



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, July 16, 2015.

Members:	D. Lapierre Director M. Macnabb Director B. Fleming Director H. Halvorson Alt. Director B. Case Councillor P. McClean Director J. Brown M. Asif I. Eggen P. Stockdale R. van Dalfsen P. Wendt M. Witt B. Naka	Agricultural Producer Electoral Area "C" Electoral Area "B" Electoral Area "F" City of Enderby District of Coldstream Township of Spallumcheen Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer Agricultural Producer Agricultural Commodity Member at Large	Chair Vice Chair
Staff:	R. Smailes L. Frank A. Bevan	General Manager, Planning and Building Regional Planning Projects Manager Executive Assistant, Planning and Building	
Also Present:	R. Fairbairn Mayor Jim Garlick Member of the Public	Electoral Area "D" District of Coldstream	Board Chair

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – July 16, 2015

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor McLean
That the agenda of the July 16, 2015 regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- Item E.2 – BC Agriculture & Climate Change Regional Adaptation Strategies
- Item E.3 – RDNO Building Bylaw No. 2670, 2015
- Item E.4 – Garlic Farming
- Item E.5 – Breakfast on the Farm

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – April 16, 2015

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor McClean
That the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Agricultural Area Plan

The Regional Planning Projects Manager facilitated a discussion on the consultant's recommended edits which were based on the referral feedback received for the draft Regional Agricultural Area Plan. Based on these discussions a number of changes have been made including:

- Recommendation 1.1 – remove “and permanent”
- Recommendation 1.3 – include lands adjacent to ALR which are major urban developments
- Recommendation 1.4 – no change
- Recommendation 1.11 – no change
- Recommendation 3.7 – remove
- Recommendation 3.8 – Support farmers to continue...
- Recommendation 3.9 – include recommendation
- Recommendation 3.10 – remove
- Recommendation 3.11 – include recommendation
- Recommendation 6.2 – include federal and provincial regulations
- Recommendation 6.5 – remove and refer to Regional Growth Strategy Support Team for consideration through the Regional Growth Strategy 5-Year Review
- Recommendation 6.6 – use recommended changes
- Recommendation 6.7 – no change
- Recommendation 6.14 – no change
- Recommendation 6.15 – require more information

Brief discussion on the three implementation options which were deemed feasible and one of which is not; preferred Option B.

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Councillor McClean
That the revised Regional Agricultural Area Plan be amended based on discussions held at the July 16, 2015 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee and be placed on a future Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting for further discussion and clarification.

CARRIED

BC Agriculture & Climate Change Regional Adaptation Strategies

Staff informed the Committee of the Climate Action Initiative Regional Agricultural Adaptation Strategies initiative and provided a copy of the Draft Terms of Reference & Membership for an Okanagan Agricultural Adaptation Advisory Committee.

The goal is to develop an Okanagan Climate Adaptation Strategies by March 2016 with implementation of the strategies to begin in Spring 2016.

RDNO Building Bylaw No. 2670, 2015

Brief discussion regarding the changes in the new proposed Building Bylaw regarding agricultural buildings and the authorization to construct process.

Garlic Farming

Director Macnabb gave a brief overview of his son's garlic farming experience.

Breakfast on the Farm

Breakfast on the Farm will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Riverbreeze Farms, 4460 Larkin X Road, Armstrong.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Chair
Dennis Lapierre



General Manager, Planning and Building
Rob Smailes