



## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011  
12:00 PM CVRD BOARDROOM  
175 INGRAM STREET

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MARK KUEBER, GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, B.C.

**PRESENT**

Director M. Marcotte, Chair  
 Director G. Giles  
 Director L. Duncan  
 Peter Keber  
 Ian Christison  
 Wayne Haddow  
 Dan Ferguson  
 Pat Durose  
 Mick Smith

**ALSO PRESENT**

Director I. Morrison

**ABSENT**

Director L. Iannidinardo  
 Director G. Seymour  
 Joanne McLeod  
 Rodger Hunter  
 George Robbins

**CVRD STAFF**

Tom R. Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development Department  
 Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development  
 Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer  
 Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling & Waste Management Division  
 Jennifer Hughes, Recording Secretary, Planning & Development Department

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair noted changes to the agenda which included adding NB1 (UBCM Resolution Sheet) and NB2 (Issues to bring forward for discussion with the ALC).

It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**M2 – Minutes**

Director Marcotte briefed the Committee on the June 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Mr. Millar updated the Committee on the Islands Agriculture Show that will be taking place on February 3 and 4, 2012, at the Cowichan Exhibition Park and noted that volunteers will be needed.

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the June 28, 2011, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**BA1 – Bylaw No. 3515**

Stated that at the present time the Agricultural Advisory Committee remains in place as a "Committee" and not a "Commission" as set out under Bylaw No. 3515 as appointments and terms to the Commission have not been formally ratified by the Regional Board. Chair Marcotte requested that a resolution be passed at the next meeting with regard to member's terms and the staggering of terms for the Commission members.

**BA2 – Invitation to  
the Agricultural Land  
Commission**

Chair Marcotte stated that an invitation has been given to the Agricultural Land Commission to meet with the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) and the Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) and requested that AAC members please forward to Kathy Lachman, prior to the meeting, any agenda items they would like to be discussed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1 – Email regarding  
Cowichan Region  
Area Agriculture Plan  
Action Steps**

Director G. Giles updated the AAC on some of the erroneous statements and comments contained within the Email dated July 26, 2011, from Karen Davis and advised that the CVRD is proposing a recycling facility only and not a garbage dump facility, it will not be loud and smelly and the property will be treed and not be seen from the road.

Ian Christison arrived at the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the email dated July 26, 2011, from Karen Davis be referred to Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling & Waste Management, for a response to the statements found within her email.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Director G. Giles, Tom R. Anderson and Bob McDonald left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

**REPORTS**

**R1 – Sub-Committee  
Reports Goals 1-6**

Director Morrison left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Committee members and Kathy Lachman gave verbal updates on the Sub-Committee Report Goals 1-6 and AAC discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That when OCP's and Zoning Bylaws come up for review they be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and comment on policies and issues related to agriculture.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was Moved and Seconded

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that a brochure or handbook be developed that will educate the real estate community on the need to convey to clients wishing to purchase land adjacent to agriculture land the potential impacts associated with being a neighbour to farms.

**MOTION NOT VOTED ON**

It was Moved and Seconded

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that a brochure or handbook be developed that will educate the real estate community on the need to convey to clients wishing to purchase land adjacent to agriculture land the potential impacts associated with being a neighbour to farms be referred to the next Sub-Committee meeting with further information provided from Staff.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was Moved and Seconded

That Items 2(b) #2 and #3 be referred to the next Sub-Committee meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was Moved and Seconded

That Ted van der Gulik, Senior Engineer, Ministry of Agriculture, be invited to appear before the Agricultural Advisory Committee to discuss water modelling and agricultural land inventories.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R2 – Presentation to  
Regional Services**

Kathy Lachman suggested that a presentation be given from the AAC to the Regional Services Committee (RSC) that will provide the RSC with an update on the AAC and further that all AAC members be encouraged to attend the RSC meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 – Summary of  
2011 UBCM  
Resolutions Related  
to Agriculture**

Director Marcotte brought forward to the AAC, for information purposes, the Summary of 2011 UBCM Resolutions Related to Agriculture she prepared dated September 12, 2011.

**NB2 – Discussion  
Issues with ALC  
meeting**

Dealt with under BA2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

5. Rezoning Application No. 1-B-10RS (Walter).

11-460

It was moved and seconded that Rezoning Application No. 1-B-10RS (Walter) be referred back to staff with direction to the applicant to hold a minimum of two public meetings, with CVRD staff in attendance as observers, in the community in order to gauge the extent of community concern and support, with the results of the meetings to be reported back to the Electoral Area Services Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Board agreed by consensus to deal with CR5 before CR3 and CR4.

CR5

The report and recommendation of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting of September 13, 2011 listing one item was considered.

11-461

It was moved and seconded that when OCP's and Zoning Bylaws come up for review they be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and comment on policies and issues related to agriculture.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CR3

The report and recommendation of the Parks Committee meeting of September 14, 2011 listing one item was considered.

11-462

It was moved and seconded that the Chair send a letter of support on behalf of the Board to the Governor General Awards Committee in support of community member nominations which recognize contributions to efforts to rehabilitate the historic Kinsol Trestle.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CR4

Deleted at Adoption of Agenda.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

SR1

The Staff Report from the Legislative Services Coordinator, Corporate Services dated September 7, 2011 re: Bylaw No. 3499 – Youbou Street Lighting Service Amendment (Requisition Limit Increase) – Revised Deadline for Responses was considered.

11-463

It was moved and seconded:

1. That CVRD Board Resolution No. 11-417-1, be rescinded.
2. That the attached *Notice Of Alternative Approval Process* and *Elector Response Form* for CVRD Bylaw No. 3499, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Judy Mills

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**From:** Geoff Millar  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2011 10:17 AM  
**To:** Judy Mills  
**Subject:** FW: A farewell to Cowichan

John Milne resignation letter from AAC.

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**From:** John Milne [<mailto:jdmilne@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2011 7:46 AM  
**To:** Kathy Lachman; Geoff Millar  
**Subject:** A farewell to Cowichan

Hello Kathy and Geoff,

I'm writing to share with you the sad news that my wife and I will be moving away from the Cowichan by the end of October.

I've been looking for work since March with no luck so we're moving to Calgary in the hopes of finding something there.

This will be my last month as CAS President - Evelyn Pereira will be taking on the role (she is currently Vice) until a new president can be found. I'll also have to give up my seat on the Ag Advisory Commission which is hard to do as I think that group is going to do amazing things for agriculture in the Cowichan - congratulations to both of you for making it happen!

I wanted to thank you both for being such great resources in my roles at CGC and at CAS and I hope that someday I'll get to return to this amazing place that I've been lucky to call home for the past two years.

And, in the meantime, maybe we can set up a branch of Tourism Cowichan in Calgary - who knows!

Thanks kindly

John

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Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi



## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 28, 2011 **FILE NO:**

**TO:** Mary Marcotte, Chair Agricultural Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer  
Geoff Millar, Economic Development Manager

**SUBJECT:** Notes from the September 23, 2011 joint meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)

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On September 23, 2011, the CVRD Agricultural Advisory Committee met with representatives from the Agricultural Land Commission. In attendance from the ALC were staff planners Roger Cheetham and Terra Kaethler along with Commissioner Jennifer Dyson. Members of the AAC included CVRD Directors Mary Marcotte (AAC Chair), George Seymour and Loren Duncan, Pete Keber, Joanne McLeod, Ian Christison, Wayne Haddow, Dan Ferguson, Rodger Hunter, Pat Durose and George Robbins. Area Directors Ken Cossey and Ian Morrison were also in attendance. EDC Staff members Geoff Millar and Kathy Lachman were present.

### **ALC opening comments:**

- Their decisions are based on future needs of the agriculture industry and having useful feedback from AAC's in land use decisions is very useful in helping them make the best decisions possible.
- If an application is going to move forward, a viable positive argument needs to be made as it will have long term implications.
- Decisions must be made in the interest of agriculture. Sometimes they approve and sometimes they don't.
- They lack resources and find it difficult to do their jobs but they are confident that the ALC and ALR are not going away.
- The ALC went through a review last year but the results have yet to be released.

A question around residences on agriculture land for the purposes of succession planning sparked an in-depth discussion and they responded that they are careful about allowing additional residences because of potential abuse. Intergenerational land transfer is done but there must be a good case presented to prove succession. Succession planning per se is not recognized by the ALC – any and all decisions must be made in the best interests of agriculture.

The ALC suggested that we organize farm tours to showcase success stories especially on decisions in which they were involved. They also commented that if we did not want to comment publically, we could call them to chat. The overall message they gave was to present a good business case for whatever we want to do.

ALC recognizes that selling off quotas is a huge issue that creates vast tracts of vacant farm land.

ALC wishes to see back-up material for recommendations going to the ALC. Take pictures to showcase perspectives and reasons for recommendations. This should also include pertinent portions of minutes from AAC meetings.

Other miscellaneous items from the discussion:

Auditor General's Report on the ALC will be released shortly.

Watch land uses once quota leaves the land.

Look for inventory of 'Small Lot Agriculture' on Vancouver Island – J. Dyson.

Remember – the ALC is not high level bureaucracy – the ALC's interest is the common good.