



City of Maple Ridge  
Agricultural Advisory Committee  
**AGENDA**  
Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Held via Zoom Teleconference

---

**Meeting Access Information**

To practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic we will be holding the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting via Zoom teleconference. All participants including members of the AAC and the public are asked to join the meeting from home using the following access information:

**Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone**

<https://mapleridge-ca.zoom.us/j/97624698411?pwd=ODQyd1BBaFhNR1dCQUNrWExGZ05lZz09>

**Or join the meeting using your phone**

Dial: +17789072071 Meeting ID: 976 2469 8411 Passcode: 158987

---

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – April 22, 2021
4. **DELEGATIONS:**
  - 4.1 Proposed Innovation District on Sumas Mountain-  
Gavin Dew, Chief Strategic Advisor to Abbotsford Tech District
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 5.1. 2021 Grant Application
  - 5.2. Annual AAC Presentation to Council
  - 5.3. Education Opportunities Discussion
  - 5.4. Farm Vehicle Awareness in Maple Ridge
6. **LIAISON UPDATES**
  - 6.1. Staff Liaison
  - 6.2. Council Liaison
7. **TASK FORCE UPDATES**
  - 7.1. 2021 Food and Garden Contest
  - 7.2. Promotion of Agriculture - Booth in a Box Project
8. **QUESTION PERIOD**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting: June 24, 2021**

**Agenda Submission Deadline: June 10, 2021**

**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 via Zoom teleconference on April 22, 2021 at 7:12 pm

---

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Gordy Robson	Council Liaison
Bill Hardy, Chair	Member at Large
Carla Schiller, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Pascale Shaw	Member at Large
Lorraine Bates	Agricultural Fair Board Representative

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Adam Rieu	Staff Liaison, Planner 1
Sabina Chand	Committee Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Melissa Maltais	Fraser North Farmers Market Society Representative
Andrew Pozsar	Member at Large
Angela Boss	B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (Non-voting member)
Shannon Lambie	Agriculture Land Commission (Non-voting member)

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2021-006

It was moved and seconded

**That the agenda for the April 22, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2021-007

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS - NIL**

**5. QUESTION PERIOD – NIL**

**6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Anti-Discrimination Policy**

The Anti-Discrimination HR policy applies to all employees and volunteers working for the City of Maple Ridge and is to be reviewed and acknowledged by the Committee.

### **6.2 Respectful Workplace Policy**

The Respectful Workplace HR policy applies to all employees and volunteers working for the City of Maple Ridge and is to be reviewed and acknowledged by the Committee.

### **6.3 AAC Educational Opportunities**

The Chair summarized potential education opportunities that were discussed in 2020 and postponed due COVID-19 and leave of a member at large. Discussion followed on interest to provide education for the general public on the following items: food security, self-sufficiency, supporting local businesses and farming.

### **6.4 Earth Day Canada at Home Challenge**

Staff Liaison recognized today is Earth Day and asked the Committee to share personal environmental topics and how they celebrated Earth Day from home.

## **7. LIAISON UPDATES**

### **7.1 Staff Liaison**

The Staff Liaison provided a brief update on the following items:

- Introduced Parks Manager for connection with community gardens;
- Update on AAC's carryover budget;
- Update on City Hall COVID-19 restrictions;
- AAC related email inquiries received through Clerks;
- Provided information on lot coverage for Agricultural buildings through a comparison of Maple Ridge and neighbouring communities. Staff liaison to email the summarized findings.

### **7.2 Council Liaison**

Councillor Robson provided update on a local organic gardener that is currently working with the City to establish a business on a farm.

## **8. TASK FORCE UPDATES**

### **8.1 2021 Food and Garden Contest**

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the Contest and advised that there have been approximately 40 participants so far. Members discussed advertising the Contest poster on social media and spreading the word through other community partner channels.

R/2021-008

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agricultural Advisory Committee allocate a budget of \$250 for the Contest prizes.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Promotion of Agriculture – Booth in a Box Project**

No further update.

**9. ROUNDTABLE**

Members provided verbal reports on local agricultural topics and activities and discussed the importance of road safety awareness of farm vehicles.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

---

Bill Hardy, Chair

/sc