

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013 AT 2:00 PM
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present:

Director D. Johnstone	Chairperson
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
C. Evans	Representative (South)
A. Benson	Representative (South)
A. Brown	Representative (North)
C. Springford	Regional Agricultural Organization
J. McLeod	Regional Agricultural Organization
K. Reid	Shellfish Aquaculture Organization

Also in Attendance:

P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Armet	A/ General Manager of Strategic and Community Development
J. Holm	Manager, Current Planning
L. Rowett	Senior Planner
G. Keller	Senior Planner
N. Hewitt	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

R. Wahlgren	Representative (North)
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by the Chair.

MINUTES

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED A. Brown, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on June 22, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

New Directions from ALC (August 2012).

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED H. Houle, that the correspondence from the Agriculture Land Commission regarding the new direction, be received.

CARRIED

BC Agri Tourism Alliance – Re: Highway Signage for Agritourism (January 2013).

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED H. Houle, that the correspondence from the BC Agri Tourism Alliance regarding the highway signage for Agritourism, be received.

CARRIED

Vancouver Island Coast Regional Agricultural Framework for Action (August 2012).

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED H. Houle, that the correspondence from the Vancouver Island Coast Regional Agriculture Framework for Action, be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Staff provided an overview on the following reports:

- Adopted Agricultural Area Plan (AAP)
- Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop
- RDN Agricultural Land Use Inventory and Water Demand Model (verbal report)
- Revised AAC Terms of Reference

Adopted Agricultural Area

Chairperson Johnstone requested that all members review the 130 action items from the Agricultural Area Plan and prioritize the top 20 items.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Staff distributed copies of the Urban Farming Guidebook for information.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED

Time: 3:36 pm

CHAIRPERSON