



## Minutes

### Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

March 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 Tricia Brett

Staff Present: Carie Liefke, Manager of Current Planning  
Jason Tran, Planner  
Sheeja Vimalan, Planner  
Starla Weigel, Planning Clerk

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

Guests: Chris Zabek, Ministry of Agriculture  
Carl Withler, Applicant Representative

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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 5:07pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded

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

**Carried.**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025 not be adopted until the wording on item 6 is corrected.

**Carried.**

**4. Temporary Use Permit | TUP00104 | 9770 Read Rd**

Application to allow storage and parking of construction equipment on the property within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It was moved and seconded

THAT Temporary Use Permit TUP00104 (Attachment A to the report dated March 10, 2025) for the property located at 9770 Read Road, legally described as LOT A SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 20 OSOYOOS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 33539; PID: 003-181-669, to allow construction equipment parking on the property until March 18, 2028 be supported.

**Carried.**

**5. Agricultural Land Reserve | ALR00191 | 14550 Middle Bench Rd**

Application to allow reconstruction of an existing dwelling on a property within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It was moved and seconded

THAT Agricultural Land Reserve ALR00191 application for the property at 14550 Middle Bench Road, legally described as LOT B DISTRICT LOT 7 OSOYOOS DIV OF YALE LAND DISTRICT PLAN KAP53917 EXCEPTPLAN KAP73100; Roll 09275.192 PID: 019-103-620, to allow reconstruction of an existing dwelling, be supported.

**Carried.**

**6. Agricultural Land Reserve | ALR00195 | 12192 Oceola Rd**

To permit 79 farm worker housing units within 17 trailers for seasonal accommodation facilities in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It was moved and seconded

THAT Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR00195) for property at 12192 Oceola Road application be deferred subject to the applicant providing the following information for review:

1. A map of all properties, within Lake Country, farmed by the applicant.
2. Analysis of all properties owned by the applicant in Lake Country to indicate that the subject property is the best location for temporary farm workers housing.

3. Confirmation of the number of farm laborers needed for the applicant's properties in Lake Country.
4. A revised site plan including a buffering plan and planting list for the temporary farm workers housing.

**Carried.**

## **7. Other**

### **7.1 Government of B.C. News on Demand**

#### **Agritech project, training will strengthen B.C. agriculture.**

British Columbia will soon have nearly 200 new jobs and hundreds more people trained in science and technology to enhance food security and strengthen the provincial economy.

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Was discussed for information purposes.

### **7.2 New support benefits B.C. tree fruit growers**

In response to significant challenges faced by the tree fruit sector during the past four years, and the current threats to growers and food businesses from proposed U.S. tariffs, the Province is investing in farmers to help them recover from consecutive years of crop loss and market issues.

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Was discussed for information purposes.

### **7.3 New provincial task force will focus on food security, growth, economy**

To ensure B.C.'s food supply and food economy continues to grow in the face of U.S. tariff uncertainty, and to help farmers find new markets, a new Premier's task force on agriculture and food economy has been formed.

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Was discussed for information purposes.

## **8. Next Meeting**

April 14, 2025

## **9. Adjournment**

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

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David Grabavac, Chair

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Starla Weigel, Recording Secretary