

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 October 17, 2018 at 8:00am

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
Rob Borsato, Treasurer	Quesnel Farmers Market
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DELEGATION MEMBER PRESENT

Samantha Charlton	Climate Action Initiative
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REGRETS

Roy Josephy	Horticulture
Sheri Schweb, Secretary	BC Forage Council
Erin Durrell	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Morgan Ross	College of New Caledonia
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group
Ty Jasper	Facilitator
John Massier	CRD Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was noted that there was not a quorum for this conference call meeting. The meeting proceeded as discussion only.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

4. DELEGATIONS

Samantha Charlton of the Climate Adaptation Initiative on the Cariboo - Tabled

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Quesnel Agriculture Centre Progress Report: Lori Fogarty

Coordination between Greenchain, City Economic Development Officer and ADAC facilitator / AWG has taken place. Partner meetings were held on Oct 9 & 10 with good turnout and representation from groups both in the North Cariboo and regionally. Members of the Agriculture Centre steering committee met with the consulting team to add further direction and clarification to the partner discussions.

The next set of meetings on October 29 and 30 will focus on producer, processor, and purchaser in the local agriculture sector to better understand their needs. Please ensure your representative association / organization is aware of this opportunity to provide input and that a representative is present at one of the meetings.

5.2. **Update on new regional Agrologists: Nicole Pressey**

I am extremely excited to announce that we have some new staff joining the Agriculture Team for the Cariboo.

Lavona Liggins is the new Regional Team Lead, and my new supervisor. Lavona joined AGRI in 2013, after many years with Agriculture Canada in Kamloops. As the Regional Agrologist in Prince George, Lavona supported numerous producers, industry associations and local governments along Highway 16. The Regional Team Lead will be responsible for leadership of several regional Agrologists in the Cariboo and Southern Interior with a strong emphasis on wildfire recovery. Lavona will be relocating to Kamloops this fall.

Katie Galliazzo A.Ag will be joining the Williams Lake office October 9. Katie is originally from Lillooet and is a graduate from the University of the Fraser Valley. For the past several months, she has been a junior verifier with AgriStability in Abbotsford.

Marisa Nightingale is in the final stages of her A.Ag period and will receive her P. Ag designation in October. Marisa is a UNBC graduate with numerous years of experience as a land use planner with Regional District of Fraser Ft George (PG).

Both positions will be based from Williams Lake with Nicole Pressey as the supervisor; however, Marisa will also work on a partial basis from the FLNRORD Quesnel office as her home is in Quesnel.

I intend to have one or both Katie and Marisa attend the fall meetings with the Cariboo associations. Nicole requested ADAC members submit ideas on specific supports that may be provided by Cariboo Agrologists.

5.3. **Reports from ADAC member representative organization**

Tabled

5.4. **Request for meeting with ADAC from MP Todd Doherty on issues or concerns to be brought to his attention**

MP Todd Doherty requested a meeting with the Agriculture Working Group and ADAC to discuss issues or concerns to be brought to his attention during a meeting scheduled on November 15 from 2-2:45 pm

CDI sponsored Northern BC Agrifoods Industry Needs Assessment: focus group or one-on-one interview for a project identifying for the Ministry targeted resources and supports that will address the needs of northern BC agriculture producers and food and beverage processors,

including awareness of market potential in other areas of the province-November 2, Community Futures, Quesnel

Martin Rossmann suggested setting a meeting date to discuss the issues and recommendations and prepare a paper to present at the provincially focused agriculture meeting with the CDI on November 2nd and the Federally focused agriculture meeting with MP Todd Doherty on November 15th. The meeting is scheduled for October 24th from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Natural Resource Building.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. ADAC Administration Report – coordination with ADAC, website brochure, budget

Tabled

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Upcoming Events

October 18, 2018 2 – 3:30pm	Agriculture Centre Steering Committee Meeting Fraser Room, City Hall
October 29, 2018 1:30 – 3:30pm 6:00 – 8:00pm	Agriculture Centre Producer Meetings To Be Determined
November 1, 2018 10:30am – 12:00pm	Agriculture Working Group Meeting Natural Resource Building
November 6, 2018 2 – 3:30pm	Agriculture Centre Steering Committee Meeting To Be Determined
November 15, 2018 2-2:45pm	MP Todd Doherty Meeting Spirit Square
November 21, 2018 9:00 am - 4:00pm	Disruptive Ideas the Drive Innovation & Trends and Trade Opportunities in Beef Market; Legion Hall
December 10, 2018 2 – 3:30pm	Agriculture Centre Steering Committee Meeting To Be Determined

8. ROUNDTABLE - nil

9. QUESTION PERIOD - nil

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00am

11. NEXT MEETING

In-person meeting in November is being scheduled. The time of the meeting is flexible, but the members seem to prefer a morning meeting. Possible dates will be doodled to the ADAC members by Adam and include:

- Tuesday, November 13th from 9 am – 1 pm (lunch provided)
 - Wednesday, November 14th from 9 am – 1 pm (lunch provided)
 - Thursday, November 22nd from 9 am – 1 pm (lunch provided)
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M. Rossmann, Chair

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