

Cariboo Regional District

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6:30pm**

**Via Zoom**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – April 8, 2021 meeting (as circulated via email)

**4. DELEGATIONS** - Nigel Whitehead; CRD Planning Services

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. Cariboo Agricultural Area Plan and ADAC Expansion

5.2. Strategic Plan Framework – review, revisions, tactical plan development, next steps

5.3. Reports from ADAC member representative organization

5.4. ADAC update to North Cariboo Rural Caucus and CRD Board

5.5. Food Safety Act - Meat Inspection Regulation: in effect on October 1, 2021 [Meat inspection and licensing - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

5.6. Water Sustainability Act: [Water Sustainability Act - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)  
Existing **groundwater** users who are now required to apply for a license will be exempt from paying the application fee until March 1, 2022.

**6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Ag Working Group Administration Report

6.2 FARMED Rural Dividend Project

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 Email Communications:

7.1.1 2021 August 19 - David Schmutz; Cariboo district relocation inquiry

7.1.2 2021 July 6 - Joanne Taylor; UBC-Okanagan-Climate Change Adaptation and Food Security Policy

7.1.3 2021 June 30 - ?Esdilagh First Nations

7.1.4 2021 April 12 - John Salewiski; Wild Fire Service presentation

**8. ROUNDTABLE**

**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting:

Agenda Submission Deadline:

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subject that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

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**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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christa Pooley, Chair	BC Forage Council
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Matt Ziemer	Horticulture
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
Erin Durrell	?Esdilagh First Nation
Reanne Sanford	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2021-63

It was moved and seconded

**That the April 8, 2021 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2021-64

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated March 4, 2021 be adopted.**

CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1.1.Nominations for Secretary of ADAC:

There was a call for nominations to the position of Secretary for a 1-year term. Martin Rossmann was nominated for the position by Christa Pooley and elected by acclamation.

5.2. ADAC Agriculture Area Plan:

An update on the Agriculture Area Plan noted that Shivani Sajwan will be taking on the role of CRD Manager of Planning Services until July, while Nigel Whitehead is on leave. Work on applying for funding for the Agriculture Plan from the Investment Agriculture Foundation's Local Government Partnership Program (LGPP) is proceeding with support from the CRD grant writer.

During the follow up discussion it was noted that one of the criteria to be eligible for funding under the LGPP, is to have an active Agricultural Advisory Committee. John Massier noted the number of letters of support for the application is limited, and felt it would be important to have letters from each of the 3 sub-regions of the Cariboo. If approved, funding would be provided in 2022 and it would be good to see the ADAC start the process, including the development of a Terms of Reference and initiating regional outreach.

5.3. ADAC Strategic Planning: review, planning for Session #3 and next steps

The third Strategic Planning session will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom. The committee members felt the process was working well. The members recommended that the invitation to this session be sent to those who participated in the first 2 sessions, to provide continuity to the planning process.

5.4. ADAC Sub-committee - Kwantlen Polytech University Organic Extension Service Endorsement

The Kwantlen Polytech University will have a delegation presenting their proposal for Organic Agricultural Extension services to the CRD Board at 10:30 am on April 16<sup>th</sup>. As a result, the CRD Board decided this morning to defer their decision on the KPU request to the May 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. ADAC members are invited to listen to the KPU presentation at the CRD Board meeting on April 16, and then formulate their comments and provide by April 27<sup>th</sup>, in advance of the May 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

John mentioned that if ADAC members have questions for the KPU delegation they could be sent in ahead of time, to Director Mary Sjostrom.

Tim mentioned he is curious about the role of the university and the collaboration efforts. Would there be a role for the regional college and what is the potential for that, in that we would have feet on the ground; i.e., data collection process. Christa also has questions about the role of the Cariboo Agricultural Research Alliance.

5.5. Reports from ADAC member representative organization

BC Forage Council has recorded 5 webinars presented in February and March. The recorded webinars can be accessed through the BC Forage Council website. Link: [B.C. Forage Council – Promoting the growth and development of a viable forage industry for domestic and export markets.](#)

Christa noted there was lots of information presented and welcomed the opportunity to review the webinars again.

5.6. Other:

5.6.1 MAFF: Meat Production Modernization

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During discussion in regards to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries fact sheet, it was noted that the Minister's goal is to produce as much local food as possible, balanced with the safety of meat processing. The ministry is taking a gradual approach to increasing experience with class D & E licenses, and then try to build larger plants. The ministry staff are still waiting for a report to provide more information, before final decisions are made.

The Ministry reduced travel restrictions for Class E from two hours to one-hour from a Class A or B facility, and it was recognized that producers will have to make a decision as to whether they will apply to do on farm slaughter with a Class E license or use an abattoir. Clarification is needed as to whether producers with a Class D or E license can sell their product outside the region.

The latest survey shows that Canada is still rated as having high standards in food production, but that most people do not want to work in the agriculture industry, whether for meat processing, weeding, harvesting, etc. More training is needed in the cut and wrap sector.

#### 5.6.2 Request for letter of support for the CRD Agriculture Plan

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee provide a letter of support for the Cariboo Regional District application to the Investment Agriculture Foundation's Local Government Partnership Program Agriculture Area Plan.**

CARRIED

#### 5.6.3 John Salewski is the Wildfire Officer for BC Wildfire Service and manages the Quesnel Zone office at the airport. After a presentation by John, Erin Robinson, the Forestry Initiatives Manager thought ADAC might find the presentation useful for its members.

The committee members felt the presentation would be helpful, but with the busy production season coming up it may be difficult to schedule a meeting presentation. The members suggested contacting John Salewski, to see if a representative might be invited to the next presentation and the information shared with the group.

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report

The 2021 ADAC budget 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenditures were reviewed.

A plan to consolidate and format the ADAC Assessment and Strategic Plan information and move forward the Agriculture Plan Terms of Reference was reviewed.

### 6.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update

The Agriculture Education Program (AEP) Project Management Team had a meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with AITC Teacher Ambassador and AEP Facilitator. An agreement with FARMED and the facilitator has been signed to complete the program by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1. Email: 2021 March 18 communication from CRD Planning Services re: Kwantlen Polytech University Organic Extension Service Endorsement

### 7.2. Upcoming events

Part A - April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 **Wildfire Preparedness Workshop Series for Farmers & Ranchers**

This two-part workshop series will walk through key elements of

Part B - April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 wildfire preparedness and risk reduction for farms and ranches.  
12-1:30pm The lunchtime sessions will also cover key content in the [Farm/Ranch wildfire guide and workbook](#).  
Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wildfire-preparedness-workshops-for-farmers-ranchers-tickets-147671345971>

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

Lynda provided an update on the AgriStability program. AgriStability is one of the business risk management programs under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. It protects Canadian producers against large declines in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions.

AgriStability is a margin-based program designed to help producers manage large income declines. The important changes to AgriStability for 2020 and 2021 are noted.

On March 25, 2021, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture agreed to the following changes to the AgriStability program:

- the reference margin limit has been removed retroactive to the 2020 program year
- the deadline to enrol for the 2021 program year has been extended from April 30 to June 30, 2021

In addition to the above changes, other important changes were made to AgriStability starting with the 2020 program year.

1. a change to the treatment of private insurance indemnity payments
2. a cash reference margin pilot project

## 9. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

## 10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 pm

Next Meetings:

- Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 pm – ADAC sub-committee meeting re: Comments on Kwantlen Polytech University Organic Extension Service Endorsement
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7 pm – ADAC sub-committee meeting re: Strategic Planning document

Agenda Submission Deadline:

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C. Pooley, Chair

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