

Agriculture and Food Policy Advisory Committee Minutes

2E - Community Room B
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Councillor Hundial, Chair
M. Bose, Vice-Chair
B. Sandhu
J. Gibeau
J. Werring
M. Hilmer
P. Harrison
R. Brar
S. VanKeulen
S. Rai

Agency Representative:

D. Geesing

Regrets:

K. Mark
D. Arnold

Staff Present:

C. Baron, Drainage Manager
C. Stewart, Senior Planner
W. Siegner, Planning Technician
C. Eagles, Administrative Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 7, 2019.

It was

Moved by J. Gibeau

Seconded by M. Hilmer

That the minutes of the Agriculture and

Food Policy Advisory Committee meeting held May 7, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

S. Rai arrived to the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **Second Harvest**
Lisa Werring, Second Harvest
File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a presentation on a platform that connects businesses in the food industry to local social services programs to donate their surplus food.

The delegation highlighted the following information:

- Second Harvest is a registered non-profit organization that rescues surplus food and redistributes the food to social service programs and schools in local communities. Approximately half of all food produced is lost or wasted, which 32% of that food could be rescued to support local communities.

- The delegation provided details on how to use their webpage to register food donations, which is all free. Businesses can make single donations or reoccurring donations by registering through their website at www.FoodRescue.ca. A donor can specify why they are making the donations such as expired food, freight damaged goods or surplus supply. There is a list on the website that illustrates shelf life versus best before consumption dates and what kind of food can be consumed after the expiration dates.

The Committee noted the importance to donate food.

It was Moved by M. Bose
Seconded by R. Brar
That the Agriculture and Food Policy
Advisory Committee support and endorse the Second Harvest Program.
Carried

2. Delegation Request: Kwantlen Polytechnic University

A delegation request was received to provide the Committee with information on a study that is being conducted to assess the long term contribution of ALR-approved subdivision and non-farm uses on the ALR.

The Committee stressed the importance of confirming that the Agricultural Land Commission has granted the delegation access to the ALR data proposed to be used for the study.

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by P. Harrison
That the Agriculture and Food Policy
Advisory Committee support the delegation request from Kwantlen Polytechnic
University.
Carried

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Development Permit for Farm Protection

William Siegner, Planning Technician
File: 7919-0119-00; 6880-75

The subject property is approximately 0.21 hectares in area, designated Suburban in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoned Half-Acre Residential Zone (RH). The property is located outside of the ALR and is not classified as farmland under the *Assessment Act*. There is a municipal 3.0-metre-wide statutory right of way for sanitary located adjacent to the rear lot line. The applicant is proposing to construct a new single-family house and requires a Development Permit for Farm Protection.

The Committee discussed the neighbouring house to the north and expressed concerns that the buffering setbacks do not conform to City guidelines.

The Committee supports the buffering and would like to see future development stay consistent within the required landscape buffering guidelines. In response to a question from the Committee, staff noted the two trees proposed for removal within the 10-metre planted buffer are to accommodate the expanded driveway.

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
 Seconded by M. Bose
 That the Agriculture and Food Policy
 Advisory Committee recommend to the General Manager of Planning and
 Development to support Development Application 7919-0119-00.
Carried

2. Proposed inclusion into the Agricultural Land Reserve

William Siegner, Planning Technician
 File: 7919-0111-00; 6880-75

The subject property is approximately 3.9 hectares in area, designated Agricultural in the Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoned General Agricultural Zone (A-1). The property is outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) but its north and west property lines abut the boundary of the ALR.

The applicant is proposing to include the property into the ALR to allow for the construction of a chicken house on the property. The A-1 Zone allows Intensive Agricultural uses, which includes the confinement of poultry, on land that is within the ALR. The chicken house would be constructed in the general area of the existing accessory building and including the property into the ALR will help the applicants expand their current chicken quota.

The Committee expressed gratitude for the application and believes if the property is included into the ALR it would never be removed. It was noted the property is very suitable for the ALR.

It was Moved by M. Bose
 Seconded by J. Gibeau
 That the Agriculture and Food Policy
 Advisory Committee recommend to the General Manager of Planning and
 Development to support Development Application 7919-0111-00.
Carried

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Planning Applications

Carla Stewart, Senior Planner

The Committee identified key points on items that would be beneficial to include in planning applications to AFPAC:

- Additional information about tree removal, development close to watercourses, current photos, farm status and tenure, information on existing soil fill, understanding the bigger picture, soil classification, information on what farming practices have already taken place, and a ag business plan.

Staff noted there are environmental requirements when items such as watercourses are present.

2. Farm Tour Discussion: Fall 2019

The Committee discussed the potential to host a bus tour of approximately four farm locations and the benefit it would bring to Council and staff.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by M. Bose
Seconded by J. Gibeau
That the Agriculture and Food Policy
Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to facilitate a bus tour of
several Surrey farms and extend an invitation to Council.
Carried

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) Update

At the May 29, 2019 meeting, staff provided a presentation on the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and made a recommendation to Council to fund the BCS. There was also a presentation on Helping Rejuvenate Local Pollinators.

2. Verbal Updates

The Committee discussed the potential for staff to provide an update on the Disaster Mitigation Adaption Funding received by the Federal Government and how it relates to the Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy (CFAS).

H. INTEGRITY OF THE AGRICULTURE LAND

I. OTHER BUSINESS

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Food Policy Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in 2E Community Room B.

K. ADJOURNMENT

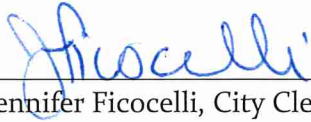
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Moved by M. Bose
Seconded by S. VanKeulen
That the Agriculture and Food Policy

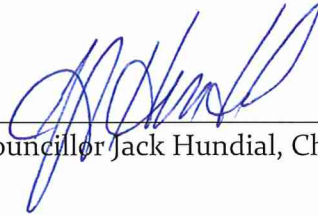
Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

The Agriculture and Food Policy Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk



Councillor Jack Hundial, Chair