

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 10, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. (GoTo Meeting and in-person)**

Present

James Hanna
Ken Jamieson
Councillor David Gonella, Chair
Melanie Bennett
Barrie Voth

Melinda Smyrl, City of Salmon Arm, Planner/Recorder (non-voting)
Gary Buxton, City of Salmon Arm, Director of Planning and Community Services (non-voting)
Lindsay Benbow, Ministry of Agriculture – (non-voting)

Regrets:
Sarah Nicholls

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Ken Jamieson

Seconded: James Hanna

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of January 10, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes November 8, 2023

Moved: Barry Voth

Seconded: Melanie Bennett

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Disclosure of Interest

None noted.

6. New Business

6.1 Notice of Motion – Food Security/Ag Plan

Councillor Gonella presented the Notice of Motion requesting that staff investigate grant funding opportunities for the completion of a Food Security and Agriculture Plan that he has brought forward to Council and this may align with bylaw amendments that would permit more opportunities for Urban Agriculture.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Correspondence to Council – Bee Keeping & Backyard Chicken, Bylaw Amendment Proposals (Bonnie Castle)

The group discussed where to bring forward the groups discussion to Council and the Notice of Motion at the same meeting or if the discussion on bylaw amendments to incorporate urban agriculture in the existing bylaws. The group discussed whether proposed changes should follow the Notice of Motion or be brought forward by Councillor Gonella at the same meeting. The group encouraged Councillor Gonella to bring food security concerns and Notice of Motion at the same meeting. Councillor Gonella will report back to the group at the next meeting.

8. Updates

8.2 Ministry of Agriculture – Projects and Grants (staff)

Lindsay Benbow provided an overview of grants and opportunities that have been emailed out over the last month or so. A summary of the various grant applications and projects will be emailed by staff after the meeting.

8.3 Committee Updates (committee members)

8.3.a – How AI Could Power the Climate Breakthrough the World Needs (Duffy & Ramirez, 2023, CNN Business website)

The Chair provide a brief summary of the article and provided it for interest to the group.

9. Next Meeting – February 14, 2024 3:30pm to 5:00pm

10. Adjournment

Moved: Ken Jamieson

Seconded: James Hanna

THAT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of January 10, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm

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Councillor D. Gonella, Chair

Received for information by Council on the 12 day of February, 2024.