



City of Maple Ridge
Agricultural Advisory Committee
AGENDA

Thursday, October 4, 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:

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Or join the meeting using your phone

Dial: +17789072071 Meeting ID: **810 4653 3167** Passcode: **214155**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – June 24, 2021**
4. **DELEGATIONS**
 - 4.1 Open Air Burning – Metro Vancouver
Julie Saxton, Air Quality Planner, Parks and Environment, Metro Vancouver Esther Berube, Division Manager, Bylaw and Regulation Development, Parks and Environment
 - 4.2 Cannabis Regulations – Metro Vancouver
Esther Berube, Division Manager, Bylaw and Regulation Development, Parks and Environment Arvind Saraswat, Senior Project Engineer, Bylaw and Regulation Development, Parks and Environment
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.1. Agriculture Education Update
 - 5.2. 2022 Committee Work Plan Draft
 - 5.3. Fall Membership Recruitment
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: December 2, 2021 / Agenda Submission Deadline: November 18, 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.



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MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee,
held via Zoom teleconference on June 24, 2021 at 7:00 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
Conley Keyes	B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (Non-voting member)
Melissa Maltais	Fraser North Farmers Market Society Representative

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannon Lambie	Agriculture Land Commission (Non-voting member)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-012

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the June 24, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

R/2021-013

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the May 27, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Empowering Farmers with DirectFood Store

Colin Schmidt, SR VP, Product Development, DirectFood Store

C. Schmidt provided an introductory presentation on DirectFood Store's business model which provides opportunities for farmers to sell their products to consumers online. Discussion followed on e-grocery growth, local food, delivery and COVID-19 business environment. The Chair opened the floor for questions and comments and thanked C. Schmidt for the presentation.

Note: C. Schmidt left at 7:35 pm

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 AAC Educational Opportunities

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the educational speaker series topics related to agriculture such as pollinators in an urban setting and backyard composting. It was noted that the first speaker series is scheduled for early July.

6. LIAISON UPDATES

6.1 Staff Liaison

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

- Committee update presentation to Council in the fall
- Farm vehicle update – educational information will be posted on the City's webpage
- COVID-19 City protocols

6.2 Council Liaison - NIL

7. TASK FORCE UPDATES

7.1 2021 Food and Garden Contest

The Staff Liaison reported approximate sixty contest entries were received and the Task Force will be meeting to review submissions and announce winners shortly.

8. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC – NIL

9. ROUNDTABLE

The Chair informed that A. Poszar resigned from the membership and acknowledged his work on the Committee. Melissa Maltais advised that a new Executive Director, Fraser North Farmers Market Society representative will be joining the Committee as of July 1, 2021.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Bill Hardy, Chair

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