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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 3.1. June 23, 2022
 - 3.2. July 5, 2022
4. **DELEGATIONS**
 - 4.1. Diana Hall – Community Gardens
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.1. Committee Membership Review
 - 5.2. 2023 Work Plan
6. **LIAISON UPDATES**
 - 6.1. Staff Liaison
 - 6.2. Council Liaison
7. **TASK FORCE UPDATES**
 - 7.1. 2022 Food and Garden Contest
8. **QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: November 24, 2022
Agenda Submission Deadline: November 10, 2022

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subjects that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak.
Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee,
held via Zoom teleconference on June 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Alec Biln, Chair	Member at Large
Jeff Laity, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board Representative

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam Rieu	Staff Liaison, Planner 1
Darlene Slevin	Recreation Coordinator – Volunteer & Special Events
Arsh Dhillon	Committee Clerk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Gordy Robson	Council Liaison
Alex Pope	Fraser North Farmers Market Society Representative
Conley Keyes	B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (Non-voting member)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2022-AAC-010

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the June 23, 2022 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated with amendment to remove Item 4.3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

R/2022-AAC-011

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Metro Vancouver climate 2050 Agriculture Roadmap – Carla Stewart

A. Biln, Chair, introduced Carla Stewart, Senior Planner of Agriculture and Food Security at Metro Vancouver. C. Stewart presented the Draft Climate 2050 Agriculture Roadmap. Topics including: Metro Vancouver's climate change response plan, clean air plan, and impacts of

climate change on agriculture and urban land uses. C. Stewart highlighted the strategies for action: protection of agriculture land, supporting farmers as climate action leaders, supporting long-term farm health and resilience, and enabling long-term investment in agriculture. Adam Rieu, Staff Liaison/Planner 1, asked if the plan addressed the lack of productivity of agriculture land. C. Stewart stated that the perspective on production of agriculture land is important because if land is not actively being used for growing, the land can be used in another productive manner in terms of ecosystem health

Note: Susan Einarsson joined at 7:06 pm.

4.2. Parks, Recreation and Culture: Master Plan – Darlene Slevin

A. Biln, Chair, introduced Darlene Slevin, Recreation Coordinator. D. Slevin presented the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan. Topics included: methods of engagement with stakeholders and the importance of the plan to create better approaches going forward with the increasing population in the City of Maple Ridge. D. Slevin shared contact information with the Agriculture Advisory Committee for members to be able to share feedback regarding the Master Plan.

4.3. Municipal Advisory Committee Accessibility and Inclusiveness: Accessibility and Inclusiveness Framework – Petra Frederick

This item was removed from the agenda.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Speaker Series – Young Agrarians

A. Rieu, Staff Liaison/Planner 1, provided an overview of the goals and framework of the Young Agrarian Organization. The Agriculture Advisory Committee discussed how the committee could facilitate engagement between the Young Agrarian Organization and the community.

5.2. Community Gardens

A. Rieu, Staff Liaison/Planner 1, provided an overview of the multiple roles and administration responsibilities of community gardens. A. Rieu, Staff Liaison/Planner 1, provided an example of a successful community garden in another Metro Vancouver jurisdiction – Burnaby, British Columbia. The Agricultural Advisory Committee hopes to have a guest speaker at a future Agriculture Advisory Committee regular meeting to discuss how to develop and maintain a successful community garden.

5.3. Country Fest Grant Application

L. Bates, Agricultural Fair Board Representative, provided a brief overview of the Country Fest Grant Application. The Country Fest Grant Application required a motion and vote, but the Agriculture Advisory Committee lost quorum when L. Bates removed herself from the vote due to a conflict of interest. The Agricultural Advisory Committee will be holding a Special Meeting in July 2022 to discuss this item.

6. LIAISON UPDATES

6.1. Staff Liaison – NIL

6.2. Council Liaison – NIL

7. TASK FORCE UPDATES

7.1. 2021 Food and Garden Contest

A. Rieu, updated the Agriculture Advisory Committee that the deadline for submission to the 2021 Food and Garden Contest has closed. The Agriculture Advisory Committee will be requesting applicants to submit photos of their gardens to be judged in September 2022.

8. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC – NIL

S. Einarsson commented on the community garden segment.

9. ROUNDTABLE

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 p.m.

Alec Biln, Chair

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The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC),
held via Zoom teleconference on July 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Gordy Robson	
Alec Biln, Chair	Member at Large
Jeff Laity, Vice-Chair	Member at Large
Alex Pope	Fraser North Farmers Market Society
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board Representative

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam Rieu	Staff Liaison & Planner 1
Arsh Dhillon	Committee Clerk

ABSENT

Conley Keyes	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands Representative
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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 pm**
2. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2.1. Country Fest Grant Application

L. Bates, Agricultural Fair Board Representative, provided the Agricultural Advisory Committee with an overview of the Country Grant Fest Application. L. Bates requested financial support OF \$1500 from the Agricultural Advisory Committee so Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association can continue to promote and support the agricultural programs in the community.

Note: L. Bates declared a conflict of interest because she is a member of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association. L. Bates left the meeting after making the declaration and was called back after the vote on the motion was taken.

R/2022-AAC-12

It was moved and seconded

That the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association be granted \$1500 for the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Country Fest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **QUESTION PERIOD – NIL**
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Alec Biln, Chair