



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held in the Boardroom at the Regional District Office on Thursday, January 22, 2015

Members:	D. Lapierre Director M. Macnabb Director B. Fleming Director S. Fowler Councillor P. McClean Director J. Brown Alt. Director S. Anderson M. Asif I. Eggen M. Randell P. Wendt	Agricultural Producer Electoral Area "C" Electoral Area "B" City of Armstrong District of Coldstream Township of Spallumcheen City of Vernon Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer	Chair Vice Chair
Staff:	R. Smailes J. deGroot	General Manager, Planning and Building Planning Assistant	
Also Present:	B. Recksiedler 1 member of the Public	Ministry of Agriculture	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The General Manager, Planning and Building called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

The General Manager, Planning and Building called three times for nominations for the office of Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Director Macnabb nominated Dennis Lapierre.

Alt. Director Anderson nominated Director Macnabb. Director Macnabb declined.

There being no further nominations, Dennis Lapierre was declared elected, by acclamation, as Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

The General Manager, Planning and Building called three times for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Director Fowler nominated Director Macnabb.

There being no further nominations, Director Macnabb was declared elected, by acclamation, as Vice Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Dennis Lapierre assumed the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – January 22, 2015

Moved and seconded by Mike Randell and Director Macnabb
That the agenda of the January 22, 2015 regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – October 16, 2014

Moved and seconded by Directors Fowler and Macnabb
That the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor Peter McClean
That Dennis Lapierre and Mike Randell be selected to attend the Ministry of Agriculture's February 18, 2015 Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop to represent the interests of the Regional District of North Okanagan; and further,

That the agricultural priorities identified through the Agricultural Area Planning Process be brought forward for discussion at the Ministry of Agriculture's February 18, 2015 Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop.

CARRIED

Changes to the Agricultural Land Commission Act

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor Peter McClean
That the report dated December 18, 2014 from the Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator regarding recent changes to the Agricultural Land Commission Act be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor Peter McClean
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, a request be made to the Minister of Agriculture for provision of input from local government and the agricultural sector prior to considering any Section 58(2) regulatory changes that may have Agricultural Land Reserve or local government regulatory implications.

CARRIED

**Agricultural Land Commission Application
R. & S. Meadahl c/o C. Ruechel [File No. 14-0457-D-ALR]**

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The reasons for the application;
- Applicant's proposed agricultural/farming activities;
- What the applicant proposes to do with the residences if approved or if not approved;
- The state of the land where the houses are located;
- Concerns regarding rental houses/properties and the negative impacts of rental houses/properties on adjacent properties, farms and land owners; and,
- Why the applicant cannot locate a new house in the non-ALR portion of the property.

Comments:

- A formal life lease should be registered on the property title to protect the property owner and person who resides in that residence; and,
- The one residence that pertains to the life lease should be permitted to remain, but the other three residences should be decommissioned to permit the issuance of a Building Permit for a new residence for the applicant.

Moved and seconded by Ian Eggen and Director Macnabb

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors that the issuance of a Building Permit for a new residence on the property be permitted on the conditions that the property owner registers a life lease on the property's title for the life lease residence and the three non-life lease residences be decommissioned.

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership

The General Manager, Planning and Building provided an update on the Directors who have been appointed to the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

The present members noted they wish to remain on the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee. The missing members will be contacted and the matter of membership will be brought forward to the next meeting.

Agricultural Area Plan

The General Manager, Planning and Building provided a verbal update on the Agricultural Area Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT


Chair



General Manager, Planning and Building