

DRAFT Resolution to Increase the Canola Service Charge

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WHEREAS Alberta Canola's primary source of revenue comes from the service charge growers pay on the tonnes of canola sold in Alberta, and canola production has stabilized in the province around 5.25 million tonnes;

WHEREAS Alberta Canola has evaluated its activities and reduced expenses in all departments, and further cuts would impact its ability to deliver on its mandate;

WHEREAS Alberta Canola is running its sixth deficit budget in seven years and has drawn down its reserve funds to unsustainable levels;

WHEREAS it is vital for Alberta Canola to increase its research budget to continue to access matching funding to find the best ways to grow canola, find solutions to pest management, and increase demand for canola;

WHEREAS it is critical for Alberta Canola to continue partnering with likeminded organizations to fill gaps due to government cuts and advocate on behalf of farmers in an era where fewer people understand agriculture;

WHEREAS the last increase to the canola service charge was in 2003 and inflation over the last 22 years has significantly eroded Alberta Canola's purchasing power.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors deem it to be in the best interest for the future of the Alberta Canola Producers Commission and the canola growers of Alberta to increase the service charge by \$0.75 per tonne of canola.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT under the guidance of Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council the Alberta Canola Producers Marketing Regulation be amended to reflect a service charge of \$1.75 per tonne of canola sold would take effect on August 1, 2025.