



City of Maple Ridge
Agricultural Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee,
held via Zoom teleconference on October 22, 2020 at 7:02 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Gordy Robson	Council Liaison
Bill Hardy, Chair	Member at Large
Carla Schiller, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Pascale Shaw	Member at Large
Amanda Smith	Fraser North Farmers Market Society Representative

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam Rieu	Staff Liaison/Community Planning
Sabina Chand	Committee Clerk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board Representative
Michelle Franklin	Member at Large
Andrew Pozsar	Member at Large
Shannon Lambie	Agriculture Land Commission (Non-voting member)
Angela Boss	B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (Non-voting member)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2020-024

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the October 22, 2020 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

R/2020-025

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the September 24, 2020 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. QUESTION PERIOD- Nil

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. Water Meter Rates Research Update

The Committee reviewed and discussed Metro Vancouver's agricultural metered utility rates for water and requested for further information at the next meeting.

R/2020-025

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee direct the Staff Liaison to provide a comparison on Metro Vancouver's agricultural water rates/flat fees at the next meeting.

CARRIED

6.2. 2021 Business Plan Update

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2020-2021 Business Plan amendments.

R/2020-026

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the Business Plan 2020-2021 as amended.

CARRIED

6.3. COVID-19 Update

The Staff Liaison inquired for the Committees feedback on in-person and Zoom meetings. The Committee will continue with virtual meetings until the COVID situation improves and will discuss further in the New Year.

6.4. Metro Vancouver Agriculture Climate 2050 and Clean Air Plan Review

The Chair provided an overview of the agriculture discussion paper and asked for Committees feedback.

7. LIAISON UPDATES

7.1 Staff Liaison

The Staff Liaison provided information on the City's tree management plan.

7.2 Council Liaison

Councillor Robson provided an update on October 13, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE & TASK FORCE UPDATES

8.1 Food Garden Contest 2020

Carla Schiller provided an update on the food garden contest entries and noted that the winners will be announced shortly.

8.2 Education – Nil

8.3 Promotion of Agriculture

Pascale Shaw provided an update on the Booth in a Box project logo and will share further updates at the next meeting.

9. ROUNDTABLE

Members provided updates on local agricultural topics and activities.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 PM



Bill Hardy, Chair

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