

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, September 21, 2018
2:00 P.M.
RDN Board Chambers

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| In Attendance: | Director H. Houle | Chair |
| | Director J. Fell | Electoral Area F |
| | Director T. Westbroek | Town of Qualicum Beach |
| | M. Ryn | Regional Agricultural Organization |
| | K. Reid | Shellfish Aquaculture Organization |
| | K. Wilson | Representative District 68 |
| | G. Laird | Representative District 68 |
| | R. Thompson | Representative District 69 |
| Regrets: | J. Thony | Regional Agricultural Organization |
| | C. Watson | Representative District 69 |
| Also in Attendance: | B. Rogers | Electoral Area E |
| | J. Holm | Mgr. Current Planning |
| | B. Ritter | Recording Secretary |

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to move Item 8.1 - Request for Comment on Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-075, 3452 Jingle Pot Road – Electoral Area C, and 8.2 Request for Comment on Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-1062298, Northwest Bay Road – Electoral Area E, before Item 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting - April 6, 2018

That the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held April 6, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Request for Comment on Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-075 – 3452 Jingle Pot Road, Electoral Area C

Diana Chalmers from Discover Montessori Society spoke in support of the application and answered questions from the Committee. The architect for the project, Brent Murdoch, also answered questions from the Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the application for Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-075 - 3452 Jingle Pot Road, Electoral Area C, be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve.

Opposed (3): M. Ryn, G. Laird, and R. Thompson

CARRIED

Request for Comment on Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-106 – 2298 Northwest Bay Road, Electoral Area E

It was moved and seconded that the application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2018-106 - 2298 Northwest Bay Road, Electoral Area E, be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve.

Opposed (4): M. Ryn, K. Wilson, G. Laird, and R. Thompson

DEFEATED

Reports

Agricultural Land Commission Final Decisions Chart

Staff provided an update on the status of ALC decisions.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Ron Wallace from Agricultural Land Commission

Ron Wallace from Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) spoke on the value of Agricultural Advisory Committee comments for applications to the ALC for subdivision, exclusion and non-farm use. He also answered questions from the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw No. 2 Placement of Fill in the Agricultural Land Reserve - ALC Regulation Update

Staff provided an update on the Agricultural Land Commission regulation on placement of fill.

Cannabis Production in the Agricultural Land Reserve - ALC Regulation Update

Staff provided an update on the Agricultural Land Commission regulation on cannabis production in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission - Status Update

Staff provided an update on the ALC's interim report on revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve, following stakeholder consultation earlier this year.

Update on Public Information for Gathering for an Event

It was moved and seconded that staff provide an update on the public information program for Gathering for Events in the Agricultural Land Reserve at the next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 3:55 PM

CHAIR