

Cariboo Regional District

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
INAUGURAL MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held on June 19, 2018 at 6:00pm at Bowron Room, Natural Resource Building (FLNROD), 322 Johnston Ave, Quesnel, BC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Rob Borsato	Quesnel Farmers Market
Sheri Schweb	BC Forage Council
Morgan Ross	College of New Caledonia
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture
John Massier	CRD Liaison

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Fogarty, Liaison	Agriculture Working Group
Adam Schaan	Facilitator
Ty Jasper	Facilitator
Wilma Watkins	Agriculture Working Group

REGRETS

Erin Durrell	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Roy Josephy	Horticulture
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2018-01

It was moved and seconded

That the June 19, 2018 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as amended to include discussion on the need for a Memorandum of Understanding between ADAC and FARMED and request for a Letter of Support – Greenhouse Project.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – nil

4. DELEGATIONS - nil

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Welcome and Introductions

Lori Fogarty, team leader of the North Cariboo Agricultural Marketing Association (dba FARMED)-

Agriculture Working Group opened the meeting by thanking all members for attending and agreeing to participate in this important Committee. It was confirmed that all present had received their Agricultural Advisory Development Committee (ADAC) binders.

5.1. **Facilitator Team Update: Sonoran Resource Management Ltd.**

Brief discussion of Rural Dividend Project Development Grant budget. No changes suggested.

Introduction of facilitators- Sonoran Resource Management Ltd.

Lori provided a review of the scope of the facilitator role.

5.2. **ADAC Strategic Plan**

Discussion about grants for the Quesnel Agriculture Centre business plan. Still awaiting a response from Amy at City of Quesnel regarding their discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Nicole noted the opportunities with the Agriculture Area Planning Program.

Lori brought up grant opportunities via BC Rural Dividend and Cariboo Strong.

Nicole elaborated on marketing & land use plan eligibility through the Agriculture Area Planning Program.

Morgan provided an update of CNC greenhouse facilities.

Sheri brought up field education days & frequency of meetings. There is an increase in land & soil interest, examining new & alternative methods & practices. Best to do field days on the land rather than in a classroom.

Discussion on abattoir and the need to communicate with the City of Quesnel on their perspective.

Discussion about SD 28 farm education days for students and teachers.

Discussion about Kersley Farmers Institute grant proposal for the building of a greenhouse at Correlieu Secondary School. Conversation about the problems of funding, ownership and insurance.

Nicole mentioned that the Ministry of Agriculture has existing school agriculture workshops in Prince George.

5.3. **Appointment of Executive Positions for 2018-2019 Committee**

5.3.1. Chair

Martin Rossmann - Chair (ELECTED)

5.3.2. Secretary

Sheri Schweb - Secretary (ELECTED)

5.3.3. Treasurer

Rob Borsato - Treasurer (ELECTED)

5.4. **Adoption of Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

R/2018-02

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee terms of reference be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.5. **Adoption of Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Relationship Structure**

R/2018-03

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee relationship structure be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.6. **Quesnel Ag Centre Steering Committee**

No update from the City of Quesnel

Nicole mentioned the existence of a general economic development document through City of Quesnel which is broken down by sector

Rob brought up opportunity of bridging high school to CNC. Morgan confirmed that CNC is looking into curriculum & programs in conjunction with Correlieu Secondary School.

5.7. **CRD Liaison Report**

Director Massier confirmed that the CRD will provide a dedicated conference call system.

Director Massier will inquire into the CRD developing an ADAC webpage.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. **Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Budget**

Lori reviewed the budget allocation for the 2018 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee budget administered by the Cariboo Regional District. The budget will be used to cover travel to meetings for committee members, catering as required, and administrative functions.

6.2. **Memorandum of Understanding FARMED / ADAC**

The concept of a memorandum of understanding between FARMED and ADAC was discussed and found to being redundant.

The terms identified by Emily Colombo in the Relationship Structure are sufficient to define roles.

It was noted that Emily's title is now Regional Economic Development Officer (Cariboo region) under the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. This amendment to the document will be made.

6.3. **Letter of Support – Greenhouse Project**

Discussion about the Greenhouse Project and Sue Ellen Miller lobbying to have the greenhouse located at Correlieu Secondary School to set up an agriculture program through Earl Tourangeau

Discussion of letter of support for greenhouse project at Correlieu from ADAC.

Discussion about high school greenhouse project working with a senior's program to expand funding. Issues with liability and non-profit status were identified by the group.

If the project moves forward a letter of support for the project could be provided.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - nil

7.1. Upcoming Events - nil

8. ROUNDTABLE

What projects might work for current funding opportunities?

Discussion about Correlieu Greenhouse warming system; natural gas vs. pellets.

Sheri asked ADAC what would make sense to attract and promote interest with Grade 9, 10 and 11 students to push agriculture as an elective.

Rob brought up consulting with educators on pushing agriculture as an elective.

Sheri suggested that a forage research test farm might fit the rural dividend funding criteria.

Discussion about Community Futures funding and Integris Credit Union funding.

Discussion about Farm Pilot Project scope and how this may fit with short - medium term funding.

Martin suggested a September farm visit at Sheri's farm in 2019 through career prep and through an Agriculture class in subsequent years.

Martin suggested selling Agriculture to students through high tech aspects.

Recommendation to move forward on an Agriculture Education Program.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00pm

11. NEXT MEETING

July 19, 2018, 8am via conference call



M. Rossmann, Chair

/as