

Municipality of North Cowichan Agricultural Advisory Committee MINUTES

May 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Municipal Hall - Large Committee Room

Members Present Councillor Christopher Justice, Chair
DeLisa Lewis
Don Allingham
Don Maroc
Derek Masselink
Jennifer Woike
Judy Stafford
Julia Fisher
Nick Neisingh
Zachary Brown

Staff Present Andrea Hainrich, Deputy Corporate Officer
Chris Osborne, Planning Manager
Kayla Reid-Starck, Legislative Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Committee added 'Involvement with the Royal Roads University School of Environment and Sustainability'.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 18, 2025.

CARRIED

4. **UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS**

None.

5. **BUSINESS**

5.1 **2001 Strategic Agricultural Plan Update: Draft Scope of Work Revised**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the draft scope of work be amended by:

1. Adding "labour" to item 3.a.i.

2. Adding “carry out program of public outreach as per the agreed engagement plan” after item 4.b

Derek Masselink joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorses the draft Scope of Work document, as amended, to be incorporated into a tender for consultancy services utilizing up to \$75,000 from the Agricultural Reserve Fund for the revision, update and replacement of the 2001 Strategic Agricultural Plan. CARRIED

5.2 Cowichan Brand

The Committee discussed this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Involvement with the Royal Roads University School of Environment and Sustainability

The Committee discussed potential involvement with the Royal Roads School of Environment and Sustainability Master’s degree program, and the potential opportunity to collaborate with the Strategic Agricultural Plan. Derek Masselink to provide the Committee with more details.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 3:31 p.m.

Signed by Chair or Member Presiding

Certified by Recording Secretary