



## Minutes

### Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

March 24, 2026, 5:00 p.m.  
Winfield 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

Committee Members Present: David Grabavac (Chair)  
Sandra Follack  
Mike Budd  
Angelique Slade Shantz

Guest: Allan Neilson, Neilson Strategies Ltd

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#### 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 5:02 pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda of March 24, 2026, be adopted.

**Carried.**

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025, be adopted.

**Carried.**

### 4. Development Reports

#### 4.1 Agricultural Frontage Report - Update

- Agricultural Frontage Report was presented by Matthew Salmon & Allan Neilson (Neilson Strategies Ltd) on the current work being done to develop a more equitable way of calculating frontage improvements works required for various types of agricultural development.
- Discussed the possibility of the framework including positive impacts (i.e. attracting economics to community, contributing to food security, etc.), as well as the negative impacts (i.e. wear and tear on roads, etc.) to the community. Positive impacts could be used to support further reduction of cost of frontage improvements.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee support the Agricultural Frontage Works Policy dated February 2025 in Principle.

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommend that the Agricultural Frontage Works Policy dated February 2025 be forwarded to Council for review.

**Carried.**

### 5. Other

#### 5.1 Summary of Province Wide AAC Workshop - Feb 24, 2026

- Key takeaways from the Provincial AAC workshop on Feb 4 were reviewed.

#### 5.2 Kelowna Agricultural Bus Tour - April 8, 2026

- City of Kelowna is offering **one** seat for the AAC to participate in the Kelowna Agricultural Bus Tour, **April 8, 2026, 8:00am - 4:00pm**. Participants will visit farms and vineyards (host locations to be announced) to see firsthand the challenges and opportunities facing Okanagan tree fruit and wine grape growers. This initiative is part of the Kelowna Agricultural Tour Cross-Commodity Leadership Support Project (CCLSP) and its partners — BCFGA, BCCA, BCGA, BCWGC, and OKSIR.

- Mike Budd or Sandra Follack will attend on behalf of the AAC.
- More information can be viewed on the [website](#).

### **5.3 Important Update from the ALC Chair (late addition)**

- The Chair of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) released a statement on March 23, 2026, stating that staffing was being reduced to meet the limitations of the approved budget for the ALC.

### **6. Next Meeting**

To be determined

### **7. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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David Grabavac, Chair

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Starla Weigel, Recording Secretary

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