

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2011
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present:

Director J. Burnett	Chairperson
A. Benson	Representative (South)
J. McLeod	Representative (South)
A. Brown	Representative (North)
R. Thompson	Representative (North)
C. Springford	Representative (North)
K. Reid	Representative (North)
D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance:

D. Lindsay	Manager of Current Planning
L. Rowett	Planner
Tom Sohier	GIS Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

The Committee shared a round table discussion of the proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals to conduct an Agricultural Area Plan.

DELEGATIONS

Ted Van Der Gulik & Rob Kline, BC Ministry of Agriculture gave a presentation re the Agricultural Land Use Inventory and the Agricultural Water Demand Model.

Following the presentation the Committee asked the representatives questions re the Agricultural Land Use Inventory and Agricultural Water Demand Model.

The Committee then discussed the merits of using the Ministry to conduct the inventory and data modeling, as part of the Agricultural Area Plan, and directed staff to explore this option further.

MINUTES

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED A. Benson, that the minutes from the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held April 29, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURAL AREA PLAN

The Committee deliberated and evaluated the Agricultural Area Plan proposals and selected Upland Consulting as the project consultant.

MOVED C. Springford, SECONDED J. McLeod, that the Committee select Upland Consulting as the project consultant.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the timing of the Land Use Inventory and how it would change the project work plan if the inventory was completed by the Ministry instead of the consultant. The Committee directed staff to contact the selected consultant to discuss a revised work plan based on the Ministry's involvement.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED C. Springford, SECONDED R. Thompson that the Committee send correspondence to the Investment Agriculture Foundation in support of the Vancouver Island Agriculture Show Pilot Project, which is scheduled for 2012.

CARRIED

REPORTS

No reports were received.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

CHAIRPERSON