

### DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

# **COUNCIL POLICY**

TITLE: AGRICULTURAL RESERVE FUND GUIDELINES	NO. COU-032

# **PURPOSE**

1. This policy provides guidelines for the use of the District's Agricultural Reserve Fund.

#### **ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

2. Council has established an Agricultural Reserve Fund. Annual contributions to this reserve fund include 50% of the Sandown commercial lands property tax revenue, 50% of the cell tower revenue, and any additional funds that Council allocates.

#### **EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES**

- 3. On an annual basis Council may commit some or all of the Agricultural Reserve Fund for the following purposes:
  - a) Agricultural initiatives including, but not limited to, studies, partnerships and promotions within the District;
  - b) Projects and improvements on the Sandown Agricultural lands;
  - c) Drainage works that benefit agricultural initiatives within the District;
  - d) Agrologist services within the District;
  - e) Environmental and climate change initiatives that benefit agriculture within the District;
  - f) Agricultural land purchases within the District.

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