

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009 IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Present:

Director J. Burnett	Chairperson
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G
C. Evans	
C. Springford	
A. Brown	Representative (North)
R. Thompson	Representative (North)
A. Benson	Representative (South)
J. McLeod	Representative (South)

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
P. Thorkelsson	General Manager of Development Services
D. Lindsay	Manager of Current Planning
K. Marks	Planner
Karen Sanders	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. by the Chair.

Introductions were made.

Joe Burnett provided a brief overview of the role of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). The Agricultural Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and a contact list were provided to the committee members.

Presentations:

Gary Rolston, Agricultural Consultant, of 'From the Ground Up' presented information on "The Draft Cowichan Valley Regional District Agricultural Plans". While the statistical information pertained mainly to the CVRD, the overall trends are consistent through central Vancouver Island.

Gary also provided a summary on the status of agriculture in the Regional District citing data from the 'Regional District of Nanaimo Agricultural Overview' (attached).

Susan Palmer, Regional Growth Strategy Consultant, presented a brief outline on the direction the Draft Regional Growth Strategy is heading with policies regarding food security and ALR lands.

General Discussion

A general discussion followed regarding the role of the AAC.

The next AAC meeting was confirmed as January 29, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm.

CHAIRPERSON