

## **CITY OF SALMON ARM**

Minutes of the **Agricultural Advisory Committee** Meeting held in Room 100 of City Hall, 500 – 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC, on **Wednesday, July 17, 2019** at 2:00 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Tim Lavery, Chair  
Ron Ganert  
Don Syme  
John McLeod  
James Olafson  
James Hanna  
John Schut  
Scott Beeching, Senior Planner/Recorder - Staff (non-voting)

### **ABSENT:**

Lana Fitt, Economic Development Society (non-voting)

### **GUESTS:**

Serena Caner, President, Shuswap Food Action Society  
Mike Schroeder  
Barry Voth

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Additional Items**

Moved: James Hanna  
Seconded: John McLeod  
THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of July 17, 2019, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting**

Moved: Ron Ganert  
Seconded: John Schut  
THAT: the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2019 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Old Business / Arising from minutes**

1. **Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership Update**  
Councillor Lavery introduced Barry Voth and Mike Schroeder, attending as observers, both have applied for the two open seats. Council will be making a decision at the Regular Council Meeting on July 22, 2019.

**5. New Business**

**1. Salmon Arm Food Action Society, Community Teaching Garden**

Serena Caner provided an update on the Salmon Arm Food Action Society (SAFAS) who at this time hosts a farmer's market, connects young agrarians with established farmers and provides food related education. The SAFAS also runs a community teaching garden that was originally established by the Salmon Arm Family Resource Centre. The City provided a water connection and the produce from the garden is donated to the Food Bank, Second Harvest and CMHA. The issues with the garden are the location and there is no continuous operational funding; as a condition of the original grant application they are not allowed to sell the produce. SAFAS would like to request that the City waive the annual water fees, likely to be \$200 this year. Councillor Lavery recommended that SAFAS make a presentation to Council.

Moved: Ron Ganert

Seconded: James Olafson

THAT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the community learning garden and recommends that Council continues to support the community learning garden including offsetting the water fees.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. ALC-386 (Subdivision with the ALR) - Owner: Jose and Frances Teixeira - 6741 - 60 Street NE**

The Senior Planner provided a brief overview of the application. The applicants were unable to attend the meeting. The applicant had stated the goal is provide a residence for family to live on the property and provide farm help as the owner is unable to work on the farm due to health issues. The Senior Planner stated that the applicants are unlikely to proceed with a subdivision and would like to investigate options for a second dwelling.

Moved: John McLeod

Seconded: James Olafson

THAT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee does not support a subdivision but encourages the applicants to consider other housing options.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. Other Business &/ or Roundtable Updates**

Councillor Lavery provided an update that the Shuswap Economic Development Society received a grant for a food hub feasibility study and will be invited to the next Committee meeting to provide an update.

**7. Next meeting - August 14, 2019**

**8. Adjournment**

Moved: John Schut

Seconded: James Hanna

THAT: the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of July 17, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Councillor Tim Lavery, Chair

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