



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

SCRD Cedar Room, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

CALL TO ORDER 3:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MINUTES

2. Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019 Pages 1 - 2
(Receipt and Adoption)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

3. Emergency Planning for Farmers and People with Livestock
4. Buy Coastal Campaign

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 25, 2019

MINUTES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM AT THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

PRESENT: Chair David Morgan
Members Faye Kiewitz
Raquel Kolof
Gerald Rainville
Paul Nash
Erin Dutton
Gretchen Bozak

ALSO PRESENT: Director, Electoral Area F Mark Hiltz
Director, Electoral Area E Donna McMahon
Manager, Planning & Community Development Andrew Allen
Planner Julie Clark
Recorder Genevieve Dixon
Public 1

REGRETS: Members Barbara Seed
Jon Bell

CALL TO ORDER 3:32 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 AAC Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of June 11, 2019 be adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

BC Chamber of Commerce Letter to Ministry of Agriculture

Key points of discussion:

- Farmers shouldn't provide an avenue to remove ALR land.
- Concern about landowners not defined as persons in the act.
- Local governments can only apply for exclusion and appeal to the ALC on behalf of property owners.
- Centralized authority regulations are approved in the City of Victoria not by Regional Boards as before.
- It appears that the preliminary review of 1 applications has been downloaded to the local

governments. If this is true, would the SCRD be in a position to determine which applications proceed to ALC and which do not? At the moment SCRD is an application portal for ALC and referral agency.

- Grounds for appeal procedures in the courts.

Recommendation No. 2 *Agricultural Land Commission Legislation Changes to Bill 15*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Land Commission recognize and include landowners, as defined persons under all ALC and ALR legislation;

AND THAT owners of ALR land be provided the ability to apply for an appeal process for rejected applications from the ALC.

District “A” Farmers Institute Meeting Regarding Bill 15 & Bill 52

Key points of discussion:

- June 9, 2019 at Nanaimo’s “Rusted Rake” farm. 50 farmers attended the meeting.
- Primary concern over the non-approval of a secondary dwelling on farm land.
- Temporary non-permanent secondary dwellings can be approved but not for family.
- Landowners can’t sell food that is grown on farms, apart from alcohol producers that can.
- 5300 sq. ft. rule on a single/second family dwelling combined.
- 50 hectares required to approve second dwelling.
- Taxation on alcohol production/sales on farms.
- Long term farm/family help are no longer acceptable to approve secondary dwelling to accommodate help.
- What is the status on cannabis facilities in the ALR with in the SCRD?
- Foreseeable restriction within the Ag and industrial zones for non-soil based cannabis production facilities.
- SCRD to provide the draft Bylaw 310 in the fall of 2019.
- Ability to provide farm staff accommodations.
- Housing shortage.

Recommendation No. 3 *Agricultural Land Commission Legislation Changes to Bill 52*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that, in order to promote economic viability of farm operations, a maximum two dwellings should be permitted on a parcel, not to exceed the current 500m² floor area limit.

Agricultural Land Use Inventory & Workshop Invitation to Members

- Ministry of Agriculture argrologists will be on the Sunshine Coast from July 8 – 12th, 2019.
- Collection of information will include: crop information, irrigation, livestock and land use for farming.
- Tuesday, July 9, 2019 from 4 – 6:30 p.m. at the Roberts Creek Community Hall.
- Invitation to farmers, landowners and producers.

July agenda item – emergency planning for farmers and people with livestock.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, July 23, 2019

ADJOURNMENT 4:45 p.m.