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Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

September 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference

Voting Members: J. Bachmann
L. Kemper
D. Kosicki
M. Manion
T. Hopcott
S. Howkins
W. Wisselink

Council Liaisons: Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Simpson

Non-Voting Members: D. Bondar, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Staff: C. O'Byrne, Manager of Planning
A. Lucas, Director of Planning & Development
A. Dominelli, Development Services Technician

Regrets: H. Bitter
P. Robinson
T. Vader
W. Jack

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Agenda for the September 8, 2022 Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the June 9, 2022 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Economic Development Strategic Plan

J. Vann Struth, Vann Struth Consulting Group Inc., provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Economic Development Strategic Plan, which is included in the minutes as Attachment 1.

The Committee participated in a roundtable of discussions, including the following key points being made:

- Discussions were held around the need for public engagement to encourage support;
- Concerns were raised around the loss of BC farmland (12%) since 2016 and urban encroachment on agricultural land could raise challenges;
- Concerns were raised surrounding the need to look at land and housing affordability to allow flexibility for farmers;
- Need irrigation, ditch cleaning, weed control, traffic control and labour.

**M. Manion joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.*

5.2 Agricultural Land Commission ["ALC"] Application - 13634 Harris Road

Councillor MacDonald provided a verbal overview of Mayor Dingwall's letter requesting review of the ALC application for 13634 Harris Road.

5.3 AAC Application Tracker

C. O'Byrne, Manager of Planning, provided an update on the AAC Application Tracker.

The Committee did not engage in further comments or discussions.

5.4 AAC Action Items

C. O'Byrne, Manager of Planning, provided an update on the AAC Action Item Tracker.

The Committee requested that the Canadian Transportation Agency/CP Logistics Park Proposal item remains on the action tracker.

6. ROUNDTABLE

The Committee participated in a roundtable of discussions where some of the comments from the Committee included:

- The concern of Japanese Beetles, an invasive species, entering the Pitt Meadows Agricultural land.
- It was suggested that Pitt Meadows duplicate Delta's Farmland Day at the Farm to see what a day in the life of a local farmer is all about.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

*The next **Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting** is scheduled for **November 10, 2022** at **10:00 a.m.** held though video conference.*

Certified as correct:

Rachel Costa, Legislative Services Clerk