

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

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

March 5th, 2009 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chair B. Brennan
Members B. Dunic
B. Green
B. Hughes
I. Mishchenko

Council Liaison A. Scoones

Staff Liaison C. Kingsley
Director, Development and Community Services T. Olsen
Recording Secretary L. Coburn

ABSENT

H. Crawford
R. Kline
N. Schafer
J. von Kaldenberg

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

The chair introduced B. Greene who was recently appointed to the Commission.

B. Greene gave a few brief remarks about her background.

ADOPTION OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Chair added her report on the Agricultural Advisory Commission Regional Conference held in Nanaimo as item 4 (b) under **Business Arising from the Minutes**.

MOVED BY: B. Hughes

SECONDED: B. Dunic

11-AAC THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: B. Dunic

SECONDED: B. Hughes

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12-AAC THAT the minutes of the February 5th, 2009 meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Commission be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Council Resolution regarding I. Mishchenko (50 COW)

The Chair expressed her profound appreciation to I. Mishchenko for the knowledge, time and expertise he brought to the Agricultural Advisory Commission. The Chair very regretfully accepted his resignation.

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

Councillor Scoones advised the Commission of the appointment of J. von Kaldenberg to the AAC. She also advised of the decision by Council to budget \$5000 to the Food for the Future Society to assist in the development of a North Saanich farmers market. Council also approved a suggestion by Commission member N. Schafer that Mary Winspear Centre and Panorama Recreation Centre be asked to donate space in their brochures to advertise the 2009 Flavour Trail.

Councillor Scoones advised that the 9645 West Saanich Road application will again be before the Committee of Whole on March 9, 2009.

B. Report from Chair on Agricultural Advisory Commission Regional Conference held February 11th, 2009.

The Chair reported that all members who attended sat at different “tables” and heard lots of different opinions. The presentations were excellent and there were extensive discussions of agricultural area plans. The Chair will email her report to all members.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Agricultural Area Plan proposal

The Commission was advised three responses were received to the request for proposals. One arrived late and was disqualified. The other two responses were both excellent. Masselink Environmental Design was selected to undertake the North Saanich Agricultural Area Plan. They will meet with the AAC at the regular

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commission meeting April 2nd, 2009. The Chair expressed her concern that representatives from the Environmental Advisory Commission and the Advisory Planning Commission be in place for that meeting. The Chair also thanked T. Olsen, I. Mishchenko and H. Crawford for their work in reviewing the responses.

B. Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee Draft (Interim) Report

T. Olsen noted that she works with the bylaws daily. She advised that if members could provide the sections of the bylaws with which they had concerns, it would aid her in assisting them.

MOVED BY: B. Hughes
SECONDED: B. Greene

13-AAC THAT the Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to Council the creation of a sub-committee comprised of H. Crawford, J. von Kaldenberg and I. Mishchenko to review the Zoning Bylaw.

CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 2nd, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: B. Hughes
SECONDED" B. Greene

14-AAC THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair