



## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

M. Gunn, Community Co-Chair  
Councillor D. Davis, Council Co-Chair

J. Caldarella, C. Clark, P. Kathuria, N. Killeen, T. Knight, and A. Spencer

#### **Staff:**

V. Gafka, Senior Manager, Economic Investment and Development  
R. Nelson, Senior Planner  
M. Roberts, Planner  
C. Quin, Recording Secretary

#### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - February 27, 2019**

Moved by C. Clark,  
Seconded by J. Calderella,

That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 27, 2019 meeting, as amended.

**CARRIED**

Clerk's note - The following items were added to the agenda:  
Item G.1. – BC Wide Audit of Compost and Mushroom Facilities  
Item H.2. – Farm Tour – Dates  
Item H.3. – Meeting Schedule

#### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - January 23, 2019**

Moved by J. Caldarella,  
Seconded by C. Clark,

That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee Special Closed Minutes - January 23, 2019**

Moved by T. Knight,  
Seconded by A. Spencer,  
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 23, 2019 Special Closed meeting.

**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**D. REPORTS**

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) Framework**

M. Roberts provided a presentation on an Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) Framework. M. Roberts spoke of the main points, as follows:

- Background
- June 2018 Council Resolution
- What is AIA?
- Sustainability Charter 2008
- Official Community Plan 2013
- OCP Policies
- Rural Plan 1993
- Agricultural Viability Strategy 2013
- AVS Initiative 2.3.1
- Scope of Work for 2019
- Next Steps and Tasks
- What is AIA?
- What is the Purpose of AIA in TOL?
- Proposed Purpose Statement

Discussions ensued and the policy context and overview were deemed a starting point from which to advance the preparation of the AIA Framework. The AIA approach is intended to set parameters and gives more certainty with what is required for applications. Members agreed with the proposed purpose statement as a good starting point.

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

M. Roberts will forward members an electronic copy of the presentation.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**1. BC Wide Audit of Compost and Mushroom**

R. Nelson reported that at February 25, 2019 Council meeting an item was referred to the AAEEC for discussion.

M. Gunn provided information on the Compliance Nooksack River Watershed Audit Report. The audit was undertaken to locate and review agriculture and compost facilities operating in the Nooksack River Watershed area and assess compliance with regulatory requirements under the *Environmental Management Act (EMA)*. M. Gunn has forwarded the link to members.

**MOTION**

Moved by T. Knight,

Seconded by N. Killeen,

That Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee support the actions of the province-wide audit of all composting and mushroom manure facilities across British Columbia.

**CARRIED**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. BC Chamber of Commerce – Collective Perspective Survey Report**

V. Gafka provided a recent BC Chamber of Commerce – Collective Perspective Survey Report.

C. Clark reported that the survey was conducted online with 883 BC business leaders and the report was a great summary. C. Clark encourages business leaders to register with BC Chamber MindReader, a member benefit to ensure their voice is heard and to better understand what is on their minds as business leaders in their community.

[HTTP://WWW.BCCHAMBER.ORG/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/BC%20CHAMBER%20CP%202018%20FINAL.PDF](http://www.bcchamber.org/sites/default/files/BC%20CHAMBER%20CP%202018%20FINAL.PDF)

**2. Farm Tour - Dates**

R. Nelson reported that he would like a working group to help farm tour planning. The Farm Tour is usually scheduled on an AAEEC meeting date (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month). Discussions ensued and T. Knight, N. Killeen, J. Caldarella, and M. Gunn volunteered to work on the farm tour working group. Farm Tour date was deferred to discuss at next meeting.

H. **OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

3. **Meeting Schedule**

R. Nelson mentioned March 27, 2019 meeting date is during Spring Break. Committee members decided not to change meeting date.

R. Nelson noted September 25, 2019 meeting date is during UBCM Convention. Further discussions will be had closer to said date.

N. **NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
**Location:** Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

O. **TERMINATE**

Moved by C. Clark,  
Seconded by J. Caldarella,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:15pm  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair