



Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

February 10, 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:

Jason Tran, Planner
Sheeja Vimalan, Planner
Starla Weigel, Planning Clerk

Committee Members Present:

David Grabavac, Chair
Dave McClure
Mike Budd
Sandra Follack
Brian Zurek (online)

Chris Zabek, Ministry of Agriculture (online)

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 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda of February 10, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. Election of 2025 Committee Chair

It was moved and seconded

THAT David Grabavac to remain Chair for 2025.

Carried.

5. Temporary Use Permit | TUP00095 | 5325 Todd Road

To renew application TUP2019-003 to allow operation of home-based automotive and equipment repair shop on a property within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It was moved and seconded

THAT Temporary Use Permit Renewal TUP00095 (Attachment A to the report dated February 10, 2025) for the property located at 5325 Todd Road, legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 7 OSOYOOS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 16648; PID: 008-555-575, to allow renewal of TUP2019-003 to continue operation of a home-based automotive and equipment repair shop until January 18, 2028 be supported.

Carried.

6. Agricultural Land Reserve | ALR00192 | 12820 Trewitt Rd

To permit Agri-Tourism Accommodation for a short-term RV Campground on a property in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The AAC were not in support of the proposal to permit agri-tourism accommodation for a short-term RV campground on 12820 Trewitt Rd, located in the Agricultural Land Reserve due to the loss of farmland from agricultural production, the precedent set that may encourage similar proposals on agricultural land in the district and the potential health hazards to future campground users resulting from agricultural overspray.

It was moved and seconded.

THAT Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR00192) for property at 12820 Trewitt Road, be supported.

Motion Fails.

7. Agricultural Land Reserve | ALR00193 | 13402 Talbot Road

Application to allow construction of an additional single-family dwelling on a property in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It was moved and seconded

THAT Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR00193) application for the property at 13402 Talbot Road, be supported.

Carried.

8. Council Updates on previous AAC Recommendations

8.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment | Z0000341 | Backyard Chickens

Council granted third reading to the amendment bylaw authorizing the keeping of backyard chickens at its meeting on January 14, 2025. Council's motion included updated text to require annual permitting for residents who wish to keep backyard chickens. Council will consider final adoption of the bylaw at an upcoming meeting.

8.2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment | Z0000335 | 14198 Middle Bench Rd

Council granted first and second reading of the amendment bylaw to rezone the subject property from A1 – Agriculture 1 to A1 ta – A1 Agriculture 1 (Agri-Tourism Accommodation) at its meeting on January 14, 2025; and Council held a public hearing and subsequently granted third reading and final adoption of the amendment bylaw on February 4, 2025.

9. Other

9.1 BC Gov News Release(s)

1. [B.C. helps fruit growers prepare for extreme weather](#)

Program and application information are available here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/tree-fruit-climate-resiliency-program>

9.2 Focus Group - Regional District of Central Okanagan's Soil Deposit and Removal Strategy

There was a general discussion on the focus group of January 14, 2025 on the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Soil Deposit and Removal Strategy under development.

9.3 US Surgeon General Warnings

There was a brief, general discussion on the US Surgeon General's recent recommendation to include cancer warnings on alcoholic beverages and how this could possibly affect the wine industry in Lake Country.

10. Next Meeting

March 10, 2025

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

David Grabavac, Chair

Starla Weigel, Recording Secretary

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