

***SUBJECT TO ADOPTION***

**DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH**

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

**Wednesday April 11, 2018 at 130 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

	Chair	I. Fancey
	Members	D. Chown
		E. McMurphy
		J. Rashleigh
		S. Rowed
		M. Soellner
Community Stewardship Commission Liaison		D. Hartshorne
Council Liaison		C. Stock
Planner		A. Brett
Commission Secretary		J. Gretchen

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy  
SECONDED: I. Fancey

13-CAC That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy  
SECONDED: S. Rowed

14-CAC That the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 3. REFERRALS

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

MOVED BY: S. Rowed  
SECONDED: M. Soellner

15-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recommends that the ALR process be transparent in its decision making, that regulations be consistently interpreted, that regulations be consistently applied and that the ALR make reasons for their decision available to the general public online.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: S. Rowed  
SECONDED: D. Chown

16-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission encourages the North Saanich municipality to adopt restrictions on sizing and siting of residential dwellings in the ALR with a focus on bylaws and regulations that:

- a) support farm staff housing;
- b) limit over development;
- c) facilitate and support agricultural production; and
- d) with an objective of keeping any building footprint on the land to a minimum.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: S. Rowed  
SECONDED: J. Rashleigh

17-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission encourages the ALC to develop stringent remedies that reflect an ability to prevent and/or recover from any damages that arise as a result of unauthorized non-agricultural uses through:

- a) injunctive relief;
- b) penalties that reflect the costs associated with land remediation; and
- c) More significant financial penalties if the damage is permanent.

Further, that the ALC be sufficiently resourced in order to ensure enforcement and recovery is a primary priority.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: S. Rowed  
SECONDED: M. Soellner

18-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission recognize and support the educational and financial benefits of agri-tourism but these activities should

not have a disproportionate impact on the environment nor on the use of the land for agriculture.

CARRIED

E. McMurphy left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

The Planner left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

MOVED BY: D. Chown  
SECONDED: S. Rowed

19-CAC Whereas it is the view of the Community Agricultural Commission that the focus of the ALC is on the removal of ALR lands it is this commissions view that the government should mandate policies and programs including support staff positions which provide support to all farmers provincially for the purposes of developing agricultural products, marketing for same, farmer training, crop research and carbon sequestering.

CARRIED

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: D. Chown  
SECONDED: M. Soellner

20-CAC That the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

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Recording Secretary

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Curt Kingsley  
Director, Corporate Services