

## **Membership Information**

In British Columbia there are over 40 Agricultural Advisory Committees, which function similarly to other advisory committees of municipal councils or regional districts. Members are predominantly drawn from the farm and ranching community and the committee focuses on agricultural issues. Agricultural Advisory Committee members serve in a volunteer capacity and are appointed by the local government. [aac\\_list.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

The Cariboo Regional District approved the formation of a North Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee through the North Cariboo economic development function and the adoption on April 13, 2018 of the CRD North Cariboo Rural Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 5137, 2018. On November 19, 2021 the CRD Board approved the region wide expansion of the committee, covering all electoral areas.

With the approval of a \$40,000 grant application from the Investment Agriculture Foundation, and the CRD contributing an additional \$40,000 to the project, the CRD and ADAC are moving forward with the development of a region-wide Cariboo Agricultural Area Plan (AAP).

The purpose of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee includes:

- Partnering with local government to further economic development and build critical mass within the industry;
- Providing a coordinating body for accessing funding for major projects;
- Providing links between producers, processors, agriculture organizations, Farmers Institutes and government at all levels;
- Raising awareness of agriculture; and
- Enhancing an understanding of agriculture's role in the local and/or regional economy.

The following matters may also be referred to the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee by the Board of Directors, for its consideration and advice:

- Farm' edge' policies;
- Agricultural area plans;

- Legislation to identify improvements to support agriculture;
- Official community plans within or impacting the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) or for agricultural uses.

ADAC members serve a 2-year term as a representative of one of the following organizations, which are subject to change to meet the needs of the agriculture industry:

- one member representing cattle ranching;
- one member representing forage;
- one member representing horticulture and vegetable producers;
- one member representing farmer's markets;
- two to eight members representing agricultural economics, agroforestry, farmers institutes, post-secondary institutes, First Nations, or any other major agricultural sector producing in the Cariboo;
- one member representing the Agrologist profession.

The Committee shall meet up to six times per year in person, virtually or by conference call, and may add additional meetings at the call of the Chair. Additional meetings may be required to consider agriculture related special requests or inquiries from the CRD Board. Often these meetings are held as a sub-committee with the expectation that ADAC members with a knowledge of these matters will be in attendance. As ADAC is acting in the role of steering committee for the development of the Cariboo Agricultural Area Plan, there may be the requirement for additional meetings to be held in 2022.

A member binder will be provided electronically and will include information pertinent to the role of ADAC membership and their duties. Expenses related to carrying out the duties as a committee member, such as travel and printing costs, may be reimbursed upon submission of travel records, cheque requisition and receipts.

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, please email [caribooadac1@gmail.com](mailto:caribooadac1@gmail.com). For more information on the ADAC including the current bylaw and the minutes of past meetings go to [Agricultural Development Advisory Committee - Cariboo Regional District \(cariboord.ca\)](http://Agricultural Development Advisory Committee - Cariboo Regional District (cariboord.ca))