

**AGENDA**  
**PENINSULA & AREA AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL**  
**THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2024, 7:00 pm**

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*The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the W̱SÁNEĆ 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: February 8, 2024**

**2. Chair's Remarks**

**3. Remarks from Council Reps**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

**5. SPEAKER'S BUREAU:** None scheduled

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) PAAC response to Saanich Council re non agricultural use of barns on Blenkinsop Rd
- b) PAAC response to Saanich Planning re ALR exclusion 4660 Elk Lake Drive
- c) Funding Request from GOOSE for 2024 egg addling programme (Graeme Fowler)

**7. AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: NEW**

Discussion: Dumping fill on farmland – Article in Vancouver Sun (link below)

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/bc-farmland-illegal-dumping>

**8. AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: CURRENT (& updates)**

- a) Water Update – Mike Doehnel
- b) South Island Farmers' Institute – Update (Katie/Shellie)  
- Farmer2Farmer Workshop February 15, 2024 review
- c) Farmland Access Programme – Noah Broatman CRD

**9. 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](https://agriservicebc.campayn.com/contact_list_form/signup/110236)
- c) Annual Report – Reminder for Reports from PAAC Members

**10. Upcoming Events / Webinars**

Adjournment  
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 11, 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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