

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 December 17, 2018 at 8:00 am

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
Rob Borsato, Treasurer	Quesnel Farmers Market
Roy Josephy	Horticulture Sector
Sheri Schweb, Secretary	BC Forage Council
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

Erin Durrell	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
Samantha Charlton	Climate Adaptation Initiative

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2018-10

It was moved and seconded

That the December 17, 2018 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2018-11

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated November 13, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Samantha Charlton – Climate Adaptation Initiative - Tabled

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Quesnel Agriculture Centre Business Plan Update

The Open House was held on Dec 10 followed by an Agriculture Centre Steering Committee meeting. The information gathered at these 2 events will be incorporated into the final business plan. A high-level implementation plan is included and suggests the next step is to form a pre-launch steering committee made up of a diverse group of key stakeholders to provide an overall governance structure until a Society is incorporated and a Board of Directors established. The City of Quesnel will need support from the ADAC in the formation of this Steering Committee. The committee members developed a process to assist the city's Economic Development Officer with the establishment of this steering committee in 2019.

5.2. ADAC representative from College of New Caledonia

Lynda Atkinson reported she has been in contact with Gayle Campbell, the Program Planner at the College of New Caledonia – Quesnel Campus. Gayle would be interested in being the CNC representative on the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee. The support team will proceed with contacting CNC-Prince George administration to initiate the approval process.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Ag Working Group Administration Report

CRD budget year ends on December 31st. ADAC members recommended writing a letter to the North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus requesting a roll over of remaining 2018 funds into 2019.

The CRD ADAC webpage has been developed and is available at www.cariboord.ca/agriculture. ADAC meetings will be posted to the CRD calendar and agenda / minutes will be posted to the webpage once approved. This will provide an opportunity for attendance and input or questions by members of the public at ADAC meetings.

The ADAC brochure is now going through the final stage of completion in preparation for printing. Quotes range from 500 copies at \$368 and 1000 copies at \$528 plus taxes. Distribution of the brochure was discussed.

R/2018-12

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee allocate up to \$600 to print 1000 copies of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee brochure.

CARRIED

6.2 FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development grant application

Rural Dividend website has no updates on the status of the July application intakes.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Email communication:

R/2018-13

It was moved and seconded

That the email correspondence from George Powell dated November 23, 2018 in regards to his comments to the updates of the 2008 CCBAC Agriculture Sector Strategy Recommendations be received.

CARRIED

R/2018-14

It was moved and seconded

That the email correspondence from Tyler Jasper dated November 22 in regards to ADAC membership, BC Farm Business Advisory Program and Extensive Land Leases be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming Events

January 15, 2019 NOON - 2:30pm	ADAC Meeting Natural Resource Building Bowron Room
January 15, 2019 3:00pm	North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus – ADAC Update CRD Office – St. Laurent Street
February 2, 2019 9:30am – 3:30pm	Kersley Farmers Institute Speakers Workshop College of New Caledonia
February 25, 2019 6:30 – 8:30pm	ADAC Meeting Natural Resource Building Bowron Room

8. ROUNDTABLE

Lynda Atkinson reported she was in contact with Patricia Tonn, the Executive Director of the Ag in the Classroom (AITC) Foundation in regards to presenting workshops at the SD 28 Quesnel non-instruction day on January 28th, 2019. Pat indicated they could send their teacher on staff, Amy Shafer to make two-2hour presentations; one to elementary and another to secondary school teachers, and provide an information session and AITC interactive workshop activities. Pat requested funding support for travel for this presentation, which can be provided by the FARMED ADAC Rural Dividend Project Development program, which is mandated to support ADCA strategic plan recommendations.


Meeting dates, times and locations for January and February 2019 were decided.

9. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:28am

11. NEXT MEETING

January 15, 2019 – 12pm



M. Rossmann, Chair