

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 June 27, 2019 at 7:03 pm.

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
Candace Gordon	Haney Farmers Market Society
Carla Schiller	Agricultural Sector
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board
Pascale Shaw	Agricultural Sector
Ryan Murphy	Agricultural Sector
James Zelinski	Economic Development Committee Rep

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Grochowich	Staff Liaison / Planning Department
Debbie Pope	Administrative Assistant / Planning Department

GUESTS

Julie Saxton	Metro Vancouver
Esther Bérubé	Metro Vancouver
Kent Mullinix	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Karen Hansen	Economic Development Department

ABSENT

Ian Brooks	Member at Large
Michelle Franklin	Member at Large

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-024

It was moved and seconded

That the June 27, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2019-025

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting dated May 23, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Robson joined the meeting at 7:08 pm

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **Metro Vancouver – Options to regulate emissions from Cannabis Production Operations**

Julie Saxton & Esther Bérubé provided a presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

4.2 **Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Land Use Exemption Application Research**

Kent Mullinix provided a presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

5. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Karen Hansen shared information on the Fraser Valley Food Tour and sought volunteers to attend a future meeting to gather further feedback on the merits of the existing agri-tourism initiatives in Maple Ridge.

6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1. **Maple Ridge Food Hub**

The Vice Chair provided an update on the developments of the Maple Ridge Food Hub.

6.2. **Funding Requests**

6.2.1 **Country Fest**

Lorraine Bates excused herself from the meeting.

R/2019-026

It was moved and seconded

That the AAC supports a grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Country Fest.

CARRIED

Ms. Bates re-entered room.

6.2.2 **KPU ISFS Research Support**

R/2019-027

It was moved and seconded

That the AAC supports a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to KPU for research project.

CARRIED

Councillor Robson left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

6.3. Incorporation of Agriculture on City's Website

The Vice Chair reported that he has been in touch with the City of Maple Ridge's IT Department and will meet with the Communications Department. Members expressed interest in a subcommittee.

R/2019-028

It was moved and seconded

That the AAC develop a subcommittee for the Promotion of Agriculture in Maple Ridge with Bill Hardy, Al Kozak, Pascale Shaw, and Chris Zabek as members.

CARRIED

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Backyard Chickens

Councillor Svendsen informed the Committee that Council has delayed this for approximately one year. There was discussion to determine if any additional information could be provided to Council. The Committee decided to take this item off the agenda for a few months.

7.2 Food Garden Contest

The staff liaison reported that submissions are open until end of June. To date, 8 submissions have been received; the Subcommittee is setting judging dates. Chair will provide donations for gift certificates.

7.3 Education

Booth in a box – Chair will work with other committee. They have \$2,250.00 for event.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - nil

9. ROUNDTABLE

Members provided verbal reports on local agricultural topics and activities.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:17 pm.

“original signed by B. Hardy”

Bill Hardy, Chair

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