

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at the CVRD Boardroom, April 26, 2011 at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chair M. Marcotte
Director G. Giles
Director G. Seymour
Director L. Iannidinardo
Director L. Duncan
Peter Keber
Rodger Hunter
Joanne McLeod
Ian Christison
Dan Ferguson
George Robbins
Wayne Haddow
John Milne
Pat Durose
Mick Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Marsha Stanley, Alternate
John Milne, Alternate
Director I. Morrison

STAFF: Tom Anderson, GM, Planning & Development
Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer
Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: George Baird and Geoff Millar

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two addenda were added to New Business.

It was moved and seconded the agenda be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Regular AAC meeting minutes of March 22, 2011 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Not applicable.

CORRESPONDENCE

**C1
EMAIL FROM LEO
GOSSELIN**

It was moved and seconded the email from Leo Gosselin dated March 27, 2011 be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

**IN1
PARHAR HOLDINGS
FILE NO.
6-D-08DP/RAR**

Director L. Iannidinardo put forward the information and raised the question does the AAC want to send a letter regarding the need in our community for food storage. The Economic Development Division is willing to assist Parhar Holdings by providing a potential list of food processors interested to become tenants.

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the CVRD Board to support the concept of having a food processing facility.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

**R1
STAFF REPORT**

Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a staff report regarding ALC Application Review in response to the AAC meeting recommendation on March 22, 2011. He stated most often applications for a second residence are compliant with zoning. It is very rare to get an exclusion from the land reserve and therefore most try to subdivide within. Further discussion took place.

It was moved and seconded to invite the Board Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission to the next AAC meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded the report be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

**UB1
UPDATE ON AAC
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Distributed for information only. No discussion or questions.

**UB2
ESTABLISH GOALS
FOR AREA
AGRICULTURE PLAN**

Rodger Hunter distributed a Logic Model completed by his wife, Alison Nicholson, who was a professional Agrologist in her early career. Discussion took place.

Dan Ferguson arrived at this point.

Chair Marcotte put forward a preliminary step to randomly pick and put members in working groups. Each group will be assigned two goals/themes to review and come back and discuss if they are relevant to the Agriculture Plan. All members agreed to the process and the groups were formed as follows:

Group 1 – Goals 2 & 4

Rodger Hunter, Peter Keber, Mick Smith, George Robbins, Joanne McLeod

Group 2 – Goals 3 & 6

Pat Durose, Wayne Haddow, Gerry Giles, John Milne, Dan Ferguson

Group 3 – Goals 1 & 5

Marsha Stanley, Director L. Duncan, Director G. Seymour, Director L. Iannidinardo, Ian Christison

Kathy Lachman will coordinate group meetings and any requests to switch groups. All members will be informed when each group is scheduled to meet.

NEW BUSINESS

**NB1
RESIDENTIAL
PRIVILEGES**

Director L. Duncan brought forward the concept of considering subdivision of ALR land in 5 acre parcels for agriculture use only with no residential privileges. Currently the ALC always allows residential privileges. Discussion took place.

It was decided this is a good topic for working groups to discuss and add in where it fits with their goals/themes.

**NB2
PROMOTE LEASE
OF FARM LAND**

Director G. Giles put forward the suggestion to promote the idea of Farmer's leasing land to younger Farmer's.

The members agreed it was a good idea to invite Dave Craven and Don Maroc to a future AAC meeting to have an in depth discussion. Topic may fit into the working groups.

NEXT MEETING

Chair Marcotte proposed the month of May be used for working groups to meet and work on goals/themes and the Committee will meet again on June 28, 2011.

It was noted May 8, 2011 District A Farmer's Institute is hosting their AGM in Nanoose & May 10, 2011 is Agriculture Day in Canada.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: