

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Agricultural Advisory Commission**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 4:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

	Convener	A. Scoones
	Members	B. Brennan
		B. Hughes
		H. Crawford
		B. Dunic
		R. Kline
		I. Mishchenko
		N. Schafer
		J. Von Kaldenberg
	Staff Liaison	C. Kingsley
Director, Development and Community Services		T. Olsen
	Recording Secretary	L. Coburn

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Councillor Scoones called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED BY: H. Crawford  
SECONDED: B. Dunic

6-AAC THAT B. Brennan be nominated Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Commission.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Scoones called three times for any further nominations for Chair.  
As there were none B. Brennan was declared Chair.

Councillor Scoones then called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED BY: B. Brennan  
SECONDED: J Von Kaldenberg

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7-AAC            THAT I. Mishchenko be nominated Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Commission.

CARRIED

Councillor Scoones asked if there were any further nominations for Vice-Chair. As there were none, I. Mishchenko was declared Vice-Chair.

B. Brennan took the Chair.

### **ADOPTION OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

B. Brennan asked that the School Gardens discussion take place first as there was a guest speaker.

MOVED BY:            J. Von Kaldenberg  
SECONDED:            I. Mishchenko

8-AAC            THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY:            H. Crawford  
SECONDED:            B. Dunic

9-AAC            THAT the minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Commission be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

A. Report from Council Liaison on council discussions relevant to the Agricultural Advisory Commission and votes on recommendations to Council from the Commission:

Nothing to report.

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### OLD BUSINESS

#### **A. Agricultural Area Plan Proposal**

T. Olsen provided members with a copy of the request for proposals for the Agricultural Area Plan. She advised members that she would be the project officer. She discussed that the wording used in the RFP was taken from the application for funding. She discussed the scope of the work and the role of the AAC members in choosing a contractor.

There was discussion about adding neighbouring municipalities to the group of stakeholders.

The criteria for payment was discussed with some language to be amended to ensure payment upon satisfactory completion not just receipt of deliverables.

Concern was expressed with the number of meeting planned between the contractor and the AAC. The roles of T. Olsen and commission members were discussed.

T. Olsen asked for the assistance of two members to review the responses to the RFP. I. Mishchenko and H. Crawford agreed to assist.

#### **B. Cage Free Eggs**

B. Hughes advised members that a nearly 80% of eggs served throughout the Victoria area were from caged hens. A. Scoones advised that council had passed two resolutions regarding cage free eggs.

#### **C. Travel Arrangements to Nanaimo AAC Conference**

Members attending the conference will be picked up at 6:00 a.m. at the Municipal Hall.

#### **D. School Garden Project**

Matthew Kemshaw addressed the Commission. He is the coordinator of the Growing Schools Program offered by Lifecycle Project Society. He explained his consultancy work with schools and the importance of having the support of principals, teachers, and ground crews. He said that a 4' x8' garden bed per class is an ideal. He emphasized the critical importance of obtaining funding for staff time and that funding seeds and soil is not enough. A Commission member

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noted that children who are home-schooled are another constituency that the Growing Schools program should consider. When asked how the Commission could support the Growing Schools project, Matthew suggesting requesting the provincial government to fund gardens in schools and the wages of the consultant that coordinates and supports the school.

### **E. Flavour Trail Report**

The Chair of the Flavour Trail Subcommittee sought assistance from members for the many tasks needing to be done. To avoid a rush such as occurred last year some deadlines have been moved up. Members Hughes and Crawford agree to assist and J. Von Kaldenberg agreed to assist if required. Members discussed ways to advertise the events with posters and flyers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY: H. Crawford  
SECONDED: I. Mishchenko

10-AAC THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair