

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regional Food and Agriculture Task Force

Thursday July 27, 2017

9:00 AM –10:30 PM

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

ATTENDEES

Bruce Greig	Jane Evans
Derek Masselink (via telephone)	Gerard Leblanc
Director Finall	Rob Buchan
Erich Nahser-Ringer	Virginie Lavallee-Picard
Rudi Wallace	

CRD STAFF: Jeff Weightman, Kaeley Jeffery

REGRETS: Bernadette Greene, Bob Maxwell, Fiona Deveraux, Linda Geggie, Robin Tunnicliffe, Signe Bagh, Terry Michell

FACILITATION

The meeting was facilitated by Virginie Lavallee-Picard, calling it to order at 9:05 am.

1.0 WELCOME

CRD staff Jeff Weightman welcomed participants.

2.0 CHAIR Lavallee-Picard's COMMENTS

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26, 2017 MINUTES

The minutes were approved

5.0 UPDATES ON OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resend address of shard SharePoint site
Completed – Please advise Jeff of difficulties accessing the site. Kaeley to resolve.
- b. Regional Food and Farmland Trust Research
Research was successful and a lot of useful information was obtained. Currently in review to determine whether there is enough to move forward as well as to produce a summary of findings.
- c. Update report to Planning and Protective Services Committee.
Jeff to complete prior to the next meeting in September.

6.0 PROJECT LEAD REPORTS

First Nations: A grant has been received to revitalize Indigenous foods and acquire resources. Currently trying to obtain a truck. A letter will be written to Home Depot and another grant has been identified through the Mustard Seed to assist with funding.

Food and Farmland Trust: Focus is on research. Quality information has been obtained. Summary to be produced.

Wildlife – A carnivore awareness group is being started in Sooke to reduce predators.

7.0 REGIONAL FOOD AND FARMLAND TRUST RESEARCH REVIEW

Research was successful and useful information has been obtained. Currently in review to determine whether there is enough to move forward at this point. A summary of findings will be produced.

8.0 NATIONAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL INPUT OPPORTUNITY

Determined the best approach is to write a letter. An input table will be created and available on the collaboration website to highlight recommendations.

An online survey on food policy is on the federal government's Food Policy webpage. The survey deadline has been extended until August 31. It would be very beneficial to spread the word.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/food-policy/have-your-say.html>

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

Tours of the Mustard Seed Viewfield road warehouse can be arranged if anyone is interested.

11.0 NEXT MEETING

To be determined. Will occur following the Planning and Protective Services meeting in early September.

ACTION 1: (Jeff)

Choose a date to view Mustard Seed Warehouse and advise others.

ACTION 2: (All)

Notify others of online survey on the Federal Government's Food Policy website:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/food-policy/have-your-say.html>

ACTION 3: (Erich)

Inquire about Mustard Seed Foundation grant as potential funding source for truck.