

**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 January 24, 2019 at 7:03 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Gordy Robson	City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Ryan Svendsen	City of Maple Ridge
Bill Hardy, Chair	Member at Large
Al Kozak, Vice Chair	Agricultural Sector
Andrew Pozsar	Member at Large
Carla Schiller	Agricultural Sector
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture
Ian Brooks	Member at Large
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board
Pascale Shaw	Agricultural Sector
Ryan Murphy	Agricultural Sector

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amanda Grochowich	Staff Liaison / Planning Department
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

**ABSENT**

David Kaplan	Member at Large
Josef Hans Lara	Economic Development Committee Representative
Candace Gordon	Haney Farmers Market Society

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Note: Councillor Ryan Svendsen chaired the meeting as the presiding member.

1. ***CALL TO ORDER***

2. ***APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA***

R/2019-001

It was moved and seconded

**That the January 24, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

3. ***ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES***

R/2019-002

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting dated November 29, 2018 be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS** - Nil

5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Note: Carla Schiller joined the meeting at 7:07 pm

5.1. **2019 Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

The staff liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Chair

R/2019-003

It was moved and seconded

**That Bill Hardy be elected Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2019.**

CARRIED

The staff liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Vice Chair.

R/2019-004

It was moved and seconded

**That Al Kozak be elected Vice Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2019.**

CARRIED

Note: Bill Hardy assumed the Chair.

5.2. **2019 Subcommittee Appointments**

The staff liaison provided a summary of the 2018 subcommittees and there was discussion on the formation of subcommittees for the 2019 term.

R/2019-005

It was moved and seconded

**That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Andrew Poszar, Pascale Shaw, and Lorraine Bates to participate in the development of a Backyard Chicken program for the 2019 term.**

CARRIED

R/2019-006

It was moved and seconded

**That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Al Kozak and Chris Zabek to organize educational events on food and agriculture for the 2019 term.**

CARRIED

R/2019-007

It was moved and seconded

**That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Al Kozak, Ian Brooks, and Ryan Murphy to pursue the development of key components of a local food distribution system for the 2019 term.**

CARRIED

R/2019-008

It was moved and seconded

**That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Pascale Shaw, Carla Schiller, and Ryan Murphy to organize and support the 2019 Food Garden Contest.**

CARRIED

R/2019-009

It was moved and seconded

**That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Lorraine Bates to organize and support the 2019 Golden Harvest.**

CARRIED

### 5.3. Educational Event – Proposal Update

Al Kozak summarized the education event proposal “Let’s Get Farming”. Mr. Kozak advised of the tentative commitment from Kent Mullinex and Kim Grout and outlined their potential speaking points. There was discussion on panel members and it was suggested that a speaker versed in farm trusts could provide interesting insights. Mr. Kozak reported on possible venue locations. The price of event admission and sponsorship opportunities were discussed.

R/2019-010

It was moved and seconded

**That the proposal for an education event “Let’s Get Farming” in Spring 2019 be accepted and a maximum of \$500.00 be approved for use by the organizing committee in the development of the event.**

CARRIED

### 5.4. Prioritization of Agricultural Plan Action Items

The Chair reviewed the short list of agricultural plan action items. There was discussion on items to include as part of the 2019 work plan. The item will be included on the next agenda and members are to bring specific actions that fit under the four short list items. Members will consider the items and develop a work plan for Council review.

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1. Food Distribution

The subcommittee will be meeting to develop a community capacity workshop.

The Chair recently attended a Fraser Valley Farm Direct Marketing Association workshop where the Manager of the Vancouver Farmers Market Direct gave a presentation on the mobile food hub in Vancouver. An invitation will be extended to the Manger of the Vancouver Farmers Market Direct to appear as a delegation.

6.2. **True North Fraser**

The Chair reported on the identified next steps in the evaluation and analysis of the True North Fraser brand.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. **Metro Vancouver 2019 Agriculture Awareness Grants**

The staff liaison reported Metro Vancouver is accepting applications from non-profit organizations for the 2019 Agriculture Awareness grants and encouraged members to promote the information.

8. **QUESTION PERIOD - Nil**

9. **ROUNDTABLE**

The Metro Vancouver Agricultural Advisory Committee has invited Maple Ridge to nominate a representative to the committee. Council has requested that the Committee select from its membership a member to participate on the Metro Vancouver AAC. The invitation will be circulated to members and included as an item on the next meeting for discussion.

AgriService BC webinar “What To Do When Your Birds Are Sick” is scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Members reported out on relevant local agricultural topics and activities.

10. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:54 pm.**

“Original signed by Bill Hardy”

Bill Hardy, Chair

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