

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Regional Food and Agriculture Task Force

Thursday December 13, 2018

2:30 PM –4:30 PM

Meeting Room 658 – Capital Regional District 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Bernadette Greene  
Erich Nahser-Ringer  
Fiona Deveraux  
Gerard Leblanc  
Linda Geggie  
Virginie Lavallee-Picard  
Sue Hallatt  
Rudi Wallace  
Rob Buchan  
Robin Tunnicliffe

CRD STAFF: Jeff Weightman,

REGRETS: Bob Maxwell, Gerard Leblanc, Fiona Deveraux, Terry Michell, Jane Evans, Derek Masselink, Bruce Greig, Cam Scott; Ryan Windsor (Planning and Protective Services Committee Chair)

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### **FACILITATION**

The meeting was facilitated by Virginie Lavallee-Picard, calling it to order at 1:08 pm.

### **WELCOME**

CRD staff Jeff Weightman and welcomed participants.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved

### **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 26, 2018 MINUTES**

The minutes were approved

### **1. UPDATES ON OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Update on the Agricultural Land Use Inventory and Water Demand Model**

The windshield survey was completed in August, maps and data will be compiled through the winter/spring and presented in 2019.

## **b. Wildlife Management Update**

Geese: There are ongoing activities on the Saanich Peninsula, including hunting and egg adding. The region is part of an island wide group of communities dealing with resident Canada Geese damage. Additional funding sources are under investigation.

Deer: There have not been many complaints about deer recently. Hunting activities seem to be managing the population in rural and agricultural areas.

## **c. Land Access Program Feasibility Study**

lone has completed numerous drafts of the study for CRD staff and task force member review. The final draft consists of an executive summary, full report and appendices. The final report will go to the Planning and Protective Services Committee in 2019. The final draft should incorporate all of the points and input from the task force.

## **2. LAND ACCESS FEASIBILITY STUDY FINAL REVIEW**

### **a. Discussion and Final Comments**

The task force discussed highlighting the cost per capita and the natural asset value provided by managed foodland. Funding the foodland trust could be considered a form of impact investing, whereby the organization that provides the funding receives less financial return in place of increased social or environmental returns. The task force asked that the educational opportunities of a foodlands trust be highlighted. Other feedback included that the estimated income for a new farmer in the scenarios was too low and that staffing needs may change after the first three years, so employment conditions should identify that potential change if the project gets that far.

**Motion:** As farmland preservation and access has been identified as a significant challenge and a regional priority, to CRD residents and local governments we, the Regional Food and Agriculture Strategy Task Force forward the Regional Land Access Program Feasibility Study with our strongest support to the Planning and Protective Services Committee.

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**Motion Carried**

### **b. Next Steps/Timeline**

The anticipated project timeline is

- Presentation to the Planning and Protective Services Committee – January/February 2019
- Final Feasibility Study and Business Case – CRD Board - March 2019

## **3. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Due to retirement, temporary work assignment and non-response of 5 Task Force members, some membership changes will have to be made to the Task Force. The Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the CRD Board in early 2019

## **4. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will occur following the support of the revised terms of reference.