

District of Maple Ridge

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room, at the Maple Ridge Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Candace Gordon, Chair	Community at Large
Councillor Bob Masse	Council Liaison, Maple Ridge
Councillor Cheryl Ashlie	Council Liaison, Maple Ridge
Chris Zabek	Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Craig Speirs	Haney Farmer's Market
Kimberly Lauzon	Community at Large
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board
Margaret Daskis	Community at Large
Stephanie James, Vice chair	Equestrian Agricultural Sector

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Diana Hall	Staff Liaison, Planning Department
Joanne Georgelin	Committee Clerk

GUEST

Gail Szostek	Environmental Technician, Planning Department
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGRETS

Tony Pellet	Agricultural Land Commission
Bill Hardy	Community at Large

1. Call to Order & Introductions

There being a quorum present, Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

R13-016 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Agenda dated October 24 , 2013 be adopted with the addition of:

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

R13-017 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2013, and July 10, 2013 of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted with the following change:

Page 3. Item 5.2 of the May 23 minutes: Chris's comment: strike : have reservations replace with "with noted errors that affect the conclusions in the report "

CARRIED

3.1 Adoption of Resolutions from September 26, 2013 meeting where discussions occurred, but no quorum was met.

R13-018 Motion was moved and seconded

That Committee members agreed they would like the 2014 Farm Tour to include a True North Fraser Tour component in addition to it beginning earlier in the afternoon and to include all 3 committees and Council.

CARRIED

R13-019 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Committee recommends to Metro Vancouver under point 4.5 it read small farm access to marketing distributions channels and food hubs; add "small scale food retail opportunities," and further that under the last bullet that it be added, "these could include farmers markets and food co-op s."

CARRIED

R13-020 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Committee suggests Metro Van canvas all the Agricultural Committee in Metro Van to what their top 3 priorities are which could enable Metro Van to use these as a working document.

CARRIED

Please note: Committee members chose to discuss another topic at this time.

Please note: Candace Gordon joined the meeting at 7:37 pm.

4. Business Planning - 2012-2016 Business Plan

Gail Szostek, Environmental Technician with the Planning Department worked through the 2013/2014 business plans determining the priority focus for the Agricultural Advisory Committee in 2014.

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Please note: Craig Speers left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

5. **Sub-Committee Reports - deferred**
 - 5.1 Front Yard Food Garden Contest - Stephanie James
 - 5.2 Golden Harvest
 - 5.3 Council Presentation

6. **Correspondence - Nil**

7. **Roundtable - Nil**

8. **Public Questions and Answers -Nil**

9. **Next Meeting -** Thursday, November 28, 2013
Agenda Deadline - Monday, November 13, 2013

10. **Adjournment 9:05 pm**

Chair

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