

City of Chilliwack
AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 - 3:30 pm
Held Electronically

Council Members: Councillor Chris Kloot, Chair
Councillor Harv Westeringh, Vice Chair

ARAC Members: Jacqueline Boer, Community Member
Stan Vander Waal, Industry Representative
Walter Goerzen, Community Member
Sarah Sache, Community Member
Brett Payne, Industry Representative
Peter Vink, Industry Representative
Chris Les, Industry Representative
Jeremy Wiebe, Industry Representative

City Staff: Gillian Villeneuve, Manager of Development Planning
David Blain, Director of Planning and Engineering
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Glen White, Manager of Land Development / Approving Officer
Steve Saccomano, Community Member
Walter Dyck, Industry Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Chris Kloot was Chair and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee meeting held
Seconded (Tuesday, April 28, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes for the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee meeting held
Seconded (Thursday, February 20, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

Michael Vanderveen, Applicant was present.

Due to technical difficulties, Walter Dyck, Industry Representative and Steve Saccomano, Community Member, were unable to join the meeting.

a) ALR000359 – 51111 Chilliwack Central Road

The Manager of Development Planning provided a presentation regarding this application for approval to permit a ‘Non-Adhering Residential Use’ to facilitate the construction of an additional dwelling within the subject property located at 51111 Chilliwack Central Road. The information provided included the location map/ortho photo, proposal/factors, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent changes to the ALC Act and ALR Regulations (Bill 52) and the distinction between agriculture and farm classification.

Moved /) That the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee supports the proposed
Seconded (“non-adhering residential” use for 51111 Chilliwack Central Road and recommends
Council forward the application to the Agricultural Land Commission “with support”.

Carried Unanimously

As part of the Committee’s rationale, it was noted the farming operation was a viable dairy business and the proposal for an additional dwelling for farm help was considered an overall benefit to agriculture.

6. PRESENTATION / DELEGATION

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Letter to the Honourable Minister Popham re: Residential Flexibility in the ALR

A copy of a letter dated April 17, 2020 to the Honourable Minister Popham regarding *Residential Flexibility in the ALR* was provided for information.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held at the call of the Chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Councillor Chris Kloot, Chair