

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY May 26, 2017 at 2:00 PM  
IN THE RDN BOARD ROOM**

**Present:**

H. Houle	Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area B
J. Fell	Director, Electoral Area F
T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
K. Reid	Shellfish Aquaculture Organizations
K. Wilson	Representative District 68
G. Laird	Representative District 68
C. Watson	Representative District 69

**Regrets**

J. Thony	Regional Agricultural Organization
M. Ryn	Regional Agricultural Organization

**Also in Attendance:**

B. Rogers	Director, Electoral Area E
G. Garbutt	GM, Strategic & Community Planning
J. Holm	Manager, Current Planning
P. Thompson	Manager, Long Range Planning
J. Schile	Senior Planner, Long Range 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda item 7.3 'Agricultural Land Reserve Preliminary Boundary Analysis for Electoral Area 'H' Final Report' be corrected to read as 'Draft Official Community Plan Policies for Electoral Area 'H' Relating to Agriculture'.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held March 17, 2017**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on March 17, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Agricultural Land Commission Decision (May 15, 2017) on PL2016-155 ALR Non-Farm Use - 2575 Maxey Road – Electoral Area ‘C’**

J. Holm provided a summary of the Agricultural Land Commission decision regarding Regional District of Nanaimo Application No. PL2016-155 ALR Non-Farm Use - 2575 Maxey Road – Electoral Area ‘C’.

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence regarding the Agricultural Land Commission Decision (May 15, 2017) on PL2016-155 ALR Non-Farm Use - 2575 Maxey Road – Electoral Area ‘C’ be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Agricultural Land Commission Application Portal Update**

J. Holm provided a summary of the email regarding the Agricultural Land Commission Application Portal Update.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Request for Comment on Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2017-030 – 2298 Northwest Bay Road - Electoral Area ‘E’**

The applicant provided written materials and spoke to the committee about his application request for subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It was moved and seconded that the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2017-030 – 2298 Northwest Bay Road - Electoral Area ‘E’ be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with no recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Opposed (1): C. Watson

CARRIED

**Request for Comment on Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Reserve Application No. PL2017-048 – 1384 and 1430 Tyler Road – Electoral Area ‘F’**

It was moved and seconded that the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2017-030 – 1384 and 1430 Tyler Road – Electoral Area ‘F’ be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve from the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Opposed (4): Director Westbroek, C. Watson, G. Laird, R. Thompson

DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded that the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2017-030 – 1384 and 1430 Tyler Road – Electoral Area ‘F’ be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with no recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Opposed (1): C. Watson

CARRIED

**Draft Official Community Plan Policies for Electoral Area ‘H’ Relating to Agriculture**

It was moved and seconded that comments on the Draft Official Community Plan Policies for Electoral Area ‘H’ Relating to Agriculture be deferred and that a meeting be organized to discuss the Draft Official Community Plan Policies for Electoral Area ‘H’ Relating to Agriculture.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Draft Official Community Plan Policies for Electoral Area ‘H’ Relating to Agriculture be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Proposal to Host a Joint Workshop for Farmers in the Region with Provincial Staff and Regional District of Nanaimo Staff in the Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Program (DWWP) Department, re the new Provincial Groundwater licensing process and how to use the BC Agricultural Water Tool**

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo request that Provincial staff hold a workshop for farmers in the region regarding the new Provincial Groundwater licensing process and how to use the BC Agricultural Water Tool.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Agricultural Land Commission Final Decisions**

The Committee discussed considerations in making a recommendation and whether the applications support agriculture.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agricultural Advisory Committee Member Mileage Reimbursement For Site Visits**

J. Holm updated the Committee on the Board's resolution that AAC members can submit to receive mileage reimbursement for site visits they are asked to attend. Committee members can submit reimbursement for future site visits and the two site visits being considered on this agenda.

J. Holm advised the Committee that the AAC Provincial Workshop won't be taking place this year.

J. Schile informed the Committee that the agricultural news editorial, Country Life in BC, offered a subscription discount to attendees of the 2017 Islands Agriculture Show and that the RDN can extend this discount to its AAC members.

### **Next Meeting**

J. Holm advised the Committee that the next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on September 22, 2017.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 3:46 pm

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CHAIRPERSON