

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM
IN THE RDN BOARD ROOM**

Present:

H. Houle	Chairperson
J. Fell	Electoral Area F
M. Ryn	Regional Agricultural Organization
J. Thony	Regional Agricultural Organization
K. Reid	Shellfish Aquaculture Organizations
K. Wilson	Representative District 68
G. Laird	Representative District 68
C. Watson	Representative District 69

Regrets

R. Thompson	Representative District 69
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Also in Attendance:

P. Thompson	Mgr. Long Range Planning
G. Keller	Acting Mgr. Current Planning
J. Schile	Senior Planner, Long Range Planning
P. Sherman	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on Friday, November 25, 2016

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED G. Laird, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on Friday, November 25, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Agricultural Land Commission Decision (November 21, 2016) on PL2016-034 – ALR Subdivision Application - 2070 Akenhead Rd – Electoral Area ‘A’

J. Schile provided a summary of Regional District of Nanaimo Application No. PL2016-034 – ALR Subdivision.

Agricultural Land Commission Decision (December 21, 2016) on PL2016-097 – ALR Non-Farm Use Application - 1888 Kaye Road Electoral Area 'E'

J. Schile provided a summary of Regional District of Nanaimo Application No. PL2016-097 – ALR Non-Farm Use.

Agricultural Land Commission Decision (January 30, 2017) on PL2016-096 – ALR Subdivision Application - 6617 Doumont Road - Electoral Area 'C'

J. Schile provided a summary of Regional District of Nanaimo Application No. PL2016-096 – ALR Subdivision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Final Decisions – Verbal Report from RDN staff

Islands Agriculture Show, February 3 - 4, 2017 held in Port Alberni, BC – Verbal Report from RDN staff

J. Schile, J. Thony and Director Fell provided an update on the Islands Agriculture Show, February 3 - 4, 2017 held in Port Alberni, BC.

Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) 2017 Provisional Meeting Dates – Verbal Report from RDN staff

P. Thompson provided the following tentative dates for the 2017 AAC meetings: May 26, 2017; September 22, 2017; and, November 17, 2017.

A new application was recently received and an additional meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

PL2016-189 - Exclusion – 1155 Leffler Road – Electoral Area F

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED J. Thony, that ALR Application No. PL2016-189 - Exclusion – 1155 Leffler Road – Electoral Area F be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve the exclusion from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

A recorded vote was requested.

The motion was CARRIED with Director Houle, Director Fell, J. Thony, K. Reid and K. Wilson in favour, and G. Laird and M. Ryn opposed.

Recorded Vote: in favour – 5, Opposed - 2

C. Watson was not present for this motion.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Regional District of Nanaimo Agricultural Area Plan (AAP)

J. Thony spoke about using the Regional District of Nanaimo Agricultural Area Plan (AAP) as an important resource and noted that the Mid-Island Growers Guide includes 19 action items from the AAP.

Coombs Farmers' Institute

J. Thony noted that the Coombs Farmers' Institute will be holding its second annual BC Good Agricultural Practices (BC GAP) Workshop on March 15, 2017.

J. Thony informed the Committee that the Coombs Farmers' Institute was successful in their application to the B.C. government's Grow Local Program.

J. Thony noted that the Coombs Farmers' Institute will be hosting its 39th Annual Farm Auction on April 23, 2017.

Newly Appointed Agricultural Advisory Committee Member

Chair Houle advised the Committee that RDN Director Westbroek has been appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and would be invited to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED J. Thony, SECONDED Director Fell, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time 2:42 pm

CHAIRPERSON