



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

12:00 PM CVRD BOARDROOM

175 INGRAM STREET

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Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 12:00 pm in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT: Chair M. Marcotte
Director G. Giles
Director L. Iannidinardo
Mick Smith
Wayne Haddow
Peter Keber
Rodger Hunter
Joanne McLeod

ALSO

PRESENT: Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer
Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Director G. Seymour, Director L. Duncan, Ian Christison, Dan Ferguson, George Robbins, Pat Durose, Tom Anderson, Geoff Millar, George Baird, Marsha Stanley

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

One item was added to Business Arising; one item was added to Reports and three items were added to New Business.

It was moved and seconded the amended agenda be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

It was noted the September 13, 2011 AAC minutes did not list motions on all the action items that came forward under R1 Subcommittee Reports Goals 1-6. Kathy Lachman distributed a handout of action items discussed and recommendations made at the September 13, 2011 AAC meeting.

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendations brought forward by Kathy Lachman and amend the September 13, 2011 AAC meeting minutes to reflect these changes.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to adopt the amended AAC meeting minutes of September 13, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES**

**BA1
STAGGERING**

Under Bylaw No. 3515 the term of office for Commission members shall be three years and terms shall be staggered.

**REGIONAL
AGRICULTURAL
ADVISORY
COMMISSION TERMS**

After discussion it was decided to send an email to each of the AAC members to decide the length of term that works best for them pending their time commitments.

**BA2
AAC
RECOMMENDATION
TO THE BOARD**

The Chair reported on September 14, 2011 the CVRD Board approved the AAC recommendation from the September 13, 2011 AAC meeting as follows:

"that when OCP's and Zoning Bylaws come up for review they be referred to the Agriculture Advisory Committee for review and comment on policies and issues related to agriculture."

**BA3
INVITATION TO TED
VAN DER GULIK**

Kathy Lachman reported that Geoff Millar has corresponded with Ted van der Gulik and he is not available in the month of November. There is no December meeting scheduled as commission appointments will occur in January 2012 after the new Board is assembled.

**BA3.1
WATER
CONSERVATION**

Rodger Hunter reported the Cowichan Watershed Board (CWB) has some funding for Ted van der Gulik to put on community workshops on water conservation and irrigation management and possibly land use and inventory. In speaking with a local farmer November / December is the best timeframe. Ted is available December 5 and 7, 2011. The question was raised would the AAC be willing to partner with the CWB and Environment Commission to split the hosting costs.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved and seconded that the AAC will partner with the Environment Commission and the Cowichan Watershed Board to host up to 2 workshops facilitated by Ted van der Gulik in December 2011.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

**C1
JOHN MILNE
RESIGNATION**

John Milne submitted his written resignation on September 30, 2011. He is moving to Calgary to look for employment.

It was moved and seconded to recommend the Board accept the mid-term resignation of John Milne, Alternate for Dan Ferguson on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, dated September 30, 2011 and send out a letter of appreciation.

MOTION CARRIED

**C2
JOINT AAC & ALC**

Chair Marcotte received a memo dated September 28, 2011 from Kathy Lachman outlining the notes from the September 23, 2011

MEETING

joint meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).

Discussion ensued regarding history, resources and abilities of the ALR.

It was moved and seconded to send a letter of invitation to the Agriculture Minister Don McRae to meet with the AAC in early 2012 and discuss farm issues affecting the Cowichan Region. Letter to be copied to the office of the Premier, Honourable Christy Clark.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

**R1
SUBCOMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Kathy Lachman handed out a Subcommittee Report dated July 19, 2011 regarding the Agriculture Land Bank. The action item and recommendation were discussed in depth.

It was moved and seconded that the subcommittee explore the feasibility of policy opportunities including leasing that are supportive of entry level farmers into farming.

MOTION CARRIED

**R2
UBCM RESOLUTIONS**

Chair Marcotte reported that she attended the 2011 UBCM Convention held in Vancouver on September 26 to 30, 2011. All the UBCM resolutions were passed. She toured a mushroom farm and turkey farm.

NEW BUSINESS

**NB1
PROPOSED BUDGET**

The Chair reported the work done by the AAC has financial implications. Under the 2012 Economic Development budget Geoff Millar will be requesting a total of \$30,000 in support of the following supplemental items:

- i) Cowichan Region Agricultural Plan Implementation \$20,000
- ii) Agriculture Land Use Inventory Project \$10,000

**NB2
REGIONAL SERVICES
PRESENTATION**

The Chair reported on October 26, 2011 she will be giving an update on the AAC to the Regional Services Committee. All AAC members are requested to attend and provide support.

**NB3
AAC
COMMUNICATION**

Kathy Lachman reported the public perception is that there is a lack of understanding regarding the work the AAC is doing. Some action items have yet to be funded and cannot be confirmed publicly. Consideration could be given to add more to the budget to allow for communication.

Discussion ensued. It was noted that the CVRD is doing a review of their communications.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be November 22, 2011.

The Chair reminded members if you cannot attend to advise your alternates. Please also RSVP if you are unable to attend as the lunch is catered for each member.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated:

C 2

Chair and Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District
175 Ingram Street
Duncan B.C V9L 1N8

Re: Agricultural Land-Use Inventory

October 20, 2011

Dear CVRD Board,

The Cowichan Agriculture Society (CAS) and the Nanaimo-Cedar Farmers Institute (NCFI), jointly with over 100 members, representing smaller farms in the CVRD, recognize that in order to develop and maintain a vibrant agricultural sector in the CVRD, it is important to develop an information base that can support GIS planning tools. An essential part of such a data base is an Agricultural Land Use Inventory (AgLUI).

The Ministry of Agriculture is proposing to undertake such an inventory and has already secured some funding partners. A guide to an Agriculture Land-Use Inventory (<http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/800Series/830110-3.pdf>) provides further information on the process and the content of an Ag LUI., while an example is presented in:

http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/gis/lui_reports/Kent2004_LUIReport.pdf

At this stage the Ministry of Agriculture is still seeking additional partners for initiating the Ag LUI for the CVRD.

CAS and NCFI urge the CVRD Board to participate and support the Agricultural Land-Use Inventory for the CVRD and the development of GIS capability for planning and, in keeping with the Board's decision and the Agriculture Area Plan, further developing an agricultural strategy for the CVRD.

Sincerely,

John.Milne, President CAS

and
on behalf of Joanne McLeod, President NCFI.

CC

Mgr Economic Development Commission G.Millar
Mgr Planning , T. Anderson
Mgr Environment Services K.Miller

J. McLeod

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C2

Judy Mills

To: Judy Mills
Subject: FW: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

From: Harmony Huffman
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 10:30 AM
To: beebswife@shaw.ca
Cc: Bob McDonald; Lynda Lee; Judy Mills
Subject: RE: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

Dear Ms. Chong,

Your email to the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Commission has been forwarded to our office for response.

Please see our comments below.

Regards,

Harmony Huffman, B.A., EPT
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Recycling & Waste Management I Engineering and Environmental Services Department
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Dear Sirs:

Could you please provide clarification on:

Goal 2 - states: 'to create a local government policy framework that supports agriculture'. Please explain how a garbage transfer facility, on ALR land that has been farmed for the past 120 years, supports agriculture? In your explanation, please include details on the advantages of bringing garbage-bearing residential and commercial traffic past the 43 farm/homes on Cameron-Taggart, 14 on Shawnigan Lake/Mill Bay Road, 45 on Shawnigan Lake Road, 64 on Cobble Hill Road, 17 on Lover's Lane - all potential farm-gate businesses - demonstrates government support for agriculture in Areas A, B and C.

The proposed Eco Depot will not be located on ALR land, nor will the Depot service commercial traffic. Residents in the area are already using local roadways to transport waste and other materials to existing drop-off depots located several kilometers away in Duncan and South Shawnigan.

Goal 6 states: 'to preserve the character and environment of the community'. Please help us understand how a loud, smelly, commercial garbage facility will preserve the character and environment of our rural community. How will it enhance/encourage farm-gate businesses? How will commercial garbage trucks, widened roads, increased traffic and continuous, seven-days-a-week banging and clanging improve the character of our farming community? How will it 'improve and extend the access to market for local foods' (Goal 5); or 'improve the viability and profitability in the local agriculture industry'? (Goal 3) Ask the farm/ winery tour companies if passing by a garbage station will enhance the ambiance of the tour?

As noted above, the proposed depot will not service commercial customers, it will be for residential customers only. Hours of operation would likely be 5 days per week, during normal business hours. Although the depot would accept household waste, the majority of items accepted would be recyclable household items.

I, and the other 1,440 people who signed the petition against the proposed site would appreciate a written response from each one of you, since none of us can understand how the proposed site furthers ANY of your publicly stated goals - all of which I think are worthy and admirable. If it is easier for you, I will arrange to distribute your response to the 1,439 other people. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

K. Chong
along Cameron Taggart Road

From: Judy Mills

Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 11:54 AM

To: Bob McDonald

Subject: FW: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

Hi Bob

Just catching up after my vacation. There was a motion at the Sept 13, 2011 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting to refer this email to you. I know you attended the meeting but I wasn't sure if you received a copy of the email.

Thanks, Judy

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From: Mary [<mailto:marym@island.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 10:07 AM

To: Karen Davis; Judy Mills; Kathy Lachman

Cc: External Tim McGonigle; The Cowichan Press; ssimpson; Routley.MLA, Bill; Rondeau, Andrea (DUNC); External Phil Kent; Obee, Dave (Times-Colonist); Mike Tippet; External Mel Dorey; External Lori Iannidinardo; External LDuncan; External Klaus Kuhn; Ken Cossey; John McKinley; External Gerry Giles; External George Seymour; Friends Against Rubbish Management Site; External Dave Haywood; chek news; cbc; Brian and Gerry Harrison; ben stuart prov min community dev

Subject: Re: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

Hello Karen,

In response to your email, I will request that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion at next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting .

Mary Marcotte

----- Original Message -----

From: Karen Davis

To: mary marcotte

Cc: [tim mcGonigle](#) ; [The Cowichan Press](#) ; [ssimpson](#) ; [Routley.MLA, Bill](#) ; [Rondeau, Andrea \(DUNC\)](#) ; [phil kent mayor](#) ; [Obee, Dave \(Times-Colonist\)](#) ; [mike tippett](#) ; [Mel Dorey](#) ; [lori iannidinardo](#) ; [Loren Duncan](#) ; [klaus kuhn](#) ; [Ken Cossey](#) ; [John McKinley](#) ; [Gerry Giles](#) ; [george seymour](#) ; [Friends Against Rubbish Management Site](#) ; [dave haywood](#) ; [chek news](#) ; [cbc](#) ; [Brian and Gerry Harrison](#) ; [ben stuart prov min community dev](#)

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 8:10 AM

Subject: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

Subject: Cowichan Region Area Agricultural Plan>Action Steps", (Cowichan Valley Citizen, Fri. July 22, 2001)

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along Cameron Taggart Road

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Bylaw #3515:

Sixteen Members:

- Five CVRD Directors; (3 EA Directors, one North Cowichan Municipal Director & CVRD Board Chair)
- Representative from 11 organizations
- Non Elected members appointed by Board Resolution

Terms of Office:

- 3 years
- Staggered (non elected)

Current AAC Member Terms expire November 30, 2011.

Commission Appointments:

In recognition of the hard work & successful efforts of the current Agricultural Advisory Committee, and in order to assure continuity of the Regional Agricultural Area Plan implementation process, the AAC recommends the following:

That the following six people be considered for appointment to the Regional AA Commission for a 2 year term ending Nov. 30/2013:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

That the following five people be considered for appointment to the Regional AA Commission for a 3 year term ending Nov 30/2014

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)