

City of Maple Ridge  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – October 24, 2019
4. **DELEGATIONS**
  - 4.1. Metro Vancouver Open-Air Burning
5. **QUESTION PERIOD**
6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 6.1. Chair and Vice Chair Selection
  - 6.2. 2020 Meeting Schedule
  - 6.3. Update on Mill Rates & Water Meter Rates
7. **STAFF LIAISON UPDATES**
  - 7.1. Advisory Committee Review
  - 7.2. Agriculture Awareness Grants
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE & TASK FORCE UPDATES**
  - 8.1. Food Garden Contest
  - 8.2. Education
  - 8.3. Promotion of Agriculture
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:** March 26, 2020 (Proposed, TBC)

**Agenda Items Submission Deadline:** March 12, 2020 (Proposed, TBC)

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subjects that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

**City of Maple Ridge**  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room,  
at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall on October 24, 2019 at 7:08 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Councillor Gordy Robson | City of Maple Ridge          |
| Bill Hardy, Chair       | Member at Large              |
| Al Kozak, Vice Chair    | Agricultural Sector          |
| Andrew Pozsar           | Member at Large              |
| Candace Gordon          | Haney Farmers Market Society |
| Carla Schiller          | Agricultural Sector          |
| Ian Brooks              | Member at Large              |
| Lorraine Bates          | Agricultural Fair Board      |
| Michelle Franklin       | Member at Large              |
| Ryan Murphy             | Agricultural Sector          |

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Amanda Grochowich | Staff Liaison / Planning Department |
| Erin Mark         | Committee Clerk                     |
| Trevor Thompson   | Chief Financial Officer             |

**ABSENT**

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| Councillor Ryan Svendsen | City of Maple Ridge                |
| James Zelinski           | Economic Development Committee Rep |
| Pascale Shaw             | Agricultural Sector                |
| Shannon Lambie           | Agriculture Land Commission        |

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-032

It was moved and seconded

**That the October 24, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2019-033

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting dated  
September 26, 2019 be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1. **City of Maple Ridge Mill Rates and Water Meter Rates**

- Trevor Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, City of Maple Ridge

Mr. Thompson spoke about the mill rates for farm classified properties in Maple Ridge and surrounding municipalities and explained how water meter rates are calculated in Maple Ridge. Committee members discussed the impacts of mill rates and water rates on the business of farming and industry competitiveness.

Andrew Pozsar requested clarification regarding drilling wells on properties that are serviced by city water. The staff liaison will investigate and report back to the Committee.

R/2019-034

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agricultural Advisory Committee form a task force to review property taxation and other related fees impacting agricultural land and to submit recommendations to Council for consideration. The task force will include AAC Members: Ryan Murphy, Carla Schiller, Michelle Franklin, and Bill Hardy.**

CARRIED

5. **QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1. **Food Garden Contest**

The subcommittee will be presenting the results of the contest to Council on November 12<sup>th</sup> and will distribute the prizes at that time.

7.2. **Education**

The subcommittee will be meeting with the City's IT department over the next month to improve the City's website regarding farming issues and the promotion of farming.

7.3. **Promotion of Agriculture**

The subcommittee will be meeting in the near future to begin putting together the Booth in a Box.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Nil

9. **ROUNDTABLE**

Members provided verbal reports on local agricultural topics and activities.

The staff liaison spoke about the Advisory Committee review recommendations that are going to Council on November 12, 2019.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:29pm.

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Bill Hardy, Chair

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City of Maple Ridge  
Agricultural Advisory Committee  
2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

All Agricultural Advisory Committee meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are held in the Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall.

- January 30
- March 26
- May 28
- June 25
- September 24
- October 22
- November 26

Notes:

- Additional meetings can be added on an as needed basis
- Agenda items can be sent to the Staff Liaison up to 2 weeks prior to a meeting
- Agendas will be distributed via email one week prior to the meeting
- Please help us ensure quorum by confirming your attendance to meetings

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