

# AGRICULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE

## Terms of Reference

### 1.0 **Background:**

The Chairperson of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board of Directors (the "Board Chairperson") has established the Agriculture Standing Committee (the "Committee") to consider issues pertaining to the support of the regional agricultural sector. The Committee will provide recommendations and advice to the Board regarding funding support, policy direction, program implementation and general operational issues in delivering these activities.

### 2.0 **Purpose and Mandate**

- 2.1 The mandate of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Board concerning:
- the disposition of matters which have been specifically referred to the Committee by the Board;
  - the disposition of matters which have been referred to the Committee in accordance with Regional District policy; and
  - the possible assumption of additional advisory responsibilities which the Committee believes should fall within the Committee's mandate.
- 2.2 The Committee will also make decisions on matters for which corporate authority has been specifically delegated by the Regional Board.

### 3.0 **Chairperson and Members:**

- 3.1 The Board Chairperson will appoint a total of eight (8) Directors consisting of at least three (3) Electoral Area Directors and three (3) Municipal Directors.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding clause 3.1, the Chairperson may appoint fewer or more municipal and electoral area Directors to serve the mandate of the Committee in any given year.
- 3.3 The Committee will choose by election, a Chairperson from its members. The Chairperson will serve in that capacity until the January meeting following each election unless the Committee is earlier dissolved by the Board Chairperson, or unless the Chairperson ceases to hold the qualifications required for the position.

### 4.0 **Meetings:**

- 4.1 The Committee will meet as required to fulfill its mandate. Meetings will be at the call of the Chairperson or as scheduled in advance by resolution of the Committee. Meetings will be held in conjunction with regular Board meetings whenever possible. All meetings will be open to the public.
- 4.2 All Committee Members may vote on all issues, subject to a declaration of conflict. Voting rights will be determined in accordance with the Regional District's procedure bylaw.

### 5.0 **Reporting:**

The Committee will provide its advice and recommendations to the Board in the form of verbal and written reports from the Chairperson. This will generally occur during the portion of the Board meeting set aside for committee reports.

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