

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

July 23, 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 Members	Paul Nash Raquel Kolof Gerald Rainville David Morgan Erin Dutton Barbara Seed Faye Kiewitz
ALSO PRESENT:	Director, Electoral Area F Director, Electoral Area E GM, Planning & Community Development Recording Secretary Public	Mark Hiltz Donna McMahon Ian Hall Autumn O'Brien 2
REGRETS:	Members	Gretchen Bozak Jon Bell

CALL TO ORDER 3:35 p.m.

David Morgan submitted his resignation as Chair of the AAC Committee on July 22, 2019

Faye Kiewitz assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.

AGENDA The agenda was amended and adopted as follows:

ADD NEW BUSINESS:

- Notice of Motion by Raquel Kolof regarding Glyphosate ban at UBCM September 2019 Convention.
- Update Regarding ALC Application 58605 (Morgan)

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *AAC Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2019*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of June 25, 2019 be received and adopted as presented.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Agricultural Advisory Committee discussed the wording of Recommendation No. 2 from the meeting minutes of June 25, 2019 and decided that no changes were required.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Planning for Farmers and People with Livestock – Southern Sunshine Coast Farmers' Institute

Key points of discussion included the following points:

- Southern Sunshine Coast Farmers' Institute would like to begin an emergency planning and preparedness process for farmers and people with livestock on the Coast in August. Other governments are already doing this in farming areas.
- Is there SCRD precedent for this type of emergency planning? Are there provincial resources available that could be accessed?
- SCRD's new Manager, Protective Services (Matt Treit) starts August 6. Work will include updates to SCRD emergency plans.
- SSCFI can provide input on emergency planning for livestock and farmers to Matt Treit.
- Ministry or Wildfire Service may set up an evacuation centre for animals to provide shelter.
- [Emergency Management Guide for Small Farms from Ministry of Agriculture](#)
- During an evacuation order, all farms need a PID in order to return to farm to feed animals.
- SCRD has an Emergency Response and Recovery Plan and coordinates with EMBC.
- Agricultural Land Use Inventory project collected data in order to better respond in emergency situations.
- SSCFI will canvas members for resources and see who has ability to house/transport livestock.

Recommendation No. 2 *Emergency Planning for Farmers and People with Livestock*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that information regarding emergency planning for farmers and people with livestock be provided to the Agricultural Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

Buy Coastal Campaign – Southern Sunshine Coast Farmers' Institute

Joy Dutcher, Director and Marketing Specialist, Southern Sunshine Coast Farmers' Institute provided an overview of the Buy Coastal campaign.

- SSCFI focus: Collaborative Farming, Collaborative Business Development & Promotion
- Buy Coastal Campaign: Regional Business Development & Promotion.
- Helping local residents and visitors find/locate the farms/produce stands/farmers markets and understand what type of products are available.
- Advertisements: brochures, newspaper ads, develop an app.
- Target audience: locals, weekend residents, tourists. Suggestion: commercial businesses
- Deliverables: strong online profile (app & social media), education, branding, relationship building, engagement.
- Timeline: start Fall 2019, increasing promotion Jan – April 2020 planting season, by Summer 2020 programs are in place.
- Budget summary: volunteer, grant funding applications and sponsorship opportunities.
- Small business and farming is essential to the local economy
- SCRD Rural Grant-in-Aid or SCREDO would be appropriate avenues for seeking funding.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee thanked Ms. Dutcher for her presentation.

Notice of Motion by Raquel Kolof regarding Glyphosate ban at UBCM September 2019 Convention

Key points of discussion included the following points:

- Other regional districts are bringing forward a motion to UBCM regarding a provincial ban of glyphosate and spraying of forests.
- The deadline for resolution submissions to UBCM has passed.
- The resolution has been accepted by UBCM and will be on the floor for delegates to vote on at UBCM.
- Regional Districts do not have control over businesses. Inter-jurisdictional regulations could not limit the presence of the product on the Coast.

Recommendation No. 2 *Notice of Motion regarding Glyphosate ban*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the Notice of Motion and supporting documentation submitted by Raquel Kolof be an agenda item on the September 24, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting for discussion, as follows:

Motion: Given that glyphosate, the primary ingredient in the weed-killer Roundup, presents both a human health risk and an ecological/wildfire risk, the AAC ask that the SCRDC requests that the Provincial Government ban Glyphosate, the controversial herbicide, at the annual conference of the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) in September 2019, until the Province has done a thorough scientific and legal study of its safety.

Update Regarding ALC Application 58605 (Morgan)

The General Manager of Planning and Community Development provided an update regarding ALC Application 58605 (Morgan). A staff report was provided to the Planning and Community Development Committee on July 11, 2019. The Committee recommended that staff work with the applicant to provide more information on the application and report to a future Committee meeting. The recording of the meeting discussion can be found online at:

<https://www.scrd.ca/agendas-2019>

Notice for Chair Elections will be clarified prior to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, September 24, 2019

ADJOURNMENT 4:45 p.m.