

AGENDA
PENINSULA and AREA AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2024, 7:00 pm

The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations.

We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.

- 1. Adoption of Minutes: September 12, 2024**
- 2. Chair's Remarks**
- 3. Remarks from Council Reps**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**

- 5. SPEAKER'S BUREAU:** Councillor Chris Graham, Central Saanich – Farm Tax Exemption

- 6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 7. AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: New and Ongoing**
 - a) Dumping fill on farmland – Nov 13 Workshop Update – Robin Tunnicliffe
 - b) Testing organic compost – Katie Underwood
 - c) CRA Lifetime Exemption for Farmers – Larry Sluggett (Chris Graham attending)
 - d) Farm Tax Rates – Robin Tunnicliffe
 - e) Governance Review – Update

- 8. REPORTS FROM KEY SECTOR GROUPS**
 - a) Water Commission Update – Mike Doehnel
 - b) South Island Farmers' Institute Update - (Katie/Shellie)
 - c) CRD Agriculture Services:
 - Farmland Access Program – Noah Brotman
 - Goose Management Strategy - Jody Watson
 - d) Vancouver Island Adaptation Group (Climate Change) – Bob Maxwell
 - e) Ministry of Agriculture – Meghan Halstead
 - f) CR-Fair – Linda Geggie

- 9. PAAC & COMMITTEE PROJECTS**
 - a) Education and proposed speakers
 - b) Updates from government projects & committees

- 10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11. Upcoming Events / Webinars**
 - Dumping of Fill Workshop – Wednesday, November 13, 2024
 - PAAC Christmas Gathering -Thursday, December 5, 2024

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

In order to ensure a quorum, please contact Isobel Hoffmann if you are unable to attend
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