

# *Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee Minutes*

**Present:**

Councillor Starchuk, Chair  
M. Bose, Vice-Chair  
B. Sandhu  
D. Arnold  
G. Hahn  
H. Dhillon  
J. Zelazny  
P. Harrison

**Agency Representative:**

D. Geesing

**Regrets:**

M. Hilmer  
S. VanKeulen  
J. Sandhar

**Staff Present:**

C. Stewart, Planning & Development  
M. Kischnick, Planning & Development  
C. Elder, Engineering  
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. The committee is requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of July 7, 2016.

It was

Moved by P. Harrison

Seconded by B. Sidhu

That the minutes of the Agriculture and  
Food Security Advisory Committee meeting held July 7, 2016 be adopted as  
presented.

Carried

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

1. **Development Proposal of 18718 -28 Avenue**  
Catherina Lisiak, Planner, Planning and Development  
File: 7916-0068-00; 6880-750

The following comments were made:

- The subject development proposal is for 14 industrial lots and one lot for the protection of environmental areas. The site is located adjacent to the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) and is designated as a Farming Protection Development Area in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The following are required applications for this proposal:
  - Campbell Heights Local Area Plan (LAP) Amendment to reduce the Open Space Corridors;
  - Rezoning from General Agriculture Zone (A-1) to Comprehensive Development Zone (CD), based on Business Park 3 Zone (IB-3);

- Development Permits (DP) for Form and Character, Hazard Lands and Farm Protection; and
- Subdivision.
- A fence would be required at the boundary between the designated park area and industrial area; members support the fence placement.

It was Moved by M. Bose  
Seconded by D. Arnold  
That the Agriculture and Food Security  
Advisory Committee recommend to the General Manager of Planning and  
Development to support the proposed Development Application 7916-0068-00.  
Carried

2. **Application for Rezoning and Subdivision adjacent to the Agriculture Land Reserve and Official Community Plan Text Amendment (16556 – 88 Avenue)**  
Stephanie Long, Planner, Planning and Development  
File: 7914-0365-00; 6880-75

The following comments were made:

- The subject application was considered at the July 2, 2015 Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee meeting where the Committee expressed support for the project. Since then, the applicant has modified the application to include a frontage road along 88 Avenue and an Official Community Plan (OCP) Text Amendment.
- The subject property is a 1.6 hectares (4 acre) lot located on 88 Avenue across from the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) in the Fleetwood Town Centre Plan Area. The property is designated Suburban in the OCP, designated Single Family Suburban in the Fleetwood Town Centre Plan, and zoned One Acre Residential Zone (RA).
- The applicant proposes to rezone the subject site to a Comprehensive Development Zone (CD) and subdivide into ten small suburban lots, ranging from 1,120 square metres (12,056 sq. ft.) to 1,485 square metres (15,984 sq. ft.) in area. A Restrictive Covenant will be placed on the property to define a landscape plan, which members suggested not to use the wild flower seed mix.
- The subject application prepared the new layout as a result of concerns from a neighbourhood public consultation. Neighbours of the subject development site have issues with the proposed laneway that is shown in the Official Community Plan.

Members have no concerns of the adjustment but do not support the OCP Text Amendment. It was clarified that the subject application can only proceed with an OCP Text amendment. Members feel a text amendment would weaken the intent of the current OCP and the protection of agriculture lands.

It was Moved by M. Bose  
Seconded by P. Harrison  
That the Agriculture and Food Security  
Advisory Committee recommend to the General Manager of Planning and  
Development to not support the OCP Text Amendment and direct Council to see  
how many parcels along the ALR boundary could potentially be affected.  
Carried

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Proposed 2017 Meeting Dates**

File: 0540-2

The Committee is requested to pass a motion adopting the 2017 Meeting Schedule as presented.

It was Moved by P. Harrison  
Seconded by M. Bose  
That the Agriculture and Food Security  
Advisory Committee adopt the 2017 Meeting Schedule as presented.  
Carried

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Additional Dwellings for Farm Workers in the ALR: Information Bulletin**

Markus Kischnick, Planner, Planning and Development

File: 6880-75

The Committee received a pamphlet that provided information on the City's Planning and Development Department process for additional dwellings proposed in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

The pamphlet states that the Agricultural Land Reserve is a Provincial zone in which agriculture is recognized as the priority use. It provides information on how many dwellings are permitted and an overview of the application process for additional residences on a parcel of land in the ALR.

**2. Agriculture's Connection to Health: Public Health Information Release**

Carla Stewart, Senior Planner, Planning and Development

File: 6950-01

Background information was provided by the Provincial Health Services Authority on how local agriculture is connected to health and summarizes available scientific evidence on topical issues such as whether organic food is "healthier". It also illustrates agriculture planning activities by local government.

**H. INTEGRITY OF THE AGRICULTURE LAND****1. Fill Permits**

Members of the Committee stated that they have witnessed homeowners filling well beyond their fill permit. They suggested a time limit on fill permits and that residents should be able to advise where the soils are coming from and how long it might take to fill. They asked if staff issue stop orders or provide penalties when they breach the bylaw and suggested that signage be posted so neighbouring residents can be informed exactly where fill is (like what is posted for development signage).

The Committee requested that Engineering staff provide a presentation to the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee on the process of fill permits to assist in approving agriculture.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Agriculture Week**

Carla Stewart, Senior Planner, Planning and Development

Agriculture Week begins Thursday, September 15 to Saturday, September 17, 2016. The registration deadline for the Agriculture Land Leasing Workshop and Agriculture Speakers Forum is September 9, 2016.

Pie in the Plaza will commence at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 17 with free admission and include pie eating at noon followed by pie throwing at 2:00 PM.

Details are online at <http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/20206.aspx>.

**2. Verbal Updates****J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in 2E Community Room A.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by M. Bose


Seconded by D. Arnold

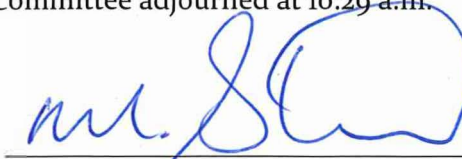
That the Agriculture and Food Security

Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

  
Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
Councillor Mike Starchuk, Chair