

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, held in Bowron Room, of the Natural Resource Building on January 15, 2019 at 12:00 pm

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 Cattlemen's Association
Sonya Spiers/Gayle Campbell	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
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

GUESTS

Amy Reid	City of Quesnel Economic Development Officer
Samantha Charlton	Climate Adaptation Initiative

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2019-15

It was moved and seconded

That the January 15, 2019 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2019-16

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated December 17, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 Samantha Charlton of the Climate Adaptation Initiative reported by conference call on the 3 new initiatives being undertaken by the organization, which include the *Livestock surface water and forage risk assessment tool extension and engagement*; the *Agricultural Pest Identification and Management tools for the Cariboo*; and the *Applied Adaptation Research Strategic Plan*.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. ADAC representative from College of New Caledonia

Committee members welcomed Sonya Spiers, the Operations Manager at College of New Caledonia-Quesnel Campus as a temporary member of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, until a replacement for the CNC Regional Principal position is filled. Gayle Campbell, Project Planner is also in attendance today and will act as an alternate for Sonya.

Nicole Pressey asked about the progress of the Sea Can unit and Sonya noted there is internal discussion on hook-up and funding for the facility.

Lynda Atkinson wondered if there might be an opportunity to offer courses on AI. Erin Durrell mentioned a Bovine AI workshop is offered at Fox Dairy. Gayle Campbell will take this information back to the College.

5.2. Ag in the Classroom – January 28th presentation to School District 28 staff

The Agriculture Working Group has been in communication with Pat Tonn, Executive Director of the Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) Program based out of the Ministry of Agriculture office in Abbotsford. Amy Stafford, the AITC Education Specialist will present information to SD 28 Elementary and Secondary School teachers on the Non-instructional Day being held on January 28th at Correlieu Secondary.

5.3. ADAC Agriculture Area Plan

Members were informed that an Agriculture Area Plan helps in the strategic planning and is supportive to resourcing funding. The Cariboo Regional District would administer the plan.

5.4. ADAC Strategic Plan 2019

- Regional Ag Centre business plan
- Ag in the Classroom Education Program
- Agriculture Area Plan
- Other: Agriculture investment; Agriculture Producer “Crisis Line”; Abattoir(s)

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Ag Working Group Administration Report

The Agriculture Development Advisory Committee webpage on the CRD website has been set up and may be accessed at www.cariboord.ca/agriculture. ADAC agendas and minutes will be posted to the webpage and the ADAC meeting dates and times are posted on the CRD calendar. The ADAC brochure has been printed and is ready for distribution.

Year end for the ADAC budget is December 2018. All invoices for the 2018 budget have been submitted to the CRD.

Allocation of 2019 funding for the ADAC budget:

- Travel expenses for members
- Catering for meetings

- Administration
- Meeting preparation, minutes and communication
- Other – special projects such as agriculture education, support for new entrants to agriculture

6.2 FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development grant application update

The Rural Dividend program has not yet indicated the status of the Agriculture Education Program grant application.

The 2018 Ag Centre / ADAC Rural Dividend Project Development grant is nearing completion. Sonoran Resource Management has submitted a letter to indicate they will not be able continue working on the project as they have other projects to focus on.

R/2019-17

It was moved and seconded

That the Agriculture Development Advisory Committee contract Lori Fogarty to complete the term relinquished by Sonoran Resource Management under the Ag Centre / ADAC / Rural Dividend Project Development grant, and that Lori be compensated at the same rate.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from ADAC submitted to North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus January 15th meeting agenda;

Email communication:

Tyler Jasper – November 22, 2018; ADAC members recommend Tyler be invited to an ADAC meeting to speak to the items noted in the email.

George Powell – November 23, 2018; ADAC members recommended including the suggestions provided by George in the Agriculture Area Plan.

7.2 Upcoming Events

January 15, 2019 3:00 pm	North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus – ADAC Update CRD Office – St. Laurent Street
January 26, 2019	Financial Workshop "Top 10 Farm Financial Mistakes & How to Avoid Them" Quesnel Seniors Centre
January 28, 2019 Morning Session 8:30 – 11:30 am Afternoon Session 12:30 – 3 pm	Agriculture in the Classroom Information Sessions School District 28 Non-Instructional Day Location – Correlieu Secondary School
January 31, 2019 8:30 am – 3 pm	Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness Workshop in Quesnel Quesnel Fire Hall – Kinchant Street

February 2, 2019 9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Kersley Farmers Institute Speakers Workshop College of New Caledonia
February 9 & 10, 2019	Young Agrarians Workshops Williams Lake
February 25, 2019 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ADAC Meeting Natural Resource Building Bowron Room
March 25, 2019 10 am - noon	ADAC Meeting Natural Resource Building Bowron Room
March 29, 2019	Due date for non-domestic, non-livestock water use application.

8. ROUNDTABLE

Regional Agri-food Centre Business Plan Update

Amy Reid thanked the committee for their support during the Regional Agri-food Centre business plan consultation process. The consultants continue to work on the business plan incorporating the steering committee recommendations and information gained at the Open House. They anticipate completion of the business plan by January 31st.

9. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT – 3:00 pm



M. ROSSMANN, CHAIR

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