

## Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Council Chamber  
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Committee Members Present: Aura Rose, Jeff Ricketts, Avi Gill, Yvonne Herbison, Domenic Rampone and Jill Worboys

Committee Members Absent: John Janmatt, Keith Duhaime, Derek Brown and Pete Spencer (Alternate)

Staff Present: Planner Manager, Laura Bentley; Planning Specialist, Alex Kondor; Legislative Coordinator (Confidential), Clint McKenzie

### 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 Ricketts

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