

OII Report to BCCA Annual General Meeting 2019

OII is a not-for-profit organization designated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries in 1997 to administer the brand registration and inspection program in British Columbia. The company is run by a board of directors and managed out of the head office in Kamloops.

The program conducts the livestock brands registry and the inspection service of cattle and horses for lawful possession prior to transportation, sale and slaughter.

The program is financed in its entirety through the brand registration and inspection fees paid by livestock industry participants.

In the Office

Bob Miller – General Manager

Cathy Stewart – Office Manager

Heather Miller – Brands & Reception

Janette Speller – Receptions Associate

Board of Directors

President – Ellen Hockley, Horse Council BC

Vice – President – Roger Patenaude, BC Cattleman's Association

Chris Haywood Farmer – BC Cattleman's Association

Doug Haughton – BC Association of Cattle Feeders

Gary DeBruin – BC Breeders & Feeders Association

Peter Raffan - Mountain Livestock Marketing Association

Re: RCMP Livestock Coordinator

- BCCA and OII offices work closely with Cpl. Lepine, on many industry issues and topics
- Cpl. Lepine and Bob Miller currently sit as ex-officio's on the BCCA Livestock Industry Protection Committee

Brand Renewal Notices 2019

2019 Brand Expiry renewals are annually sent out in April all of which are due prior to June 30. Reminders; Second Notices are sent out in May.

- **If at any time a brand registrant has a change of address, please let the OII office know in order to keep our mail list current.**
- **Please provide the office with as much contact information as possible, including e-mail address etc.**

District 6 – Prescribed Brand Inspection Area Update (May 2015- present)

- This process is ongoing, although has come to a halt due to Provincial Government priorities.
- Change in government, combined with the 2017 summer of wild fires combined with health restrictions involving a key leader, have provided cause for this campaign to be deemed a non-priority at this time.

Other

- OII currently administers approximately 6000 registered brands combining cattle and horses
- 2015 OII added a bill of sale to the manifest books
- 2015 OII added a column on the manifest (Form 3) for producers and destination points to include their Premise Id #. We are now seeing PID#'s recorded on some of the Form 3's
 - This is a requirement of the soon to be proposed, CFIA National Traceability Plan
- 2017 OII, as a request of industry and government re; added a column on the manifest for TIME LOADED, re: Animal Welfare
 - This is a requirement of the NFACC, Codes of Practice and Livestock Transport new regulations code
- 2018 OII Brand book was published in September and can be purchased by contacting the OII office for \$25.00 each, plus postage
- 2019 OII made a slight change to the Form 3 requesting more vital information regarding owners mailing address
- OII is pleased to be a participating partner in the Farm Animal Care and Emergency Response Plan
- OII is involved in ongoing discussions with Government and industry alike; regarding pro active measures to operate in the world of electronic data saving and movement tracking

Did You Know

- OII currently has 36 part time brand inspectors located throughout the province
- Long serving brand inspectors, Neil Morrison (approx 48 years) and Rob Willis (15 years) both announced their retirement in 2018. The OII board of directors and staff wish to thank these two gentlemen for their years of professional service and wish them well as they enter retirement
- OII has hired Cody Stewart, Lone Butte, BC to fill the void in the Clinton to 100 Mile area, Morgan Grant to assist in the Kamloops area, including at the BCLC sale yards, as well as James Stafford to assist in the Wm. Lake area, including the BCLC sales yard. OII also wishes to welcome Elizabeth Legebokoff as an inspector for the Vanderhoof area and BCLC sale yards
- Brand inspectors require a 24 hour notice prior to providing an inspection service
- It is the owner / contributors responsibility to properly present the livestock for brand inspection

It is the responsibility of the contributor to provide a properly completed manifest (Form 3) to accompany all livestock movement and shipment, when applicable.

Part 5 – General (Livestock Identification Act) Sec; 47 – Evidence of Ownership where brand not owner’s

A contributor, who presents purchased livestock which are branded with a brand other than that registered in his name, shall present to the inspector satisfactory evidence of ownership for the livestock.

- **It is the responsibility of the contributor to have the manifest made out in the same name(s) the brand is registered in. If this is not the case, then a properly completed bill of sale shall serve as the best means of proving ownership for animals not carrying the contributors brand**

- **When consigning Finance Association cattle carrying an association brand, the manifest must be completed in the name of the association. Otherwise, an association release must be provided.**

- Violation of any of the previously listed regulations could result in detention of funds.
- OII web page – Missing Livestock (Cattle & Horses) reported is posted for a period of one year, unless reported located.
- Please see Inspection Stat sheet attached. (July 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019 – with comparison to previous year)

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Miller
General Manager
Ownership Identification Inc.