

CITY OF SALMON ARM

Minutes of the **Agricultural Advisory Committee** Meeting held in Room 100 of City Hall, 500 – 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC, on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019** at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Tim Lavery, Chair
Ron Ganert
Don Syme
John McLeod
James Olafson
James Hanna
Kevin Pearson, Director Development Services- staff (non-voting)
Scott Beeching, Senior Planner/Recorder - staff (non-voting)
Lana Fitt, Economic Development Society (non-voting)

ABSENT:

John Schut

GUESTS: Gerry Brackhaus/Deborah McDonald/Shautel Nash (applicant Item 5.1)
Brenda Veerman (applicant Item 5.2)
Kathryn Weicker/John Rasmussen/Cornelia Rasmussen (applicant Item 5.3)

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda and Additional Items**

Moved: Don Syme
Seconded: James Hanna
THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of June 12, 2019,
be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

Moved: Ron Ganert
Seconded: John McLeod
THAT: the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of
December 12, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Old Business/ Arising from minutes

1. ALC Information Bulletin No. 5 Residences in the ALR
2. Bill 52 - Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act (Summary)

The Director Development Services provided the Committee an update on ALC Information Bulletin No. 5 and Bill 52 including: second dwellings, compassionate use, soil removal and fill placement, 500 m² limit on new residences and the application process.

5. New Business

1. **Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. ALC-381 (Non-Adhering Residential Use - Additional Residence for Farm Use) - Owner: Brackhaus/McDonald/Nash - 4395 - 10 Avenue SE**

The Senior Planner provided a brief overview of the application including the OCP designation and zoning regulations, air photo and site plan. The applicants were given an opportunity to present information to the Committee stating that Brackhaus and McDonald intended to live in the second dwelling and farm the property in the future. The Nash family would continue to farm the property.

* All applicants left the room and the Committee deliberated the application.

Moved: John McLeod

Seconded: Ron Ganert

THAT: The AAC recommends the application be forwarded to the ALC on the condition that the dwelling be sized to meet the Zoning Bylaw.

CARRIED.

* All applicants returned to the room and the Committee delivered their recommendation.

*Brackhaus, McDonald and Nash left the meeting.

2. **Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. ALC-383 (Non-Adhering Residential Use - Additional Residence for Farm Use) - Owner: Veerman - 6740 - 56 Street NE**

The Senior Planner provided a brief overview of the application including the OCP designation and zoning regulations, air photo and site plan. The applicant was given an opportunity to present information to the Committee stating that her family intended to live in the second dwelling and provide help to continue to farm the property.

* All applicants left the room and the Committee deliberated the application.

Moved: John McLeod

Seconded: Ron Ganert

THAT: The AAC recommends the application be forwarded to the ALC.

CARRIED.

* Veerman returned to the room and the Committee delivered their recommendation.

* All applicants returned to the room.

**3. Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. ALC-384 (Boundary Adjustment)
Owner: Weicker - 4850 - 40 Street NE - Owner: Rasmussen - 4951 - 50 Street NE**

The Senior Planner provided a brief overview of the application including the OCP designation and zoning regulations, air photo, subdivision plan, soil classes and topography. The applicant was given an opportunity to present information to the Committee stating that their intention was to adjust the boundary to be compatible with the topography.

* All applicants left the room and the Committee deliberated the application.

Moved: James Olafsson

Seconded: John McLeod

THAT: The AAC recommends the application be forwarded to the ALC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

* Weicker, Rasmussen and Rasussen returned to the room and the Committee delivered their recommendation.

*All applicants left the meeting.

**4. Food Hub Feasibility Study - Salmon Arm Economic Development Society,
Lana Fitt**

Lana Fitt representing the Economic Development Society (EDS) spoke about a food hub model and resulting social and economic opportunities. The EDS would like to apply for funding for a feasibility study that could lead to a number of business development opportunities including: co-operative food processing facility, a community kitchen, shared storage and other shared economy ideas. The District of Saanich Agriculture and Food Security Plan was mentioned an example. The goal would be to present key findings in September to the City and Ministry of Agriculture.

John McLeod stated that he supported the ideas and stated that the City needs a Food and Agriculture Policy.

5. Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership Update

The Director of Development Services stated that the City was continuing to advertise for the open Committee positions.

6. Terms of Reference - Voting Members Update

The Chair reviewed the Terms of Reference and stated that the Committee would continue to follow the established procedures until otherwise directed by Council.

6. Other Business & / or Roundtable Updates

7. Next meeting - July 17, 2019

8. Adjournment

Moved: Don Syme

Seconded: John McLeod

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Councillor Tim Lavery, Chair

Received for information by Council on the 24 day of June, 2019