



## 2022 OKSIR

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**Shirley Fowler,**  
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RDNO

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**2022 Vice Chair**  
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Fruit Grower, North

**Amarjit Lalli,**  
Fruit Grower, Central

**Tim Lavery**  
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**Walter Makepeace**  
Fruit Grower, South,  
Organic

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#### Non-voting Directors

**Dr. Susanna Acheampong**  
BC Ministry of Agriculture

**Taras Pojasok**  
Agriculture and  
Agri-food Canada

The next regular meeting of the OKSIR Board will be 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, May 13, 2022**, with hopes of holding the meeting in-person at RDCO.

### Goodbye to Long-Serving Grower Reps

After 12+ years of service each, Grower Representatives Amarjit Lalli (Central) and Dave Dobernigg (North) will be stepping away from the OKSIR Board. The OKSIR Board and Staff would like to extend their sincerest appreciation for the many years of dedicated service to the SIR program, the industry, and to their communities through their work on the Board. Both Directors have been so generous with their knowledge of agriculture and industry, and their presence at the Board table will be missed.

The Board looks forward to receiving new nominations from the BCFGAs, to be appointed by the regional districts, with new directors to be in place for the next regularly-scheduled SIR meeting in May.

### X-Ray Research Collaboration Stalled by Manufacturing and Shipping Delays

The much-anticipated x-ray research collaboration has been set back by a significant delay in the manufacturing and shipment of the x-ray machine. As the SIR Program is now preparing for the upcoming field season and moth production is in full swing, the x-ray trials might need to be bumped until the fall.

### Update on Assessment of Economic Valuation of OKSIR, Following Recommendation in Province's Tree Fruit Stabilization Plan

The Board was given a presentation by Cascadia Partners, outlining the results of the first phase of the SIR Program valuation. The first phase was focused on the local benefits of the program, and the image below is one of the slides presented to the Board. The second phase of the valuation, paid for by the Ministry of Agriculture, is to compare the economics of codling moth control in jurisdictions without the SIR Program and to quantify the benefits provided by the program. The final report is due to the Ministry at the end of March, and following release by the province, will be made public—and subsequently shared with all program stakeholders by the SIR Board.

### From Cascadia Partners, Preliminary Findings on SIR Valuation:

## Benefits Offered by SIR Program

There were a series of specific SIR benefits highlighted during local interviews. Many of these benefits are quantifiable and will be included in the financial model.



**Minimal codling moth presence and fruit loss**  
• Most growers had 0%-1% damage in past 5-10 years



**Access to DAS**  
• Many use DAS to make targeted sprays and to decide which chemicals to use



**Reduced spraying**  
• Financial savings to growers from reduced spraying  
• Slowed pest resistance  
• Maintaining good bugs  
• Environmental, health, and community relations benefits  
• Support for agrotourism industry



**Exporting to other markets**  
• SIR supports exporting to Asia – for both apples and cherries



**Global leader in clean foods**



**An area-wide approach**  
• CM management is more possible with an area-wide approach  
• The legislation giving SIR authority to investigate and deal with CM hot spots is key



**National food security**