



Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

April 14, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Carr's Landing Room, Municipal Hall
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road
Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1

Council Present: Todd McKenzie

Staff Present: Carie Liefke, Manager of Current Planning
Jason Tran, Planner
Starla Weigel, Planning Clerk
Jeremy Frick, Director of Development Approvals

Committee Members Present: David Grabavac, Chair, Dave McClure, Mike Budd, Sandra Follack

Guests: Chris Zabek, Ministry of Agriculture

1. Call to Order

We acknowledge that we are conducting our business today on the unceded territory of squilx"/syilx (Okanagan) peoples. As a Committee, we recognize the importance of doing our best to build respectful relationships that contribute to stewarding the land and waters in the community with integrity and consideration for future generations.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda of April 14, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. ALR00195 - TFWH 12192Oceola Rd (Temporary Farm Worker Housing) – Part 2

To permit 79 temporary farm worker housing units within 17 trailers within the Agricultural Land.

There was discussion regarding the suitability of this property vs other properties owned by applicant, discussion on if slope of site would impact TFWH placement, concern that workers housed at this location would be working outside of Lake Country.

It was moved and seconded

THAT Agricultural Land Reserve application (ALR00195) for property at 12192 Oceola Road be supported.

Motion Fails.

OPPOSED: David Grabavac, David McClure

5. Subdivision application (S0000631) Phase 4 Discussion

There was some concern with the AAC regarding land slippage, access, school consideration, and grades of lots.

It was moved and seconded

THAT application S0000631 Phase 4 would appear to have no detrimental impact on agriculture in Lake Country provided that a s. 219 restrictive covenant requiring:

- No build no development within a 6m buffer,
- Notice of regular agricultural activities, and private landowner responsibility to buffer
- Any vegetation within the buffer must be native to this area (including noxious weeds, etc.)

Carried.

6. Other

6.1 Backyard Chickens

It was discussed that the allowance was approved March 18 for backyard chickens. Online registration is currently available on the Animal Services section on the DLC website.

6.2 Premise ID

Was discussed for information purposes and noted that there is no cost to register for a Premise ID.

6.3 Agriculture Press Release

The Tree Fruit Climate Change Response Fund now has a live landing page was discussed for information purposes.

6.4 Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

A link to the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) has been setup to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector was discussed for information purposes.

6.5 Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty Program

A handout link on the Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty Program was discussed for information purposes.

6.6 On-Farm Technology Adoption Program

There was discussion regarding the On-Farm Technology Adoption Program provides cost-shared funding to eligible participants to support their ability to adopt new, innovative technologies on-farm with a labour-savings focus that will enhance their profitability, productivity, and efficiency. For an example of a recipient's technology from the first intake.

6.7 Boost to community food infrastructure will help build food security

A document link regarding more people in North Okanagan will soon have better access to healthy, fresh food as funding bolsters support for critical food infrastructure was discussed for information purposes.

6.8 BC supporting food manufacturing, food security

A document link on the new support for food and beverage manufacturers throughout the province was discussed for information purposes.

7. Next Meeting

May 12, 2025

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

David Grabavac, Chair

Starla Weigel, Recording Secretary