



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee **Date:** February 2, 2024
From: John Hopkins **File:** 01-0100-30-AADV1-01/2023-Vol 01
 Director, Policy Planning
Re: **Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program**

Staff Recommendation

That the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled "Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program", dated February 2, 2024 from the Director of Policy Planning, be approved.

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 Director, Policy Planning
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REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS:
APPROVED BY CAO 	

Staff Report

Origin

The Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee (FSAAC) advises Council on food security and agricultural issues referred by Council or staff. In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the FSAAC, this report summarizes the activities of the Committee in 2023 (Attachment 1) and recommends a 2024 Work Program (Attachment 2) for consideration and approval by Council. The Committee reviewed and endorsed the proposed 2024 Work Program at the FSAAC meeting held on February 1, 2024.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.

1.2 Advocate for the needs of Richmond in collaboration with partners and stakeholders.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #5 A Leader in Environmental Sustainability:

Leadership in environmental sustainability through innovative, sustainable and proactive solutions that mitigate climate change and other environmental impacts.

5.4 Support agriculture and local food systems to enhance food security.

Analysis

2023 Annual Report

The detailed FSAAC 2023 Annual Report is contained in Attachment 1, and includes the following highlights:

- Reviewed and commented on a total of four development proposals related to or impacting agricultural activities. This included Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Development Permit, Development Variance Permit, ALR Non-Adhering Residential Use and rezoning applications.
- Received information from Community Bylaws staff on the application and enforcement process for soil deposit and removal applications to the City and Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
- Received information from Community Bylaws staff on bylaw enforcement in the ALR, specific to property use issues.
- Received updates from the Fraser Delta Farmland Protection and Stewardship Group on supporting farmers to protect natural areas on their farms through a potential regional conservation fund.
- Received information from Environment staff on the City's Riparian Management Areas (RMAs) in the ALR.

2024 Work Program

The Committee endorsed the proposed 2024 Work Program at their February 1, 2024 meeting. The FSAAC 2024 Work Program is contained in Attachment 2, and includes the following highlights:

- Review and comment on development proposals and soil deposit and removal applications forwarded to FSAAC by staff or Council.
- Receive updates and comment on various City policies and initiatives related to agriculture and food security forwarded to FSAAC by staff or Council.
- Receive updates and comment on projects impacting agriculture from the City's Engineering, Parks, Transportation and Environment Departments.
- Receive updates from external stakeholders on issues impacting agriculture and food security, including Ministry of Agriculture, ALC, Metro Vancouver and others.
- Explore opportunities to raise public awareness of local farming, farmer's markets, and local food products, produce and programs, in coordination with Economic Development staff.

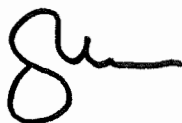
The FSAAC 2024 Work Program will be revised as necessary, based on emerging issues and future Council priorities.

Financial Impact

As an Advisory Committee to Council, the FSAAC's activities are fully supported by the Department's operating budget.

Conclusion

The FSAAC serves an important role in providing advice and guidance to Council on food security and agricultural issues. Staff recommend that the FSAAC 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program be approved.



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- Att. 1: Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report
2: Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Work Program
3: Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Membership List

**2023 Annual Report
Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee**

Projects/Initiatives	Results	Accomplishments/Comments
City and ALC Development Applications	Provided agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and commented on a total of four development proposals related to or impacting agricultural activities. This included ALR Development Permit, Development Variance Permit, ALR Non-Adhering Residential Use and rezoning applications.
Soil Deposit and Removal in the ALR	Received for information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received information from Community Bylaws staff on the application and enforcement process for soil deposit and removal applications to the City and ALC.
Bylaw Enforcement in the ALR	Received for information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received information from Community Bylaws staff on bylaw enforcement to the ALR, specific to property use issues.
Environment	Received for information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received information from Environment staff on the City's Riparian Management Areas (RMAs) in the ALR.
Public awareness and local food initiatives	Received for information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received regular updates from Ministry of Agriculture and ALC staff on issues impacting agriculture and food security. Received updates from the Fraser Delta Farmland Protection and Stewardship Group on supporting farmers to protect natural areas on their farms through a potential regional conservation fund.

List of Applications Reviewed in 2023

Application	Address	Proposal
DP 22-027199	20455 Dyke Road, 7500 No. 9 Road, and a portion of PID 031-553-231	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALR Development Permit to allow an industrial development adjacent to the ALR.
DV 22-011004	8451 No. 5 Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Variance Permit to allow a roadside stand.
AG 22-009023 / RZ 22-009024	18431 Westminster Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALR Non-Adhering Residential Use and Rezoning to allow the existing seasonal farm labour accommodation.
AG 22-011619 / RZ 22-011635	12900 Steveston Highway & 11311 Rice Mill Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALR Non-Adhering Residential Use and Rezoning to allow the existing seasonal farm labour accommodation.

**2024 Work Program
Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee**

Projects/Initiatives	Expected Results	Objectives/Deliverables
City and ALC Development Applications	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review City and ALC development applications forwarded to the FSAAC by staff or Council. Provide comments to applicants.
Soil Deposit and Removal Applications in the ALR	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review soil applications (deposit or removal) in the ALR forwarded to the FSAAC by staff or Council. Provide comments to applicants.
City Policy Initiatives	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review issues related to agriculture and food security policy (incl. applicable components of the OCP Update) forwarded to the FSAAC by staff or Council. Provide comments to staff.
Engineering	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates from Engineering staff on drainage and irrigation projects impacting agriculture (incl. East Richmond Water Supply Study Update). Provide comments to staff.
Transportation	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates from Transportation staff on projects impacting agriculture. Provide comments to staff.
Parks	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates from Parks staff on projects impacting agriculture (incl. Garden City Lands). Provide comments to staff.
Environment	Agricultural advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates from Environment staff on projects impacting agriculture. Provide comments to staff.
Public awareness and local food security	Improved awareness and understanding of agriculture and food security issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates from external stakeholders on issues impacting agriculture and food security, including Ministry of Agriculture, ALC, Metro Vancouver and others. Explore opportunities to raise public awareness of local farming, farmer's markets, and local food products, produce and programs, in coordination with Economic Development staff.

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Current Membership List 2024

Total Membership: 10	Authority: TOR	Staff Liaison: Steven De Sousa
Total Appts By Cncl: 10	Length Of Term: 2 Yrs	Local: 604.204.8529
Cncl Rep: Cllr. Laura Gillanders	Term Limits: N/A	

Members	Date First Appointed	Date of Most Current Re-appointment	Date Appointment Expires
Mr. Michael Bomford (Chair) Food Security Rep	12/07/2020	11/28/2022	12/31/2024
Mr. Phil Carriere Food Security Rep	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	12/31/2025
Mrs. Lynn Kemper (Vice-Chair) Community-at-large Rep	11/14/2017	12/11/2023	12/31/2025
Mr. Abu Hasan Jahangir Community-at-large Rep	11/28/2022	11/28/2022	12/31/2024
Mr. Cory May Farming Rep	12/07/2020	11/28/2022	12/31/2024
Mr. William McKinney Farming Rep	11/28/2022	11/28/2022	12/31/2024
Mr. Allen Rose Farming Rep	12/09/2019	12/11/2023	12/31/2025
Ms. Vida Rose Farming Rep	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	12/31/2025
Ms. Leslie Williams Food Security Rep	11/28/2022	11/28/2022	12/31/2024