

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015 AT 2:00 PM
IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS

Present:

Director H. Houle	Chairperson
Director C. Haime	District of Lantzville
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area 'F'
K. Reid	Regional Aquaculture Organization
J. McLeod	Regional Agricultural Organization
R. Thompson	Representative (North)
C. Watson	Representative (North)
M. Ryn	Representative (South)
K. Wilson	Representative (South)
J. Thony	Regional Agricultural Organization

Also in Attendance:

R. Turner	Turner Land Surveyor
M. Young	Electoral Area C
P. Thompson	Manager of Long Range Planning
J. Holm	Manager of Current Planning
K. Marks	Senior Planner
S. Boogaards	Planner
N. Hewitt	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Houle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held Friday July 3, 2015.

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED M. Ryn, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held Friday July 3, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Agriculture, re Regulating Agri-Tourism and Farm Retail Sales in the Agricultural Land Reserve – Discussion Paper and Proposed Minister's Bylaw Standards.

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED J. Fell, that the correspondence from the Ministry Agriculture re: Regulating Agri-Tourism and Farm Retail Sales in the Agricultural Land Reserve – Discussion Paper and Proposed Minister's Bylaw Standards be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

ALR Application No. PL2014-017– Paugh– 2670 McLean’s Road, Electoral Area ‘C’.

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED K. Reid, that the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends the Agricultural Land Commission approve Section 946 subdivision application No. PL2014-017 – Paugh – 2670 McLean’s Road, Electoral Area ‘C’ as submitted.

CARRIED

Bylaw and Policy Update Project – Current Status.

K. Marks provided a brief verbal update on the Bylaw and Policy Update project.

Dogs at Large Bylaw Amendment.

J. Holm provided a brief verbal update on bylaw amendments to address dogs at large in Electoral Area ‘F’.

Agricultural Land Use Inventory Update.

K. Marks provided a brief verbal update on the agricultural land use inventory update.

AAC Membership expiring at the end of this year.

J. Holm thanked the Committee members for their work with the AAC and advised that members are welcome to re-apply for positions on the Committee and that the Board will approve new committee appointments in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Study Tour - UBCM.

Director Houle joined the BC Ministry of Agriculture on a tour showing the latest in livestock production. The tour included an organic chicken egg farm, dairy farm, goat farm and a retired racehorse farm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED K. Reid, SECONDED C. Watson, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time 2:51 pm

CHAIRPERSON