Township of Langley

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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

M I N U T E S

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

C. Alison, J. Green, A. Hamer, O. Smid, and A. Smith

Guest:
J. Liu, Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Staff:
M. Gunn, Planner, Community and Policy Planning
C. Quin, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

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

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – December 17, 2025

Moved by O. Smid,
Seconded by J. Green,
That the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the December 17, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – November 26, 2025

Moved by J. Green,
Seconded by C. Alison,
That the Agricultural Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the November 26, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

J. Caldarella reported that he and A. Smith attended the Surrey Farmers Institute meeting. He further reported that they felt the tone was very much agritech related and did not represent small farms.

J. Caldarella commented on the draft Metro Vancouver Regional Food System Strategy and encouraged committee members to provide comments by January 30, 2026.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2026 Work Program

M. Gunn reviewed potential 2026 Work Program ideas.

Discussion ensued on the items to be prioritized which included:

- Annual Farm Tour
- Agricultural business and informational signage requirements
- Agricultural awareness and promotion
- Zoning Bylaw review as it relates to agriculture

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Farmers' Institute Update

A. Smith requested that the committee have a presentation on the Fraser Highway Employment Lands Reference Plan.

2. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Update

J. Liu, Regional Agrologist, Sea to Sky & Central Fraser Valley gave an overview of the Agricultural Land Commission Annual Report 2024-2025, including the following topics related to the South Coast Region:

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 303 applications forwarded to the ALC
- Number of applications received by each Local Government
- Types of applications received in the region
- 32 Non-adhering Residential Use applications
- 3.8 ha excluded from the ALR by Commission Decision
- 38 Subdivision applications
- 225 Notices of Intent for Soil or Fill
- Performance Indicators regarding the timely processing applications

3. National Agricultural Day

M. Gunn mentioned National Agricultural Day is February 11, 2026 and requested members send suggestions to promote agricultural awareness in the Township of Langley.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by O. Smid,
Seconded by A. Smith,
That the meeting terminate at 8:50pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Community Representative Co-Chair Council Representative Co-Chair