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Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

May 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Meadows Room

12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5

Voting Members: J. Bachmann
T. Hopcott
S. Howkins
W. Jack
L. Kemper
T. Vader
D. Captein
J. Johal

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

Council Liaisons: Councillor Manion

Regrets: H. Bitter
D. Kosicki
Councillor Meachen (Alternate)

Staff: M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture and Environment (Chair)
P. Ward, Director of Planning & Development

Recording Clerk: T. McCaw, Administrative Services Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture and Environment, acknowledged with respect and gratitude that the City of Pitt Meadows is located on the traditional, unceded territory of ᑭᓯᓕᓄᓐ (Katzie) First Nation who were stewards of this land since time immemorial.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the agenda of the May 15, 2025 meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee was approved.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the April 10, 2025 meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee were approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Climate Action Strategy Presentation

M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture and Environment, provided a presentation on the City's Climate Action Strategy. Some of the highlights included:

- Project milestones and projections for the community were shared;
- Identification of a variety of adaptation and mitigation approaches for the strategy;
- Relative risk levels for climate hazards in Pitt Meadows were identified;
- Themes, initiatives, and goals were highlighted; and
- Goals, actions, and next steps were shared.

The Committee participated in a discussion with the following main themes noted:

- Carbon sequestration -
- A suggestion was made for the City to lobby the Provincial Government for support for the irrigation district;
- Discussions around a public education campaign supporting planting drought resistant crops in Pitt Meadows;
- A suggestion was made to include the benefits of more Co2 which promotes plant growth into the strategy;
- Climate change and extreme weather events were discussed;

- Discussions were held around the potential loss of access to water for farmers and farming in the community;
- Support for agriculture by providing access to waterways;
- The irrigation study was identified as a priority for supporting farmers in the community;
- Provincial water licensing and the importance of farming and food supply, was discussed;
- Comments were made about the idea of the City becoming an irrigation district—and whether the City could withhold water from farmers which would result in loss of crops; and
- Best practices for managing heat and extreme weather was discussed.

5.2 Dike Signage

M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture and Environment, provided a verbal overview and shared a sample of the proposed templates for educational signage throughout the dike.

- Staff will share templates with the Committee in an effort to gather feedback and comments.

There were no further comments made by the Committee on this topic.

5.3 AAC Application Tracker

M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture and Environment, provided update on the Application Tracker attached in today's agenda.

There were no further discussions or comments made by the Committee on this topic.

5.4 AAC Action Items

M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture and Environment, provided an update on the Action Item Tracker.

There were no further discussions or comments made by the Committee on this topic.

6. **ROUNDTABLE**

The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion, there were no motions or recommendations put forward.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

The next **Agricultural Advisory Committee** meeting is scheduled for **July 10, 2025** at **10:00 AM.**

Certified as correct:

Tatiana McCaw,

Administrative Services Supervisor