

Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee Minutes

Present:

Councillor Starchuk, Chair
M. Bose, Vice-Chair
B. Sandhu
B. Seed
G. Hahn
H. Dhillon
J. Sandhar
S. VanKeulen

Agency Representative:

D. Geesing

Regrets:

D. Arnold
P. Harrison
M. Hilmer

Staff Present:

R. Dube, Engineering
R. Gilmore, Planner
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The committee will be requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of January 14, 2016.

It was

Moved by M. Bose

Seconded by H. Dhillon

That the minutes of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting held January 14, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Development proposal of property 18665 and 18685 – 8 Avenue Ryan Gilmore, on behalf of Erin MacGregor, Planner**
File: 6880-75; 7915-0430-00

The following comments were made:

- The General Manager of Planning and Development is seeking comments and recommendations from the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee with respect to impacts on the following:
 - Agricultural land use;
 - Agricultural viability;
 - Agricultural economic development;
 - Agricultural awareness; and
 - Food security.

- The applicant is proposing a second dwelling for proposed farming operations on a property located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), which is currently classified as farmland. The Planning and Development Department is also seeking comments on the proposed second dwelling and its appropriateness for the proposed farming operations on the property. The site has no existing house on the property and is currently used to produce hay. The owners intend to grow organic produce and plan to construct a chicken barn.
- The applicant is requesting to vary the maximum allowable setback from the front lot line from 50 metres to 655 metres and to vary the maximum allowable setback from the side lot line from 50 metres to 93.3 metres to accommodate the construction of two single family dwellings.
- The applicant is also requesting to vary the maximum allowable depth of the farm residential footprint from the front lot line from 60 metres to 665 metres and from the side lot line from 60 metres to 101.5 metres.
- The proposed two dwellings are intended housing for 13 family members to work on the property and to farm.
- The Committee members expressed support for the property variance as long as the property remains part of the ALR for farming use.

It was

Moved by S. VanKeulen

Seconded by J. Sandhar

That the Agriculture and Food Security

Advisory Committee recommends that the General Manager of Planning and Development recommend that Council approve Development Variance Permit Application No. 7915-0430-00 based on the comments in the Committee's Referral, as long as the application falls within the maximum farm residential footprint size limit requirements.

Carried

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Urban Beekeeping**
Kevin Pielak and John Gibeau, Honey Bee Centre
File: 3900-01

Correspondence was received from Kevin Pielak requesting to appear as a delegation to present an overview of Urban Beekeeping at the March 3, 2016 Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting.

It was Moved by M. Bose
Seconded by J. Sandhar
That the Agriculture and Food Security
Advisory Committee accept the Urban Beekeeping request to appear as a
delegation at the upcoming AFSAC meeting.
Carried

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Delegation Update - How Shrinking Agricultural Land Availability Impacts Food Security**
File: N/A

D. Geesing provided an update on the delegation request presented at the January 14, 2016 meeting from Ms. Rush, a local dietitian and Friend of Hazelmere and Campbell Valley (FHCV).

The following comments were made:

- The delegation would like to provide information to defend farmland from a dietitian's point of view.
- The Committee recognizes that the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) can produce food whether the produce is highly nutritional or not. The ALR lands are protected on the basis of producing food and not on their nutritional value.
- The Committee would like Ms. Rush to provide information in memo or report style for an upcoming meeting in order to hold a discussion.

It was Moved by M. Bose
Seconded by S. VanKeulen
That the Agriculture and Food Security
Advisory Committee request Ms. Rush to submit correspondence in a memo or
report-style to be discussed at an upcoming AFSAC meeting; and that Ms. Rush is
invited to be an observer at upcoming AFSAC meetings.
Carried

H. INTEGRITY OF THE AGRICULTURE LAND

I. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Ag Week/Days****Chair on behalf of Carla Stewart, Senior Planner**

- There are modifications coming to Flavours of Surrey in which the program is moving towards a fall agricultural festival. The City would like to have two members, preferably a farmer and non-farmer of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee, participate in a sub-committee named Farm and Food Festival Advisory Sub-Committee.
- B. Seed and M. Bose volunteered to participate in the Farm and Food Festival Advisory Sub-Committee to help build a farm tour. It is anticipated that there will be two farm tours in 2016, one for City staff and Council, and one for broader Metro Vancouver representatives.

2. Truck Parking

- Members of the Committee are interested to hear an update of what bylaw enforcement activities are being undertaken on farmland. It was noted the existing bylaw No. 12000 has not been amended.
- The Committee would like to know how many illegal trucks are parking on ALR lands in correspondence with what it actually allowed on the farm-plate area.

The Committee requested that at the next Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting, the Manager of Bylaws and Licensing Services provide an update to address the current illegal truck parking situation in the Agricultural Land Reserve in a Closed meeting of AFSAC.

3. Promote Local Sustainable Food on Sundays

- A new plan is underway to promote local sustainable food with a pre-set three course meal, for a set period of time, at select participating Surrey restaurants and bistros. 80 - 100% of foods on the menu will be produced (grown) within the City of Surrey. The first two participating restaurants will be advertised on Tourism Surrey and will be sponsored on Sundays.

4. Committee Photo

- A group photo will be taken at the next Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in 1E Community Meeting Room B.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by S. VanKeulen


Seconded by M. Bose

That the Agriculture and Food Security

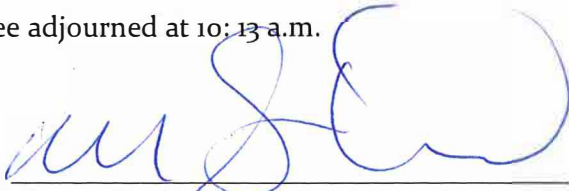
Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Agriculture and Food Security Committee adjourned at 10:13 a.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Mike Starchuk, Chair