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MINUTES of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday,
April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via video conference

PRESENT:

Voting Members:	J. Bachmann H. Bitter S. Cawley S. Howkins W. Jack L. Kemper D. Kosicki M. Manion P. Robinson T. Vader W. Wisselink
Non-Voting Members:	M. Roberts, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
Council Liaison:	Councillor Simpson
Guests:	Applicant 1 - 14351 and 14221 McKechnie Road
Staff:	K. Barchard, Corporate Officer A. Berry, Director of Planning & Development (Chair) A. Dominelli, Development Services Technician
Regrets:	Councillor MacDonald M. Banns
Recording Clerk:	T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Agenda for the April 8, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 11, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Introduction of New & Current Committee Members

The Committee participated in a round table of introductions.

(2) Duties of a Committee Member

K. Barchard, Corporate Officer, provided a brief summary of the duties and responsibilities of a City committee member. Some of the highlights included:

- Members are to provide advice and recommendations to Council on behalf of the AAC through discussions held at meetings;
- Review of expectations for members such as preparing for meetings, participating in voting and engaging with fellow members in an honest and respectful manner; and
- Encouraging everyone to read and review the Committee Training manual and Training Videos which can be found at:
<https://www.pittmeadows.ca/city-hall/committees/committee-orientation-and-training-resources>.

(3) **Nomination of the Vice Chair for 2021**

The Committee considered the annual nomination and selection of the Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2021.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee:

A. Nominates Joe Bachmann as the Vice Chair for 2021.

CARRIED.

(4) **ALC Subdivision Application for 14351 and 14221 McKechnie Road (FILE: 6635-20-2021-01) (Page: 29)**

A. Dominelli, Development Services Technician, provided a presentation detailing an application received by the City to adjust the lot line between the properties at 14221 and 14351 McKechnie Road, forming a part of the original minutes as **Attachment 1**.

Committee members participated in a discussion, with the following main themes noted:

- Support for the adjustment of the lot line;
- Support will allow for both property owners to have their lands remain viable;
- Clarification that the owners of 14351 McKechnie Road do not have another application open attempting to acquire lands to the north of the current property in the triangular parcel as seen in the Staff Report on page 1 (*Staff noted that the previous subdivision application was recently abandoned due to complex crown land acquisition requirements*);
- Request for clarification on the details around the 5m road dedication identified in the Staff Report (*Staff noted it would be a requirement at the subdivision stage as the current road does not meet municipal standards as it was built nearly 100 years ago and the City requires access to ditches*);
- Supporting this application will support local farming in the community;
- Request for details on the said future improvements to 14221 McKechnie Road as mentioned in the Staff Report (*Staff noted it has been identified that improvements to overall drainage will be made. The Applicant noted that the property is particularly low in the*

center and would like to complete some land leveling in addition to drainage improvements).

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee:

- A. Supports the subdivision application to adjust the lot line boundary between 14351 and 14221 McKechnie Road.

CARRIED.

(5) Update on the AAC Application Tracker

A. Berry, Director of Planning and Development, provided an update on the AAC Application Tracker which forms a part of today's Agenda package.

(6) Update on the AAC Action Items

A. Berry, Director of Planning and Development, provided an update on the AAC Action Item Tracker which forms a part of today's Agenda package.

5. ROUND TABLE

The committee engaged in a round table discussion. Some of the highlights included:

- Concerns were raised around continued trespassing on farms;
- McKechnie Road pump station was successfully running and operating during the last storm;
- Concerns were raised around the recent changes to farmed fishing industry (*M. Roberts, MOAFF, noted the Province and the Federal Government is working on a transition plan coming 2025 proposing moving away from open net fishing and exploring alternative methods of fishing including the feasibility of different technologies*);

*M. Manion joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

- Concerns that Canadian Pacific Railway will begin utilizing proposed new truck route on McTavish Road in response to trains blocking Kennedy Road;
- Request for updates on the Kennedy Road overpass (*Councillor Simpson noted it is on a temporary pause in order to focus on the design for the Harris Road underpass*);

- Concerns raised around local farmers being victimized by extremist groups;
- Discussions around vulnerability, theft and vandalism on farms and the importance of reporting all incidents to the police;
- Pitt River Quarries has twinned the road to the quarry and relieved the truck traffic on Rannie Road;
- Discussions around new regulations and requirements surrounding the use of temporary foreign workers such as limiting the number of hours worked each day;
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries is working on compiling a letter including comments and mitigation recommendations for the proposed CP Rail Intermodal expansion;
- New partnership program with Investment Agriculture Foundation which is providing funding for municipalities and regional districts to update, develop and implement agricultural planning tools.
<https://iafbc.ca/local-government-partnership-program/>.

6. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S ACTION ITEMS

1. Request for contact information for R. Evans to send appreciation basket on behalf of the members of the AAC.
2. Request for information on the number of applicants who applied for the AAC in 2021.
3. Request to connect with Engineering Department regarding Google Maps incorrectly identifying truck routes in Pitt Meadows.
4. Confirmation request regarding CP attendance and presentation at the May 13th AAC meeting.
5. M. Roberts, MOAFF, to share information on new partnership program detailing available grants for the City.
6. Recommendation for public education/awareness campaign surrounding trespassing on farms in Pitt Meadows.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

*The next meeting for the **Agricultural Advisory Committee** is set for **May 13, 2021** at 10:00 a.m.*

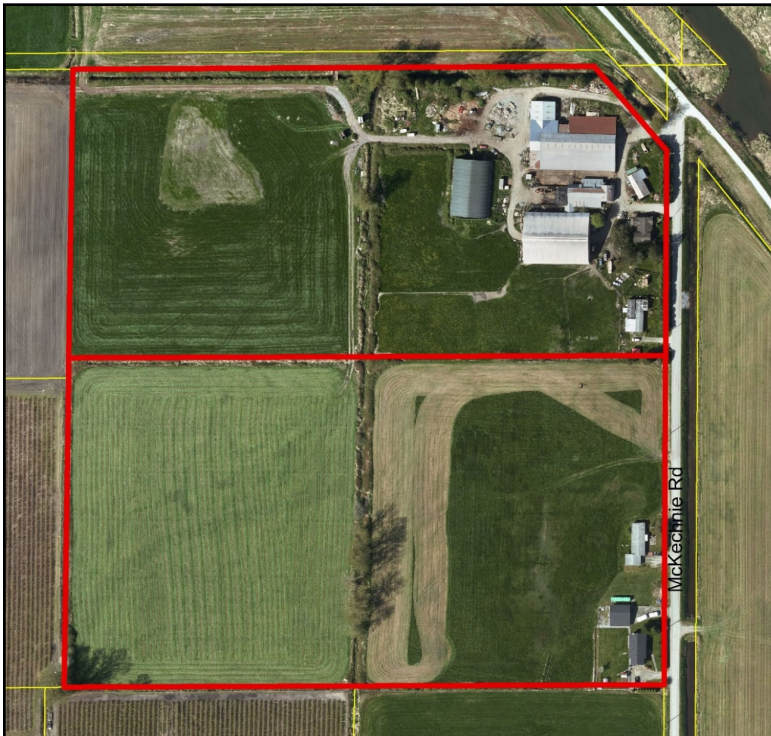
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Tatiana McCaw
Committee Clerk II

Subdivision Application for 14351 and 14221 McKechnie Rd

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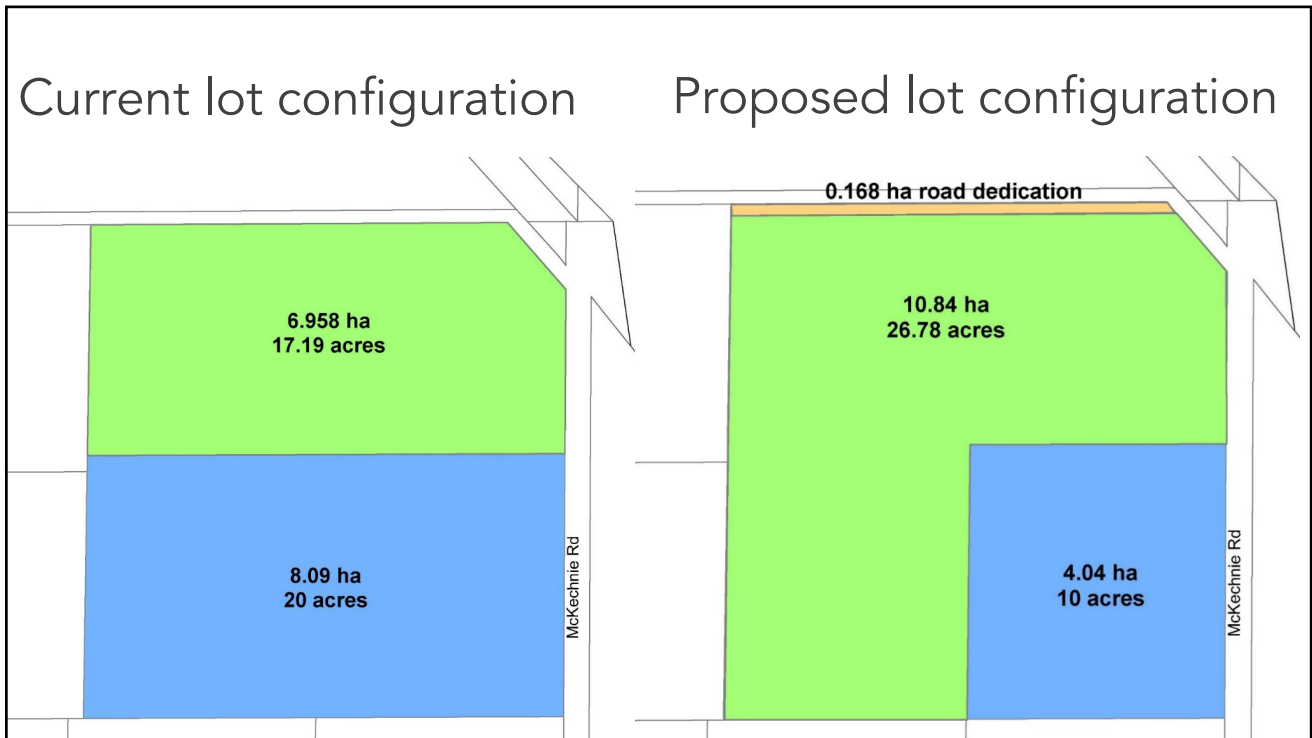
14351 McKechnie Rd

- Ebenezer Dairy Farms
- 50 cows
- Pasture/forage

14221 McKechnie Rd

- Former Podschadly Dairy operation
- Peterson's working on improving land





	Current	Proposed
Parcel 1	6.958 ha 17.19 ac	10.84 ha 26.78 ac
Parcel 2	8.09 ha 20 ac	4.04 ha 10 ac

- Ebenezer will gain additional land base
- Peterson’s will be able to fund land improvements

Staff Comments

- Generally not supportive of ALR subdivisions unless benefit to farming
- Not increasing number of lots
- Enhance farming on both lots
- If approved, will need successful rezoning as one lot will be less than 8 ha / 20 acres



Recommendation: The AAC:

- A. Supports the subdivision application to adjust the lot line boundary between 14351 and 14221 McKechnie Road; OR
- B. Other.

