

**City of Chilliwack**  
**AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023 - 3:00 pm**  
**DOGWOOD ROOM / HELD ELECTRONICALLY**

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**Council Members:** Councillor Chris Kloot, Chair

**ARAC Members:** Sarah Sache, Dairy Representative  
Paul Gumprich, Agricultural Education  
Leo Quik, Greenhouse Representative  
Matt Vane, Poultry Representative  
Bryce Guliker, Berry Representative  
Walter Goerzen, Community Member  
Steve Saccomano, Community Member  
Tonya Taylor, Community Member  
Dedrick Kerkhoff, Community Member

**City Staff:** Erin Leary, Manager of Development Planning  
Gillian Villeneuve, Director of Planning  
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Councillor Harv Westeringh, Vice-Chair  
Jeremy Wiebe, Dairy Representative  
Jacqueline Boer, Chilliwack Agricultural Commission  
Vanessa Oddy, Agri-Tourism/Greendale

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Chris Kloot was Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and provided territorial acknowledgement.

Chair Kloot welcomed the new committee members and roundtable introductions were made.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved / ) That the Agenda for the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee meeting held  
Seconded ( Friday, February 17, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved / ) That the Minutes for the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee meeting held  
Seconded ( Wednesday, December 14, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

#### 4. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

Steve Saccomano, Community Member, arrived at 3:05 pm.

##### 1. Process and Procedures

The Manager of Development Planning provided a brief presentation outlining the process and procedures of the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee in order to help assist in guiding the discussion at an ARAC meeting.

The process at an Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee meeting is as follows:

- a) Staff presentation
- b) Questions of clarification for staff
- c) Applicant presentation
- d) Roundtable discussion
- e) Q&A with Staff only if there are queries regarding process
- f) Questions of staff and/or applicant
- g) Staff reviews suggested recommendations & Chair polls members re: consensus
- h) Staff summarizes recommendation resolution
- i) Members vote on resolution

Walter Goerzen, Community Member, arrived at 3:10 pm.

##### 2. Roles & Responsibilities

The Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee is a select committee and serves as an advisory/liason body between Council and the rural neighborhoods in the City of Chilliwack (COC). The committee will concentrate its rural advisory efforts on policy issues with respect to service delivery in rural areas.

The Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee (ARAC) will provide advice to Council on matters relating to agriculture, agri-businesses, and agri-tourism in the City of Chilliwack (COC). This includes applications within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), Official Community Plan (OCP) / Zoning applications within or neighbouring ALR, and OCP / Zoning applications on properties zoned agricultural or adjacent agriculturally zoned properties. The purpose of the ARAC also includes policy review, implementation of the Agricultural Area Plan, promoting awareness and education on agriculture, other matters referred by Council; and, to report its findings and opinions to Council.

A brief summary was provided with respect to the following:

##### Terms of Reference

- voting & non-voting members
- appointments reviewed annually or following re-election
- attendance
- no quorum
- meeting schedule
- conflict of interest

**5. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Information was provided with respect to the roles of the staff, the applicants and the committee members and general meeting decorum.

Staff provided information with respect to boundary adjustments/subdivision, non-farm use, non-adhering residential use and development applications.

**3. Mock Applications**

Presentations were provided for the following two mock applications to provide an overview of the format and details included within the presentations:

- a) ALR00388 – 6033 Lickman Road
  - Non-adhering Residential Use application
  
- b) ALR00372 – 4268 Stewart Road
  - Non Farm Use application

**6. PRESENTATION / DELEGATION**

**7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- 1. **2023 Terms of Reference**  
The 2023 Terms of Reference were provided for information.
  
- 2. **2023 Membership List**  
The 2023 Membership List was provided for information.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

  
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Councillor Chris Kloot, Chair