1. Call to Order

   Staff called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

   In the absence of the Committee Chair, staff requested the Committee nominate a Vice Chair so they can chair the meeting.

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Aura Rose

   THAT Yvonne Herbison be nominated as Vice Chair.  

   Carried

2. Minutes

   Moved By Yvonne Herbison/Seconded By Jeff Ricketts

   THAT the Minutes of the May 9, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.  

   Carried

3. Reports

   3.1 Regulatory Options for Cannabis Production in the ALR

   Staff:
   - Displayed a PowerPoint presentation providing a background on cannabis production in the Agricultural land Reserve (ALR).
   - Outlined potential impacts of cannabis production including demand on services and utilities, water and wastewater systems.
   - Confirmed that the zoning bylaw prohibits cannabis sales under farm retail sales use.
- Outlined three options to regulate cannabis production and related uses in the ALR:
  1. Allow all forms as per the ALC Act
  2. Limit cannabis production to soil based production
  3. Require Council approval for production

Discussion ensued by the Committee regarding the pros and cons of each option. Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee members provided their individual comments.

Staff confirmed that any municipal regulations being put into place would be specific to cannabis production versus all farm products.

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Jeff Rickets

    THAT the Committee recommend requiring Council approval for all applications for cannabis production.

Carried

ANEDOTAL COMMENTS

- Encourage Council to have strong bylaws and policies so there is clarity and consistency moving forward.
- Encourage Council to support small micro cannabis farming facilities.
- Encourage Council to protect the future food production of our agricultural lands.

4. ALC Decisions - Update
   There are no updates.

5. New Business
   No new business

6. Next Meeting
   The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for July 11, 2019.

7. Termination of Meeting
   The Vice Chair declared the meeting terminated at 7:20 p.m.

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Vice Chair