

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

June 11, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Room 100
500 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor D. Gonella, Chair; K. Jamieson; J. Hanna; M. Schroeder; B. Voth; S Nicholls; S. Syme; M. Bennett; D. Heslop; L. Lecouffe;

STAFF PRESENT: Manager of Planning & Building M. Smyrl, Planner A. Jeffrey; Ministry of Agriculture E. Holmes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gonella called the meeting to order at 3:30 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: S. Syme

Seconded by: K. Jamieson

THAT: the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

S. Syme declared a conflict of interest relating to item 8.1 - application ALC-432 - as he has worked with the applicant on other projects.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025

Moved by: M. Schroeder

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 Application: ALC-432

ALC ID: 104171
3631 - 40 Street SE
Owner: Kisser

S. Syme declared a conflict and left the room at 3:32 p.m.

Staff provided a summary of the application. The Committee discussed and asked the Applicant questions regarding the type of farming being done on site and future agriculture needs. The Applicant cited water availability and topography as limiting factors on expanding existing farming on the site.

D. Heslop joined the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Moved by: J. Hanna

Seconded by: K. Jamieson

THAT: The Agriculture Advisory Committee supports application ALC-432

Carried Unanimously

8.2 AAC - New Member Introduction

S. Syme returned to meeting at 3:40 p.m.

The Chair introduced two new members to the committee: Louise Lecouffee and Daniel Heslop.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Climate Resiliency Plan Steering Committee - Alternate Member

L. Lecouffee volunteered to be the Alternate Member. S. Syme will continue as the regular member.

10. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

10.1 Ministry of Agriculture - Projects and Grants (staff)

Ministry of Agriculture staff introduced a new Agriculture Water Grant program that will fund up to 100% of \$1000,000 or up to 50% of \$200,000 projects. Grant application intake is expected in July 2025. Staff will circulate more information.

10.2 Committee Member Update

Salmon Valley Producers' Group to initiate the discussion with Shuswap Agriculture Association (SAA) about joining ranks to collaborate/advocate for local agriculture. S. Syme will request this topic be added to the June 12, 2025 SAA Agenda.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 10, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. In the event an ALC application is received prior, staff will send a meeting request.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

CHAIR