

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 23, 2020

MINUTES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION

PRESENT:	Chair	Paul Nash
	Members	Gretchen Bozak Raquel Kolof Barbara Seed David Morgan Erin Dutton Faye Kiewitz Jon Bell
ALSO PRESENT:	Electoral Area F Director	Mark Hiltz (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Electoral Area E Director	Donna McMahon (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Planner 1/Senior Planner	Julie Clark
	Recording Secretary	Genevieve Dixon
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REGRETS		Gerald Rainville

CALL TO ORDER 3:39 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was amended with the following:

New Version: Community Amenity Contribution for Agriculture on the Sunshine Coast

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.

REPORTS

Application ALR00012 CRN00098 for a Proposed 3-Lot Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve (2061 Twin Creeks Road)

Key points of discussion:

- Planner 1/Senior Planner gave a brief introduction on the application on behalf of the report author.
- The subdivision is not supported without further information from applicant.
- Applicant wouldn't be taking any land out of the ALR. An issue would be if the bottom Lot was made into two then it would be taken out of the ALR.
- Proposed Lot C is out of the ALR and Lots A & B are in the ALR.
- Proposed community garden was not planned out in the report.
- In favour of dividing Lot A & B diagonally.
- Fencing for the community garden would be sufficient.
- Main Lot has access issues.
- Current proposal does not provide enough information on feasible agricultural cultivation?
- Surface water collection makes an ALR application a great feature.
- Provincial water licence would be required.

Recommendation No. 2 *Application ALR00012 CRN00098 for a Proposed 3-Lot Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve (2061 Twin Creeks Road)*

The Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the staff recommendation to not approve the subdivision in the ALR portion of the proposal.

Community Amenity Contribution for Agriculture on the Sunshine Coast

Key points of discussion:

- The Planner 1/Senior Planner gave a brief introduction on the report on behalf of the report author.
- Two amenity contributions, offered on a voluntary process.
- Applications that are associated with agricultural in some way. Lots of different types of amenity contributions.
- No policy currently.
- 2013 there was a contribution.
- Any proposals that lower costs to farmers would be supported.
- Processing and cold storage nearly all a failure, costly to manage and maintain.
- Rebates for water for farmers in the coming year.
- Community gardens have very little to contribute to food security, more for hobbyists.
- Community building for agriculture education workshops for local farmers.
- Lack of food sources (animals) on the Sunshine Coast due to quota and processing.
- Class D & E licences are needed.
- Processing packaging facility that includes cold storage.
- Contribution to farmers with farm status.
- Poly Tunnels and water infrastructure.
- Money should be given directly to farmers.
- High commercial water rates with three month rate charges.
- Funding issues, Provincial funds would eventually diminish.
- Further discussion is required.
- Winter and fall food production is important and currently not happening for majority of farmers.
- Funding for equipment for poly tunnels.
- Hobby gardening is not relevant for this money.
- Long term food resiliency.

- No deadline in place currently.
- No recommendations made at this time.
- Staff to bring report back to the July AAC meeting.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, July 28, 2020

ADJOURNMENT 5:00 p.m.