

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 AT 2:00 PM
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present:

Director D. Johnstone	Chairperson
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
C. Evans	Representative (South)
A. Brown	Representative (North)
R. Wahlgren	Representative (North)
J. McLeod	Regional Agricultural Organization
C. Springford	Regional Agricultural Organization

Also in Attendance:

G. Garbutt	General Manager of Strategic and Community Development
J. Holm	Manager of Current Planning
P. Thompson	Manager of Long Range Planning
G. Keller	Senior Planner
N. Hewitt	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

K. Reid	Shellfish Aquaculture Organization
A. Benson	Representative (South)

CALL TO ORDER

Welcomed the delegation and greeted members.

DELEGATION

Sasha Angus, Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation.

Provided a verbal and visual overview of the Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation. The intention of the Corporation is to fostering entrepreneurs, business expansion and retention, business development and attract investments opportunities in the Region.

MINUTES

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED C. Springford, that the minutes of the regular Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held May 17, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Geoff Garbutt, General Manager of Strategic and Community Development provided a verbal overview of the Agriculture and Aquaculture policies of the Comox Valley Regional District.

Fall Agriculture- Aquaculture Tour.

The Committee expressed interest that the Fall tour be geared towards the North portion of the Regional District of Nanaimo. Suggested locations could be the Echo Valley Farms (Walshes), Hilliers Estate Farm (Bergen), and Stellar Bay Shellfish (Reid). Chairperson Johnstone suggested that Friday would work best and to consider including Nanaimo Economic Development into the Fall Tour.

Chairperson Johnstone left the meeting at 2:50pm, Director J. Fell took over the Chairperson position.

CORRESPONDENCE

ALC – Information Bulletin, Medical Marihuana Production in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED C. Evans, that the correspondence from the ALC– Information Bulletin, Medical Marihuana Production in the Agricultural Land Reserve be received.

CARRIED

Growing Forward 2, New Funding, New Horizons.

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED C. Evans, the correspondence from Growing Forward 2, New Funding, New Horizons be received.

CARRIED

District of West Kelowna, Agricultural Advisory Committee, re: Property Assessment Rates on Farm Improvements.

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED C. Evans, the correspondence from the District of West Kelowna, Agricultural Advisory Committee, re: Property Assessment Rates on Farm Improvements be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement Policy A2.19.

Recording secretary will provide each member the mapquest mileage make sure that the mileage is correct for their location. At this point the mileage is at .54 cents per kilometer.

Agricultural Action Plan – Implementation.

MOVED H.Houle, SECONDED R. Walhgren, that the Agricultural Action Plan Implementation document be received.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

UBCM Resolutions.

Look at agricultural base resolutions and find out what the decisions were.

Farmers Guide Food Maps thru Comox Valley Regional District, Cowichan Valley had their food map thru Green Foodies.

Local has now been redefined. CFIA 50km across borders? Review the definition and comment on it. Maybe the Regional District of Nanaimo should comment on the newly defined word.

Albert stated that the food map was placed in the newspaper in Comox.

The next AAC meeting will be November 29, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED H. Houle , SECONDED J. McLeod, that this meeting be adjourned at 3:45 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

Diana requested if Sasha could come every quarter for a review