

PENINSULA & AREA AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2023, 7:00 pm
****REVISED AGENDA****

1. **Adoption of Minutes:** February 9, 2023
 2. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Jenni Michell / Isobel Hoffmann)
 3. **SPEAKER'S BUREAU:** none scheduled (note Jody Watson, CRD, April 13 mtg)
 4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a) 4251 Blenkinsop Road – non farm use on ALR land (see Feb 10, 2022 Mins)
 - b) 4400 Blenkinsop Road – non farm use on ALR land (see Feb 10, 2022 Mins)
 - c) 536 Brookleigh Road – Application for fill for pool on ALR land
 - d) Saanich Rpt on size & location for homes on A-zoned lands
 5. **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: NEW**
 - a) Proposed Formation of Farmers Institute on the Peninsula (Katie Underwood)
 - b) Saanich Fair 2023 – Theme “Jammin' at the Fair” - Preserved Foods
 6. **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: CURRENT (& updates)**
 - a) **Water Update** – Mike Doehnel

 - b) **Spring Farm Tour 2023** for New Council members (Linda Geggie)
 - See attachment for 'to do" list
 - Save the Date Notice sent February 27
 - Funding approval for Community Bus

 - c) **50th Anniversary of ALR** – Megan Halstead
 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a) Vancouver Island Agriculture Adaptation Group – Bob Maxwell
 - b) Vancouver Island AgriService Newsletter – Megan Halstead
 - sign up at https://agriservicebc.campayn.com/contact_list_form/signup/110236
 - c) **ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER – Sub-Committee reports**
 9. **Upcoming Events / Webinars**
 - Spring Farm Tour – Saturday June 10, 2023
 10. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, April 13, 2023
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Parking Lot:

- T-5 Slip 2020 & 2021 - interest from GIC
- Grape & Fruit Atlas
- Appointment of new representative from Minister's Office – no response to enquiry
- Agriculture in the Classroom Education component – pending end of COVID restrictions
- Water Rate Variations – response pending from CRD Water Commission (from May 13, 2019)