

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016, at 2pm
IN THE RDN BOARD ROOM**

Present:

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| H. Houle | Chairperson |
| J. Fell | Director, 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 |
| R. Thompson | Representative District 69 |
| C. Watson | Representative District 69 |

Regrets

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| C. Haime | District of Lantzville |
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Also in Attendance:

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| M. Young | Director, Electoral Area C |
| J. Holm | Mgr. Current Planning |
| P. Thompson | Mgr. Long Range Planning |
| G. Keller | Planner, Long Range Planning |
| B. Ritter | Recording Secretary |

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED R. Thompson that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on April 22, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. Holm provided an update on ALC's decisions on past applications that had been considered by the AAC. There will be ongoing reporting provided to the committee when the ALC reaches a decision on an ALR application.

P. Thompson provided a copy of the letter, dated June 16, 2014, sent to BCAA regarding what qualifies as a farm product.

REPORTS

ALR Application No. PL2016-064 Arbor Memorial Inc.

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED K. Wilson that Application No. PL2016-064, Arbor Memorial Inc. Lot A, Section 8, 9 and 10, Range 1, Cedar District Plan VIP76153, 2347 and 2419 Cedar Road - Electoral Area 'A', be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve the non-farm use proposed for ALR Area 1.

CARRIED

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED K. Wilson that Application No. PL2016-064, Arbor Memorial Inc. Lot A, Section 8, 9 and 10, Range 1, Cedar District Plan VIP76153, 2347 and 2419 Cedar Road - Electoral Area 'A', be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to not approve the non-farm use proposed for ALR Area 2.

CARRIED

AAP Implementation – Project 6: Exploration of Compositing, Project Discussion.

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED J. Thony, that the Agriculture Area Plan Implementation — Composting Project Update report be received as submitted.

CARRIED

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED K. Wilson, that the Board direct staff to proceed with the proposed approach to address Project 6 — Compost Facility as outlined in the staff report.

CARRIED

Right to Farm Education Project.

G. Keller presented a brochure designed to let the public know about farming in the RDN. Committee members were invited to provide comments via email on the draft brochure.

Aquaculture Tour – Overview.

G. Keller presented a PowerPoint presentation giving a summary of the recent AAC aquaculture tour (May 16, 2016) of K. Reid's plant at Deep Bay and the VIU Deep Bay Marine Field Station. Discussion followed highlighting how helpful the tour was in understanding the aquaculture industry, and its positive impact in the RDN both economically and environmentally.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED K. Reid that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time: 3.15 pm

CHAIRPERSON