

Agricultural Area Planning

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The Five W's of Agr. Area Plans

- Where?
- Why?
- What?
- When?
- Who?

Where?

- Local Government
 - Integral component of an OCP.
 - The voice of agriculture in local planning.
 - Consistent with other local government policies on zoning, water, transportation, sanitation.
 - Consistent with provincial policies and interests (eg. ALC, Right to Farm).
 - Reflective of Federal policy (eg. APF 2 and EFPs). (*Making it real!)

Why?

- Improve the competitiveness of local agriculture.
 - Sustainable profitability.
 - Competition for land, water, labour, other resources.
- Improve consistency in local planning.
- Improve community cohesion.

What?

- Provide a voice for agriculture in the OCP.
- Address issues and challenges to agriculture within the municipality.
- Improve the competitiveness of local agriculture.
- Ensure good neighbours.
- Both a Product and a Process

What (cont.) ?

- Product: The Agricultural Area Plan.
 - Background Report.
 - Resources (Soils, climate), Economics (Sectors, \$), and Policies
 - Issues and Opportunities.
 - Conflicts, opportunities, stakeholders, win/win?
 - The Plan
 - Issues and Stakeholders.
 - Objectives and Policies
 - Metrics (Are we successful?)
 - Recourse (What do we do when not successful?)

What (cont.) ?

- Process: Agricultural Planning.
 - Agriculture in the community (context).
 - Globally – Nationally – Provincially - Locally
 - Background report.
 - Stakeholder meetings.
 - Issues and Opportunities.
 - Drafting and Public review and process.
 - The Plan

When?

- In advance of an OCP review.
- When farmers are available!!!
 - October / November start?
 - March / April finish?

Who?

- **Agricultural Advisory Committee.**
 - **Steering Committee:**
 - AAC reps.
 - Council liaison.
 - Industry (non-AAC).
 - Staff (eg. Planning).
 - BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands representation.

Who (cont.)?

- **Project Team.**

- **Agrologist.**
- **Planner.**
- **Facilitator**
- **Engineer.**

- **Resource Partners.**

- **Investment Agriculture Foundation (\$)**
- **BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (\$, data).**

Thank You!

- Questions?

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