



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

NOTES

Present:

M. Gunn, Community Co-Chair
Councillor B. Whitmarsh, Council Co-Chair

B. Sharp

Guest:

J. Saxton - Metro Vancouver, Air Quality Management
E. Berube - Metro Vancouver, Air Quality Management
L. Taylor - Metro Vancouver, Air Quality Management

Staff:

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

As no quorum was present, Notes only were taken.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - May 22, 2019

The Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee received the agenda of May 22, 2019 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - March 27, 2019

The Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee received the Minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting.

2. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee – Special Closed Minutes – March 27, 2019

The Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee received the Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Special Closed meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**1. Exploring Options for Managing Emissions from Cannabis Production Operations**

Representatives from Metro Vancouver, Air Quality Management spoke with the committee on determining the potential impacts of cannabis production and processing to the public, the environment, and other services in the region. An Odour Management Policy Development Plan was endorsed in July 2018, which highlighted the need to consider developing an emission regulation bylaw for cannabis cultivation facilities, with input from public consultation. Discussions ensued and for further clarification and more in depth information, Metro Vancouver provided a couple of links to its website on air quality and climate change as they related to cannabis production and processing as well as the MVRD Board Agenda – Report to the Climate Action Committee:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/air-quality/projects-initiatives/cannabis-production-processing/Pages/default.aspx>

http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/GVRD/RD_2019-May-24_AGE.pdf

D. REPORTS**E. CORRESPONDENCE****F. WORK PROGRAM****1. Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)**

M. Roberts provided a verbal update and presentation on the Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) Framework. Main points of the update:

- AVS Initiative 2.3.1 – Implement an AIA process to address ways that an application for exclusion, non-farm use or subdivision can be of benefit to agriculture
- Amend municipal development procedures to require an AIA for Agricultural Land Reserve applications
- Types of applications, such as exclusion, subdivision, non-farm use, non-adhering residential use, inclusion, placement of fill or removal of soil
- Considerations and requirements for an AIA
- Recent and upcoming changes (Bill 52, passed and Bill 15, before the house)
- Other Jurisdictions

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Farm Tour

R. Nelson mentioned that the Farm Tour tentative date is Wednesday, September 11, 2019. TOL staff is presently working on speakers, confirming farms, and more information to follow over the next couple of months.

N. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

O. TERMINATE

The meeting terminated at 8:30pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair