

# **Municipality of North Cowichan Agricultural Advisory Committee AGENDA**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 1:30 p.m.  
Large Committee Room

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting will be conducted in-person in the Large Committee Room where the public are invited to attend to observe the meeting.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

To consider any items of business not included in the Agenda that are of an urgent nature they must be introduced and approved at the time the agenda is adopted. Matters must be taken up in the order that they are listed unless changed at this time.

Recommendation:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda as circulated [or as amended].

## **3. BUSINESS**

### **3.1 Member Introduction**

Purpose: Opportunity for members to briefly introduce themselves to the group.

### **3.2 Legislative Services - Meeting Procedure Overview**

Purpose: Tricia Mayea, Corporate Officer, to provide a general overview of meeting procedures to help ensure that meetings are efficient.

### **3.3 Items for Information**

Purpose: The following documents are attached for the Committee's information. Please make sure that you have read in advance of the meeting:

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
2. Agricultural Advisory Committee Procedural Guide
3. Council Standards of Conduct Policy

### **3.4 Ministry of Agriculture and Food - Agricultural Advisory Committees 101**

Purpose: Reed Bailey, Acting Team Lead for the Land Use Planning Team with the Ministry of Agriculture, to provide a summary presentation on Agricultural Advisory Committees, including detailed information on associated legislation, roles and responsibilities, and best practices.

### **3.5 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

Purpose: To set the 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting schedule.

Recommendation:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee establish the 2024 regular schedule of meetings, to be held by Electronic Means, as follows:

- Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

### **3.6 Richards Creek Ecological Accounting Process**

Purpose: Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist, to provide the Committee with a summary and presentation on the Draft Ecological Accounting Process report for Richards Creek that was prepared by the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute (Vancouver Island University). This was presented to Council at the April 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting (report attached) and Council referred it to both the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Agricultural Advisory Committee for comment and review.

Recommendation:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee provide the following feedback for Council's consideration:

1. [insert comment]
2. [insert comment]

### **3.7 Official Community Plan - Agricultural Chapter**

Purpose: To provide a brief overview of North Cowichan's Official Community Plan and its agricultural policies.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**