

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 Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS/DELEGATIONS

Nil

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Grochowich	Staff Liaison / Planning Department
Chee Chan	Planner 1
Lisa Zosiak	Planner 2
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk
Renee Moffatt	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENTS

Braden Hansen	Member at Large
Bill Hardy	Member at Large
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Councillor Speirs	City of Maple Ridge
Kamelli Mark	Agricultural Land Commission
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-012

It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda dated September 28, 2017 be amended to add to add Item 5.5 Food Garden and be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

R17-013

It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes dated May 25, 2017 be corrected Roundtable Margaret Daskis comments – “be shared” should be “did share” and be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

Typo roundtable Margaret

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Agricultural Development Permit Area and Zoning Setbacks Update

Lisa Zosiak, Planner 2, Chee Chan, Planner 1

Planner 1 made a presentation on the developing zoning amending bylaw.

Committee provided feedback on the planned bylaw. Planner 2 made a presentation on the Development Permit Guidelines. The Committee provided feedback.

Amanda Grochowich introduced herself to the group as the new City Liaison

5. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Backyard Chickens

The Staff Liaison reported that council agreed to put Backyard Chickens back on the 2018 Business Plan. Stephanie James attended a meeting that Staff Liaison presentation regarding Backyard Chickens. Mrs. James provided feedback from that presentation. Discussion on having a subcommittee regarding Backyard Chickens. Will revisit in January.

5.2 Metro Vancouver AAC Update

The Chair advised the committee that the meeting will be held in a couple of weeks. Will report back the committee at a later date.

5.3 Business Planning

The Staff Liaison shared updates on the 2018 Business Plan. Some 2017 Business Plan items will be carried into 2018. It was discussed having Agri-Tourism come and talk to the committee. Discussed adding the impact of climate change to 2018 Business Plan. Stephanie James provided an update on the True North Fraser project.

5.4 Advisory Committee Update

The Committee Clerk reminded the committee that the recruitment process is coming up. The Committee Clerk asked if the committee would pass on the information to potential members. Intersections event is rescheduled for November 6, 2017. Invitations will be going out soon.

5.5 Food Garden

Stephanie James reported that the Food Garden Contest was cancelled this year. The Food Garden Contest will go ahead next year April 2018.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Golden Harvest Subcommittee

The Staff Liaison provided information on the Golden Harvest Event that will be happening October 13, 2017.

6.2 Education Subcommittee

No update

6.3 True North Fraser Subcommittee

Please refer to section 5.3

6.4 Food Distribution Subcommittee

The Staff Liaison shared an update on the project as well as the consultants feedback. The consultants will report back to the Committee in the fall.

6.4.1 Food Hub Feasibility Study

The Chair discussed at meeting she had with the Dean of Food Science at UBC and how we can bring some of those ideas to Maple Ridge.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. ROUNDTABLE

Candace Gordon reported that 82 families benefited from the food coupon program. Mrs. Gordon would like to see the program continued and expanded.

Al Kozak shared his thoughts on the future of his farm. Young Argarians website connects farmers with a younger generation of farmers.

Ian Brooks reported that this year extremely dry and the worst he has seen in years. Mr. Brooks' property ran out of water this summer.

Stephanie James shared that her property did not experience water shortage as Ian Brooks has experienced. Extreme weather and temperature has had an impact on her fruit trees.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Andrew Pozsar shared his thoughts on Agriculture Development Permit Area and Zoning Setbacks presentations.

Anoosha is a SFU student that is interested in agriculture in Maple Ridge.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:24pm


Chair

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