

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regional Food and Agriculture Task Force

Friday May 26, 2017

1:00 PM –3:00 PM

Commons Room– Capital Regional District 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

ATTENDEES

Bernadette Greene	Gerard Leblanc
Bob Maxwell	Jane Evans
Bruce Greig	Linda Geggie
Derek Masselink	Rob Buchan
Director Finall	Rudi Wallace
Fiona Deveraux	Virginie Lavallee-Picard

CRD STAFF: Erich Naiser-Ringer, Jeff Weightman, Lyn Coles, Signe Bagh, Sue Hallatt,

REGRETS: Robin Tunnicliffe, Terry Michell

FACILITATION

The meeting was facilitated by Virginie Lavallee-Picard, calling it to order at 1:00 pm.

1.0 WELCOME

CRD staff Jeff Weightman welcomed participants.

2.0 CHAIR Lavallee-Picard's COMMENTS

3.0 DIRECTOR Finall's REMARKS

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved (1st S Hallatt 2nd B Greig)

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 4, 2017 MINUTES

The minutes were approved (1st V Lavallee Picard 2nd D Masselink)

6.0 UPDATES ON OLD BUSINESS

a. 1 on 1 meetings with each task force member

Completed – a summary was provided and will be available online.

b. Farmland Trust research and information

Linda will follow up with research.

c. Summary synopsis document for each recommendation and action.

A summary showing status of each recommended RFAS action was distributed. The Task Force indicated they were pleased to receive the information. It was recommended that the summary be expanded to provide room for Task Force members to add information relating to an environmental scan, partnerships and future project ideas. Staff indicated they would make the changes and make the document available for input on the collaboration site.

d. Shared access folder for RFATF members.

Completed – if task force members have any questions please contact Jeff or Lyn.

7.0 PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS

- a. Outline of proposed priorities based on work to date
- b. Proposed project ideas and alignment with recommendations
- c. Discussion

The status summary document referenced in 6c above will be used as workplan for 2017.

8.0 AGRICULTURAL LAND BANK/FARM LAND TRUST PROPOSED PROCESS

Additional information will be sought to address concerns around a food and farmland trust from experts via CR FAIR and a report drafted for the PPSC outlining other initiatives that support agriculture. The task force will now refer to the land trust/land bank concept as a food and farm land trust.

9.0 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Derek Masselink acclaimed as the Vice Chair

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Project Area – Leads

The task force reached consensus on appointing leads to report out on a number of recommendation subjects in the RFAS. The leads are as follows:

First Nations: Sue Hallatt; Fiona Deveraux

Food and Farmland Trust – Virginie Lavallee Picard; Bruce Greig; Linda Geggie

Soils and Drainage – Bob Maxwell; Derek Masselink

Economic Development – Rob Buchan; Rudi Wallace; Jane Evans

Wildlife – Jeff Weightman

Water – Derek Masselink

11.0 NEXT MEETING

To be determined based on when information to respond to FaFLT (Food and Farmland Trust) is available (tentatively late June/ early July).

ACTION 1: (Lyn/Jeff)

Resend address of Sharepoint's shared access folder for RFATF members to collaborate.

ACTION 2: (Jeff)

Update the summary synopsis document with 3 new columns: an environmental scan of what's currently going on; proposed projects and partnership opportunities.

ACTION 3: (Jeff)

Circulate list of Food and Farmland Trust Questions and seek CR FAIR help to answer through their staff; provide body of work responding to questions to RFATF for review and comment (a working group maybe formed at this time).

ACTION 4: (Jeff/Signe)

Proceed with update report on all actions that are underway to assist agriculture in the region to the Planning and Protective Services Committee after questions and answers vetted by RFATF.