

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017
Location: Council Chamber
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Committee Members Present: John Janmaat (Chair), Yvonne Herbison (Vice Chair), Keith Duhaime, Tarsem Goraya, Jeff Ricketts (Alternate)

Committee Members Absent: Domenic Rampone, Ed Schiller, Pete Spencer and Jill Worboys (Interior Health)

Staff Present: Suburban & Rural Planning Manager, Todd Cashin; Planner, Melanie Stepphun; Sustainability Coordinator, Tracy Guidi; and FOI-Legislative Coordinator, Sandi Horning

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

2. Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017

2.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Staff:

- Reviewed Council's expectations with respect to the Members of the Committee and confirmed that the Chair is the spokesperson for the Committee.
- Reviewed the Committee's Terms of Reference and highlighted the annual report to Council process.

Moved by Yvonne Herbison/Seconded by Tarsem Goraya

THAT John Janmaat be appointed Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2017.

Carried

Moved by Keith Duhaime/Seconded by Tarsem Goraya

THAT Yvonne Herbison be appointed Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2017.

Carried

3. Applications for Consideration**3.1 Agriculture Plan Update Draft Implementation Strategy**

Staff:

- Circulated a re-formatted document entitled "Ongoing Actions (Continuous Timeframe) to the Committee.
- Displayed a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Agriculture Plan Update Implementation Strategy.
- Provided an overview of the following Implementation Phases:
 - Ongoing Actions;
 - Phase 1 – Years 1 and 2;
 - Phase 2 – Years 3 to 5;
 - Phase 3 – Years 5 to 10;
 - Supporting Role Actions.
- Provided an overview of the additional staff support required for the implementation of the Plan.
- Provided an overview of the additional financial support required for the implementation of the Plan.
- Responded to questions from the Committee members.

Moved by Jeff Ricketts/Seconded by Keith Duhaime

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the phasing of the draft Implementation Strategy for the City of Kelowna Agriculture Plan Update with the following amendments:

- Action ID 3f under Phase 2 being "Encourage opportunities to meet with community groups, including real estate groups to communicate existing land use policies and impacts of non-farm use on agricultural land. The impacts of farmland speculation on the local agriculture sector should be highlighted." be moved to ongoing and noted as high priority; and
- Action ID 4a under Phase 3 being "Investigate and support opportunities for alternative ownership models for farmland for the purposes of increasing production levels on

farmland. The alternative model may include: Allotments (large garden leases); Incubator farms for new farmers; A Local or Regional Farmland trust; Institutional partnerships to increase food production; and/or Co-operative farming models.” be moved to high priority and the word “ownership” be replaced with the word “tenure”.

Carried

Staff:

- Provided an overview of the proposed additional staffing and financial support for the draft Implementation Strategy.

Moved by Yvonne Herbison/Seconded by Jeff Ricketts

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the additional financial and staffing implications of the draft implantation strategy for the City of Kelowna Agriculture Plan Update as presented by staff at the April 13, 2017 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

Anecdotal Comments:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends, and strongly supports, the idea of a staff member being dedicated to supporting agriculture with the necessary expertise and training. The Committee also recommends, and strongly supports, the requirement for additional enforcement staff dedicated to agricultural areas and emphasized lack of enforcement as an ongoing issue that needs to be addressed. The Committee emphasized that in order to increase the chances of the Agricultural Plan being successful, additional staffing and financial resources are required.

4. ALC Decision

Staff:

- Provided an update regarding the 1980/1982 Union Road properties application that the Committee considered back in 2014. The alternate recommendation was supported by Council, which would allow the exclusion of the lands south of the proposed Union Road Realignment, and their redevelopment to single/two unit residential. However, the Agricultural Land Commission did not support the options. The applicant was subsequently not allowed an ALR exclusion and the entire application package was refused by the Commission. The Commission also did not support the reconsideration of the application.

5. Minutes

Moved by Jeff Ricketts/Seconded by Tarsam Goraya

THAT the Minutes of the March 9, 2017 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

6. New Business

6.1 Report to Council Discussion

Staff:

- Provided an overview of the annual Report to Council process.

Heritage Advisory Committee:

- Had a discussion regarding how to proceed with the annual Report.
- Agreed that all of the Committee Members should be present during the presentation to Council.
- Agreed that all of the Committee Members should provide input prior to finalizing the Report and Presentation to Council.

Staff:

- Will initiate a list of the Committee's accomplishments so far and will circulate the list to the Members for comment through the Chair.

7. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 11, 2017.

8. Termination of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 7:12 p.m.

John Janmaat, Chair

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