



Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

September 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Carr's Landing Room, Municipal Hall
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road
Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1

Council Present:	Councillor Todd McKenzie
Staff Present:	Carie Liefke, Manager of Current Planning Starla Weigel, Planning Clerk Matthew Salmon, Infrastructure & Development Engineering Director
Committee Members Present:	David Grabavac, Chair Sandra Follack
Guests:	Alan Neilson, Neilson Strategies Aaron Coelho, Urban Systems Fariah Dina, Urban Systems

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.

Quorum was not obtained therefore no votes took place during this meeting. This document only reflects meeting notes.

2. Adoption of Agenda

THAT the Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda of September 8, 2025 be adopted.
Deferred until the next meeting (no quorum).

3. Adoption of Minutes

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2025 be adopted.
Deferred until the next meeting (no quorum).

4. Developmental Reports

4.1 Agricultural Frontage Report - Update

- Presentation was given by Alan Neilson to the AAC to provide and update on current work done to develop a more equitable way of calculating frontage improvement works require for various types of agricultural development. A copy of the report will be distributed (completed Sept 11, 2025).

4.2 Climate Change Adaptation Plan

- Aaron Coelho gave a presentation of a climate change risk assessment and developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan.
- Committee members in attendance provided initial feedback to the consultant.

4.3 Official Community Plan Engagement Workshops

- The District of Lake Country is in the process of updating our Official Community Plan (OCP). Engagement with the AAC is important to ensure the OCP reflects the perspective of the agricultural community. Up to two members of the AAC are invited to participate in a facilitated workshop to be held in September 2025.
- Individual community members are also encouraged to participate by completing the [Community Visioning Survey](#).
- More information can be found at [Let's Grow Lake Country Together | Let's Talk - Lake Country!](#) (<https://letstalk.lakecountry.bc.ca/letsgrowlakecountry>)
- Committee members in attendance suggested that David Grabavac and Mike Budd attend the workshop with Sandra Follack as an alternate.

5. Other

5.1 North Okanagan Region On-Farm Composting Field Day

- The BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food is presenting this On-Farm Composting Field Day in the North Okanagan region. Join knowledgeable experts at Rosebank Farms in Armstrong to learn practical hands-on information on composting topics.
- North Okanagan Region On-Farm Composting Field Day Tickets, Sat, Sep 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM | [Eventbrite Ticket Purchase](#)
- Committee members in attendance noted that the event was postponed until Monday, September 15, 2025.

5.2 New Guidelines for Permitted Additional Residences in the ALR (dated June 19, 2025).

5.3 Forest Nursery Association of BC Conference

- September 23-25, 2025, [Forest Nursery Association of BC Conference](#), Sidney, BC

5.4 BC Organic Conference

- November 25-27, 2025 [BC Organic Conference](#), Harrison Hot Springs, BC

5.5 BC Dairy Conference

- November 26-27, 2025 [BC Dairy Conference](#), Vancouver, BC

5.6 AgriServiceBC – September 2025 Okanagan Regional Newsletter

- [September 2025 Okanagan Regional Newsletter](#)

5.7 FarmFolk CityFolk – September 2025 Harvest Newsletter

- [September 2025 Harvest Newsletter](#)

6. Next Meeting

- To be determined

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

David Grabavac, Chair

Starla Weigel, Recording Secretary