

Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021
Location: Council Chamber
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Members Present Domenic Rampone*, Derek Brown (Alternate)

Members Attending John Janmaat(Chair)*, Yvonne Herbison (Vice Chair), Aura Rose
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Members Absent Yvonne Herbison, Avi Gill, Pete Spencer (Alternate), Jill Worboys

Staff Present Wesley Miles, Planner Specialist; Tyler Caswell, Planner I; Clint McKenzie,
Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

(* Denotes partial attendance.)

1. Call to Order

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

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

2. Minutes

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Aura Rose

THAT the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

Chairman John Janmaat and Committee member Domenic Rampone left the meeting at 6:10 p.m. due to conflicts of interest.

Committee member Aura Rose took over as Chair of the meeting.

Staff advised that quorum is no longer met and a resolution on the application cannot be passed with two members leaving the meeting due to conflicts of interest.

The Committee proceeded with staff and applicant presentations.

3. Applications for Consideration

3.1 Pooley Road 3700, A21-0012 - Jealous Fruits Ltd. Inc. No. 1282068

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

Jordan Hettinga, Kent MacPherson, Applicant's Agent:

- Provided an overview of the application.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.
- Cabin is being kept for storage in the short term.

- Responded to questions from the Committee.
- The Manager of farm operations is living in the farmhouse.
- The topography of the land is impacting where the housing will go.
- Packing plant is not in operation at this time.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Anedotal Comments:

- The Committee is concerned with the intent for more housing as other exiting building use is uncertain in relation to nonagricultural purposes.
- Any use of the other buildings should be a maximum of 60 foreign workers on the subject property.
- Request further review by staff of what future use these structures could be used for as there are two other housing units available already that could house potentially 14 workers.
- The proposal is taking away agricultural land for temporary farm worker housing with existing dwellings onsite. There are 2 habitable units on the property that could be used for some of the temporary farm worker housing.
- The Committee is in general support as to the intent of the application but has concern with where the farm workers are going to go.

The Chairman John Janmatt and committee member Domenic Rampone returned to the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

4. ALC Decisions - Update

Staff provided an update on the following applications:

5. New Business

Staff provided an overview of the changes to the Council Procedures Bylaw that will impact Committees of Council:

The Committee requested an update on recommending to Council regarding a nonvoting representative be requested to the Committee from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Staff have completed a report to Council that will go forward requesting the position.

The Committee requested that each meeting start with the acknowledgement that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the sylix/Okanagan people.

Staff confirmed that a report will be presented to the Committee in November regarding changes and options to consider related to second residences on agricultural property.

6. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 18, 2021.

7. Termination of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 7:05 p.m.

Chair