

## FOOD & BEVERAGE INDUSTRY INNOVATION FUND

The Food & Beverage Industry Innovation (FBII) Fund had a second call for proposals for February 23, 2009. The applicant requests were the largest single-sitting number in AAC history (49) and were considered by the committee on April 1, 2009. Results will be communicated once the AAC Board provides approval on April 30th.



**CanAdvance** Program ended March 31, 2009. Residual monies will be distributed on first-come, first-served approval, until funding is exhausted. Note: All applications should be submitted 4-6 weeks prior to a board meeting date. The Board meets every six weeks approximately, and applicants are encouraged to undergo the pre-proposal process (that is free and highly effective). Applications are accepted from the entire value chain. The Board meetings for 2009 are listed below:

- o April 30, 2009
- o June 24/25/26, 2009 (summer meeting in Windsor)
- o August 27, 2009
- o October 15, 2009
- o December 2, 2009
- o December 3, 2009 (annual meeting)

The Agricultural Management Institute (AMI) Program and the Canada-Ontario Water Supply Expansion Program (COWSEP) have also ended on March 31st... and no further applications will be considered by the AAC.

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## CUPRI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has partnered with the Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) to fund research and innovation projects on alternatives to the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. The Program is called CUPRI – Cosmetic Use Pesticides Research and Innovation Program – and is a result of the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act announced on April 22, 2009. The AAC will accept applications from legal Canadian entities (including for-profit, academic institutions, university researchers and not-for-profit organizations). There is a Call for Proposals in early May, 2009 and another in December (if funds remain from the May allocation).



## LEAMINGTON AREA DRIP IRRIGATION PROJECT

Kim Turnbull, the Chair of the Board for AAC, was the emcee for the LADI announcement in Leamington on April 16, 2009. The announcement was made by Dave Van Kesteren, MP for Chatham-Kent-Essex who was representing Minister Ritz. Also speaking were John Adams, Mayor of Leamington and Wayne Palichk (Chair of the LADI Board. With \$2 million from the AAC (through the COWSEP Program), and \$6 million total, approximately 1600 acres is now irrigated via 40 km of pipe from a pumping and filtration plant on Lake Erie. The system has the capacity to deliver 7,000 USGPM and reduces the risk of future water shortages to high-value crops grown in the Leamington area.



*Kim Turnbull examines the intake pipe for the LADI Project*

Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) is a non-profit coalition of 73 Ontario agricultural, agri-food and rural organizations. The diverse membership of the AAC represents the agriculture and agri-food industry both regionally and by sector.

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