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REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013
CVRD BOARDROOM, 12:00 PM
175 INGRAM STREET, DUNCAN, BC

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Director Giles

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MARK KUEBER, GENERAL MANAGER, CORPORATE SERVICES
ROB KLINE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LANDS

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 12:02 pm in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT: Director M. Marcotte (Chair)
Directors L. Duncan, G. Giles, and R. Hutchins
Bob Crawford, Pat Durose<to 12:55 pm>, Wayne Haddow, Joanne McLeod, Mick Smith, and Marsha Stanley

ALSO

PRESENT: Director I. Morrison
Peter Keber, Alternate, Environment Commission
Dan Ferguson, Alternate, Cowichan Agricultural Society
Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Director R. Hartmann; and Ian Christison, Rodger Hunter, Dave Thomson, Fred Oud, and Judy Stafford

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission held on February 26, 2013, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATION D1

Emily MacNair, BC Agriculture Climate Action Initiative, provided a presentation on an overview of the Cowichan Adaptation Strategies Project including its potential implementation.

NEW BUSINESS

Activities on Cowichan Exhibition Lands

Wayne Haddow said that he wanted to make the Commission aware of a situation associated with the Cowichan Exhibition in which the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has challenged what is allowable under its agricultural activities.

Mr. Haddow said he was wondering whether or not this Commission should prepare a letter in support of the Cowichan Exhibition and its related activities.

Responding to questions from members of the Commission regarding what was challenging, Mr. Haddow explained that the Commission had received complaints stemming from non-

agricultural use activities that, he said, resulted from a week-long summer music festival. He noted that the same festival is scheduled to happen again.

Director Giles said that she was made aware of the same complaints to the ALC with regards to the Sunfest Country Music Festival and that there was a potential of fines being incurred.

Director Giles said that she would like to see a letter of support from the CVRD's Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission and the Economic Development Commission in that, in her view she said, Sunfest was a large revenue generator for agriculture.

Dan Ferguson said that he would like further clarification on this issue before the Commission ignores any stand that the ALC has and sends it a letter.

The Manager, Economic Development said that he had spoken extensively with staff at the Cowichan Exhibition Society.

Apparently, said Mr. Millar, the ALC's compliance officer came to Sunfest last year, on its first day, walked in and shut down the gate and entrances to the Festival.

Mr. Millar said that the officer then spoke with Sunfest's organizer to relay a complaint from a residential neighbour.

Mr. Millar noted that he had submitted a letter, on February 20, 2013, to the Society regarding supporting an application to host Sunfest and, he said, if this Commission decided to write a letter to the ALC he suggested that it contain statistics on the economic impacts past Sunfest Festivals have brought to the Region.

Members of the Committee, including Mick Smith who said that he owns a farm 100 yards away, discussed possible bylaw enforcement issues resulting from holding Sunfest and what zoning uses would be expected for Cowichan Exhibition lands.

Therefore, it was the consensus of the Commission that further factual information, and/or discussion, on Cowichan Exhibition Society lands zoning uses be obtained from The Municipality of North Cowichan's Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Land Commission and the Cowichan Exhibition Society prior to the Board Chair writing a letter.

12:55 PM

Pat Durose left the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Director Giles gave notice of motion that she would be bringing forward the following resolution at the meeting scheduled for April 23, 2013:

**NOTICE OF MOTION
NM1**

"That the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to the Board that a letter of support be sent to the Agricultural Land Commission for the Cowichan Exhibition Society's Sunfest Country Music Festival event."

Director Marcotte (Chair) noted that Director Hutchins would be obtaining information on the Cowichan Exhibition Society's lands and that she would be speaking with the ALC, with Mr. Anderson's direction on this, and that their findings would be reported back.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated:



NOTICE OF MOTION

DATE: April 23, 2013
TO: Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission
FROM: Director Gerry Giles
SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Cowichan Exhibition Society's Sunfest Country Music Festival Event

Recommendation:

That the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission recommends to the Board that a letter of support be sent to the Agricultural Land Commission for the Cowichan Exhibition Society's Sunfest Country Music Festival event.

Request to Appear as a Delegation

Note: Board meetings start at 6:30 pm

Meeting Information

Request to Address:

CVRD Board

Committee

If Committee, specify the Committee here:

Regional Agricultural Advisory Com

Meeting Date: 04/23/13

Meeting Time:

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Brock & Heather McLeod

Representing:

(Name of organization if applicable)

As: Stakeholders in the agricultural & business commt

(Capacity / Office)

Number Attending: 2

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Mailing Address: 4715 Bench Road

Applicant City: Duncan

Applicant Telephone: 250-597-3276

Applicant Fax:

Applicant Email: makariafarm@gmail.com

Presentation Topic and Nature of Request:

Topic: Supply vs. demand in local vegetable production, and how government involvement or support of projects on the supply side may impact the development of a strong agricultural community/sector in the future.
Request: To consider our perspective/input in the Commission's decision making, and to offer ourselves as an on-call resource for input in the future.



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**REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT
OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

DATE: March 4, 2013

To: Chair and Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District

Your Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission reports and recommends as follows:

1. That the Board not allow agri-tourism accommodation farm stays.

13-111 (amended from original Committee recommendation)

It was moved and seconded:

13. That Application No. 7-H-12DP (Timberwest Forest 1 Ltd.) to permit the subdivision of one new lot and boundary adjustments between 10 lots, be approved subject to the subdivision proceeding in compliance with the Well Water Supply and Environmental Impacts reports by Lowen Hydrogeology Consulting Ltd, and Riparian Areas Regulation Assessment No. 2613; and further, that the Electoral Area Services Committee Report dated March 5, 2013 be forwarded to both the Federal and Provincial treaty negotiators and the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group.

Opposed: Director L. Duncan and Director M. Marcotte

MOTION CARRIED

7:19 pm Director Iannidinardo returned to the Boardroom at 7:19 pm.

The Board considered items CR4 and CR7 concurrently.

CR4 & CR7 Report and Recommendations of the Economic Development Commission meeting (CR4) of February 12, 2013; and Report and Recommendation of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission (CR7) meeting of February 26, 2013

* 13-112 It was moved and seconded that the Board not allow agri-tourism accommodation farm stays.

MOTION CARRIED

* 13-113 It was moved and seconded that the topic of agri-tourism accommodation and farm stays be referred to the Electoral Area Services Committee.

Opposed: Director L. Duncan, Director I. Morrison, Director M. Walker

MOTION CARRIED

* 13-114 (amended from original Committee recommendation)

It was moved and seconded that the Economic Development recommendation to allow agri-tourism accommodation farm stays by drafting an amendment to the applicable CVRD zoning bylaws to align with the Agricultural Land Commission regulations under permitted uses, be referred to the Electoral Area Services Committee; and further, that a letter be forwarded to the District of North Cowichan advising them of this change.

Opposed: Director I. Morrison and Director M. Marcotte

MOTION CARRIED

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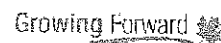
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