

Cariboo Regional District

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 4, 2021, 7pm**

**Via Zoom**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 February 12, 2021 meeting (as circulated via email)

3.2 January 8, 2021 meeting – approval of amended minutes

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. Member update

5.2. Nominations for Treasurer and Secretary of ADAC

5.3. 2021 March 4<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole update

5.4. ADAC Strategic Planning session review:

- February 26<sup>th</sup>
- March 12<sup>th</sup>

5.5. Community Forest working group update

5.6. Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan Pilot Project Questionnaire 2021 update

**6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Ag Working Group Administration Report

6.2 FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development grant update

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 Email Communications:

2021 February 19 from Amy Reid (Quesnel EDO) and Lacy Scuffi (Quesnel Forestry Initiatives Coordinator) re: Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator- <https://foresightcac.com/sme-programs/> and a new innovation to produce clear wood or alternatively wood-based glass with the potential for use in green houses.

7.2 Upcoming Events

March 2 and  
March 9th, 2021

**Forage Management Knowledge Transfer Series**  
March 2nd - Focus on Legumes,



**Cariboo Regional District**

*AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

*REGULAR MEETING*

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom, on February 12, 2021 at 8:30 am

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
Erin Durrell, Secretary	?Esdilagh First Nation
Matt Ziemer	Horticulture
Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture
CRD Director John Massier	CRD Liaison

**SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lori Fogarty, Liaison	Agriculture Working Group
Wilma Watkin	Agriculture Working Group
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group

**REGRETS**

Desiree Stobbe	Quesnel Farmers Market
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2021-57

It was moved and seconded

**That the February 12, 2021 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2021-58

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated January 8, 2021 be adopted.**

CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. ADAC member renewal update: The following member appointments have been approved by the CRD Board of Directors.

Term of Service	End of Term	Organization	Name
2-year	December 2022	Kersley Farmers Institute	Martin Rossmann
2-year	December 2022	?Esdilagh First Nation	Erin Durrell
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Progress on selecting the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association ADAC member representative is being made.

#### 5.2. Election of ADAC Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Martin Rossmann stepped down as ADAC Chair. There was a call for nominations to the position of Chair for a 1-year term.

Christa Pooley – Chair (Elected by acclamation)

The nominations for Treasurer and Secretary of ADAC will take place at the next ADAC meeting.

#### 5.3. CNC update – Tim Lofstrom

Schools are still figuring out how to move forward with pandemic mitigation. Beginning in May most programs will be online, and at this time there is not a firm announcement of how the fall schedule will look as they are taking direction from Public Health Office.

Pluses and minuses with the process as a whole; Some students are having some difficulties and not experiencing the true college/university experience. Some are taking a pause and considering enrolling in full programs at a later date. On the plus side, there are now many more courses available than before, using an online platform. This is good for some, but others struggle with an online platform. CNC is putting as many supports in place as they can.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> CNC held an Advisory Committee meeting with a broad representation of community organizations and agencies. ADAC member Erin Durrell is the representative for the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee. They are looking for community organizations or industries to come forward with ideas for partnering on programs. Community programming has a mandate to support employment for students, so programming needs to correlate to labour market participation. They have reached out to the Sprout Kitchen project manager to look at some form of partnership with a food production and culinary focus. They hope to support employment and funding opportunities with small student cohorts.

Government programming is coming forward with funding opportunities, which are being reviewed. The current programming will finish in May and new programming will begin in August.

#### 5.4. CRD Committee of the Whole meeting update

The ADAC members attending the Committee of the Whole meeting commented that the presentations and discussion at the meeting were very positive and provided a better understanding of the agriculture industry. The members noted that improved coordination and planning between industry, government and residents will assist with issues related to the urban/rural interface, pressures on land planning and development, and provide the opportunity

to make changes and recommendations which will strengthen the Official Community Plan. It was noted that the ADAC has provided valuable insights during their term of service.

The Committee of the Whole meeting ended with direction to the CRD staff to develop a discussion paper on options and alternatives to supporting an Agriculture Area Plan, which is to be brought forward to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on March 4th.

5.5. ADAC Strategic Planning session

It was noted the guest presenters have been confirmed and the participant list, strategic planning session outline and power point were reviewed and suggestions will be incorporated.

Suggested topics for next Strategic Planning session scheduled for March 12 were discussed and it was suggested we include non-timber agriculture products as a topic. Land based decisions are being made on what are now forested lands, but opportunities could be available for an expansion of the land usage.

Nicole suggested an ADAC member could be included in the Community Forest working group to provide input and advice on agri-forestry issues. Nicole noted the City of Quesnel and local First Nations have been offered a Community Forest tenure. In a press release of the initial meeting held on June 24, 2020, it was noted "the various interested governments will collaborate on forming a working group to define the collective governance structure, scope out the community engagement process, define key priorities, and work with Ministry staff on determining the location of the community forest".

R/2021-59

It was moved and seconded

**That we enquire about the potential of having an Agricultural Development Advisory Committee member participate in the Community Forest working group as an Agricultural representative.**

CARRIED

5.6. Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan Pilot Project Questionnaire 2021

The due date for the Questionnaire is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, so the committee members decided to hold a meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10am to discuss the Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan and provide a response to the questionnaire.

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report

The budget to support the work of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee in 2021 was reviewed.

6.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update

The Agriculture Education Program Project Management Team requested input from the committee in regards to program continuity and sustainability. Members of the committee noted there needs to be pathways in the curriculum, which assist students in identifying the courses and curriculum to study. They suggested focusing on grade 10 students and outlining the potential agriculture careers, corresponding high school courses and possible post-secondary options and

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pre-requisites.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Email communication

7.2. Upcoming events

February 9 – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 **BC Forage Council hosts the Forage Management Knowledge Transfer Webinar Series:**

Tuesday evenings  
from  
6pm-8pm

Feb 9th - Soils 101,  
Feb 16th - Nutrient Management in Forages,  
Feb 23rd - Invasive Species Management,  
March 2nd - Focus on Legumes,  
March 9th - Grazing Management,  
**Email [bcfc@bcforagecouncil.com](mailto:bcfc@bcforagecouncil.com) to register**

February 10, 2021  
2 to 3pm

**AgriService BC Webinars: When to Apply Manure An Overview of the BC ARM Tool**

This 30-minute webinar will introduce you to the BC Application Risk Management (ARM) Tool and how it can help you to determine when to apply manure and the risk of manure loss after an application.

**To learn more and to register,**

**visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriservice-bc/webinars>**

February 17, 2021  
6:00 PM PST

**Beef Cattle Research Council Webinars**

- Breeding Goals: Practical Genetics for Beef Production

March 24, 2021  
6:00 PM PST

- Record Keeping for Forage and Grassland Management

**To register, visit:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ExOtT45iRXe7X7NyKv7FrA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ExOtT45iRXe7X7NyKv7FrA)**

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

Christa Pooley: In the last 2-weeks Christa has been taking part in a CHAT workshop, a communication tool for the agriculture industry to participate in “difficult conversations” i.e. animal welfare. She said it was a very useful and simple tool, which can also be used with social media.

Lynda Atkinson: BC Agriculture Council hosts these workshops at no cost and Lynda could help support the process if an organization wanted to provide the workshop.

Christa Pooley: Is also planning to be involved in a program assisting with Cow-Calf cost of production analysis.

Lynda Atkinson: Nationally the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is looking at the broad sweep of supports for agriculture. There may be some changes to the programs i.e. loan programs, with some of the funding being forgivable. The concern is that COVID will be an issue for most of 2021 and foreign labour is an issue owing to the Federal government changing travel regulations.

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Christa Pooley: On a federal level are there any insights into the progress on the Agri-Stability or Agri-Invest programs?

Lynda Atkinson: The CFA has been working hard on this and if a change is made, a certain percentage of the provinces have to agree. There are suggestions that the Feds would support 60% of the program and the Provinces 40%. No final decisions have been made.

**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

**10. ADJOURNMENT** - 10:40 am

**Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm**

**Agenda Submission Deadline: February 25th, 2021**

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C. Pooley, Chair

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Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
Desiree Stobbe	Quesnel Farmers Market (appointment TBA)
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CRD Director John Massier	CRD Liaison

**SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lori Fogarty, Administrative Assistant	Agriculture Working Group
Wilma Watkin	Agriculture Working Group
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group

**GUESTS**

Darlene Clark	City of Quesnel Economic Development Officer
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**REGRETS**

Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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R/2021-55

It was moved and seconded

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CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2021-56

It was moved and seconded

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CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS**



**Darlene Clark:** Regional Manager, Cariboo Regional Economic Operations Branch - Rural Opportunities, Tenures and Engineering Division; Ministry of FLNRORD

The Cariboo Regional Economic Operations Branch existed to support job development and training, especially in the tourism industry. The branch moved to the Ministry of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development in 2017 to support the work of the Ministry of Forests, agriculture and other land-based resources. The Ministry works with Indigenous and rural communities to strengthen and diversify their economies. The branch is working with societies, municipalities, and other local governments to act as a catalyst to the work they are implementing. They help by providing linkages and garner support by making connections. Previously, Darlene worked in jobs supporting economic development in particular with forestry, as well as permitting with natural resources and land planning.

Martin noted the Ministry of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development will be downsized and separated into divisions. Darlene noted the Ministry is growing with the addition of a Parliamentary Secretary to assist the Minister in meeting the commitments outlined in the mandate. Darlene noted it is helpful to receive information and updates from ADAC.

John asked who the parliamentary secretary is for this Ministry? Darlene noted the new Minister of FLNRORD is Katrine Conroy and the Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations is Nathan Collin. The Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development is Roly Russell. Darlene noted she will also be working closely with Ravi Kahlon, the Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.

Darlene noted she will be working within the region of BC spanning from Clinton to Prince George until November of 2021, when Emily Colombo returns to the Ministry.

## 5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 5.1. ADAC member renewal update:

The following member representatives will be considered for appointment to the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee at the CRD Board meeting scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A letter will be sent to the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association to see if a member representative is available to serve on the committee.

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The committee members expressed their appreciation to outgoing Quesnel Farmers' Market representative Rob Borsato for his work with the committee over the last 3 years and welcomes new QFM representative Desiree Stobbe. The members of ADAC are also pleased to see member

representation from the ?Esdilagh First Nation and the renewal of term memberships from Martin Rossmann and Tim Lofstrom, pending appointment.

The committee members will nominate a chair, secretary and treasurer once appointments are confirmed.

5.2. CNC update – Tim Lofstrom; Tabled

5.3. CRD Committee of the Whole meeting – January 14, 2021

A presenter for the ADAC Power Point presentation was selected and recommended additions to the presentation were noted. The presentations will be available to the public, who may listen via audio streaming.

5.4. ADAC – Industry support actions 2021-2022

The Industry support actions were compiled from ADAC member suggestions in the assessment, which is summarized in the ADAC annual report to the NC Rural Caucus. Nicole Pressey noted this will be a useful summary to share with her colleagues in the Ministry of Agriculture.

5.5. ADAC Strategic Planning session

The date of the virtual session was confirmed for Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9am – noon. The participant list was reviewed and suggestions made by committee members. The planning for the session will proceed and recommendations from committee members for a facilitator will be forwarded for review and consideration.

## **6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report

The unofficial 2020 ADAC budget was reviewed. Total expenditures for 2020 was \$5119.54 with \$955.46 remaining. A request has been made to roll over the remaining funds into the 2021 budget if approved.

The ADAC annual report to the North Cariboo Rural Directors was well received, with members Nicole Pressey and Tim Lofstrom joining the conference call presentation on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The report was well received by the North Cariboo Rural Caucus directors with compliments to committee for their hard work. Total in-kind contributions of the Committee, support team and agriculture industry since its establishment in 2018 is over \$26,197.

6.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update

A request for an extension of the completion date for the Agriculture Education Program to December 2021 has been submitted to the Rural Dividend office, but a decision has not yet been made. (Note – approval to extend the completion date to December 2021 was received on January 11, 2021.)

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. Email communication

7.2. Upcoming events

ADAC members noted the following events:

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CRD Committee of the Whole meeting on the Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am – noon. It was requested a notice and link to the live audio stream be sent out to agriculture community.

Marisa Nightingale from the Ministry of Agriculture will be returning to work 3-days a week

**Pacific Agricultural Show 2021 – Virtual Edition January 28-30, 2021**

- Website [here](#)
- Featuring Horticulture Growers Short Course, January 28-30, 2021 to register and find information click [here](#)
- Not just for horticulture enthusiasts! Topics include but not limited to: *greenhouse vegetables, field vegetables, strawberries, raspberries, hops, hazelnuts, organics, Agriculture Water Management, Labour, and Farm Business Management*

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

Wilma suggested the ADAC hold a follow up Strategic Planning session and members agreed. March 12, 2021 from 9am – noon was confirmed as a suitable date.

Nicole provided a Ministry update:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
    - Staff are working to clarify what the name change means in terms of work load and programs. I will share what I can when it becomes available.
  - Agriculture Industrial Land Secretariat
    - With the new NDP government, this Secretariat was moved to the MAFF Deputy Minister's Office
  - Regenerative Agriculture is in Minister Popham's Mandate Letter
    - Our Branch is working on key principles to assist in program development
  - Small Farm Business Acceleration Pilot Program (SFBAPP)
    - Intake closed December 15, 2020
    - A committee is reviewing applications
    - Regional Agrologists and Industry Specialists will assist with auditing to ensure approved projects are completed as committed
  - Labour TA
    - This work is primarily focused on Migrant Workers
    - Have engaged with MAFF groups understand specific challenges
  - Marisa is back
    - Working Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays, from home
    - Expect to have her back to 100% April 1, 2021
  - CAI update
    - Projects are moving along
      - Livestock surface water field work was completed in 2020
    - Hoping to see FLNR funding for final water development installation
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- Wildlife Fuel Mitigation work is reaching out to FLNRORD District Staff to progress to next step: potentially integrating project with District fuel mitigation work
- CARA's letter to CRD was added to the Jan 14, 2021 COtW Agenda

Lynda noted the Pacific Ag Show will include a Gala and Silent Auction to help raise fund for the Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation.

## **9. QUESTION PERIOD**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT - 9:56am**

Next Meeting: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 8:30 -10am

Agenda Submission Deadline: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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M. Rossmann, Chair

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