

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 25, 2020

MINUTES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM AT THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

PRESENT:	Chair	Paul Nash
	Members	Gretchen Bozak Raquel Kolof (part) Jon Bell Gerald Rainville Erin Dutton David Morgan Barbara Seed Faye Kiewitz
ALSO PRESENT:	Electoral Area F Director	Mark Hiltz (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Electoral Area E Director	Donna McMahon (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Senior Planner	Yuli Siao
	Water Conservation Assistant	Jen Callaghan (part)
	Recording Secretary	Genevieve Dixon
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CALL TO ORDER 3:32 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as follows:

DELEGATION

Angela Boss, Regional Agrologist (Sea to Sky/Central Fraser Valley) B.C., Ministry of Agriculture

Key points of discussion:

- Support local government by reviewing referrals at meetings.
- The land use inventory results will be presented to the SCRD Board and staff in May 2020.
- Visits to the Sunshine Coast will be based on demand.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *AAC Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2020*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of January 28, 2020 be received and adopted as presented.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Note for staff to send clarification to AAC members if farmers are eligible to get the additional \$500.00 water harvesting rebate, if already received the first \$500.00 rebate.

REPORTS

First Reading of Bylaw No.s 310.174 and 675.3 (Secret Cove Heights)

Key points of discussion:

- Senior Planner gave a brief introduction on the proposed bylaw and OCP amendments.
- Dynamic rural zoning being proposed.
- Rural land covered up by 50% by greenhouses and 35% for other structures the land for farming will be reduced for future use.
- Not ALR land.
- No concrete flooring in greenhouses.
- One hectare lots. (2 ½ acres)
- Chickens for personal use and could obtain a Class D/E license for abattoir for local sales.
- Small scale agriculture is the future.
- No issues from an agriculture perspective.
- Could be farm implications from land alterations near farmland in the close proximity.

Recommendation No. 2 *First Reading of Bylaw No.s 310.174 and 675.3 (Secret Cove Heights)*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends and supports commercial farming in addition to personal use in this rural dynamic zone.

Recommendation No. 3 *First Reading of Bylaw No.s 310.174 and 675.3 (Secret Cove Heights)*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the proposal as presented with the condition that the combined coverage of all buildings, structures and impermeable surfaces not exceed 50% lot coverage.

West Howe Sound Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 640.3 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 310.188 (O'Toole)

Key points of discussion:

- The Senior Planner gave a brief introduction on the proposed bylaw and OCP amendments.
- Proposed buffer on the east side of the property is five metres wide.
- Property is adjacent to farmland. Future property buyers should be made aware of agricultural noise around this property.

Recommendation No. 4 *West Howe Sound Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 640.3 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 310.188 (O’Toole)*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the staff report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice of BCTS Operations Plan

- Received as information

New Residential Options Proposed for Agricultural Land

- Staff to add onto March agenda package.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, March 24, 2020

ADJOURNMENT 5:11 p.m.