

*SUBJECT TO ADOPTION*  
**Minutes of the meeting of  
DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Held Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Members	B. Brennan
		H. Crawford
		B. Dunic
	Chair	A. Finall
		I. Mishchenko
		N. Schafer
	Co-Council Liaison	A. Scoones
	Co-Council Liaison	S. Fea
	Chief Administrative Officer	B. Williams
	Manager of Corporate Services	C. Kingsley
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Recording Secretary	L. Coburn
		R. Kline
		B. Hughes
	Environmental Advisory Liaison	J. Von Kaldenberg

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**INTRODUCTIONS AND CALL TO ORDER**

Also present: F. Hackett and C. Mearns of the Riparian Property Owners Association.  
A. Finall called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED BY:** H. Crawford  
**SECONDED:** I. Mishchenko

THAT the agenda for the meeting was approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY:** B. Dunic  
**SECONDED:** B. Brennan

THAT the minutes of the meeting held July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 be adopted with the following changes:  
-page 2 "Agricultural Awareness Plan" be changed to "Agriculture Area Plan."

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2008**

**A. Report from Council Liaison on Council discussions relevant to the AAC:**

*a) The application for non-farm use at 9645 West Saanich Road*

A. Scoones discussed council's concerns with regard to the Summary of Comment and whether it should be included with the application for non-farm use to the Agricultural Land Commission. There was a discussion about the process experienced by the applicants and the exchange of information between staff and the Commission. The Administrator was questioned about the provisions of the ALC regulations regarding the issue of the zoning violation being dealt with prior to referral to the ALC.

*b) Farm Market at Deep cove Market*

I. Mishchenko commended the Deep Cove Market and St. John's United Church for providing space for the market. B. Brennan expressed her surprise at the number of people who had products to sell. A. Scoones mentioned that there may be music and entertainment in the future.

**B. The following recommendations from the AAC were received and approved by the Committee of the Whole on July 21, 2008:**

*a) That the Agricultural Advisory Commission supports Council's June 4, 2007 resolution and recommends to Council that wherever the District has control over the purchasing both for the municipality itself or through other suppliers that it only purchases eggs from non caged laying chickens.*

*b) That the Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to Council that it request that any surplus funds from the UBCM grant be directed to the Flavour Trail.*

*c) That the Agricultural Advisory Commission requests Council to direct the Commission to commence review of Zoning Bylaw No. 750 as it relates to agriculture.*

*d) That the Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to Council that it direct the Commission to review and make recommendations to Council on adoption of a North Saanich Food Charter.*

*e) That the Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to Council that two planning staff members, council liaisons and as many members of the Agricultural Advisory Commission as wish to attend be requested to attend 2009 Agricultural Advisory Committee workshop.*

With regard to item B (c) A. Finall requested that the Director of Development and Community Services attend a meeting of the AAC and give some direction on the Zoning Bylaw. R. Kline has agreed to provide information on buffer and edge planning but has not yet done so.

With regard to item B (d) members agreed to further discuss the North Saanich Food Charter at a later meeting.

### **C. Agricultural Area Plan**

A. Finall advised the commission that she has written the Chief Administrative Officer requesting that a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant be prepared with possible precedents from the North Cowichan and Comox Valley Area Plan preparations. Commission members suggested the names of several people with the skills necessary for the position and that these persons be notified when the Request for Proposals is available.

### **D. Farm Economics**

It was decided to defer this item to next month's meeting.

### **E. Verbal report on North Saanich Flavour Trail 2008, with written report to follow.**

This item was moved to NEW BUSINESS.

### **F. Report from Councillor Scoones regarding the Munro Road Hydrological Study.**

It was decided to defer this item to next month's meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. McTavish School Site Disposal**

Council Liaison was asked if the Commission's comments were still being sought as Council had already decided that the district had no interest in acquiring the site. A. Scoones advised that the Commission's input was still sought. The Commission requested additional information, including the size of the site, the size of the ALR portion, the actual possibility of this property being consolidated with another property.

**MOVED BY:** B. Dunic

**SECONDED:** H. Crawford

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to council that the land comprising the McTavish School site remain in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

**CARRIED**

### **B. 1590 Wain Road – Report Dated July 16, 2008**

### **C. 1590 Wain Road – Report Dated August 6, 2008**

The commission requested that a site visit be arranged for the morning of Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. H. Crawford expressed concern about the fill to be used. A. Finall suggested that a letter be sent to the Peninsula Agricultural Commission asking about what issues around "dump and fill" have arisen in the past and how they have addressed them.

### **D. Housing Strategy**

A. Finall suggested that the Housing Strategy should be referred by the Agricultural Advisory Commission to the Peninsula Agricultural Commission.

**MOVED:** H. Crawford

**SECONDED:** I. Mishchenko

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Commission refers the Housing Strategy to the Peninsula Agricultural Commission for review.

**CARRIED**

A. Finall noted that there are no suggestions in the Housing Strategy for the problem of housing temporary agricultural workers. The definition of "temporary housing" was discussed as was the application of zoning bylaw 750.

**MOVED BY:** H. Crawford  
**SECONDED:** B. Brennan

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to Council that recommendation 8 contained in the Housing Strategy be reviewed by the Agricultural Advisory Commission when it reviews zoning bylaw 750.

**CARRIED**

### **E. Marine Task Force Final Report**

Members will review the report and forward any concerns they have to A. Finall before the September 24<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### **F. Flavour Trail:**

A. Scoones said the Flavour Trail was a tremendous success. A. Finall noted that the grant received from the Agri-Food Initiative was 56% of expenditures to a total of \$4500.00. A generous contribution was also received from the District of North Saanich. She said that she had been asked to let other communities know what we did and what worked. A. Finall confirmed that the grant received from the Agri-Food Initiative was one time only. N. Schafer said he wants to do a wrap-up with a system for deadlines, storage of reusable items, etc. in order to make next year easier. B. Brennan advised the members that Country Life magazine has asked her to do an article on the North Saanich Flavour Trail. Also, she noted that she is keeping a list of others who have expressed interest in participating next year. The budget for next year was discussed.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Commission will be held at 4:00 p.m. on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY:** B. Brennan  
**SECONDED:** N. Schafer

THAT the meeting adjourns at 5:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**