

SUBJECT TO ADOPTION

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community Planning Commission**

Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

	Chair	T. Gore
	Members	B. Davis-White J. Kingham A. Osborne G. Peterson
	Council Liaison	J. Thornburgh
	Director of Planning & Community Services	A. Berry
	Planner	A. Brett
	Commission Secretary	J. Gretchen

ABSENT:

Members	K. Allan B. Tutt
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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Thornburgh assumed the role of Chair and welcomed members to the Community Planning Commission.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Councillor Thornburgh called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED BY: A. Osborne
SECONDED: J. Kingham

1-CPC That Tom Gore be nominated Chair of the Community Planning Commission.

CARRIED

Councillor Thornburgh called a second and third time for further nominations for Chair. As there were none, Tom Gore was declared Chair.

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

MOVED BY: B. Davis-White
SECONDED: J. Kingham

2-CPC That Alan Osborne be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Community Planning Commission.

CARRIED

Councillor Thornburgh called a second and third time for further nominations for Vice-Chair. As there were none, Alan Osborne was declared Vice-Chair.

Tom Gore assumed the role of Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: B. Davis-White

SECONDED: G. Peterson

3-CPC That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: B. Davis-White

SECONDED: J. Kingham

4-CPC That the November 15, 2017 minutes be approved.

CARRIED

4. REFERRALS

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

The Director of Planning and Community Services addressed questions from the Commission members.

MOVED BY: J. Kingham

SECONDED: A. Osborne

5-CPC The Community Planning Commission recommends that:

1. The municipality of North Saanich strongly support the preservation and use of agriculture lands in B.C. in general and North Saanich in particular; and
2. That the B.C. government accepts input from the public and the ALC with respect to where the ALR should be at future milestone dates, set these out clearly and reports on progress towards meeting the milestones; and

3. That there should be greater transparency when proposals are made at any level of government, that might detract from the objectives and milestone targets with respect to non-agricultural uses of agricultural lands; in particular:
 - 1) The perspective that the ALR is available for urban uses should be vigorously opposed.
 - 2) Pressure for non-agricultural uses in the ALR should be strongly and consistently opposed and options for increasing the ALR should be considered.
 - 3) The ALC governance and decision making model should be made less susceptible to outside influences.
 - 4) North Saanich should take steps to enable farm uses compatible with agriculture in its plans, bylaws and policies.
 - 5) North Saanich proposes that there be clearer regulations, consistency in interpretation and better enforcement of ALR regulations.
 - 6) North Saanich should, in its public documents and statements, emphasize agriculture's vital role in food production in B.C. and develop incentives that would encourage food production on ALR, and other lands in B.C.
 - 7) North Saanich must resist demands on ALR lands for additional dwellings solely for residential purposes.
 - 8) North Saanich should ensure that when ALR land is purchased the purchaser understands that if the land is used for "ancillary uses" without agricultural production injunctive relief may be applied.
 - 9) North Saanich should ensure that when agricultural land is used for unauthorized non-agricultural uses, and landowners expand beyond what is permitted, injunctive relief and financial penalties may be applied based on environmental assessment.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of liaison to the Community Agricultural Commission

The Commission by unanimous consent agreed to move this item to the next meeting.

b. Appointment of liaison to the Community Stewardship Commission

MOVED BY: G. Peterson

SECONDED: J. Kingham

6-CPC That Alan Osborne be appointed as the Community Planning Commission liaison to the Community Stewardship Commission.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: G. Peterson
SECONDED: B. Davis-White

7-CPC That the meeting be adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Recording Secretary

Curt Kingsley
Director, Corporate Services