

Minutes FSCD August 2

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Moved Agenda - John

Moved Minutes - Sam

John, Sam, Brendan, Rosalind, Gary, Chris attended

Heather Shobe presenting:

- family farms day in september (adding residential gardens!)
- Klitsa Garden and Sunshine Club are doing garden tours. (Mostly ornamental)
- Working on interim report (west coast related mostly) on Alberni Ag Plan
- Emergency preparedness being worked on for livestock in ACRD
- The fall fair grounds are a potential gather point for livestock depending on fire activity.

Starting in preliminary discussions.

- Gary Swann mentioned that the fire workshop was very good and his farmer has already implemented some sprinklers.
- Gary noted his cedar trees are dying due to prolonged drought and Doug Fir are stressed.
- Heather noted Food Security is not part of the provincial Agricultural frameworks. Heather is seeing Ag Ministry noting Food Security more.
- Growers Forum and Seedling sale for grow local was a thank you. Thank you to the City for donation of the room.
- The burde street orchard will be collecting fruit at Burde orchard for fruit pressings event for juice. Community will be able to come and donate their fruit. October 20 is pressing day. Gleaning Project will use it as well.
- The press pasteurizes and packages. Paid by ACRD grant in aid.
- Gleaning Project has operated since 2012.
- The Grow Local program was quite successful... will be encouraging that the province continue.

Heather asked what at the City could inform her AG Plan development

Gary Noted that he will be willing to work with the planning for the 2020 Composting program announced by the ACRD recently to encourage local composting.

"Given what is happening, we will have to grow our own food."

John Mayba noted the next step after composting more encouragement to grow locally and teach what is easy to grow.

John noted that free home consultations are a great way to encourage and inspire people and give people the ability to get started on a garden.

Heather noted the ACRD ag committee could make recommendations to the composting process around encouraging backyard composting and recovering compost from the system.

Square Dance will be Oct 13.

Healthy Harvest / CMHA will not be running the farm but Anna Lewis/Hupacasath will be using the full farm.

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Chris presented a terms of reference from Saanich as a potential template for a env Commission.

Chris will distribute and bring to next meeting to be able to

Water should be added to the Terms of Reference
Food Security should be a main bullet. - Gary indicates food security should be the main purpose and may require its own committee.

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We discussed updates on recommendations.

Rosalind asked if community garden policy that was sent to Jake 2016 was written? Will follow up.

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Rosalind is goin* to approach Rollin Arts Centre to hold the September meeting.

John moved adjournment

Rosalind Chapman, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk