

City of Chilliwack
AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 - 3:30 pm
Held Electronically

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

ARAC Members: Walter Goerzen, Community Member
Steve Saccomano, Community Member
Jacqueline Boer, Community Member
Walter Dyck, Industry Representative
Brett Payne, Industry Representative

City Staff: Gillian Villeneuve, Manager of Development Planning
David Blain, Director of Planning and Engineering
Craig Wickham, Assistant Manager of Land Development
Darcie Prokop, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Peter Vink, Industry Representative
Jeremy Wiebe, Industry Representative
Stan Vander Waal, Industry Representative
Sarah Sache, Community Member
Chris Les, 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, September 29, 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 (Tuesday, August 25, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) SAL00120 - 42139 & 42181 Keith Wilson Road

The Assistant Manager of Land Development provided a presentation regarding an application for approval of a boundary adjustment between properties located at 42139 and 42181 Keith Wilson Road to facilitate the expansion of a duck growing operation. The information provided included the location map/ortho photo, proposal/factors, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed boundary adjustment and the Committee agreed that the expansion of the duck farm would benefit the existing land use and farming operations.

Moved /) That the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee supports the proposed boundary
Seconded (adjustment between 42139 and 42181 Keith Wilson Road.

Carried Unanimously

The Committee noted the expansion of the duck growing operation represented an overall benefit to agriculture.

Josh Ratzlaff was present at the meeting.

b) ALR00366 – 5004 Browne Road

The Manager of Development Planning provided a presentation regarding this application for approval of a non-adhering residential use to facilitate a 2nd home for family and farm help within the subject property located at 5004 Browne Road. The information provided included the location map/ortho photo, proposal/factors, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the existing land use which currently is being used for cattle grazing. The applicant wishes to use the subject property to plant an additional 2.5 ha of vineyard and build an additional home for their son to live as a farm worker.

Further discussion took place regarding recent decisions of the ALC concerning additional permanent dwellings for farm help. It was noted that the owner of the property is willing to include a security bond to demonstrate that this is an investment to this family operation. The owners and co-owners are from the same family that have owned these properties for approximately 45 years. It was noted a modular home can be placed on the property without an application should this application be denied by the ALC.

Moved /) That the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee supports the proposed “non-adhering
Seconded (residential use” for 5004 Browne Road and recommends Council forward the application to the Agricultural Land Commission “with support”.

Carried Unanimously

As part of their rationale, the Committee noted the intense farming operation associated with the winery and its future expansion, warrants a second residence for farm help, in this case, the owner’s son.

6. PRESENTATION / DELEGATION

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

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 3:44 pm.

Councillor Chris Kloot, Chair