

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010 IN THE RDN BENSON ROOM

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

W. Haddow, P. Ag	(Guest) Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
R. Orr	(Guest) Island Timberlands
D. Lindsay	Manager of Current Planning
K. Marks	Planner
Christina Metherall	Drinking Water/Watershed Protection Coordinator
Karen Sanders	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

DELEGATIONS

Jake, Jamie and Chris Bergen and Brian Gaudet (Bergens' agent) presented proposed long term plans for the properties located at:

- ▶ Lot 1, District Lot 8, Newcastle District, Plan 14402, Except Part in Plan VIP53669, Lot 2, District Lots 8 and 91, Newcastle District, Plan 13354 Except Parts in Plans 14402, 21064, VIP53669 and VIP58478 and Re-Amended Lot A (DD 27360N), District Lot 8, Newcastle District, Plan 1949, Except Parts in Plans 14093, 17057 and VIP58478 (Hilliers Farm) and
- ▶ Lot A District Lot 90 and of Block 359 Newcastle District Plan VIP67156 and Block 1372, Newcastle District (Corcan site).

In addition to growing berries, the proposed plans for the Hilliers Farm include adding a berry processing plant and a winery. The proposed plan for the Corcan site is to plant 170 acres of berries, create farming parcels of 15-20 acres, and land that is not agriculturally viable into 7-8 five acre parcels.

MINUTES

MOVED D. Johnstone, SECONDED A. Benson, that the minutes from the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held January 29, 2010, be received.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jani Drew, Emergency Coordinator is invited to the September AAC meeting to answer any questions the members have regarding the '2008 Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Plan' report.

From the March 23, 2010 Board minutes:

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director McNabb, that the development of the Area Agricultural Plan be referred back to staff for further review and report back to the Board.

D. Lindsay provided the committee with an update regarding the status of the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne Haddow, P. Ag., Regional and First Nations Agrologist, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands will be invited to attend all AAC meetings.

REPORTS

Christina Metherall, Drinking Water/Watershed Protection Coordinator, presented information on drinking water and watershed protection.

The next AAC meeting was confirmed as September 24, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

CHAIRPERSON