

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 AT 1:00 PM**  
**IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

**Present:**

Director H. Houle	Chairperson
Director C. Haime	District of Lantzville
K. Reid	Regional Aquaculture Organization
C. Watson	Representative (North)
M. Ryn	Representative (South)
K. Wilson	Representative (South)
J. Thony	Regional Agricultural Organization

**Also in Attendance:**

A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
M. Young	Electoral Area C
B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
W. Pratt	City of Nanaimo
P. Thompson	Manager of Long Range Planning
J. Holm	Manager of Current Planning
G. Keller	Senior Planner
J. Pisani	Drinking Water Watershed Protection Coordinator
S. Tam	Ministry of Agriculture
J. Hatfield	Ministry of Agriculture
B. Farkas	Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
J. McLeod	Regional Agricultural Organization
R. Thompson	Representative (North)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Houle called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

**MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held Friday March 27, 2015.**

MOVED C. Haime, SECONDED K. Reid, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held Friday March 27, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

## **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Derek Sturko, Ministry of Agriculture, re Regulatory Amendments Affecting the Production of Medical Marijuana on Agriculture Land Reserve.**

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED M. Ryn, that the correspondence from Derek Sturko re regulatory amendments affecting the production of medical marijuana on Agriculture Land Reserve be received.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

### **ALR Application No. PL2015-057– Wild – 640 Grovehill Road, Electoral Area ‘H’.**

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED M. Ryn, that Application No. PL2015-056 – Wild – 640 Grovehill Road, Electoral Area ‘H’ for a non-farm use approval for a second dwelling unit in the ALR be supported by the Agricultural Advisory Committee and that the application be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission as submitted.

CARRIED

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Land Use Inventory and Agricultural Water Demand Model (Verbal Reports).**

Stephanie Tam, P. Eng., Water Management Engineer for BC Ministry of Agriculture gave a presentation on the Agricultural Water Demand Model. The presentation will be emailed to Committee members.

Jill Hatfield, Regional Agrologist, Vancouver Island North, Sustainable Agriculture Management Branch Regional Operations, Ministry of Agriculture gave a presentation on the Agricultural Land Use Inventory. The presentation will be emailed to Committee members.

### **Bylaw and Policy Update Project – Current Status (Verbal Report).**

G. Keller gave a brief verbal update on the Bylaw and Policy Update project. Draft zoning amendments have been prepared and Board approval has been received to proceed with community consultation. During the summer months the website will be updated and an online survey will be developed. In the fall there will be engagement with community and feedback will be sought through community meetings which will be held throughout the region.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **District A “Representing Farmer’s Institutes on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and the Sunshine Coast” Meeting with Ministry of Agriculture June 22, 2015**

M. Ryn and J. Thony attended a meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture on June 22, 2015 to discuss changes to the *Livestock Act*, Farm Animal Abuse Investigations and Need to Control Invasive Plants that threaten agriculture. Submissions regarding this meeting will be emailed to Committee members.

M. Ryn and J. Thony recently attended a meeting of the CVRD's AAC which included a presentation by Cowichan Green Community on incubator farms. Ms. Ryn suggested this presentation be made at an RDN AAC meeting at a future date.

J. Thony displayed a booklet by a Vancouver Island University student which reviews 14 local farms. This booklet is available locally.

Chair Houle thanked everyone for their presentations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED H. Houle, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time 2:43 pm

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CHAIRPERSON