

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 24, 2019**

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

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Members	Raquel Kolof David Morgan Erin Dutton Barbara Seed Faye Kiewitz Jon Bell Gretchen Bozak
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Senior Planner Recording Secretary Public	Yuli Siao Genevieve Dixon 1
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Electoral Area F Director Chair Member	Mark Hiltz Paul Nash Gerald Rainville

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**CALL TO ORDER**     3:35 p.m.

*Faye Kiewitz assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.*

**AGENDA**             The agenda was amended and adopted as follows:

ADD NEW BUSINESS:

- Growing, Farming and Protecting Farmland Consultation

**MINUTES**

**Recommendation No. 1**     *AAC Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of July 23, 2019 be received and adopted as presented.

**REPORTS**

Application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve – ALR00011, ALC59614 (Rockford)

Key points of discussion included the following points:

- Senior Planner was present to speak to the staff report.
- Three lot subdivision, ranging from 4.3 ha to 9.4 ha.

- Home plate for residential use within each lot.
- The application was approved by SCR D Board previous to Bill 52, Agricultural Land Commission amendment.
- The applicant gave an introduction and history on the application.
- The property was a Can-For woodlot before property was purchased.
- Applicant will clear trees, stumps, rocks, boulders, do base grading and drainage works to promote agricultural use within the three acre starter farm area for potential new owner.
- Home plates (2000 sq. metres) will be located near the new roads to minimize driveways, elevation and services.
- Property clearing for the started farm area would be a covenanted condition on the land title for the final subdivision approval.
- One to two years to complete road development.
- Perk/soil drainage test done on lot 11 only, Vancouver Coastal Health noted perk tests not required on the larger lots.
- Marginal capabilities for agriculture, topography restraints, stoniness and elevated water table in areas.
- Applicant thanked the committee for their time.

**Recommendation No. 2**      *Application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve – ALR00011, ALC59614 (Rockford)*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends to support application ALR00011 (ALC Application 59614).

**Draft SCR D 2019 - 2023 Strategic Plan**

- Committee received the draft plan for information.

**Ministry of Agriculture Class D Licenses**

Key points of discussion included the following points:

- Allows farmers to slaughter their own livestock on their farm and sell to the local jurisdiction only.
- 12-14 people hold a Class D livestock license on the Sunshine Coast.
- Regulated process through Vancouver Coastal Health.
- Broaden license boundaries for marketing/sales.
- Current Class D license holders be able to sell to adjacent areas.
- Larger slaughter businesses want to shut down Class D/E licensing.

**Recommendation No. 3**      *Ministry of Agriculture Class D Licenses*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the expansion of the Class D/E licenses to more locations in B.C. and broaden the ability for Class D processors to sell to adjacent areas including specifically the greater Vancouver area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Notice of Motion Regarding Glyphosate Ban**

Key points of discussion included the following points:

- The Comox Valley Regional District has an herbicide use policy that the SCR D could model for future use.

- Not an AAC mandate to promote a political issue.
- Health Canada has said there is no proven signs that round up is harmful.
- Don't support these generic broad bands.
- This ban could only be on SCRD public property which is not on agricultural land.
- SCRD could create a policy that concerns agriculture.

Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership

- Committee discussed membership renewal options

Growing, Farming and Protecting Farmland Consultation

- Committee members received for information.

**NEXT MEETING**      Tuesday, October 22, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**      4:43 p.m.