

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room,  
at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall on March 28, 2019 at 7:06 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Ryan Svendsen	City of Maple Ridge
Bill Hardy, Chair	Member at Large
Al Kozak, Vice Chair	Agricultural Sector
Andrew Pozsar	Member at Large
Candace Gordon	Haney Farmers Market Society
Carla Schiller	Agricultural Sector
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture
Ian Brooks	Member at Large
Ryan Murphy	Agricultural Sector

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amanda Grochowich	Staff Liaison / Planning Department
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

**ABSENT**

Councillor Gordy Robson	City of Maple Ridge
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board
Pascale Shaw	Agricultural Sector
Josef Hans Lara	Economic Development Committee Representative

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Note: Councillor Robson was not in attendance

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-014

It was moved and seconded

**That the March 28, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda be amended to add Item 6.3 "Bill 15" and that the agenda as amended be approved.**

CARRIED

Note: Carla Schiller joined the meeting at 7:08 pm

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2019-015

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting dated February 28, 2019 be adopted.**

CARRIED

#### 4. **DELEGATIONS**

##### 4.1. **Vancouver Farmers Markets Direct**

- Roberta LaQuaglia, Manager

Ms. LaQuaglia gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following information:

- what is a food hub
- the history and growth of Vancouver Farmers Markets Direct
- how the program works
- online shopping portal
- producers and buyers
- growth pattern
- how VFM Direct is different, pop up markets on-site
- farm tours and producer showcase, sponsor workshops and classes
- goals for 2019

Ms. LaQuaglia answered questions from the committee.

The committee expressed interest in discussing the program model at the next meeting.

##### 4.2. **Development Permit Area Guidelines for the Protection of Farming**

- Lisa Zosiak, Planner 2, City of Maple Ridge

The Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following information:

- what are Development Permit Area guidelines
- background to Farm Protection Development Permit
- senior agency support
- avoiding farm and non-farm conflicts
- application of farm protection development permit guidelines
- content of the farm protection development permit
- stormwater management
- subdivision design
- site layout and design
- landscape buffers and buffer design
- agricultural impact assessment
- education, awareness and compliance

The Planner answered questions from the committee. Members were provided with a draft copy of the farm protection development permit area guidelines and agricultural impact assessment guidelines with the request to send any additional feedback to the Planner.

R/2019-016

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the draft Development Permit Area Guidelines for the Protection of Farming.**

CARRIED

#### 5. **QUESTION PERIOD - Nil**

**6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1. Prioritization of Agricultural Plan Action Items**

Further development of agricultural plan action items was tabled to the next meeting. The Chair advised of the grant submission to Metro Vancouver for the Booth-in-a-Box project.

**6.2. Incorporation of Agriculture on City of Maple Ridge Website**

Al Kozak will gather additional research and work with the staff liaison to present findings at a future meeting for review and discussion.

**6.3. Bill 15**

The Chair provided a brief summary of Bill 15, which proposes to amend the ALR exclusion application process to the ALC. It was requested the item be included on the next agenda for further discussion.

**7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7.1. Education**

Al Kozak provided a summary of his meeting with Kim Grout and Dr. Kent Mullinix. Members were encouraged to spread the word about the Let's Get Farming event scheduled for April 4, 2019.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1. Upcoming Events**

April 4, 2019 7:00 pm	Let's Get Farming Maple Ridge City Hall, Council Chambers Organizer: Agricultural Advisory Committee
April 10, 2019 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Lougheed Transit Corridor Open House Glenwood Elementary (21410 Glenwood Avenue) Organizer: City of Maple Ridge
April 13, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Earth Day Memorial Peace Park, Bandstand (11900 224 Street) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
April 13, 2019 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Haney Farmers Market Opens Memorial Peace Park, (11900 224 Street) Organizer: Haney Farmers Market Society

9. **ROUNDTABLE**

Members received verbal reports on local agricultural topics and activities.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:03 pm.

“Original signed by Bill Hardy”

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Bill Hardy, Chair

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