

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. **Proposal to Exclude Land from the ALR**
5695 168 Street, 16425, 16441, 16530 and 16531 Old McLellan Road, a portion of
16724 - 57A Avenue and a portion of 16732 - 57 Avenue
File No.: 7909-0161-00

It was

Moved by M. Hilmer

Seconded by B. Stewart

That the Agriculture and Food Security

Advisory Committee recommends that Council consider forwarding Application
7909-0161-00 to the Agricultural Land Commission for a decision, and receive for
information the Committee's strong recommendation against the exclusion of the
subject properties from the ALR.

Carried

Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee Minutes

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Hepner
M. Bose – Vice Chair
D. Arnold
P. Harrison
M. Hilmer
J. Sandhar
K. Thiara
S. VanKeulen

Regrets:

B. Sandhu

Guest Observers:

G. Rice
F. Scales

Environmental Advisory**Committee Representative:**

B. Stewart

Staff Present:

R. Dubé, Engineering
C. Stewart, Planning & Development
M. Kischnick, Planning & Development
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Agency Representatives:

K. Zimmerman, Ministry of Agriculture
T. Pellett, Agricultural Land Commission

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes of the October 11, 2012 Committee meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Phil Harrison and Tony Beck
Coalition for a GE Free Surrey**

Phil Harrison and Tony Beck, Coalition for a GE Free Surrey, were in attendance to request a resolution be passed opposing any further planting of genetically engineered (GE) crops in Surrey. The presentation, as provided to the Committee in advance of the meeting, was reviewed and copies of a booklet by Earth Open Source, entitled "GMO Myths and Truths, an evidence-based examination of the claims made for the safety and efficacy of genetically modified crops" (June 2012), were distributed on table as additional resource material.

This is a very important issue for municipalities. There are a number of crops that are coming up – GE apple, alfalfa coming on stream, GE sweet corn already on the market and other fruits that could follow as well. Currently 11 GE free zones have been established by way of resolution: City of Richmond, Powell River Regional District, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, City of Rossland, Village of Kaslo, Salt Spring Island, Denman Island, Gabriola Island, Municipality of Saanich and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen resolution on GE apple (endorsed by all municipalities at the UBCM September 2012).

The Chair noted the role of the Committee as advisory to Council only and made particular reference to the recently struck down City of Toronto ban on shark fin soup as an example of certain limitations of municipal government.

Comments were as follows:

- Farmers have the right to farm legislation in the province of BC. Municipal government cannot put in restrictions that limit farmers from farming under normal farm practices. A resolution would be a symbolic gesture.
- There appears to be competing/dueling scientific studies. A better way of dealing with this issue is to have better labeling of food so that consumers know what is in the products they are buying; let the consumer make the choice.
- Far better labeling is required and there needs to be more research by the Provincial and Federal governments; more time required to show any relative benefits, risks and/or side effects to GE plants.
- Looking at this from more of a by-law point of view, and in the sense these farmers know what they are doing, perhaps there could be some sort of regulatory base registry for recording GMO crops in an effort to ensure a reasonable distance from organic farms.
- Local government cannot interfere with the growing of crops. Rather than focusing on the farmers, the focus should be on better consumer choice, which in turn would send a better message back to the farmers.
- Who would compensate the farmer for the significant economic loss that would occur if they stop using the product for their next crop?
- Compared to farming practices in the past and the health of the lands, many of the current farming operations have probably increased production by double, reduced spraying by triple, with up to 50% less residue in the soil and improved drainage. These farmers live and breathe their land every day and have made the necessary investments to ensure their lands continue to be viable for production for generations to come.
- It should be noted that there were GMO corn crops in Richmond prior to their resolution, now that a resolution has been passed it doesn't make the City of Richmond a GE free zone unless the Federal government bans the use of GE crops altogether.
- There are forces of nature that will force farmers' hands on many things (eg. sourcing seeds). In Surrey, farmers have the choice of what seed they buy. If organic farmers try to source organic seed and can't they can still use whatever seed they like as there is nothing to stop organic farmers from sourcing what they need in order to grow crops to succeed.
- A resolution at this point would be symbolic. The City has a greater role to encourage both the Provincial and Federal governments to put more money in to agriculture by way of better research, better and more effective labeling, and strengthening the management of GE plants.

In closing, the delegation suggested the Committee receive a presentation from Thierry Vrain, PhD., a retired scientist who has worked on genetic engineering throughout his career, and who could provide clarification for the Committee's concerns with regard to drafting the proposed resolution to oppose further planting of GE crops in Surrey.

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by M. Bose
That the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee invite Thierry Vrain, Innisfree Farm, knowledgeable about GE Food, as a delegation at a future meeting of the Committee (to be determined), in order to hear more information about the topic prior to formulating an official recommendation to Council.

Carried

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Christopher Atkins, Planner, was in attendance to review the memo from Judith Robertson, Manager, Area Planning and Development, North Division, dated November 29, 2012, regarding the above subject line. A brief background of the application was provided, the extensive documentation (as provided by the applicant) was noted and additional comments were as follows:

- The application consists of seven individually-owned parcels of land totalling 16.3 hectares (40.3 acres), of which approximately 14.3 hectares (35.7 acres) is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), and comprises all of the A-1 zoned lands under this application. The applicant is proposing to exclude these 14.3 hectares (35.7 acres) from the ALR. Five of the seven properties are under two hectares (five acres) in size.
- The applicant requests that the Committee consider the merits of this exclusion in isolation of any proposed future land use (which will be dealt with at a later date through the public consultation process).
- The site is proposed to remain zoned A-1 upon the determination of the site's suitability as agricultural lands.
- The applicant, accompanied by professional consultants engaged by the landowners, previously appeared as a delegation before the Committee on March 8, 2011 (copies of the Minutes of that meeting were circulated). At that time, members of the Committee posed a number of questions to staff, particularly regarding the need for a lowland drainage study for the lands under this application. Staff completed this review and issued a letter, prepared by Land Development Engineering, which summarizes the findings of the lowland drainage study (included with the Agenda materials for this item as Appendix III).
- The City's OCP identifies the importance of preserving agricultural lands within the City and discourages their conversion to alternate uses. However, the *ALC Act* includes a review mechanism to assess land that may not be capable or suitable for agriculture and therefore may be incorrectly designated as ALR land, and is the rationale for the proposed ALR exclusion.
- The intention of the Planning and Development Department is to go forward to Council, likely in January 2013, with a report regarding the subject exclusion application with the option that they refer the exclusion application to the ALC for

their consideration. Comments from the Committee to be included in the staff report to Council are being sought.

ALC representative, T. Pellet, noted the following:

- Of concern is the process. This application was submitted roughly four years ago. The *ALC Act* and regulation provides a very limited amount of time to decide to send forward or not. The owners had put signs up, provided the required notification, etc., all of which has long since expired. The ALC accepts that while the Committee is an advisory committee the process may take a little longer, but when it goes beyond one year, the owner has to do all the notification all over again. As for the question of what the land will be used for, if the ALC receives the application (with or without a recommendation from the local government), the ALC will decide whether it belongs in the ALR or not then the local government can look at what the land use could be.
- ALC staff believe this application should go forward to the ALC simply because of the process, with or without a recommendation, although it is the ALC's preference to receive a recommendation from Council and comments from the Committee.

The Committee commented as follows:

- The applicant can choose to do the notification, regardless of the motion, at the end of the day it is Council that has to refer the application to the ALC.
- It doesn't matter if the application comes before the Committee or not, the applicant can proceed with advertising and the application can be forwarded to Council, however Council prefers to receive comments from the Committee first.
- The four year delay was not the fault of this Committee; the application was on our agenda a number of times and withdrawn by the applicant.
- K. Zimmerman, Ministry of Agriculture, provided the following comments:
 - Given the change in the Committee's membership since the application was first brought forward to the Committee, it is really unusual to not have all of the supporting documentation for review of this application. In particular, the 10 background studies/documents listed on page 30 of the agenda, as provided at the March 8, 2011 meeting (excepting #10, which is a new document that has never been seen before), are not available for this meeting as they were returned to the applicant as requested. As such, any historical discussion is limited to the information that has been provided for this meeting.
 - The applicant makes several references to the potential for conflicts with neighbours due to noise and odour problems as rationales for the application (see page 43 point 5, page 44 first paragraph and page 45 point 6).
 - Those were actually "Ban the Cannons" protests against the blueberry farm to the south of Highway 10 (noise, not odour). The neighbours launched a formal Farm Industry Review Board (FIRB) complaint – the panel concluded that cannons could be used, but the farmer needed to follow a bird management plan and have someone monitor bird activities in the field.
 - The bottom line is that farm activities must be accommodated adjacent to urban development as long as farmers are following normal farming practice standards and setbacks and vegetative buffering are used on the urban side.

- Soil and soil capability (soils map and consultant's report circulated). EvEco – due diligence to explain the results, any assumptions and limitations:
 - First limitation – soil pits dug in November 2008, “following a period of heavy, prolonged rainfall” (page 4).
 - Despite all the impediments, the site is suitable for shallow-rooted annual vegetables, cereals, cole crops and annual forage.
 - Risk of crop failure may be moderate to high – soil pits in November after a heavy rain – not the wording on page 33 “would remain moderate to high” (the agrologist has not seen the land during regular growing season).
 - Non-soil bound agriculture would require fill for construction purposes (like the poultry barns identified on the map circulated).
 - Not the wording on page 33 “the site is deemed unsuitable for ... non-soil bound agriculture”.
 - The adjoining landowners, who signed the petition in support of this application, farm on the same type of soils (red dotted areas noted on the map circulated).
- Farming on Old McLellan Road (top of page 45) – compare to COSMOS photos from April 2012 to previous seven years (historical images shown) – according to COSMOS information report, the property is assessed as a farm. The “documentation” referred to was a one page, handwritten note which appears to be dated January 2009. There actually is farming occurring on this property (a fair amount of cultivation over the years, with added farming techniques shown which support looking after farming).
- Why were the 1:1 and 2:1 compensation policies left out of the table on page 35?
- The applicant talks about the cost of bringing in the fill. The Richmond AAC recently had a fill application to fill 30 acres, with the applicant showing revenue for tipping fees (30 acres, 1 m., yielding \$450,000 revenue). The potential tipping fee revenue opportunity for this application should be noted to offset the costs also reported.
- The 4.4 acre bog/swamp in Appendix V (page 49) map doesn't define how the bog/swamp area was surveyed or the methodology used (agrologist not noted). In one area, the bog area is actually a ditch the farmers use to drain the fields.

Committee comment: This is an important point because if drainage is an issue the understanding is that the City Engineering Department would deal with this.

Engineering staff response: This is one of the last cells to deal with as part of the City's Lowland flood control strategy. This cell is affected by conflicts with the GVS&DD sanitary main south of Highway 10. The City would prefer not installing a siphon under this main therefore the current strategy would be to fill the site to meet ARDSA criteria. The strategy for the lowland project was to pump approximately 95% of the low lands. The cost of pumping the last 5% would be too high mostly due to construction of excessively deep ditches. The strategy supported by the ALC was that the City would pump as much as possible and fill the small remaining portion to meet ARDSA criteria. The applicant would do it, the City would support. There have been times where ALC have come back and said the land would be better not filled; specifically when soils are peat and currently being farmed successfully.

- Page 34, section 4.4, drainage from northern developments is impacting the site – Engineering staff disagree. . Substantial portion of uplands drainage has been diverted directly to the rivers. Overall the City has spent over \$40 million to improve drainage in the lowlands which are at sea level. Without dykes and pumps these lands would be severely impacted by tidal and rain event floods.
- Page 35, section 4.7 (last bullet) and section 5.3, both referred to a net benefit analysis prepared by an agrologist, of drainage improvements to neighbouring farms versus page 39, letter, dated May 25, 2012, from R. Dube, Development Services Manager, the “KWL technical memorandum are not consistent with Surrey’s Serpentine – Nicomekl strategic plan for lowland flood control.”

Engineering staff response: The City did respond that there still needs to be a more detailed analysis done to evaluate the benefits noted and how any proposed strategy meets current guidelines. Again it is a question of asking the applicant to do more work at this stage. These analyses are relatively expensive and the applicant will likely want to know if there is any hope in the project before spending more money.

The Committee’s comments continued:

- The application is not to fill the site, the application is to exclude from the ALR, the questions of benefit and drainage improvements and so on, actually become an issue when the site is looked at for land use.
- The whole area is within the 200 year floodplain which the City does not support development due to the liability of maintaining it.
- One of the comments in the report is how small a percentile this is to the Provincial ALR. The land in Surrey is not the same as Hope, Kamloops, Prince George, etc., it is far more valuable, it is a very large chunk of productive land. Even up to the late 1980’s the farm just east of Old McLellan Road was successfully farmed (change because of seed in ground, transplants, control weeds, etc. was discussed).
- With reference to somehow developing a drainage benefit to surrounding 420 acres, if that is the case, it is a significant amount of land for the City to deal with drainage issues.
- The arguments for taking out are the arguments made for all the ALR. We are all at sea level, same arguments, below sea level, we farm, generally successfully, up against a river, a natural defensible future boundary.
- This is a large chunk of Surrey’s agricultural land and it would make a tremendous difference to farming and farm land in Surrey if it was removed.
- There have been many instances where land has sat idle here for years and then was farmed again.
- In saying all that, the application in its present state, if nothing is done the land will sit there and will become un-farmable in its present condition. If we agree the land stays put, the problem becomes the responsibility of Surrey to drain this land.
- The land, in its present state, is too wet to farm. The cheapest solution would be to give the applicant a fill permit and hope the applicant will farm. The reality is the costs are too high.
- The strategy for this area was originally part of the City’s plan to divert. Currently a large portion is diverted (contours and divide shown). So what was left to come to 168 Street, was always intended to drain across Highway 10 to the canal and the pump. The Cloverdale canal drains toward the South Cloverdale Pump station at

the Nicomekl River near 168 Street. If the City had been able to create a straight culvert, drainage to ARDSA requirements would have been attainable, however that cannot happen because the land is too low, which is why the conclusion was to fill. Allow the owners to fill rather than to spend the \$1.7 million to drain. The City has spent quite a bit of money improving drainage in farmland, these are tough places to drain. This area is outstanding as is the upper Nicomekl area.

- A portion is the responsibility of the City, having done the analysis and recommending fill, which is the most cost effective measure.
- The question is, does a cost effective measure leave the land open to (a) farming or (b) development? Improved lands have been achieved with fill in some areas, but each site has its own physical limitations and solutions.
- Are there not more conveyance works that need to be done and is there not some onus on the farmers to put in their own drainage and put in their own pump? There are many farmers who had their own pumps for years; don't see how a farmer putting in a pump to drain and farm is a problem.
- The City's lowland strategy was to provide ARDSA criteria to every property. In this case, there are a number of properties facing Highway 10. In theory there would be some kind of conveyance works, secure properties, build ditch, and dispose soil of that ditch.
- Part of the mitigation with the Ministry of Transportation was the drainage, for which there was not a lot of that done, they did some of the work, but not finished.
- That was an issue brought up by the Committee at the time the Ministry of Highways brought forward the road expansion plans. Drainage was clearly noted; everything to the highway was supposed to tie in to the Cloverdale canal.
- The applicant is asking us to consider the merits of the exclusion independent of future land uses and to maintain the agricultural status.
- It should be recommended that Council consider forwarding this application to the ALC for a decision. However, the Committee should strongly recommend against the exclusion of the subject properties from ALR based on the following factors:
 - The applicant's own consultant report(s) indicate that the soil capability rating can be improved by one classification (Class 3 for 20% of the subject site and Class 4 for 80%) if ditch systems are maintained and soil management techniques are utilized;
 - Any proposed non-agricultural use of the land would require extensive improvements to the drainage of the subject properties requiring a cooperative approach with the City, an approach proposed by the City to improve the land for agriculture;
 - City staff do not consider the proposed exclusion a minor boundary adjustment;
 - Land currently included in the ALR is based on the land's capability for agriculture, including both soil bound and non-soil bound uses and not on the property's viability for agriculture;
 - The subject properties, while being contiguous to non-agricultural land uses, are also adjacent to active farm operations. A buffer between these properties and urban land to the north has been established on the northern perimeter of the properties by way of the City's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department; and
 - The City's two (2) for one (1) inclusion/exclusion policy has been addressed only in terms of "other compensation" a factor that would negate the

transference of land use within the city. A prominent factor for which the City has been celebrated for throughout the Province.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was

Moved by M. Hilmer

Seconded by B. Stewart

That the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory

Committee recommends that Council consider forwarding Application 7909-0161-00 to the Agricultural Land Commission for a decision, and receive for information the Committee's strong recommendation against the exclusion of the subject properties from the ALR.

Carried

- It is suggested that, within the body of the report to Council, the ALC be advised that the works done on Highway 10 by the Ministry of Transportation were not completed. The drainage was not completed, which was the agreement undertaken at the time by the Ministry of Transportation, and because of the further infrastructure projects taking place, if there is going to be some sort of compensation for the work not being done, the Ministry of Transportation should be responsible for that compensation.
- The recommendation from this Committee should be that Council propose that the ALC not support the exclusion application.
- With all the infrastructure work that is currently taking place, the ALC should make a new stipulation that when the Ministry of Transportation does such works, there is a responsibility.

2. Surrey Agriculture Protection and Enhancement Strategy (formerly Agriculture Strategy)

Changes to the initial draft document (as provided at the October Committee meeting) were reviewed, noting further comments regarding food security, water sources, food production, non-ALR land and those lands dedicated for agriculture as well as the ALR, have also been added.

There was some discussion regarding the photos used for the document. Staff confirmed there will be further changes to the photos and that the challenge is obtaining the photos in high quality.

It is anticipated the final document will be received by Council early in the new year.

The Committee congratulated staff for the development of such a great document, noting that it supports Surrey's strong desire to protect agriculture.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ALR Exclusion – 6480 – 152 Street; ALR Inclusion – Portion of 19103 – 8 Avenue**
File No.: 7912-0304-00

The Committee received notification that this item has been removed from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

2. **Development Variance Permit Application Within the ALR**
5151 – 152 Street
File No.: 7912-0300-00

D. Sturgeon, Planning Technician, was in attendance to review the memo from Ron Hintsche, Current Planning Manager – South, dated November 22, 2012, regarding the above subject line. Comments were as follows:

- The subject property is an 11.6 hectare (28.7 acre) irregular shaped parcel located at the southwest corner of 152 Street and Colebrook Road, zoned A-1 within the ALR.
- There was an assumption by the property owners they did not need a permit for the structures. As such, the application has been made to relax the side yard setback to a flanking street in order to legalize a number of already constructed greenhouses that are located on the eastern side of the subject property, adjacent to 152 Street. This process will bring the greenhouses into conformity with all zoning requirements. The variance will be considered by Council.
- The City will subsequently issue a building permit for all structures, confirming their safety and adherence to current BC Building Code standards.
- Greenhouses 1, 2, 5 -9 all lie within the 30 metre minimum setback to a flanking street, as is required in the A-1 zone.
- The principle building conforms to all zoning requirements and is not included as part of this application.
- Use of the land and horticultural business operations on the subject property have not changed.

Concern was raised regarding the perception as a possible precedent and the prevention of this happening again. Staff advised that each application is evaluated on a case by case basis.

It was

Moved by M. Bose

Seconded by S. VanKeulen

That the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory

Committee recommend to the G. M. Planning and Development support of Variance Application No. 7912-0300-00.

Carried

3. **Development Application Along the ALR Boundary
3380 and 3430 - 164 Street**
File No.: 7912-0139-00

D. Sturgeon, Planning Technician, was in attendance, together with M. Helliet, Coastline Engineering (for any technical questions), to review the above subject application and memo from Ron Hintsche, Current Planning Manager – South, dated November 22, 2012. Comments were as follows:

- The application involves two properties, both zoned A-1, currently containing two residences, one recently constructed, and several accessory structures not being used for agricultural purposes at this time.
- All structures within the proposed development area will be demolished. The newer, larger house within the ALR portion of the subject site will be retained.
- The applicant is proposing a 16 lot subdivision. Lots 1 - 11 are proposed to be half-acre gross density; lots 12 - 16 (adjacent to the ALR boundary) are proposed to be one-acre gross density.
- The applicant is proposing a partial re-alignment of Wills Brook, as well as conveyance of 2.4 acres of riparian area (lot 17) to the City for conservation purposes, which was accepted by the Environmental Review Committee (ERC) at their October 17, 2012 meeting.
- The remaining two parcels, located entirely in the ALR, are proposed to be consolidated into one 16.5 acre parcel (as per a condition imposed under Application 7908-0024-00 where a portion of 3430 - 164 Street was rezoned and subdivided into seven single-family residential lots). This will help to protect the viability of farming by creating a larger parcel of ALR land.
- The applicant will be required to register a public access easement along the eastern boundary of the proposed ALR parcels, connecting with an existing easement, extending south from the 36 Avenue right-of-way, for farm vehicle access. Access to the ALR portion of the subject properties will also be provided through a 4.5 metre wide panhandle along the south boundary of proposed lot 16 connecting to 164A Street.

Discussion ensued with respect to farm vehicle/equipment access through the residential area, noting that protection of movement for agriculture equipment is necessary for this application.

It was

Moved by M. Bose

Seconded by S. VanKeulen

That the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory

Committee support Application No. 7912-0139-00 with the understanding that movement of farm vehicles through the residential area to the south will be protected and that the appropriate buffers are in place.

Carried

K. Thiara left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Newspaper Article: The Province, Sunday, November 11, 2012**

Information regarding GMOs by Sylvain Charlebois, Associate Dean of the College of Management and Economics, University of Guelph.

It was Moved by M. Bose
Seconded by P. Harrison
That the Province newspaper article "It's time for
an intelligent discussion about GMOs", dated Sunday, November 11, 2012, be received.
Carried

H. INTEGRITY OF THE AGRICULTURE LAND

The following concerns were noted for staff to review:

- (Location provided to staff) – blueberry farm received a permit to do asphalt grinding; the farm machinery on that property is small. It appears to have been done to allow parking of gravel trucks. The property is now completely covered with junk/scrap cars. Staff will follow-up.
- (Location provided to staff) – Illegal motorcycle repair shop and RV storage on agricultural land.
- (Location provided to staff) – Storage of boats in greenhouses on agricultural land.

It was suggested that Jas Rehal, the new Manager, By-law Enforcement & Licensing Services, be invited to a future meeting for introduction to the Committee.

I. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Update**

An update from the EAC meetings of October 24 and November 28, 2012 was provided as follows:

October 24, 2012:

- **Bill C-38 and Federal Environmental Legislation:** The EAC heard a presentation from Jim Armstrong, Keystone Environmental, on the impact Bill C-38 ("omnibus bill") may have on federal environmental legislation. This legislation includes the *Environmental Protection Act*, *Fisheries Act*, *Species at Risk Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

One major change is the focus on “one project, one process, one decision ...”, meaning that the Minister can decide whether a federal or provincial assessment is required, rather than having each level of government proceed independently.

The EAC was told that it is too early to be specific on the changes, since regulations were still in the drafting phase. It was noted that the regulations are being drafted without the benefit of outside consultation. Release of regulations is slated for January 2013.

With the major staff reductions at DFO, a greater onus will fall on City staff to follow federal/provincial requirements. Timelines for DFO approvals will likely be longer.

- **City of Surrey's Climate Adaptation Strategy:** Maggie Baynham, Sustainability, presented an update on the Climate Adaptation Strategy. Of note:
 - The rising high water table in Crescent Beach has necessitated construction of a new pump station; and
 - Staff have found that newly planted trees (roadsides and parks) require watering for up to twice as many years as was previously done.

The Province has released draft Sea Dyke Guidelines and C. Baron, Drainage and Environment Manager, is taking the lead on researching appropriate flood construction levels for Surrey.

The City is working with *ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability*, an international organization specializing in climate change planning.

The EAC requested that more work be done to inform citizens of the work being done by the City in the field of climate adaptation.

November 28, 2012:

- **Terms of Reference:** The EAC reviewed its Terms of Reference (last updated in 2000). At the suggestion of the Chair, it was proposed that the name of the committee be changed to the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) and that some wording be amended to reflect the committee's role in issues beyond the natural environment. These issues include the City's Sustainability Charter, carbon reduction targets and certain features of the built environment.

2. **Proposed 2013 AFSAC Meeting Schedule**

It was Moved by P. Harrison
Seconded by D. Arnold
That the proposed 2013 Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting schedule be adopted, as presented.
Carried

3. **Agenda Items - January 2013**

It was suggested that the following items be included for the January 10, 2013 agenda:

- Report from taxation (UBCM document) changes that have been introduced.
- Advocacy options – the authority/role of the Committee and/or the municipality (example: presentation, item B.1 above).

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, in the Executive Boardroom.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by M. Bose

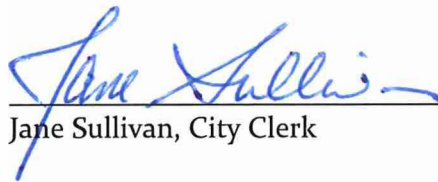
Seconded by S. VanKeulen

That the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory

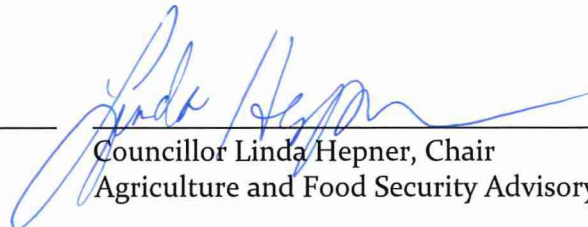
Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Linda Hepner, Chair
Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee