

Minutes of the regular Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 12:00 pm in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC.

PRESENT

Director Marcotte, Chair
Directors G. Giles, L. Duncan, R. Hutchins and R. Hartmann
Joanne McLeod, Bob Crawford, Judy Stafford, Mick Smith, Wayne Haddow, Marsha Stanley, Rodger Hunter and Fred Oud

ALSO PRESENT

Jon Lefebure, Mayor North Cowichan
Janice Weninger, Farm Appraiser, BC Assessment Authority
Julia Schlieman, Farm Appraiser, BC Assessment Authority
Alternate Peter Keber
Director I. Morrison
Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development
Kathy Lachman, EDC Business Development Officer
Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Ian Christison, Dave Thomson and Pat Durose

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of items:

D2 Mayor Jon Lefebure regarding proposed RCMP site;

C1 Ministry of Agriculture letters

and that Delegation 2 be prior to Delegation 1;

and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

M1

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting held April 23, 2013, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES**

Not applicable.

DELEGATIONS

**D2 – Proposed
RCMP Site**

North Cowichan Mayor Jon Lefebure gave a power point presentation on the proposed RCMP site which included history on the dike alignment and exclusion and inclusion applications submitted to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Mayor Jon Lefebure left the meeting.

D1 – Farm Status

Janice Weninger and Julia Schlieman, Farm Appraisers, BC Assessment Authority gave a power point presentation on the requirements for farm status. Booklets on Farm Classification in BC were circulated. As requested, hard copies of the power point presentation will be circulated to all members at the next meeting. For more information on BC Assessment visit the website at www.bcassessment.ca or contact the Nanaimo office.

Janice Weninger and Julia Schlieman left the meeting.

REPORTS

R1 – Membership Chair Marcotte reviewed the option to make alternate appointments and public at large appointments in relation to meeting quorum.

1:32 PM Tom Anderson left the meeting.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that CVRD Bylaw No. 3710 – Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission Establishment Amendment Bylaw, 2013, be amended by the addition of two public representatives, and that the amended bylaw be considered for first three readings and adoption.

MOTION CARRIED

R2 – Sunfest On May 8, 2013 the Board approved the RAAC recommendation to send a letter of support for the Cowichan Exhibition Society's Sunfest Country Music Festival event held at 7380 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan BC.

R3 – Subcommittee Updates Subcommittee updates were referred to the next RAAC meeting due to time constraints.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 – Ministry of Agriculture Letters Received and filed letters from the provincial and federal Ministries of Agriculture regarding response to freight costs for the Cowichan Valley Region animal feeds and grains.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB1 – DNC ALC Exclusion Application Item UB1, District of North Cowichan Agricultural Land Commission exclusion application, was previously discussed at the April 23, 2013 RAAC meeting after quorum was lost.

It was moved and seconded to reverse the order of the motions under Item UB1.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the Cowichan Valley Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission write to the Agricultural Land Commission expressing concern with the exclusion application by the District of North Cowichan for the property located at the corner of Beverly Street and York Street as it is arable farm land.

It was moved and seconded to postpone indefinitely the motion regarding the District of North Cowichan's exclusion application for the property located at the corner of Beverly Street and York Street.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the Cowichan Valley Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission write a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission expressing support for decisions made with respect to retaining existing and potential future agriculture land within the Agricultural Land Reserve and encourage them to continue this practice of protecting agriculture land in the province of BC and in particular the Cowichan Region.

MOTION CARRIED

2:16 PM

Director Morrison left the meeting.

It was moved and seconded that staff prepare a report to the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission to explore feasibility and suitability of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission being a referral body for the Agricultural Land Commission within the Cowichan Region.

MOTION CARRIED

2:20 PM

Director Hutchins and Marsha Stanley left the meeting.

UB2 – GMO Rally

Judy Stafford provided information on April 9, 2013 GMO rally at the April 23, 2013 RAAC meeting after quorum was lost.

UB3 - Funding

Judy Stafford reported there is funding available through the Get Youth Working! Program. Website is www.getyouthworking.ca

NEW BUSINESS

Not applicable.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary