AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – March 27, 2024

Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the March 27, 2024 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-5 **1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – February 28, 2024**

Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation

Marcel Sachse, President

Carol Paulson, Director

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2. 2024 Farm Tour

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

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

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M I N U T E S

Present:
Councillor M. Pratt, 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

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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?

Contact Us

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.

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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.

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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

Agricultural Advisory Committee
2024 Work Program

The Agricultural Advisory Committee proposes to undertake the following work in 2024 consistent with the Committee's purpose and mandate. Calendar months show the time and duration of the work.

Project & Associated Tasks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Agricultural Viability Strategy (AVS) Provide advice, support, input and direction in the implementation of the AVS.			√	√	√	√			√	√	√	√
2.1.2 *Prepare an Agriculture Profile* Based on data from 2021 Census of Agriculture and Ministry of Agriculture Land Use Inventory.					O	O			O	O	O	O
2.1.3 *Support partnerships with other organizations* Invite a 4-H Club to make a presentation to the committee. Invite Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation to make a presentation to the committee. Invite Langley farmers' market organizations to make a presentation to the committee. Invite Langley Animal Protection Society and/or a Conservation Officer to make a presentation on deterring predators.			√	√	√	√			√	√	√	
2.1.4 *Promotion of Agriculture* **Recommendation of the Building Agricultural/Rural Connections Task Force:** Develop an agricultural outreach campaign. Invite TOL Transportation Engineering to make a presentation on road safety for agritourism.			√	√	√	√			√	√	√	
2.2.1 *Water Use and Monitoring* Invite the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to discuss drought mitigation.				√	√	√			√	√	√	
Farm Tour Plan and host the Annual Farm Tour; scheduled in late spring or early fall.			√	√	√	√			√			
Consider or inquire into matters as requested by Council Respond to on-going requests as they arise.		√	√	√	√	√			√	√	√	√

Key:

√ = Committee-led, Council initiative
O = On-going initiative, based on staff work programs and respective strategies

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