

**City of Maple Ridge**  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room,  
at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall on September 27, 2018, 2018 at 7:13 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Margaret Daskis, Chair	Member at Large
Al Kozak	Agricultural Sector
Bill Hardy	Member at Large
Candace Gordon	Haney Farmers Market Society
Ian Brooks	Member at Large
Ryan Murphy	Agricultural Sector
Stephanie James, Vice-Chair	Agricultural Sector

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amanda Grochowich	Staff Liaison / Planning Department
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

**ABSENT**

Councillor Craig Speirs	City of Maple Ridge
Caitlin Dorward	Acting Regional Planner, Agricultural Land Commission
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
David Kaplan	Member at Large
Josef Hans Lara	Economic Development Committee Representative
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2018-030

It was moved and seconded

**That the September 27, 2018 Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2018-031

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting dated June 28, 2018 be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1. Reducing Particulate Matter Emissions due to Open Burning on Agricultural Lands

- Darrell Wakelin, Environmental Control Officer, Metro Vancouver

Darrell Wakelin gave a presentation on reducing particulate matter emissions from open burning on agricultural land that included the health effects of fine particulate matter and how to reduce emissions through the use of best burning practices.

Mr. Wakelin answered questions from the committee about exemptions, traditional burning windows and the Metro Vancouver permit fee. The Metro Vancouver Air Quality Management Bylaw which requires commercial farms to apply for an open burning approval is available on the Metro Vancouver website.

4.2. A Comparison – Farmers Market, CSA, Food Hub

- Al Kozak

Al Kozak gave a presentation from the perspective of a farmer on the logistics and implications of participating in a Farmers Market, CSA program and Food Hub as a way to bring product to market. Mr. Kozak answered questions from the committee.

5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. **Young Agrarian Land Matching**

The Staff liaison reviewed the request submitted by the Young Agrarians. There was discussion on the implications to the committee budget as well as additional funding models and methods to incentivize the land matching program.

5.2. **2019 Business Planning**

The Staff liaison reviewed the draft business plan and committee budget. There was discussion on new deliverables for 2019.

R/2018-032

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the Business Plan 2019-2023 as amended.**

CARRIED

5.3. **Planning Department Response to Terms of Reference Memo**

The letter dated August 31, 2018 from the Director of Planning was received and reviewed.

#### 5.4. Workshop and Event Updates

##### 5.4.1. Ministry of Agriculture AAC Workshop

The Staff liaison advised that the notes from the February 21, 2018 AAC Workshop are available online [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/planning-for-agriculture/aac/2018\\_aac\\_workshop\\_proceedings\\_final.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/planning-for-agriculture/aac/2018_aac_workshop_proceedings_final.pdf)

#### 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 6.1. Education

There was conversation on including more public-facing educational opportunities in the new year.

##### 6.2. Food Distribution

Awaiting the finalization of the Food Hub report to determine next steps.

##### 6.3. Food Garden Contest

Stephanie James provided a summary of the 2018 Food Garden Contest and advised that Ryan Murphy will be introducing the contest winners at the October 2, 2018 Council meeting. Ms. James thanked Renata Trivieri from Grow and Gather Nursery who donated her time to judge the 2018 entries and sponsored prizes for the contestants.

##### 6.4. Backyard Chicken

Stephanie James reported on the backyard chicken booth and 4H displays at Country Fest in July as well as the booth at the Haney Farmers Market in August. Ms. James and the Staff liaison spoke to the high volume of backyard chicken surveys submitted. The survey results and feedback will be summarized and included in an upcoming report to Council.

##### 6.5. Golden Harvest

The Staff liaison reminded members to attend and promote the event on October 12, 2018.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. Upcoming Events

October 2, 2018 7:00 pm	Food Garden Contest Presentation to Council Maple Ridge City Hall, Council Chambers Organizer: Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee
October 12, 2018 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Golden Harvest The ACT Arts Centre Organizer: Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee
October 20, 2018 8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Local Government Election Multiple Voting Locations Organizer: City of Maple Ridge

8. **ROUNDTABLE**

Amanda Allen spoke to the 2019 advisory committee recruitment process and term expiries of existing members.

Amanda Grochowich reported that the Ministry of Agriculture is hosting a province-wide crop planning session for farmers and chefs on November 13, 2018. Members can register via email to [FoodsBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FoodsBC@gov.bc.ca).

9. **QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:32 pm

  
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M. Daskis, Chair

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