Township of Langley

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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

M I N U T E S

Present:
J. Caldarella, Community Co-Chair
Councillor B. Whitmarsh, Council Co-Chair

C. Allison, C. Clark, I. Han, B. Pearson, B. Sharp, and A. Smith

Staff:
V. Gafka, Senior Manager, Economic Investment and Development
M. Gunn, Planner, Community and Policy Planning
R. Nelson, Senior Planner, Community and Policy Planning
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - November 24, 2021

Moved by C. Clark,
Seconded by C. Allison,
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 24, 2021 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED

Clerk's Note: Item F.2 was added to the agenda.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - October 27, 2021

Moved by I. Han,
Seconded by A. Smith,
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee adopt the Minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee Special Closed - October 27, 2021

Moved by A. Smith,
Seconded by I. Han,
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee adopt the Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Special Closed meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Future of Farming Final Report

The Task Force provided feedback on the draft Future of Farming report.

The following comments were provided:

- Could the report be condensed more?
- The units of measure should be consistent ie: hectares and acres
- Should the implications from the recent flooding be included in the report, such has having better protections in place.
- The 13 recommendations should be assigned to the appropriate groups for follow through i.e.: staff, Council, community partners, AAEEC etc.

The Task Force was divided into two breakout rooms to prioritize the 13 recommendations and to discuss assigning the tasks to a specific group. The recommendations were prioritized as follows:

- #1-4 are the top priorities and in the correct order.
- Items 1 and 2 can be combined into 1a and 1b.
- Items 3 and 4 can be combined in 2a and 2b.
- The next priorities were #10, #11, #12, and #13.
- It was suggested to combine #10 and #11 into one recommendation.

F. WORK PROGRAM

2. 2021 Annual Report to Council

The annual report was distributed via email to the committee for review.

MOTION
Moved by C. Allison,
Seconded by A. Smith,
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee receive and endorse the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee 2021 Annual Report and ask staff to forward it to Council for information.
CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Langley Community Farmers Market

A. Smith provided the following update on the Langley Community Farmers Market:

- The Market went on hiatus for a year and returned in 2021.
- New Board members have been appointed.
- The new location was the Derek Doubleday Arboretum.
- The 2021 year was challenging due to COVID-19 but still had a successful season.
- New vendors have been secured.
- The hours were from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Most visitors came after 5:00pm.
- The Nutrition Coupon program was very successful.
- The Board members have met with TOL staff to discuss the future of the Market.

2. Canada's Agriculture Day February 2022

V. Gafka reported that staff has been working towards activities to support Canada's Agriculture Day in February 2022. The theme is "Forks Up". Community partners will be engaged in a campaign to help promote the value of agriculture. This campaign can be replicated for the BC's Agriculture Day in October.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: January 26, 2022
Location: TBD
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by C. Clark,
Seconded by A. Smith,
That the meeting terminate at 8:18pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair