

**District 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 the Maple Ridge Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Thursday, November 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Candace Gordon, Chair	Community at Large
Councillor Linda King	Council Liaison, Maple Ridge
Margaret Daskis	Maple Ridge Rep to the Metro Vancouver AAC
Matthew Laity	Food Producing Agricultural Sector
Jo Anne ten Brink	Community at Large
Kerry Davison	Non-Food Producing Agricultural Sector
Christian Cowley, Co-Chair	Community at Large
Paula Panek	Haney Farmer's Market

**GUESTS**

Nona Coles	Alouette Valley Association
Barry Lyster	Alouette Valley Association
Terri Dumas	Alouette Valley Association

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGRETS**

Kevin Davison	Maple Ridge Rep to the Metro Vancouver AAC
Tony Pellett	Agricultural Land Commission
Steve Pelton	Economic Advisory Commission
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Heather Laity	Non-Food Producing Agricultural Sector
Steve Wynnyk	Food Producing Agricultural Sector
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board
Councillor Cheryl Ashlie	Council Liaison, Maple Ridge

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Diana Hall	Staff Liaison, Planning Department
Christine Carter	Planning Department
Tracy Camire	Committee Clerk

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**1. *Call to Order & Introductions***

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

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**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

R09-027 Motion was moved and seconded

**That the Agenda dated November 26, 2009 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Regular Meeting**

R09-028 Motion was moved and seconded

**That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee of November 12, 2009 adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**Please note that Item 4.1 was dealt with prior to Item No 2 & 3**

**4. Delegations & Presentations**

4.1 Alouette Valley Association/Silver Valley Neighborhood Association – Wildlife Corridor & Recreational Roadway Proposal

Nona Coles, Alouette Valley Association, gave a presentation on the Wildlife Corridor and Recreation Roadway proposal.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Clerk to add “Wildlife Corridor & Recreation Roadway Proposal to the January 2010 Agenda.

Nona Coles, Barry Lyster, and Terri Dumas left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Councilor Ashlie joined the meeting at 7:35pm

The Mayor left the meeting at 7:38 pm

**Please note that Item No 2 & 3 were dealt with prior to Item No 5**

**5. Current and Unfinished Business**

5.1 Agricultural Plan Update

Candace Gordon gave an update on the Agricultural Plan.

Councillor King reviewed the editing changes to the Agricultural Plan that were made prior to it being reviewed at the December 7, 2009 Council Workshop

The Committee discussed the following changes to the Agricultural Plan:

- Goal 2 will now read “pursue options and opportunities to provide”.
- Goal 4 will now read “investigate marketing needs of local farming community”.
- All acronyms will be removed from the plan.
- A glossary will be created.
- Date the document.
- Indicators will be removed.

Councillor Ashlie advised that the Agricultural Plan will go before Council on December 7, 2009.

R09-029 Motion was moved and seconded

**That the document titled “Responses to Questions from Council” (amended as of November 26, 2009) prepared by the Agricultural Advisory Committee on the draft Agricultural Plan be referred to Council through Councillors King and Ashlie for review and direction.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Clerk to send a reminder a few days before December 7<sup>th</sup> of the Council meeting

Diana Hall confirmed that she will work on the Glossary for the Agricultural Plan prior to the December 7, 2009 Council Workshop meeting.

Candace Gordon confirmed that the Agricultural Plan needs to be completed and endorsed by the end of the year in order to receive the final \$14,000 from the Investment Agriculture.

5.2 Golden Harvest – post event review

Diana Hall gave a post event review of the Maple Ridge Golden Harvest event that took place at The Act on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee discussed the logistics of the events along with how this event brought awareness to what businesses are growing locally.

The Committee discussed the consultant’s cost along with what the consultant’s responsibilities were.

Candace Gordon confirmed that for future events a tender would be issued requesting proposals from the public. Ms. Gordon also acknowledged that The Farmer’s Market did an incredible amount of work.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Clerk to add “Golden Harvest” to the January agenda in order to set a date and book the act.

Margaret Daskis requested that a sub-committee meeting be held to review the report on this event.

**6. New Business**

**7. Committee Reports**

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Roundtable**

**Christian Cowley**

Christian Cowley advised that he attended a Climate Change workshop where they're looking at strategic responses to climate change. Christian reviewed some of the estimated climate changes that are to take place.

**Matthew Laity**

Matthew provided a report on the drainage issue surrounding his property. Matthew also noted that his Dad had a small stroke but will be fine.

**Diana Hall**

Ms. Hall advised that Christian Cowley, Kerry Davison's wife and herself attended the Valued Added Workshop that the ministry put on which was well attended.

**Paula Panek**

Paula noted that she attended the Food Connections Symposium; and noted that a follow up document that will be distributed in January. Paula advised that this symposium identified a lot of the connections and the links that need to be made but not how this would happen.

**Margaret Daskis**

Margaret noted that she facilitated at Metro Vancouver's Food Connections Symposium, and wished to make it clear that they are not the ones going to be pushing it ahead but they were the collaborators to get groups to work together on the goals.

**Cheryl Ashlie**

Good item for a future agenda so that needs to come here for a conversation; to advocate for this type of stuff.

**Candace Gordon**

Tracking changes to funding in our community right now; as an employee of the Fraser Health Authority; one cut back is all health promotion and prevention. Ms. Gordon noted that Christian Cowley currently works on the Regional Community Development on Food Security and his job is over as of Feb 2010. Candace also noted that there will be much less support as more funding cuts occur; couple of healthy living coordinators and reviewed the mandate of these coordinators. This will have an effect on our community and how we to deal with these issues.

**10. Public Questions and Answers**

**Ken Knechtel**

How current the committee is on the Albion Sport Complex and asked if Council is directing something to the committee. How many tickets were sold to the Golden Harvest, how many were given away free?

- 11. Next Meeting -** Thursday, January 28, 2009  
**7:00 p.m. Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall**
- Agenda Deadline -** Wednesday, January 13, 2010
- 12. Adjournment -** **9:10 pm**

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Chair

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