



# 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, October 22, 2015.

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<b>Members:</b>	Dennis Lapierre	Agricultural Producer	Chair
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	Vice Chair
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director H. Halvorson	Electoral Area "F"	
	Councillor P. McClean	District of Coldstream	
	Alternate Director B. Case	City of Enderby	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	M. Randell	Agricultural Producer	
	I. Eggen	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Asif	Agricultural Producer	
	P. Stockdale	Agricultural Producer	
	R. van Dalfsen	Agricultural Producer	
	T. Boeve	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Witt	Agricultural Commodity	
	J. Allen	Farmers Market	
	B. Naka	Member at Large	
<b>Staff:</b>	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	L. Frank	Regional Planning Projects Manager	
	K. Pinkoski	Parks Manager	
	J. A. Miles	Planning Assistant	

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – October 22, 2015

Moved and seconded by Director Macnabb and Mike Randell

That the agenda of the October 22, 2015 regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- Item E.5 – Meeting with the new Land Commission Chair
- Item E.6 – Climate Action Initiative
- Item E.7 – Draft Minister's Bylaw Standards on Agri-tourism and Farm Retail Sales

**CARRIED**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – August 20, 2015**

Moved and seconded by Director Brown and Ralph van Daltsen  
That the minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agricultural Land Commission Application BX Ranch c/o RDNO [File No. 15-0362-C-ALR]**

The Parks Manager provided an overview of the proposal.

Discussion ensued including the following:

- The proposal's intent to protect the lands for future farming use; and,
- The history and reasons for the application.

Moved and seconded by Ian Eggen and Ralph van Daltsen  
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee send a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission expressing support for the application.

**CARRIED**

### **Agricultural Land Commission Application RUECHEL, C. c/o TASSIE, P. [File No. 15-0431-E-ALR]**

The General Manager, Planning and Building provided an overview of the proposal.

Discussion ensued including the following:

- The site characteristics;
- The usability of the piece proposed to be severed;
- The role of the Ministry of Transportation in the proposal; and,
- The level of activity on the road and whether or not the activity warrants subdivision.

Moved and seconded by Mohammad Asif and Mike Randell  
That the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the application based on the benefit of improving the road.

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Ralph van Daltsen and Dennis Lapierre**

## **BC Government Wildlife Health Surveillance Program**

Moved and seconded by Alternate Director Case and Director Brown  
That the information provided by Susan Latimer regarding the BC Government Wildlife Health Surveillance Program be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## **Regional Agricultural Plan Priority Projects**

The Regional Planning Projects Manager provided an overview of the next steps for the Regional Agricultural Plan and the need to establish priority projects for 2016-2017.

The Committee members discussed their top priorities from the plan which will be brought forward for further discussion at a future meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **2015 IPE 4-H Bursary**

Sydney Hogg was acknowledged for receiving the 2015 IPE 4-H Bursary at the October 7, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

### **Meeting with the new Land Commission Chair**

The General Manager, Planning and Building informed the Committee that the new Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission will be presenting to the Committee of the Whole on December 9, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the RDNO Board Room.

### **Climate Action Initiative**

The General Manager, Planning and Building informed the Committee of an invitation to an upcoming workshop regarding the Climate Action Initiative – Okanagan Agricultural Adaptation Strategy to be held on December 3, 2015 at the Vernon Golf and Country Club.

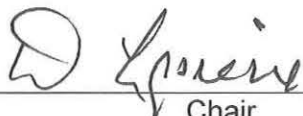
### **Ministry of Agriculture's Draft Bylaw Standards on Agri-tourism and Farm Retail Sales**

The General Manager, Planning and Building informed the Committee regarding the discussion paper and proposed Minister's Bylaw standards on agri-tourism and farm retail sales. The Ministry of Agriculture is seeking comments regarding the proposal by November 30, 2015. The item will be brought forward for the November meeting for comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

## **CERTIFIED CORRECT**



Chair  
Dennis Lapierre



General Manager, Planning and Building  
Rob Smailes