



FBC-ABC Members:

St. Lawrence Seaway labour action resolved – normal operations resumed

FBC-ABC is pleased to see that parties have now reached a tentative deal, and that Canada's impacted food and beverage manufacturers can now resume normal operations. We reiterate – Canada requires a contingency plan to safeguard our food system against future supply chain challenges such as these.

Release of An Immigration System for Canada's Future

This week, the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship [released](#) An Immigration System for Canada's Future – a report that lays out a pathway to strengthen our immigration system. The government's plan includes actions to: Reduce wait times and improve service standards; strengthen partnerships with employers and institutions that rely on immigration, while addressing fraud and strengthening student and worker protections; create the new role of a Chief International Officer to align Canada's immigration policies with a long-term skills and labour strategy; and seek to integrate housing and health care planning, along with other important services, into planning Canada's immigration levels.

Stabilizing Canada's immigration targets to support sustainable growth

This week, the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship [tabled](#) the 2024-2026 Immigration Levels Plan. With this plan, the Government is maintaining its target of 485,000 permanent residents for

2024 and completing the final step to reach 500,000 in 2025. Starting in 2026, the government will stabilize permanent resident levels at 500,000. The government also plans to take action over the next year to recalibrate the number of temporary resident admissions.

House Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee passes motion dictating the terms of reviewing grocery retailers' plans to address food prices

This week, the House Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee passed a motion which agreed that all documents provided by grocery retailers related to plans to address food prices would be viewed under the supervision of a clerk and kept confidential. FBC-ABC will monitor for the timeline of the Committee's work on this issue.

FBC-ABC's Policy and Advocacy Committee looking for new members

FBC-ABC's Policy and Advocacy Committee is looking for new members. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis, or more if required, and supports FBC-ABC is being a unifying voice, respected and trusted by all stakeholders. If you, or someone on your public policy or government affairs team is interested, please reach out to [Kristina Farrell](#).

New milestone reached in the protection of Canadian pigs and pork industry against African swine fever

This week, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in support of the Canadian African swine fever (ASF) Compartment Program and consultations done in 2022, [released](#) the National Standards and a National Framework to guide industry in the next steps towards implementing the program.

FBC-ABC joins the Baking Association of Canada for a tour of Algonquin College's Baking and Pastry Arts Management program

FBC-ABC was pleased to have had the opportunity to join the Board of Directors of the Baking Association of Canada (BAC) for a tour of Ottawa's Algonquin College's Baking and Pastry Arts Management program, before having the opportunity to present to the members of the Board. Thank you, BAC, for the opportunity!

The adjustment to the farm gate price of milk is postponed to May 1, 2024

The Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) has [postponed](#) the farm gate milk price adjustment, representing an increase of 1.77%, to May 1, 2024 instead of February 1, 2024.

Government of Canada extends deadline for homeowners to file their Underused Housing Tax return

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of National Revenue has [announced](#) that owners affected by the Underused Housing Tax will have until April 30, 2024 to file their returns for the 2022 calendar year without being charged penalties or interest. This may be relevant to some members.
