

## **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee**

March 12, 2025, 3:30 p.m.  
Room 100  
500 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor David Gonella, Chair; S. Syme; S. Nicholls; M Schroeder; J. Hanna; M. Bennett;  
Other Staff Present: Manager of Planning & Building M. Smyrl; Planner A. Jeffery; Director of Planning and Community Services G. Buxton

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gonella called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.

#### **2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

#### **3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

*We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.*

#### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by:** J. Hanna

**Seconded by:** S. Syme

THAT: the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

#### **5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

#### **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025

**Moved by:** S. Syme

**Seconded by:** S. Nicholls

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

#### **7. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 ALC Application - ALC-430

ALC ID:101309  
4670 30 Avenue NE  
Owner: den Biesen

Staff presented the application proposal. The applicant, B. den Biesen, presented the application details. Committee members discussed and asked questions of staff and the applicant. Concerns were raised with regard to development in Agricultural Areas and this type of infill is problematic. Committee members asked the applicant questions regarding possibilities to improving access to areas with bridges. They also asked for history of farming practices.

**Moved by:** J. Hanna  
**Seconded by:** S. Syme

THAT: The AAC does not support application ALC-430.

Carried  
(one opposed)

8.2 AAC - New Member

Advertising Mid March to April

Staff encouraged Committee Members to recruit.

8.3 Letter Referred by Council for comment

Committee Members discussed the letter and raised concerns about residential development on agricultural land and urban servicing in agricultural areas. Committee Members did not support increasing the number of residential units in ALR areas.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 Climate Resiliency Plan Steering Committee

Seeking Volunteer Member

S. Syme volunteered to apply for the AAC position on this Steering Committee.

**10. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

10.1 Ministry of Agriculture - Projects and Grants (staff)

No update provided.

10.2 ALC Application Update (staff)

No update provided.

10.3 Committee Member Update

Committee members provided an update. Mike Schroeder has been meeting with Salmon Arm Economic Development Society (SAEDS) in the formation of a Farmer's Institute, progress is being made.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 9, 2025.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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CHAIR