

Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021
Location: Council Chamber
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Members in Attendance Yvonne Herbison (Vice Chair); Domenic Rampone

Members Attending Virtually Peter Spencer (Alternate) and Derek Brown (Alternate)

Members Absent John Janmaat (Chair), Keith Duhaime, Avi Gill, Jill Worboys, Aura Rose

Staff Present Tyler Caswell, Planner; Wesley Miles, Planner Specialist

Staff Attending Virtually Arlene McClelland, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

* Denotes partial attendance

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

2. Minutes

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Yvonne Herbison

THAT the Minutes of the June 10, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

3. Applications for Consideration

3.1 Curtis Rd 841 - A21-0005 - Art Scheffler

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the application.
- Confirmed that no more fill would be added to this site.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Art and Linda Scheffler, Curtis Road, Applicant

- Advised that the fill placed on the property came from within the Glenmore valley; from various development sites at that time.
- Confirmed that there is currently no standing water on the field.
- Advised that a soil test was not required for the first soil sample. Soil was brought in during 2018 and 2019; the field was rebuilt and seeded and back in agriculture operation in 2020.
- Plan to restore a healthy pasture to accommodate livestock on the property.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Staff:

- Confirmed that there are no environmental concerns.

Moved by Derek Brown/Seconded by Domenic Rampone

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Application No. A21-0005 for non-farm use to place up to 2000 cubic meters of fill to the subject property, located at 841 Curtis Road, Kelowna, B.C., be supported.

Carried

3.2 East Kelowna Rd, 2981 A21-0009 - Theresa Ross

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the application.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Theresa Ross, McCulloch Road, Applicant

- The property has been in the family since 1942; we are the third generation on the property.
- Would like to work an agreement with Consolidated Fruit Packers to receive fruit from other farms in the area then ship the fruit to Osoyoos.
- Confirmed that no scale is required.
- Confirmed the bin storage is located on a small piece of property.
- Made comment that when bins are sent to Osoyoos they are emptied and washed then sent back.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Staff:

- Not anticipating any congestion or road issues; it is a permitted use in the ALR and does not trigger transportation studies or assessments.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved by Domenic Rampone/Seconded by Pete Spencer

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Application No. A21-0009 for non-farm use to allow a year round apple and peach bin storage station and seasonal fruit receiving station, located at 2981 East Kelowna Road, Kelowna, B.C., be supported.

Carried

Anecdotal Comments

The Committee raised concerns in regard to future use of the property and would like some kind of safeguard put on this file that if this operation ceases that it reverts back to agriculture production with no housing permitted. The Committee would also want this requirement attached to the property and not ownership in the future.

4. ALC Decisions - Update

There were no updates.

5. New Business – Nil.

6. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for September 9, 2021.

7. Termination of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 6:46 p.m.

Yvonne Herbison, Vice Chair