

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY March 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM
IN THE RDN BOARD ROOM**

Present:

H. Houle	Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area B
J. Fell	Director, Electoral Area F
N. Horner	Alternate Director, Town of Qualicum Beach
J. Thony	Regional Agricultural Organization
K. Reid	Shellfish Aquaculture Organizations
K. Wilson	Representative District 68
G. Laird	Representative District 68
C. Watson	Representative District 69

Regrets

T. Westbroek	Director Town of Qualicum Beach
R. Thompson	Representative District 69
M. Ryn	Regional Agricultural Organization

Also in Attendance:

M. Young	Director, Electoral Area C
J. Holm	Manager, Current Planning
K. Marks	Planner, Current Planning
P. Sherman	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chairperson welcomed Alternate Director Horner to the meeting.

DELEGATION

Diana Chalmers, Principal and Karin Barker, Office Administrator for Discover Montessori School, re PL2017-013 Non-Farm Use – 3452 Jingle Pot Road – Electoral Area ‘C’

Diana Chalmers, Principal and Karin Barker, Office Administrator for Discover Montessori School presented an overview on the challenges of finding and maintaining a suitable location for their school and provided a brochure on the philosophy and focus of the school programs along with a draft site plan of 3452 Jingle Pot Road outlining the Discover Montessori Farm School development concept for the subject property.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on Friday, February 17, 2017

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED K. Wilson, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on Friday, February 17, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Agricultural Land Commission Decision (February 28, 2017) on PL2016-158 – ALR Non-Farm Use Application – 403 Lowry’s Road – Electoral Area ‘G’

J. Holm provided a summary of the Agricultural Land Commission decision regarding Regional District of Nanaimo Application No. PL2016-158 – ALR Non-Farm Use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

PL2017-013 Non-Farm Use – 3452 Jingle Pot Road – Electoral Area ‘C’

MOVED G. Laird, SECONDED, Alternate Director N. Horner, that ALR Application No. PL2017-013 Non-Farm Use – 3452 Jingle Pot Road – Electoral Area ‘C’ be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with no recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

DEFEATED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED, K. Wilson, that ALR Application No. PL2017-013 Non-Farm Use – 3452 Jingle Pot Road – Electoral Area ‘C’ be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve the non-farm use with in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

CARRIED

MOVED Alternate Director Horner, SECONDED G. Laird, that the Committee amend the motion to recommend a caveat be placed on the property that the non-farm use be rescinded in the event the Discover Montessori School no longer maintains its interest in operating on the property.

DEFEATED

Agricultural Land Commission Final Decisions – Verbal Report from RDN Staff

J. Holm summarized the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendations in relation to the Agricultural Land Commission decisions since February 2014 when the Agricultural Advisory Committee was able to provide comment to the Agricultural Land Commission.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments Provided to the Agricultural Land Commission

MOVED C. Watson, SECONDED K. Reid, that a recommendation be submitted to the Board that staff be requested to send a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission to invite them to attend an Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the value and impact that the Committee comments have on the Agricultural Land Commission decisions.

CARRIED

MOVED J. Thony, SECONDED Director Fell, that a recommendation be submitted to the Board that Agricultural Advisory Committee members receive mileage reimbursement for site visits they are asked to attend.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED

TIME: 3:24 PM

CHAIRPERSON