

Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting - Teams

Members Present Yvonne Herbison (Vice Chair), Derek Brown, Domenic Rampone, Aura Rose

Members Absent John Janmatt (Chair), Jill Worboys, Avi Gill, Chris Zabek

Staff Present Wesley Miles, Planner Specialist; Mark Tanner, Planner II; Clint McKenzie, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening remarks by the Chair regarding conduct of the meeting were read.

2. Minutes

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Derek Brown

THAT the Minutes of the July 14, 2022 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

3. Applications for Consideration

3.1 Ward Rd 1989 - A22-0004 - Gill Family Orchards Inc.

Staff displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the application and responded to questions from the Committee.

Carl Withler, East Kelowna Rd, Applicant Agent:

-Responded to questions from the Committee.

Anedotal Comments:

-The Committee acknowledges there is now farm housing that is available for rent and it will be used for other domestic farm workers versus being rented out as market rental properties.

-The committee would like to confirm that there are 24 workers being applied for not sixty.

-Staff confirmed the resolution to Council will reflect 24.

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Aura Rose

THAT the Committee recommends that Council support the application to consider a non-adhering residential use permit on the subject property at 1989 Ward Road.

Carried

4. ALC Decisions - Update

Staff provided an update on the application at 2981 East Kelowna Road regarding the cherry receiving area.

5. End of Term Committee review

Staff provided an update on the report being completed to advise Council on the statutory committees from the current term. Committee members were encouraged to complete the feedback questionnaire and submit before the August 26th deadline.

Discussion ensued regarding participation and issues over the term including agricultural signage, meeting with other Committees in the Okanagan Valley and ALC enforcement issues and coordinating jurisdictional responsibilities.

6. New Business

The Committee discussed the opportunity to conduct another site tour of a variety of operations throughout the community.

There would be an opportunity to bring adjacent jurisdictions together.

Previous tours have been funded by the B.C. Agriculture Fund.

This would help bring to light the vast array of farming activities in the Okanagan Valley.

Previous tours have provided lunch made with local ingredients funded by stakeholders such as John Deere Corporation.

7. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022.

8. Termination of Meeting

Moved By Derek Brown/Seconded By Aura Rose

THAT the meeting be terminated at 6:44 p.m.

Carried

Chair

