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Chairmans' Spring Report

Ian Stepler

MBA chairman's report presented at the 2026 MBA AGM on Friday March 6th at the Victoria Hotel, Winnipeg Manitoba.

First off, I want to report to the membership that the slate of directors that you have elected has had near perfect attendance and everyone of our meetings have held exceptional participation.

As chairman, as I oversee the management of our association, I work closely with Shaun and Nadine as we manage the business at hand. Aside the tasks that they have been hired on for, to which their performance has been superb, the management of the KRTP has added to their workload. As chairman, I would like to note their efforts, along with Matthew's commitment, toward the management of the KRTP is what is sustaining the operation of this program right now.

We have 3, 3-year director seat terms expire this year. Brad Hogg, Osee Podolsky and Paul Gregory. I would like to pass along the board's and my own sincere thank you to all, Brad, Osee and Paul for the time they have served on the board and thank you Paul for letting your name stand.

Brad has served on the board for 9 years. Brad's most notable contributions to the board has been through communications. Brad had put a lot of emphasis on ensuring that the work of our board reached smaller sideline and hobby beekeepers. Brad's industry work is not done, as he currently sits as the president of the Red River Apiarist Association, I look forward to working with him down the line.

Osee has served on the board for 8 years. Osee's most notable contributions to the board have been his relentless lobbying. Osee, put emphasis on ensuring that the commercial beekeeping interests were heard at the table. Most notably, the call to access US package bees and the exhaustive voice lobbying for higher honey prices with the focus on restricting adulterated honey import products. Osee has served many years as our CHC representative to which has represented the interests of Manitoba well.

Paul has served on the board for,.... As long as I can remember, and I truly hope if there is an election today that Paul's name remains on the BoD. Paul's contributions on the board have been, of lately, that of continuity of board and issues past. Paul has been extremely useful to reach members as issues arose and conveying membership tone throughout our director meetings. He has also now taken on a position with Manitoba Agriculture, on with MASC, which has been extremely valuable to finally have a beekeeper voice sit on that committee.

The KRTP has been active this year. Two substantial points to highlight regarding the KRTP's finances: we are now entering the fourth year of a five-year, \$1.02 million funding agreement through Manitoba Agriculture and S-CAP. This base funding of over \$200,000 annually covers salaries, office space, supplies, vehicle rental, service supplies, and colony operating costs, which has enabled our MBA to effectively manage a tech program without taxing our association's limited revenue. The second point to note is the work that the program has been doing in cooperation



Past Provincial Apiarist Don Dixon
with Ian Stepler

with the private sector and related industry associations, such as with the Manitoba Canola Growers, Greenlight BioScience, and Natures Recombined has brought ¼ million \$ into the program. Note, that the operation of this program does not draw from the MBA purse, but it is the MBA purse that bankrolls the program as government funding cycles through. This is where our accumulated cash generated from the program helps sustain operations. As of now, the program is set up under its own bank account to help separate the management of the two entities.

Our Safety Net Committee has been active in lobbying Manitoba Agriculture for improvements to our industry's Overwinter Honey Bee Mortality (OBM) program and our Wildlife Compensation program. Subscription to the Over Winter Mortality program has increased by nearly 30%. We are happy to report that we are working with MASC and achieved a 100% coverage option as opposed to 90%. A couple things that we would like to see is the continuation of a strong incentive on good performance but less penalty after making claims. Unfortunately, our industry has experienced a few high loss years over the last 5 years which has dramatically influence the premium and deductible of some producers. We will also continue to lobby for reduced overall costs to our premium which would also help attract more overall enrollment.

Our association is also lobbying for the inclusion of a honey loss claim within the wildlife conservation program. This point has been proposed to the MASC board of directors and I have been told; our request has been supported but its held up at the federal level. We will keep pushing this and I would like to acknowledge Paul Gregory for his work on the MASC board for providing that needed beekeeping voice at that MASC boardroom table.

We also believe our beekeeping industry is rightly suited to participate within the Livestock Predation Prevention Program. This is where beekeepers would be supported through preventative measures in assisting with updating or establishing bear fences. We feel the adoption of this program would pay back in dividends saving the program from costly bear hits and free up more time and wasted resources killing or relocating problem bears.

This summer, the CFIA finalized its ruling on the request to allow access to U.S. package bees. After years of discussion and review, they've decided there will be no access, **period**. Canada's interested parties simply couldn't satisfy the health risk concerns outlined in their assessment. It's disappointing, but it's also final. This is the end of the road for our association's recent effort to access U.S. package bees. Any further action or discussion will need to be decided by a resolution approved by this membership.

The Board and committees have been actively engaged over the past several weeks, with a strong focus on preparedness for the growing threat of *Tropilaelaps* mites.

We met with the new Deputy Minister, Scott Sinclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Nicole Gaudette, Director Heather Martins and Derek Micholson to introduce our association and clearly outline key industry concerns, particularly *Tropilaelaps*. We are working with the Department of Agriculture to better understand what response actions may be taken if or when *Tropilaelaps* arrives in Canada. These discussions are also taking place nationally to ensure proper planning is in place, not only to limit potential spread, but to protect beekeepers during the critical early stages of containment.

A recent CHC *Tropilaelaps* Committee meeting was held with senior CFIA advisors to review surveillance protocols in exporting countries and Canada's approach to preventing *Tropilaelaps* from entering through imported packages. CFIA has issued questionnaires to exporting countries to gather further information on the preventative measures being taken to reduce risk and has also communicated to the CBA the seriousness of following protocols when dealing with swarms on ocean freight.

As a provincial association, we need clear direction from our membership so we can communicate expectations to CHC. This includes positions on potential trade restrictions, quarantine measures, and compensation.

At present,

- BC is calling for a complete risk assessments review of imports
- Alberta has called for a complete shut down of offshore imports
- Ontario has called for a halt on import bees from Italy
- Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the Eastern provinces have not yet provided a position, but I am told, in the process of doing so, as we are.



On February 4th, I held an in-camera Presidents' meeting with associations across the country to talk frankly about the threat of the *Tropilaelaps*, the potential damage *Tropilaelaps* could cause to our industry and the mountain of politics that surrounds this issue. Throughout this meeting, there was a clearly defined tone of concern and the agreement of placing a pause on certain country imports.

Our challenge as an industry is to measure the restriction of package bees due to a speculative risk of introduction due to complacency of our authorities, to the reality that 45,000–50,000 package bees are imported into Canada plus or minus to support stock replacement, at a time when annual colony losses across Canada have exceeded 30% for the past five years. Not to mention our heavy reliance on imported queens.

I have a clear personal view on this issue. As I sit on the CHC *Tropilaelaps* mite committee and as I sit in on meetings with our authorities regarding our inquiry on gathering more information, I have to say my confidence in the CFIA acknowledging our concern of this pest is very low. Not enough information is being conveyed and not enough answers to our questions are being given which leaves me with the opinion that to start with a PAUSE on imports from Europe is an appropriate course of action. My opinion on this matter is reinforced as I also talk to European beekeepers (behind a pint of beer), who themselves have a complete lack of confidence in their own authorities to manage the introduction or management of this pest across the union. My opinion hasn't been determined without consultation of our bee importers. They are looking for industry direction on this issue. Trade will happen if trade is allowed to happen but a pause on trade until we gather more information would easily be managed by redirecting import from other sources.

This is an important issue to discuss within our membership. A resolution to this matter will be presented to the membership within our resolutions section of this meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as chair over this past year, and years prior. It has been a privilege serving our industry and I look forward to the work ahead of us. I wish you all the good spring and good luck with this year's beekeeping season!

Ian Stepler, Chairman, Manitoba Beekeepers Association

Interlake Spring Report



Looking out the office window, I am seeing eight foot banks of snow (the Bobcat could not reach any higher) . But , warm weather coming for the weekend allowing us to access outside colonies – they are not fed yet (April 9th) . Should be an interesting year !

MBA has been very active – it was great to see Mike Clark rub shoulders with the Federal Ag minister in a recent meeting . I do believe the Federal government is listening to us but we have to keep pushing for better border surveillance / testing of off-shore honey .

The Federal government is giving us a \$250,000 interest free cash advance and a higher threshold coverage for AgriStability (Deadline is April 30 but can apply after this with a small penalty) . The Provincial government has strengthened they MASC mortality program as well. I always like to hear from producers on any concerns they have on these Programs . I do sit on both Boards and a fair understanding of the safety nets available.

I am looking forward to using all the new products this season and we will be engaging KRTP and other MBA beekeepers . A strong association, is by far, the best way forward to overcome our current challenges.

Paul Gregory

Brandon Beekeepers' Association

Spring has finally arrived across Manitoba, and with it comes the much-anticipated first look into our hives after winter. This season brings a mix of encouraging signs and ongoing challenges for beekeepers in our region.

Initial hive inspections reveal a wide range of colony strength. On warmer days, many bees are flying actively and beginning brood rearing. Strong colonies are showing: Good population levels, solid brood patterns, active queens.

At the same time, variability between apiaries remains noticeable, depending on fall preparation and winter conditions.

Many members are reporting excellent overwintering results this year. Colonies that performed well typically had: Adequate honey stores going into winter, strong populations in the fall, good insulation and ventilation, healthy queens. These hives are now building up quickly and look promising for the upcoming season.

Challenges & Winter Losses Not all news is positive. Some beekeepers have experienced winter losses or weak colonies. Dead colonies clustered on empty frames, reduced populations in surviving hives.

Starvation Concerns A key issue this spring has been starvation in some colonies. Beekeepers have observed: Bees tightly clustered with no accessible food, colonies unable to reach remaining honey during cold spells, emergency feeding (sugar or fondant) has been critical in helping some colonies survive early spring conditions.

Looking Ahead Spring 2026 presents a mixed but hopeful outlook. While some colonies struggled through winter, many are thriving and building strength. Continued attention and good management practices will be key to a productive season ahead.

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Provincial Apiarist Report

Derek Micholson



Is it spring yet???

While the slower spring may lead to some excess mortality in some areas—and while I've also heard of some larger losses this year—my current winter mortality outlook is still cautiously optimistic as I've also been hearing many positive survival stories. As always, the Winter Mortality Survey will be sent around in May which will provide the necessary data to tell the real story. Please take a moment to complete it when it arrives!

Regarding varroa management – hopefully everyone received the *2026 Honey Bee Health Treatment Guide*, via email, which thankfully includes four newly registered treatments now available in Canada (Amiflex, Apivar 2.0, VarroSan and the “Do It Yourself” method of making/applying Oxalic Acid Glycerin Strips). I hope many were also able to take in the KRTP-led webinar on oxalic acid glycerin strips on April 15. If you have any questions about any of the new treatments, or varroa management in general, please feel free to contact either myself or the KRTP. (Note: the 2026 treatment guide can also be found online here: www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/apiary)

On imports, I am hopeful that the problems with high varroa levels in some imported package bee sources will be resolved this year, but beekeepers are reminded to always be vigilant and to double-check with sampling upon receiving your bees. Please let me know if you are seeing any concerning varroa levels in imported packages!

On a related note, the increased incidence of European Foulbrood (EFB) in Manitoba—and AFB in some area—should also serve as a reminder to be cautious about purchases from any unknown operations. You can always check with me to ensure a seller is not actively restricted from selling due to recent disease detections. As normal, the provincial inspection program will also be commencing in early May. If you are planning to sell any hives, nucs, queens, or used equipment this year with any likelihood of sales moving out of province, please get in touch to let me know ASAP so the inspectors can do their best to prioritize those inspections (which are required for interprovincial movement).

Lastly, honey bee diagnostics remain available in Manitoba through the Veterinary Diagnostic Services Lab in Winnipeg; and the FieldWatch ‘BeeCheck’ APP and online platform is still available for anyone wishing to voluntarily map their apiary sites (publicly or privately) so they are viewable to pesticide applicators and to increase communication prior to spraying. Please see the links below or contact me (or the lab) for more information: <https://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/animal-health-and-welfare/vds/pubs/vds-lab-manual-honey-bee.pdf> www.beecheck.org

Have a great beekeeping season!!

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KRTP Spring Update



Happy spring! As of April 12, I can share an early snapshot of the KRTP’s overwinter survival. Colonies were set out on April 7 after wintering 83 in total, and we are currently at an 11% loss – a figure that will increase, as it typically does. We’re all waiting on better weather, though it’s worth noting that many areas are reporting more difficult starts with recent snowfall and poor access to beeyards.

Due to a late change in logistics last year, our colonies were wintered in Phil Veldhuis’ shed. We appreciate his support in making that possible.

By the time you read this, we will have hosted a webinar on oxalic acid–glycerin treatments. A recording is now available on our YouTube channel (under the “Live” tab) and through the MBA website. The session covers application methods, dosage considerations, timing for local conditions, along with results from Canadian field studies presented by the researchers themselves: Laurence Plamondon (QC), Nuria Morfin (MB), Alvaro De la Mora (SK), and Lynae Ovinge (AB).

This summer, we expect to share preliminary findings from several ongoing projects:

- Year two of Varroasan oxalic strips in an indoor wintering setting, evaluating miticide efficacy and colony outcomes
- Effects of Dalan’s AFB vaccine on viral loads, colony strength, and overwinter survival
- Screening for miticide resistance-associated mutations in varroa, based on more than 60 samples collected across Manitoba (This is ongoing – you can still submit mites! Find instructions online).

Where results cannot yet be formally published, we are always open to discussing progress at regional meetings, or by phone.

GreenLight Biosciences, makers of Norroa, have been in discussions with the MBA to run a fourth year of testing their product in Manitoba. To date, seven Norroa trials have been conducted in Canada: Alberta (2), Ontario (2), and Manitoba (3) to assess field-level efficacy.

Norroa is under review for registration with PMRA, and while that process is moving forward, the 2026 trial would test new formulations and confirm how Norroa fits as a spring treatment within our local timeline. A key goal of this demonstrative research is to give beekeepers clear, practical insight into how to get the most value from this tool if they choose to include it in their integrated pest management program once registered.



However, GreenLight and the KRTP are still waiting on research authorization permits from PMRA before moving ahead with 2026 trial work. Ideally, treatments would begin by May 1, allowing the 16-week trial to finish by August 21, after which regular colony management could resume with late summer and early fall treatments as per standard beekeeper practices

Stay tuned for regular updates via Facebook, Instagram, and at manitobabee.org

KRTP Program Lead

Matthew Polinsky



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University of Manitoba Honey Bee Lab

University of Manitoba Honey Bee Lab Updates

By Nuria Morfin | Assistant Professor in Apiculture and Honey Bee Biology

<https://umanitoba.ca/research/um-honey-bee-lab>



Bee season is nearly here, and what a year it has been —on a personal note, a major move, a new home in Manitoba, and the joy of finding great communities at the University of Manitoba and among local beekeepers.

In 2026, the Beekeeping course will reach its 104th offering, and I am very excited to take on its coordination. The course continues to be delivered in collaboration with Manitoba Agriculture (Derek Micholson) and the Knowledge and Research Transfer Program (Matthew Polinsky), and I am grateful to be part of such a long-standing tradition supporting Manitoba beekeepers.

It has also been a strong year for the Honey Bee Lab, thanks to a dedicated and enthusiastic team and many collaborations. Zoe Rempel worked tirelessly on the CFIA certification process for our honey house and provided guidance across all aspects of beekeeping and lab operations. Charu Sharma completed her Master's degree under the supervision of Dr. Rob Currie and continued with the lab as a research technician. We are very pleased that she will continue her research career with us through a Research Manitoba-supported project investigating how *Varroa destructor* mites shape the community of unwanted microbes in the bees. Charu is also a recipient of a 2026 Canadian Bee Research Fund grant to investigate how oxalic acid acts against *Varroa* mites.

Keaira Vianzon joined the lab through an Undergraduate Research Award and made significant contributions to our research efforts, including hygienic behaviour testing, mite level assessments, and colony inspections as part of a research project to identify molecular tools for selective breeding.

We also collaborated with the KRTP on a project aimed at identifying molecular markers linked to hygienic behaviour, as well as supporting KRTP's work evaluating the effect of the Dalan "vaccine" on viral levels. In the area of honey bee viruses, Danika Strelaefff joined our lab as a Master's student, supported by a Mitacs, Project Apis m, and One Hive Foundation grants. Her project focuses on developing a "bee vaccine," and we are hopeful that this novel delivery method will help trigger the honey bee immune system and provide protection against deformed wing virus. Danika was also the recipient of the CAPA Student Merit Award 2026!

In addition, we partnered with Oligofeed to evaluate the effect of a feed additive on overwintering bees. This work will continue into the spring of 2026 to further assess colony health and performance.

We were also fortunate to host Dr. Ana Diéguez Antón as a visiting scholar from the University of Vigo (Spain). She led trials on amitraz resistance through a collaborative project with Simon Fraser University, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and Véto-Pharma. Dr. Lesia Nikitina also joined our team, bringing great energy and expertise while contributing to both research and field work throughout the summer. We look forward to continued collaboration with her group at the P.I. Prokopovych Institute of Beekeeping (Kyiv, Ukraine). We had many volunteers joining our daily work: harvesting and extracting honey, treating colonies, and doing mite shakes. We are grateful for the support.

Overall, 2025 was a productive year, with solid partnerships and projects aimed at supporting beekeeping. We look ahead to the 2026 bee season!



Danika Strelaefff, Rob Currie, Nuria Morfin, Zoe Rempel, Derek Micholson, and Charu Sharma working in the field.

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CHC Spring Report

Canadian Honey Council Spring Report 2026

My name is Mike Grysiuk, and I'm a second-generation honey producer with a third generation following closely behind. Our family farm is from Neepawa, Manitoba, typically managing more than 4,000 colonies. However, after a major setback in 2022 common to most that year, we were significantly scaled down-not by choice. We hope to completely recover this season!

Since spring 2020, I've served as a Director with the Manitoba Beekeepers Association (MBA), collaborating with directors, provincial apiarists, and chairs to strengthen the local industry and simplify processes for all involved. Every season brings its own challenges: weather, mites, wildlife, crop yields, pesticides, rising costs, fluctuating honey prices, diseases, and labor issues.

Despite these obstacles, we persist and never give up.

Many might ask why anyone continues in beekeeping given these difficulties. Work is tougher than ever and keeping bees alive is our greatest concern closely related to the industry's sustainability.

I've chosen to take on the role of Chair for Manitoba in the Canadian Honey Council to support and advocate for beekeeping. I'd like to thank Osee Podolsky for his previous contributions. I look forward to helping strengthen the beekeeping sector for all Manitoba producers, as well as for Canadian beekeepers at large.

Best regards,

Mike Grysiuk

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Operating a forklift, a valid driver's license and the ability to speak English is an asset. Duties include Handle, feed, and care for honeybee colonies, assist in the production of nucs, splits or replacement hives, Recognize and report hive health issues and apply appropriate treatments, move hives, supering hives, Collect and package honey and beeswax, Bee yard maintenance, Manufacture, assemble and maintain hive equipment, Operate and maintain other apiary related equipment, Spring and Winter preparation of hives, heavy lifting required.

Contact Irwin or Joan Harlton, Harlton Apiaries
Box 644 Souris (MB) R0K 2C0 204-483-2382
Or email: harltonapiaries@mymts.net

Thrive Honey Inc.

Strong Nucs for sale: 2026 laying queen, 3 brood frames, 5 frames of bees. The nucs would have been inspected and should be available by May 20, 2026. Pricing depends on quantities, custom order and deliveries available. For any inquiries, please contact Gabriel at nucs@thrivehoney.ca / 403 5930406

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Bees and Nucs: Full frames of brood covered with bees, or 4 or 5 frame nucs (can make 3 or 4 brood and 1 empty/feed). Large quantities of Nucs, and singles available, all nucs and singles have 2025 overwintered queens. **Equipment :** I have (1) 2 1/2 inch Moyno pump, (1) 2 1/2 inch Mann Lake Moyno pump and (1) 2 1/2 inch honey gear pump, a 4000-psi hot waterpower washer and approximately 3000 and 1-gallon plastic frame feeders. Located approx. 30 minutes north of Winnipeg. Call Calvin 204-330-1714

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Apiary Technician: 5 positions available for the 2026 season.

Seasonal, full time, days, evenings and some Saturdays. Work is mostly outdoors, so must be able to work under hot conditions. The job starts April 1st-July 1st. End date: Sept 10th-November 15th.

Wages \$16.00-\$22.00/hour depending on experience. Performance and/or production bonus may be available.

Duties include but not limited to: feed and care for honeybees, replacement of hives and production of nucs, moving hives, supering hives, detect and report hive health and apply correct disease cures and/or controls, bee yard maintenance, keep field and/or production records, harvest honey, working on extracting line, cleaning extracting equipment and honey house, raise queens, assemble and maintain bee equipment, drive and maintain vehicles. Work is very physically demanding, with long days and heavy lifting. The job is located 2 hours north of Winnipeg in the RM of Fisher NE 33-23-1W in Fisher Branch, MB. Send resume to anita@ifsltd.ca

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or email dnlecocq@shaw.ca

For sale: 973 honey supers with drawn comb, each frame has been scratched clean including the interior of the box. Asking: \$65 / 9 frame box. Finlay commercial double-walled wax melter. Asking: \$6000.00. 17-barrel stainless steel honey holding tank. Asking: \$9,500.00. 50 L Lyson creamer, double-walled, complete with digital controller and de-crystallization function, in mint condition! Asking: \$3000.00. 4 tier SS wax basket cart/stand, Asking: \$2,800.00. Honey sump and progressive cavity honey pump, Asking: \$6000.00. 60 frame Cowan extractor in excellent condition and thoroughly cleaned, Asking \$49,000.00. for pictures or questions please contact Kevin Epp at kbeppe.farm@sasktel.net or call 1-306-741-3930

Oxalic Glycerin Strips Now Approved in Canada for Varroa treatment

Press Release – Press Release – Oxalic Glycerin Strips Now Approved in Canada for Varroa treatment – Feb 20 2026

Label: [Oxalic Label Updated 2026 – new](#)

The Canadian Honey Council is pleased to announce that it has received registration approval for an important new method of treating honey bees for varroa mites.

The new method, using glycerin and cellulose strips as a delivery method for oxalic acid dihydrate crystals, was recently approved by the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory. The CHC applied for the registration as part of its long-standing tradition of supporting Canadian beekeepers with access to effective treatments and medications.

As part of the registration No. 29575, the CHC also received renewed approval of two other methods of applying oxalic acid dihydrate; sublimation (vaporization) and liquid drizzle. The registration is valid for five years until December 31, 2031.

The new open-source method is available for immediate use, and detailed directions for application in both English and French, are contained in newly published label information.

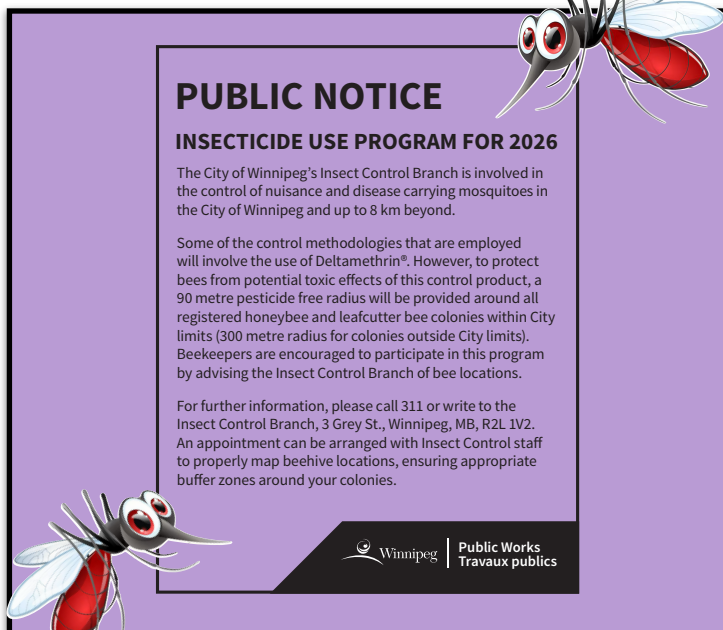
The new and costly registration legalizes what had been an off-label use by some beekeepers, and for which PMRA had advised it would suspend potential investigation and fines while the CHC application was being considered. The CHC invested about \$70,000 in the development and registration process and was greatly assisted by the Ontario Tech Transfer Program and several researchers and beekeepers.

“This new application method will give Canadian beekeepers an important new tool in their efforts to control the varroa mite, which can also carry deadly viruses,” said Jake Berg, the Chair of the CHC Board of Directors. “The CHC, as the national organization representing beekeepers across Canada, sees this as money well spent.”

The association is continuing to work with PMRA on several other regulatory files related to oxalic dihydrate, including a technical review of the CHC’s original application.

The registration of oxalic dihydrate use for combatting varroa mites follows on the CHC’S registration of another important treatment, fumadil-b, (also known as Fumagilin) which is used in treating for nosema, a *microsporidian* spore that can seriously infect honey bees. The CHC licensed the use of its fumadil-b registration to Vita Bee Health Canada, which markets the formulation under its own label.

The approved label directions and information for using oxalic acid dihydrate in all three approved forms will be published on the CHC’s website at <https://honeycouncil.ca/> as well as at pr-rp.hc-sc.gc.ca/1_1/view_label?pk_ukid=414517267



PUBLIC NOTICE
INSECTICIDE USE PROGRAM FOR 2026

The City of Winnipeg’s Insect Control Branch is involved in the control of nuisance and disease carrying mosquitoes in the City of Winnipeg and up to 8 km beyond.

Some of the control methodologies that are employed will involve the use of Deltamethrin®. However, to protect bees from potential toxic effects of this control product, a 90 metre pesticide free radius will be provided around all registered honeybee and leafcutter bee colonies within City limits (300 metre radius for colonies outside City limits). Beekeepers are encouraged to participate in this program by advising the Insect Control Branch of bee locations.

For further information, please call 311 or write to the Insect Control Branch, 3 Grey St., Winnipeg, MB, R2L 1V2. An appointment can be arranged with Insect Control staff to properly map beehive locations, ensuring appropriate buffer zones around your colonies.

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\$60.00

2. **Full Membership** (A Producer who keeps 50 or more honey bee colonies in Manitoba, and who is a sole proprietor, or is the Designated Representative of a partnership, corporation, or Hutterite colony)

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Additional Levy (1501 or more colonies)	Colony number (Total minus 1500)	@0.16 per colony	
TOTAL (Base Fee plus Levy plus Additional Levy)			

3. **INSTITUTION** – A Non-Canadian individual, organization, or entity, serving as a broker or library, requesting the MBA newsletter for reference material or other use. \$100.00US

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Manitoba Beekeepers' Association

Designated Representative Voting Form – **Complete only if you have not completed this before.**

1. Business Name of Registered Producer: _____
(Business name used on original Registration form)

2. Name of Registered Producer: _____
(Name of person completing this form)

Business Number: _____ Manitoba Agriculture Registration Number: _____

The Registered Producer of a Partnership, Corporation or Hutterite Colony must appoint one designated representative to have voting representation in the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association. The designated representative must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Manitoba.

3. Name of Designated Representative: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____ . Email: _____
Phone #: (204) _____ . FAX: (204) _____

4. Confirmation of eligibility of person appointed above as Designated Representative:
Designated Representative's Type of Business Entity: (Please check one only)

Sole Proprietor:

Partnership: To be eligible, a designated representative must hold at least 10% of the assets of the partnership and be entitled to 10% of the income of that partnership. Does the person to be designated so qualify? Yes / No

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To be eligible, a designated representative must hold at least 10% of the voting shares in the corporation. Does the person to be designated so qualify? Yes / No

Hutterite Colony:

To be eligible, a designated representative must be a member of the Hutterite Colony. Does the person to be designated so qualify? Yes / No

5. Is the person to be designated, the designated representative of any other registered producer? Yes / No
(If "yes", to be eligible, a request to rescind that designation must accompany this form).

6. Is the person to be designated also a registered producer, as no individual who is a registered producer may be appointed as the designated representative of another registered producer? (If "yes", to be eligible, a request to rescind that registration must accompany this form)

7. I hereby affirm that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Registered Producer completing this form) (Date form completed)

8. Date Designated Rep. Form received: _____

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