AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

M I N U T E S

Present:
Councillor M. Pratt, Council Co-Chair
Councillor R, Rindt, Council Co-Chair
J. Caldarella, Community Co-Chair

C. Allison, A. Cheema, J. Green, A. Hamer, R. Ross, O. Smid, A. Smith and J. Walker

Staff:
S. Mikicich, Manager, Community Planning and Major Projects
M. Gunn, Planner
C. Quin, Recording Secretary

Guest:
Conley Keys, Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture and Food

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

J. Caldarella acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

Code of Ethics Signing

Members to signed the *"Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, and Conflict of Interest for Council Members and Appointees".*

Election

A. Cheema nominated himself to be the Community Co-Chair for 2024.
A. Hammer seconded the nomination.
J. Caldarella nominated himself to be the Community Co-Chair for 2024.
J. Green seconded the nomination.

J. Caldarella was elected Community Co-Chair for 2024 and assumed the position of Chair.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – February 28, 2024

Moved by A. Cheema,
Seconded by C. Allison,
That the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 28, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Langley Farmers' Institute

A. Smith of the Langley Farmers' Institute provided a presentation and reviewed, as follows: (see Attachment A)

- Farmers Institutes in British Columbia
- How Institutes work with all levels of governments
- The Langley Farmers' Institute and our history
- Work we have done
- How can we help you?

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D. REPORTS

1. Council Co-Chair Report

No report.

2. Community Co-Chair Report

No report.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Review Terms of Reference

M. Gunn provided a presentation outlining the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC), as follows:

- What is the AAC?
- History of TOL Agricultural Committees
- AAC Terms of Reference
- AAC Mandate
- What is the Agricultural Viability Strategy?
- Township Farm Bylaws and Policies
- Past AAEEC and AAC Projects
- Future of Farming Task Force 2020-2022
- Future of Farming Task Force Recommendations
- 2023 Building Agricultural/Rural Connections Task Force Recommendations

2. 2024 Work Program

M. Gunn provided members with the 2024 Draft Work Program – Initial Draft Ideas. She reviewed the projects and associated tasks. Discussions ensued on the following items:

- Implement the Agricultural Viability Strategy
- Prepare an Agriculture Profile
- Support partnerships with other organizations
- Promote Agriculture – including the Council Referral
- Monitor Water Use
- Host Farm Tour
- Consider or inquire into matters as requested by Council

Suggestions were made to invite subject matter experts / speakers to present to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Agricultural Advisory Committee members agreed to review the 2024 Draft Work Plan and will recommend to endorse the 2024 Draft Work Plan at the next meeting.

M. Gunn will forward members links and documents from discussions of this meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

The following motion was referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee at the December 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

1. ***Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee Recommended Motion***
File 0540-20

That Council directs staff to include an agricultural/rural community outreach campaign as part of the Agricultural Advisory Committee's 2024 work program considering the recommendations from the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee's Building Agricultural/Rural Connections Task Force.

REFERRAL
That Council refer this motion to the new Agriculture Advisory Committee to be considered within Q1 of 2024.
CARRIED

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. 2024 Membership List

Provided on table.

2. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Provided on table.

6. AAC Photo

AAC photo taken.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by J. Green,
Seconded by A. Cheema,
That the meeting terminate at 8:08pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair