

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held via Conference Call on August 29, 2018 at 8:00am

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
Rob Borsato, Treasurer	Quesnel Farmers Market
Roy Josephy	Horticulture
Sheri Schweb, Secretary	BC Forage Council
Erin Durrell	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Morgan Ross	College of New Caledonia

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Fogarty, Liaison	Agriculture Working Group
Adam Schaan	Facilitator
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group
Ty Jasper	Facilitator

REGRETS

Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2018-06

It was moved and seconded

That the August 29, 2018 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2018-07

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated July 19, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS - nil

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Quesnel Agriculture Centre Progress Report

A hiring committee composed of Amy Reid, Robyn Hay and Lori Fogarty reviewed 3 proposals and after a conference interview hired Greenchain Consulting a team composed of Darren Stott, lead; David Van Seters of Sustainability Ventures and Janine De la Salle of Urban Food Strategies. This company has direct relevant experience in preparing business plans for a wide range of local food enterprises as well as the food retail industry, local food delivery, and food system planning. They hope to start the project in mid-September and plan a completion date of December 21.

The steering committee will be directly involved in providing input to the team starting with a video conference call in mid-September. They will visit Quesnel 3 times to conduct partner workshops, stakeholder needs workshops and a presentation of the final draft business plan to the steering committee. They also plan to conduct 6 one on one interviews with potential partners.

If you are interested, Lori will email their proposal to you for review.

5.2. **BC Forage Council Field Day report**

Adam provided a summary of the event stating that it was a success with upwards of 80 participants. The BC Forage Council will explore the option of hosting a 2-day event next year.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. **FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development grant application – Agriculture Education Program**

The Rural Dividend grant application was completed and sent in on July 30th. The decision as to acceptance of the application will come in late November. The application for Integris has been reviewed and should be fairly easy to prepare. The focus of this application will be to support the Ag Education program through the funding of student field trips, demonstrations and field days. I decided not to apply for this grant yet, since the application will be stronger if we get approval from Rural Dividend first and Integris has an open application process and a timely approval process

6.2. **Facilitator Team Report**

The facilitator team will be working closely in conjunction with Green Chain Consulting in the planning and implementation of consulting with agriculture stakeholders this fall and winter.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - nil

7.1. Upcoming Events - nil

8. ROUNDTABLE - nil

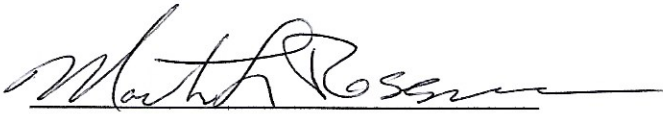
9. QUESTION PERIOD - nil

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00am

11. NEXT MEETING

To consider – Ag Centre Steering Committee will be meeting several times and many ADAC members and producers will be involved in this process. A doodle poll will be sent out near the end of September for a conference call meeting in October. Members will decide on next meeting by 3rd week in October for mid-late November. We may also have information on

the grant application by then. This would be an in- person meeting with lunch provided.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rossmann", written over a horizontal line.

M. Rossmann, Chair

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