



Agriculture Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Annacis Room, Delta City Hall

4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent, Delta, BC

Present:	Councillor Alicia Guichon	Chair
	Councillor Rod Binder	Vice-Chair
	Jerry Keulen*	
	Lydia Ryall	
	Mike Schneider	
	Christine Terpsma	
	Paul van Westendorp	
Regrets:	Nancy Chong	
	Cory Gerrard	
Resource	Peter Guichon	Delta Farmers' Institute Representative
Members:	Christine Schmalz*	Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust
		Representative (<i>joined at 7:09 p.m.</i>)
	Drew Bondar*	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
		Representative
Staff:	Marcy Sangret	Deputy City Manager
	Celeste Barlow	Staff Liaison and Planner
	Tanya Mitchner	Director, Community Planning
	Emily Gray	Manager, Community Planning
	Maggie Moore	Planner, Community Planning
	Queenie Wong	Manager, Utilities, Engineering
	JoAnne Kleb	Manager, Engagement
	Jessica Gruchey	Committee Clerk

*By Videoconference

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that this meeting took place on the shared, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the scəwəθən (Tsawwassen), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and other Coast Salish Peoples. We extend our appreciation to these First Nations for the opportunity to hold this meeting here today.

AGENDA ENDORSEMENT

MOVED By P. van Westendorp,
SECONDED By M. Schneider, THAT the April 24, 2025 Agriculture Advisory Committee agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting

MOVED By L. Ryall,
SECONDED By C. Terpsma, THAT the Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting be adopted with the following amendment, under Item 14: Tamboline Road: the phrase “*raised concern with the temporary removal of fire hydrants*” be replaced with the phrase “*raised concern with the absence of fire hydrants.*”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Community Engagement Plan: Agriculture Structures**

Materials

- Draft Community Engagement Survey: Agricultural Structures
- PowerPoint presentation titled “Addressing Large Agricultural Structures”

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, staff provided background information on the City’s response to large structures constructed on agriculture land and the steps taken thus far to address the matter. Following a motion from Council and direction from the Committee, staff identified the need for a community engagement program to gather feedback from the farming community. A draft survey was reviewed with the Committee, and it was noted that the suggested edits would be made prior to it being circulated to the community.

MOVED By P. van Westendorp,
SECONDED By L. Ryall, THAT the Agricultural Structures Community Engagement Process be endorsed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Community Engagement Plan: Heritage Conservation Grant**

Materials

- PowerPoint presentation titled “Heritage Conservation Grants: 2025 Engagement”

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, staff provided an overview of the City’s community engagement plan regarding Heritage Conservation Grants, advising that its purpose is to provide funding for property owners to make renovations to their heritage structures that support heritage conservation.

The Chair departed the meeting (8:29 p.m.).

Staff further advised that, despite available funding, few applications have been received; therefore, staff are looking to engage with heritage property owners and those interested in heritage. In addition, staff are looking for feedback from the Agriculture Advisory Committee about the importance of heritage conservation in relation to agriculture.

The Chair returned to the meeting (8:32 p.m.).

MOVED By C. Terpsma,

SECONDED By L. Ryall, THAT the Community Engagement Plan: Heritage Conservation Grant be received for information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned (8:55 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Alicia Guichon
Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Jessica Gruchey
Committee Clerk