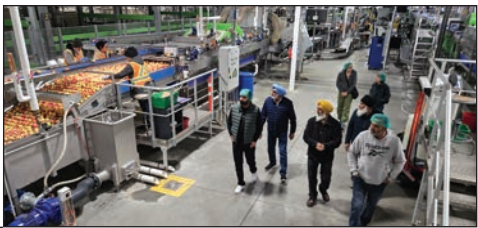


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Title battle concerns ranchers

Supreme Court ruling unsettles property owners

RILEY DONOVAN

RICHMOND – As the fallout from the historic Cowichan Aboriginal title court ruling in Richmond continues to unfold, uncertainty is ramping up for property owners across BC. In August, BC Supreme Court released its decision in Cowichan Tribes v. Canada, with Justice Barbara Young finding that the Cowichan Nation has Aboriginal title to more than 700 acres of land in

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All hands on deck

Maria Torres Zenteno from Puebla, Mexico, packs pears at Day's Century Growers Inc. in Kelowna. The packing line will likely be busy until April after the best pear growing season owner Kevin Day has ever experienced. The plant recently switched to packing Anjou pears, after Bartlett packing lasted about three weeks longer than usual. MYRNA STARK LEADER

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Task force recommends ALR review

PETER MITHAM

VICTORIA – An independent review of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) tops the final recommendations of the Premier's Task Force on Agriculture and Food Economy, published November 24. Just seven years after the last major review of the governance and regulation of the ALR, the task force recommends a further review to "modernize the governance and structure of the

Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)."

The stated goal is "protecting and preserving farmland and supporting food producers and processors," by drawing on "best practices and policies from comparable jurisdictions."

Other recommendations related to land, one of three focus areas addressed by the 13-member task force in meetings at the beginning of October, include updating the farm classification regulation to increase the revenue threshold for farm status and

include reporting to the Canada Revenue Agency.

A provincial farmland trust and agri-industrial land strategy round out the recommendations.

To attract investment in processing and other endeavours, the task force recommends the creation of an industry-led agriculture and food investment fund, as found in other provinces.

Co-chaired by BC Agriculture Council executive director Danielle Synotte

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