

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Present:

D. Johnstone	Chairperson
B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
J. Fell	Director, Electoral Area F
J. McLeod	Representative (South)
A. Benson	Representative (South)
C. Springford	Representative (North)
K. Reid	Representative (North)
A. Brown	Representative (North)
R. Wahlgren	Representative (North)

Also in Attendance:

W. Haddow	BC Ministry of Agriculture
P. Thorkelsson	General Manager of Development Services
J. Holm	Manager, Current Planning
L. Rowett	Senior Planner
K. Sanders	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

C. Evans	Representative (South)
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm by the Chair.

MINUTES

C. Springford noted that he was listed as present at the meeting, when in fact, he was not.

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED J. McLeod that the minutes, as amended, of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on November 18, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

MOVED J. McLeod, SECONDED J. Fell that the Board recommend changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference to allow the AAC to review and comment on ALR applications.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Staff provided an update on the status of the Agricultural Area Plan and the next steps towards completion of the plan.

MOVED A. Brown, SECONDED J. Fell that the following reports be received for information:

- Board Report dated January 12, 2012 on Agricultural Area Plan Update,
- Public consultation Summary Report, and
- Phase 1 Background Report

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Copies of the Ministry of Agriculture's new policy "Regulating the Siting and Size of Residential Uses in the ALR" were circulated to the Committee members and Wayne Haddow was invited to give a brief overview. He explained that the document includes suggestions of policies that local governments can adopt to minimize negative impacts of residential development on agricultural lands in the ALR.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED A. Benson, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time: 3:01 pm

CHAIRPERSON