

PENINSULA & AREA AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2023, 7:00 pm

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1. **Adoption of Minutes:** **March 9, 2023**

 2. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Jenni Michell / Isobel Hoffmann)

 3. **SPEAKER'S BUREAU:**
 - Jody Watson, CRD: CRD's Goose Management Strategy
 - Bob Peart – BioRegional Framework (details attached)

 4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a) 4251 Blenkinsop Road – Response to Saanich not supporting application
 - b) 4400 Blenkinsop Road – Response to Saanich not supporting application
 - c) 536 Brookleigh Road – Response to Saanich not supporting application
 - d) Saanich Rpt on size of homes on ALR Land – response pending

 5. **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: NEW**

 6. **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: CURRENT (& updates)**
 - a) **Water Update** – Mike Doehnel

 - b) **Spring Farm Tour 2023** (Linda Geggie) – Update
 - Need Map of Farms & some details on the farms

 - c) **50th Anniversary of ALR** – Megan Halstead

 - d) **South Island Farmers' Institute – Workshop, Sunday April 17, 2023 (Katie)**

 7. **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 – Final Review**

 8. **Upcoming Events / Webinars**
 - SIFI Workshop – Introductory Session – Sunday, April 17, 2023
 - Spring Farm Tour – Saturday June 10, 2023

 9. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, May 11, 2023

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)