

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 AT 3:30 PM IN THE
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

In Attendance:

Director B. Veenhof	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G

Also in Attendance:

P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
J. Harrison	Director, Corporate Services
P. Thompson	Mgr. Long Range Planning
J. Holm	Mgr. Current Planning
G. Keller	Senior Planner
N. Hewitt	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.

REPORTS

Bylaw and Policy Updates Project – Draft Agricultural Zoning and OCP Amendments.

G. Keller provided a visual and verbal presentation on draft agricultural zoning and Official Community Plan (OCP) amendments and presented the Committee with the next steps for community input as part of the Bylaw and Policy Updates project.

Directors raised concerns regarding setbacks for outdoor riding rings, allowing transparent vertical additions to a solid fence, permitting an additional dwelling in the A-1 zone, prohibiting mushroom farms on non-ALR land, and amending the consultation plan to ensure adequate time for consultation with local farmers.

Committee recessed at 5:45 pm.

Committee reconvened at 6:20 pm.

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director McPherson, that staff proceed with the community engagement plan on the draft zoning and Official Community Plan amendments identified in Attachments 1 and 2 of the staff report with the following updates:

1. Proposed Definitions: Add a reference to the Agricultural Land Reserve, Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation within the definition of “production of Biological Integrated Pest Management Products”.
2. Specify a 0.0 m setback for outdoor riding rings.
3. Amend materials to allow transparent vertical additions to a solid fence.
4. Add ‘or a temporary use area’ to the end of the definition of Confined Livestock Area.
5. Change the provision in Bylaw 1285 in the A-1 Zone to allow 1 dwelling unit per ha to a maximum of 2 per lot.
6. Where definitions or setbacks are proposed reference applicable legislation or guideline.
7. Remove ‘and outdoor’ from 1) vii – agricultural building setbacks.
8. Change the definition of agriculture to prohibit mushroom farm (intensive agriculture generally) on all non-ALR land.
9. Amend the proposed consultation plan schedule to change the consultation period from July to November and ensure consultation is at times to accommodate farmers.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director McPherson, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

TIME: 6:27 PM

CHAIRPERSON

CORPORATE OFFICER