

**Minutes of the Community Agricultural Commission
District North Saanich - 1620 Mills Road
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Chair S. Rowed
D. Chown
I. Fancey
M. Hughes(arr1:44 pm)
E. McMurphy
M. Soellner

ABSENT:

M. Aylard
J. Rashleigh

ATTENDING:

Director of Planning and Community Services	A. Berry
Planner	C. Rimell
Commission Secretary	C. Gotto
Community Stewardship Commission Liaison	F. Mailhot
Community Planning Commission Liaison	J. Kingham
Rushco Properties Ltd	Rawleigh Rushfeldt
Shareholder - Rushco Properties Ltd	Carl Sorenson
Shareholder - Rushco Properties Ltd	Cam McLennan

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

The applicants introduced themselves to the Commission.

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy
SECONDED BY: D. Chown

1-CAC That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the meeting held November 13, 2019

MOVED BY: I. Fancey
SECONDED BY: D. Chown

2-CAC That the November 13, 2019 minutes be approved.

CARRIED

3 REFERRALS

a) **Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application Introductory Report - 1835 John Road**
(Referred by: Council for comments)

The Director of Planning and Community Services gave an overview of the zoning bylaw amendment application report for 1835 John Road. Staff and the applicants addressed questions from the Commission.

MOVED BY: D. Chown
Seconded by unanimous consent

3-CAC That the Commission suggest to the District to consider the creation of a regulation requiring a perspective grower of cannabis to pay into a farmer’s fund.

The motion was abandoned.

MOVED BY: D. Chown
SECONDED BY: S. Rowed

4-CAC Whereas cannabis production does not involve the production of food the CAC recommends that the District of North Saanich consider some compensation contribution to its Agricultural Reserve Fund.

The Chair left the meeting at 2:57 p.m. and I. Fancey assumed the role of Chair.

After debate and amendment, the following motion was considered,

MOVED BY: D. Chown
SECONDED BY: S. Rowed

5-CAC That the District of North Saanich consider whether cannabis production or other ventures not producing food for human consumption should pay into its Agricultural Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: M. Soellner

MOVED BY: M. Hughes
SECONDED BY: D. Chown

6-CAC The Community Agricultural Commission is not opposed to Council approving the bylaw amending the Zoning Bylaw to allow cannabis production at 1835 John Road.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: E. McMurphy

4 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: E. McMurphy
SECONDED BY: M. Hughes

7-CAC That the meeting adjourn at 3:19 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Commission Chair

Curt Kingsley
Director, Corporate Services

