

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

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

October 1, 2009 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

	Chair	B. Brennan
	Members	H. Crawford
		B. Dunic
		B. Greene
		B. Hughes
		N. Schafer(4:08)
		J. von Kaldenberg
	EAC Liaison	J. Thornburgh(4:06)
Director, Development and Community Services		T. Olsen
	Recording Secretary	L. Coburn

ABSENT

	APC Liaison	T. Izard
		R. Kline
	Council Liaison	A. Scoones

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. As the Union of BC Municipalities convention is taking place in Vancouver, the Council Liaison and alternate were unable to attend.

ADOPTION OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: J. von Kaldenberg
SECONDED: H. Crawford

31-AAC THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two corrections to the September 3, 2009 minutes were noted:

- B. Hughes, not B. Dunic, spoke about the 2009 Flavour Trail (p.3)
- The correct name is D. Friend, not D. Friendly (p. 4)

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MOVED BY: B. Hughes
SECONDED: B. Greene

32-AAC THAT the minutes of the September 3, 2009 meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Commission be approved as amended.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Situational Analysis

The Chair discussed the last meeting the Commission had with D. Masselink and concerns she had with the content of the situational analysis. She stated that she had been expecting a rough draft of the Agricultural Plan. She asked members to discuss their thoughts on the “Situational Analysis” received from D. Masselink.

Some of the issues raised were:

- The lack of a vision statement
- No mention of agro forestry
- Little mention of backyard gardens or community gardens
- Public support is essential and while there are many different segments of society in North Saanich they all share one trait: they all eat.
- Lack of support for infrastructure; specifically, the agriplex proposal for the former McTavish School site.
- Too vague; more detail in terms of action.
- Request Council to refer the historical section of the situational analysis to the Heritage Advisory Commission for their review.
- Identify the viable, successful operations in North Saanich
- Public education is fundamental. The public needs to be told what is possible in North Saanich.

B. Discussion of Timelines for Receipt of 2009 Land Use Inventory

The Director of Development and Community Services explained that the Ministry of Agriculture has yet to complete the Land Use Inventory (LUI). While D. Masselink has the raw data, he does not have the analysis by Ministry staff. She stated that she had been advised by the Ministry that work on the LUI would not recommence until the third week in October.

The Director has contacted Investment Agriculture Foundation about a project extension.

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C. Ministry of Agriculture Workshop on Zoning and Edge Planning

The Director of Development and Community Services stated that D. Masselink had completed his review of the OCP and zoning bylaw and had suggested that J. LeMaistre be contacted to present a workshop to the Commission on zoning, edge planning and development areas. It was agreed that the Director will contact J. LeMaistre next week to book the workshop.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

October 8th, 2009 (next Masselink meeting)

November 5, 2009 (next regular meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: N. Schafer

SECONDED" B. Hughes

33-AAC THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair