

## **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 **January 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (GoTo Meeting and in-person)**

Present

Councillor David Gonella, Chair

Mike Schroeder

Ken Jamieson

Barrie Voth

Don Syme

Melinda Smyrl, Planner/Recorder - staff (non-voting)

Lindsay Benbow, Ministry of Agriculture – staff (non-voting)

Regrets:

James Hanna

Ron Ganert

Serena Caner

Jen Gamble

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Mike Schroeder

Seconded: Barry Voth

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of January 11, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4. Approval of Minutes April 13, 2022**

Moved: Ken Jamieson

Seconded: Don Syme

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 5. Disclosure of Interest**

The Chair noted their conflict of interest with regard to Item 7.1. Committee member Ken Jamieson is appointed chair at that time.

## **6.     New Business**

### **6.1     Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference was discussed by the group. Members discussed possible amendments that would include additions to the scope of the committee mandate to advise Council regarding food security and urban agriculture. This would include increasing the role of the committee as educators and promoting Ag businesses within the community. The Chair will provide Council with an update. Council would have to approve any amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Members were asked to review the Terms of Reference in advance of the next meeting and possible amendments would be discussed and moved forward to Council for consideration.

Staff advised the group that the Official Community Plan review will emerge as significant planning project which the AAC will participate in some form in the near future. In addition, Council has listed an update to the Agriculture Plan as a medium goal in the Council Strategic Plan. These are large scale planning projects that the AAC will play a part and that members should be prepared to be engaged in their next term should they choose to continue with the committee.

### **6.2     Committee Appointments June 2023**

Staff advised that Committee Terms are set to expire in June 2023. Reminders will be sent to the group in May. If members are aware that they do not wish to submit an application to please advise the Chair or staff.

## **7.     Updates**

### **7.1     ALC Applications Update – (Councillor Gonella left the room at 3:25pm, Ken Jamieson assumed role as Chair)**

- i. For Information: 460 10 Avenue SW – Non Farm Use (ALC 414)  
Staff updated the group regarding the application.

Chair resumed at 3:38pm

Staff provided a brief summary of applications that have been reviewed by the ALC and the decisions.

### **7.2     Ministry of Agriculture – Projects and Grants**

Ministry of Agriculture staff updated the group on upcoming grant opportunities. Grant opportunities are updated on the Ministry of Agriculture website on a regular basis and the public can submit their email address to be included on notices and newsletters.

Grants of interest with upcoming deadlines include the Organic Transition Funding Grant, Orchard: Light Reflecting Grant, Knowledge and Technology Transfer Grant. The grant opportunities are available through the Ministry of Agriculture. The Shuswap Watershed Council Watershed Quality Grant is taking applications until January 31, 2023. This grant is not through the Ministry of Agriculture but may be of interest to local operations in the industry.

The Pacific Agriculture Show will be in Abbotsford January 26-28, farmers and those with an interest in the industry are encouraged to attend.

#### **8. Next Meeting – February 8, 2023, 3:00pm to 4:30pm**

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting with online and in-person options for members of the group and public to attend.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Moved: Ken Jamieson

Seconded: Barrie Voth

THAT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of January 11, 2023 be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm

“D. Gonella”

Councillor D. Gonella, Chair

Received for information by Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.