

SUBJECT TO ADOPTION

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community Agricultural Commission**

Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

	Chair	I. Fancey
	Members	D. Chown E. McMurphy J. Rashleigh S. Rowed
	Council Liaison	G. Orr
Director of Planning & Community Services		A. Berry
Commission Secretary		J. Gretchen

ABSENT:

Members	M. Soellner C. Wylie
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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Orr assumed the role of Chair and welcomed members to the Community Agricultural Commission.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Councillor Orr called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Diana Chown was nominated for the position of Chair and declined the nomination.

MOVED BY: S. Rowed
Seconded by unanimous consent

1-CAC That Irfane Fancey be nominated Chair of the Community Agricultural Commission.

CARRIED

Councillor Orr called a second and third time for further nominations for Chair. As there were none, Irfane Fancey was declared Chair.

Councillor Orr called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Elsie McMurphy was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and declined the nomination.

Jen Rashleigh was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and declined the nomination.

MOVED BY: I. Fancey
Seconded by unanimous consent

2-CAC That Susan Rowed be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Community Agricultural Commission.

CARRIED

Councillor Orr called a second and third time for further nominations for Vice-Chair. As there were none, Susan Rowed was declared Vice-Chair.

Irfane Fancey assumed the role of Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: D. Chown
SECONDED: S. Rowed

3-CAC That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. REFERRALS

Discussion Paper – Stakeholder Consultation and Public Engagement, ALR and ALC Revitalization

The Director of Planning and Community Services gave an overview of the discussion paper.

The Director of Planning and Community Services left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

MOVED BY: S. Rowed
SECONDED: I. Fancey

4-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recommends that Council, on behalf of the District of North Saanich, respond to the Discussion Paper on ALR and ALC Revitalization as follows:

1. That government reaffirm the overarching principle of the preservation and enhancement of soil;
2. A review of the legislation must include as a paramount consideration the strength and preservation and enhancement of the use of the soil for in-ground production of food;
3. The legislation should not allow the nature and scope of permitted uses to include industries such as mines and LNG, large scale commercial cannabis growing, large scale mushroom and greenhouse operations; and

4. That the government consider incorporating the classes of soils into the ALR land use legislation and that the most arable be limited to in-ground food production.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: S. Rowed
SECONDED: J. Rashleigh

- 5-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission supports the recognition that the ALR, ALC, and agriculture in BC should be stable and resilient for generations to come and should always endeavor to maintain intact parcels of land.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy
SECONDED: S. Rowed

- 6-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recommend that the ALC governance and its decision making model should not be able to be easily changed through legislative amendments and changing government direction.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: D. Chown
SECONDED: J. Rashleigh

- 7-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recommend that all land in BC be subject to the provisions for zone 1.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: J. Rashley
SECONDED: S. Rowed

- 8-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recommend that measures be put in place that encourage more intense food production such as scalable tax incentives for small scale (up to 10 acres) food producers.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: J. Rashley
SECONDED: S. Rowed

- 9-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recommend that ownership of ALR land be restricted to Canadian companies or citizens.

CARRIED

The Commission by unanimous consent recommended to bring the discussion paper back to the next meeting to complete their review.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of liaison to the Community Planning Commission

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy

SECONDED: D. Chown

10-CAC That Susan Rowed be appointed as the Community Agricultural Commission liaison to the Community Planning Commission.

CARRIED

b. Appointment of liaison to the Community Stewardship Commission

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy

SECONDED: S. Rowed

11-CAC That Irfane Fancey be appointed as the Community Agricultural Commission liaison to the Community Stewardship Commission.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: S. Rowed

SECONDED: D. Chown

12-CAC That the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Recording Secretary

Curt Kingsley
Director, Corporate Services