



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, November 19, 2015.

Members:	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"	
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Councillor P. McClean	District of Coldstream	
	Director J. Brown*	Township of Spallumcheen	
	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	
Staff:	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	L. Frank	Regional Planning Projects Manager	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant	
Other:	Director R. Fairbairn	Chair, Board of Directors	

* Denotes presence for part of meeting

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – November 19, 2015

Moved and seconded by Ian Eggen and Director Macnabb
That the agenda of the November 19, 2015 regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- Item E.6 Farmer's Market
- Item E.7 Agricultural Land Commission Application, deDOOD, J. [File 15-0033-F-ALR]
- Item E.8 Ministry of Agriculture

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – October 22, 2015

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Halvorson

That the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Agricultural Plan Priority Projects – Refined

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Fleming

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee support being stewards of implementation of the Regional Agricultural Plan as outlined in Option B of Appendix 1 of the Regional Agricultural Plan.

CARRIED

A roundtable discussion ensued regarding the priority projects for implementation of the Regional Agricultural Plan. Staff will bring forward a report regarding the top priorities to a future meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Ministry of Agriculture Discussion Paper – Agri-Tourism and Farm Sales

Discussion ensued regarding:

- 3.8 – definition of farm products
- Right to Farm Act – is it consistent?
- 3.5 – Agri-Tourism uses does not include sporting events, equestrian events
- 3.6 – campsites, cabins and yurts

Okanagan Agriculture Adaptation Strategy

Moved and seconded by Directors Macnabb and Brown

That the Okanagan Agriculture Adaptation Strategy Workshop Invitation be received for information.

CARRIED

Agricultural Land Commission Application

DUKHIA, K. c/o RUSH IHAS HARDWICK LLP [File No. 15-0398-B-ALR]

Comments:

- Abuse of ALR lands
- No farm buildings as they are residential units
- Negative to farming
- All previous comments noted at the May 16, 2013 Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding the previous application are still relevant
- Application is not supportive of agriculture

Moved by Ian Eggen and Ralph van Daltsen

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the non-farm use Agricultural Land Commission application submitted by K. Dukhia c/o Rush Ihas Hardwick LLP [File No. 15-0398-B-ALR] for the property located at 6255 Rimer Road, Electoral Area “B” not be supported as the application does not support agriculture.

CARRIED

Agricultural Land Commission Application

THORPE, D. c/o MONASHEE SURVEYING [File No. 15-0533-D-ALR]

Comments:

- The new parcels would meet zoning minimum lot size standards
- No information provided on the soil capability

Moved and seconded by Councillor McClean and Mohammad Asif

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the subdivision Agricultural Land Commission application submitted by D. Thorpe c/o Monashee Surveying [File No. 15-0533-D-ALR] for the property located at 665 Bobbie Burns Road, Electoral Area “D” be supported and forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED

Opposed: Tom Boeve and Ralph van Daltsen

Farmer’s Market

Joel Allen shared a map of the proposed location of the Vernon Farmer’s Market if the second sheet at Kal Tire Place is built.

Moved and seconded by Peter Stockdale and Tom Boeve

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee continues to advance and support local agriculture through venues such as the Vernon Farmer’s Market.

CARRIED

Agricultural Land Commission Application

deDOOD, J. [File No. 15-0033-F-ALR]

Director Halvorson provided an update on the application indicating the Agricultural Land Commission conducted a site visit recently and will be making a decision in the next couple of weeks.

Ministry of Agriculture

Moved and seconded by Ralph van Daltsen and Tom Boeve

That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture with copies to MLA Eric Foster and MLA Greg Kylo regarding the need to fill the Regional Agrologist position which is currently vacant.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Chair
Dennis Lapierre



General Manager, Planning and Building
Rob Smailes