

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING****Friday, April 6, 2018****2:00 P.M.****RDN Board Chambers**

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| In Attendance: | Director H. Houle | Chair |
| | Director J. Fell | Electoral Area F |
| | Director T. Westbroek | Town of Qualicum Beach |
| | J. Thony | Regional Agricultural Organization |
| | M. Ryn | Regional Agricultural Organization |
| | K. Wilson | Representative District 68 |
| | G. Laird | Representative District 68 |
| | R. Thompson | Representative District 69 |
| Regrets: | K. Reid | Shellfish Aquaculture Organization |
| | C. Watson | Representative District 69 |
| Also in Attendance: | J. Holm | Mgr. Current Planning |
| | N. Redpath | Planner, Long Range |
| | P. Sherman | Recording Secretary |

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to include a verbal update report on the Gathering For Events in the ALR project and an item of new business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting - February 16, 2018**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held February 16, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Request for Comment on Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-012 - 2789 and 2783 Haslam Road, Electoral Area 'A'

Robyn Kelln, the owner's representative, addressed the committee and referenced to a letter from Keystone Environmental Ltd., dated April 3, 2018, regarding the comments/concerns that were raised during the site visit at 2789 and 2783 Haslam Road.

The meeting recessed at 2:10 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2:18 pm.

It was moved and seconded that the letter from Keystone Environmental Ltd. be received as correspondence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-012 – 2789 and 2783 Haslam Road, Electoral Area 'A' be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to refuse.

It was moved and seconded that the main motion be amended to forward the application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-012 – 2789 and 2783 Haslam Road, Electoral Area 'A' to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation that the subdivision be approved if the separate title that is created retains its agriculture status so that the site can only be used for farm use.

Opposed (5): Director Westbroek, M. Ryn, G. Laird, K. Wilson, J. Thony

DEFEATED

The vote was taken on the main motion as follows:

It was moved and seconded that the application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-012 – 2789 and 2783 Haslam Road, Electoral Area 'A' be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to refuse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Land Commission Final Decisions Chart

There were no new decisions from the Agricultural Land Commission since the last Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting of February 16, 2018.

Gathering for Events in the Agricultural Land Reserve – Verbal Update

N. Redpath informed the committee that bylaw amendments 500.413 and 1285.29 regarding gathering for events in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) received first and second reading. Both public hearings for the amendment bylaws will be held on April 16, 2018 in the Regional District of Nanaimo Board Chambers. The next steps were outlined with the amendment bylaws being brought to the Board meeting in April for a potential third reading. A report is being proposed to investigate the use of a permitting system for events in the ALR and an educational brochure to reflect the proposed bylaw amendments are being developed.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Workshop

M. Ryn spoke about attending the 2018 Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop.

Protection is Not Enough: Policy Precedents to Increase the Agricultural Use of British Columbia's Farmland

M. Ryn recommended reading the report from the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems, Protection is Not Enough: Policy Precedents to Increase the Agricultural Use of British Columbia's Farmland.

Volunteer Appreciation Events

J. Holm spoke about the upcoming volunteer appreciation events.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 3:00 PM

CHAIR