

Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Meeting Room 5

Members Present John Janmaat (Chair), Domenic Rampone (Vice Chair), Barbara Hall

Members Participating Remotely Nick Ibuki, Harsh Khela, Binny Boparai*

Members Absent Chris Zabek (non-voting)

Staff Present Celeste Barlow, Planner Specialist, Tyler Caswell, Planner II; Dean Strachan, Community Planning & Development Manager Clint McKenzie, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

* Denotes partial attendance

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and reviewed the criteria of the Committee from the terms of reference.

2. Minutes

Moved by Domenic Rampone/Seconded by Barbara Hall

THAT the Minutes of the June 13, 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

3. Applications for Consideration

3.1 KLO Rd 1629 - A24-0003 - Western Global Enterprises Inc., Inc.No. BCo679291

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the application.

Melanie Byland, John Byland, Mona Byland, Bruce McTavish, Applicants

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provided the history to the site.
- Spoke to the objectives of the application.
- Offering the non-farm products assists in making the business financially viable.
- Reviewed the benefits to the application as retail customers can buy their plants and soil products.
- Consistent with the Zoning bylaw and 2040 OCP.
- The application does not require the extension of municipal services, will not utilize productive agricultural lands and will not harm adjacent agricultural operations.
- Displayed photos of comparable operations in the province including Lepp Farm Market, Cedar Rim Nursery and West Coast Gardens.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved By Binny Bopari/Seconded by Domenic Rampone

THAT the Committee recommends that Council support an application (A24-0003) to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for a non-farm use to allow for the sale of landscaping and non-farm products at 1629 KLO Road.

Carried

Anedotal Comments:

- Ensure that the requirements outlined in the detailed site plan are submitted as part of the recommendation to the Agricultural Land Commission.

4. ALC Decisions - Update

4.1 982 Old Vernon Rd, A19-0018 -Non-farm use application

Staff provided an update on the application.

5. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for September 12, 2024.

6. Termination of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 5:24 p.m.

Chair