



City of Maple Ridge  
Agricultural Advisory Committee  
**AGENDA**  
Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm  
Held via Zoom Teleconference

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**Meeting Access Information**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – January 27, 2022
4. **DELEGATIONS** – NIL
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 5.1. Welcome Council Liaison
  - 5.2. Speaker Series
  - 5.3. Community Gardens
6. **LIAISON UPDATES**
  - 6.1. Staff Liaison
  - 6.2. Council Liaison
7. **TASK FORCE UPDATES**
  - 7.1. 2021 Food and Garden Contest
8. **QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting: June 23, 2022**  
**Agenda Submission Deadline: June 9, 2022**

**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.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee,  
held via Zoom teleconference on January 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Chelsa Meadus	Council Liaison
Alec Bild	Member at Large
Jeff Laity	Member at Large
Alex Pope	Fraser North Farmers Market Society Representative
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board Representative
Conley Keyes	B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (Non-voting member)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Adam Rieu	Staff Liaison, Planner 1
Mike McLean	Committee Clerk

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Shannon Lambie	Agriculture Land Commission (Non-voting member)
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**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 pm**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2022-001

It was moved and seconded

**That the agenda for the January 27, 2022 Agricultural Advisory Committee Regular Meeting be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2022-002

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the December 2, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee Regular Meeting be adopted.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. DELEGATIONS – NIL**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5.1 Welcome/Member Introductions**

The Staff Liaison welcomed new members to the Committee.

## 5.2 Committee Orientation

The Staff Liaison explained the mandate of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Committee Clerk provided an overview of Committee proceedings.

## 5.3 2022 Meeting Schedule

The Committee approved the 2022 meeting schedule.

R/2022-003

It was moved and seconded

**That the Committee approve the 2022 meeting schedule as circulated.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5.4 Chair and Vice Chair Selection

The Committee nominated Alec Biln as Chair and Jeff Laity as Vice Chair for 2022.

R/2022-004

It was moved and seconded

**That Alec Biln be appointed as Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2022.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R/2022-005

It was moved and seconded

**That Jeff Laity be appointed as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2022.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5.5 2022 Work Plan

The Staff Liaison provided an overview of the 2022 Work Plan.

R/2022-006

It was moved and seconded

**That the Committee create a Food and Garden Task Force including Lorraine Bates and Jeff Laity to select the winners of the 2022 Food and Garden Contest and report its findings to the Committee at the last regular meeting of 2022.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5.6 Lougheed Transit Corridor Area Plan

The Staff Liaison provided an overview of Lougheed Transit Corridor Area Plan.

**5.7 Flooding Response Update**

Conley Keyes described the response efforts by the Ministry of Agriculture to the flooding of November 2021, including soil contamination, cleanup efforts and the prevalence of odours.

**6. LIAISON UPDATES**

**6.1 Staff Liaison**

The Staff Liaison reviewed the ongoing work of the Committee.

**6.2 Council Liaison**

Council Meadus provided an update on the following:

- The ongoing work of the City's Chief Administrative Officer, who has been on the job for over three months.
- The proposed Haney Place Mall project, which could include smaller storefronts, post-secondary institutions, residential development and a covered farmers' market.
- The results of the recent Building Permit Function review and the implications for ongoing operations.

**7. TASK FORCE UPDATES**

**7.1 2021 Food and Garden Contest**

This item was covered in 5.5.

**8. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC**

Christian Cowley commented on the speaker series list and requested that a presentation on cover crops be included.

**9. ROUNDTABLE**

Members discussed relevant issues and activities related to local agriculture.

**10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:34 pm**

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Adam Rieu, Acting Chair

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