

# District of Maple Ridge

## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

THURSDAY, September 26 , 2013

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Blaney Room

Maple Ridge Municipal Hall

The Committee will develop and implement educational and public awareness programs related to agriculture in the District, support projects that promote local agriculture, make recommendations on agricultural policies and advise Council on policy issues relating to agricultural land and appropriate land uses in agricultural areas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES - May 23, 2013 REGULAR MEETING & July 10, 2013 Farm Tour Minutes**
4. **DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**
5. **CURRENT & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 5.1 Water issues for farmland - Metro Vancouver report, attached  
Topics for discussion:  
  

What is the percentage cost of water for overall production? Are water subsidies likely to have a desired effect? Wide range of water demand across **agricultural sectors**. Benefits would not be widespread. Pricing models need to:

    - Foster innovation and value added ventures.
    - Recognize and accommodate diverse demand, including:
      - irrigation water - infrastructure must be in place
      - Potable water - increasingly necessary due to regulatory context and on-site processing.
  - 5.2 Farm Signage True North Fraser - Pitt Meadows information, attached
  - 5.3 Farm Tour Discussion

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Agricultural Economic Development Initiatives for the Metro Vancouver Region - document attached
- 6.2 Japanese Knotweed - Stephanie James
- 6.3 ALR Boundaries - Stephanie James

**7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.1 Front Yard Food Garden Contest - Stephanie James
- 7.3 Golden Harvest

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9. ROUNDTABLE**

**10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**11. NEXT MEETING  
AGENDA DEADLINE**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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