

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**  
**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014 AT 2:30 PM**  
**IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Present:**

Director D. Johnstone	Chairperson
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
K. Wilson	Representative (South)
M. Ryn	Representative (South)
C. Watson	Representative (North)
J. McLeod	Regional Agricultural Organization
C. Springford	Regional Agricultural Organization
K. Reid	Regional Aquaculture Organization

**Also in Attendance:**

J. Stanhope	Director, Electoral Area 'G'
J. Holm	Manager of Current Planning
P. Thompson	Manager of Long Range Planning
T. Armet	Manager of Building, Bylaw & Emergency Services
J. Drew	Emergency Coordinator
L. Rowett	Senior Planner
G. Keller	Senior Planner
N. Hewitt	Recording Secretary
W. Haddow	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture

**Regrets:**

R. Thompson	Representative (North)
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Johnstone called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The Chair welcomed new Agricultural Advisory Committee members. Director Stanhope welcomed new members to the Committee.

**MINUTES**

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED M. Ryn, that the minutes of the regular Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held September 27, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **City of Salmon Arm, Core Review, re: Agricultural Land Commission**

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED C. Springford, that the correspondence from the City of Salmon Arm regarding the Agricultural Land Commission be received.

CARRIED

### **Growing Forward 2, New Funding, New Horizons**

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED C. Springford, that the correspondence from the Growing Forward 2 regarding funding program be received.

CARRIED

### **October 2013 Update from ALC**

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED H. Houle, that the correspondence from the Agricultural Land Commission regarding service updates be received.

CARRIED

J. McLeod will attend the Agricultural Fair in Duncan February 7 & 8 and report back to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Staff will report back to the Committee on ALC delegation agreements, specifically the June 2013 update agreement between ALC and Oil and Gas Commission.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Farm Classification, British Columbia Assessment Authority**

Julia Schlieman, Appraiser and Lorraine Gilbert, Senior Appraiser for BC Assessment Authority provided a verbal and visual overview of farm classification and tax exemption calculations.

### **Emergency Livestock Evacuation, Emergency Management Select Committee Motion**

Jani Drew provided a verbal and visual overview of the RDN Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan.

## **LATE DELEGATE**

MOVED C. Springford, SECONDED K. Wilson, that the following delegation be permitted to address the Committee.

CARRIED

### **Dogs Harassing Livestock, Janet Thony, Coombs Farming Institute**

Ms. Thony provided a verbal overview of the ad hoc committee created due to a pack of nuisance dogs that attacked numerous livestock. Ms. Thony requested assistance to amend the Animal Control Bylaw and the *Livestock Act* regarding at-large dogs.

**Update on AAC 2014-2016 Action Plan**

Greg Keller provided a verbal update on the 2014-2016 Action Plan.

**UBCM Resolutions Related to Agriculture 2000 – 2013**

Paul Thompson provided a hand out of UBCM resolutions relating to Agriculture.

**Agricultural Land Use Inventory & Water Demand Model Update**

Lainya Rowett provided a verbal update on the Land Use Inventory & Water Demand Model project.

MOVED C. Springford, SECONDED H. Houle, that the Ministry of Agriculture be invited to present to the Agricultural Advisory Committee the results of the Regional District of Nanaimo Agricultural Land Use Inventory and Agricultural Water Demand Model project.

CARRIED

**Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulation (MMPR) Amendments Updates**

Jeremy Holm provided a verbal update on the zoning amendments related to Marihuana for Medical Purpose Regulation.

**Updated Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas**

Greg Keller provided a verbal report on the Ministry of Agriculture's update guide for Bylaw Development in farming areas.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dogs Harassing Livestock**

The Committee endorsed the following recommendations for the Board's consideration:

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED C. Springford, that Bylaw and Policy Review project in the 2014-2016 Agricultural Area Plan (AAP) Implementation Action Plan include consideration of options to minimize the impact of trespass by at-large dogs on farms with livestock.

CARRIED

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED C. Springford, that staff be directed to investigate and bring back a report on amending Regional District of Nanaimo animal control bylaw to include provisions for classifying and regulating nuisance to livestock dogs and the compensation to parties as result of the actions of dangerous or nuisance dogs

CARRIED

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED C. Springford, that the Board of Directors of the RDN send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture asking that the Livestock Act be amended so as to better protect livestock from nuisance dogs.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED C. Springford, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time: 4:32 pm

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CHAIRPERSON