

Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, B.C.

PRESENT

Director M. Marcotte, Chair
Director G. Giles
Director L. Duncan
Peter Keber
Ian Christison
Wayne Haddow
Dan Ferguson
Pat Durose
Mick Smith

ALSO PRESENT

Director I. Morrison

ABSENT

Director L. Iannidinardo
Director G. Seymour
Joanne McLeod
Rodger Hunter
George Robbins

CVRD STAFF

Tom R. Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development Department
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development
Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer
Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling & Waste Management Division
Jennifer Hughes, Recording Secretary, Planning & Development Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted changes to the agenda which included adding NB1 (UBCM Resolution Sheet) and NB2 (Issues to bring forward for discussion with the ALC).

It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

M2 – Minutes

Director Marcotte briefed the Committee on the June 28th Minutes. Mr. Millar updated the Committee on the Islands Agriculture Show that will be taking place on February 3 and 4, 2012, at the Cowichan Exhibition Park and noted that volunteers will be needed.

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the June 28, 2011, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

BA1 – Bylaw No. 3515

Stated that at the present time the Agricultural Advisory Committee remains in place as a “Committee” and not a “Commission” as set out under Bylaw No. 3515 as appointments and terms to the Commission have not been formally ratified by the Regional Board. Chair Marcotte requested that a resolution be passed at the next meeting with regard to member’s terms and the staggering of terms for the Commission members.

BA2 – Invitation to the Agricultural Land Commission

Chair Marcotte stated that an invitation has been given to the Agricultural Land Commission to meet with the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) and the Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) and requested that AAC members please forward to Kathy Lachman, prior to the meeting, any agenda items they would like to be discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 – Email regarding Cowichan Region Area Agriculture Plan Action Steps

Director G. Giles updated the AAC on some of the erroneous statements and comments contained within the Email dated July 26, 2011, from Karen Davis and advised that the CVRD is proposing a recycling facility only and not a garbage dump facility, it will not be loud and smelly and the property will be treed and not be seen from the road.

Ian Christison arrived at the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the email dated July 26, 2011, from Karen Davis be referred to Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling & Waste Management, for a response to the statements found within her email.

MOTION CARRIED

Director G. Giles, Tom R. Anderson and Bob McDonald left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

REPORTS

R1 – Sub-Committee Reports Goals 1-6

Director Morrison left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Committee members and Kathy Lachman gave verbal updates on the Sub-Committee Report Goals 1-6 and AAC discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That when OCP's and Zoning Bylaws come up for review they be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and comment on policies and issues related to agriculture.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that a brochure or handbook be developed that will educate the real estate community on the need to convey to clients wishing to purchase land adjacent to agriculture land the potential impacts associated with being a neighbour to farms.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

It was Moved and Seconded

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that a brochure or handbook be developed that will educate the real estate community on the need to convey to clients wishing to purchase land adjacent to agriculture land the potential impacts associated with being a neighbour to farms be referred to

the next Sub-Committee meeting with further information provided from Staff.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded

That Items 2(b) #2, 5(b)#3-6 and 1(c)#4 be referred to the next Sub-Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded

That items 1(a)#1, 1(a)#2, 1(c)#2-3, 3(a)#2 (Cowichan Farm Links Program), 3(c)#1, 3(c)#2, 6(a)#1 and 6(a)#3 be recommended for 2012 activities.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded

That Ted van der Gulik, Senior Engineer, Ministry of Agriculture, be invited to appear before the Agricultural Advisory Committee to discuss water modelling and agricultural land inventories.

MOTION CARRIED

R2 – Presentation to Regional Services

Kathy Lachman suggested that a presentation be given from the AAC to the Regional Services Committee (RSC) that will provide the RSC with an update on the AAC and further that all AAC members be encouraged to attend the RSC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 – Summary of 2011 UBCM Resolutions Related to Agriculture

Director Marcotte brought forward to the AAC, for information purposes, the Summary of 2011 UBCM Resolutions Related to Agriculture she prepared dated September 12, 2011.

NB2 – Discussion Issues with ALC meeting

Dealt with under BA2.

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary