

**Cariboo Regional District**

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via conference call on April 25, 2019 at 8:30am

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
Rob Borsato, Treasurer	Quesnel Farmers Market
Roy Josephy	Horticulture
Erin Durrell	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
Tim Lofstrom	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
Carey Ekelund	ADAC Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS**

Sheri Schweb, Secretary	BC Forage Council
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-24

It was moved and seconded

**That the April 25, 2019 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2019-25

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated March 25, 2019 be adopted.**

CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Regional Agri-food Centre Business Plan <https://www.quesnel.ca/city-hall/major-initiatives/agriculture-centre-business-plan>

No current update

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Agriculture Education Program Update

Carey Ekelund has started contacting interested teachers to help connect them with Agricultural programming.

Both Nicole Pressey and Erin Durrell have been in contact with others in different areas communicating about the Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) programming. The AITC presentation in Quesnel and the lack of programming pertaining to animal production was brought up. Discussion of this topic followed, general consensus being that many different people/districts/committees will be communicating about this in the near future and hopefully changes will start to show in the curriculum and programming.

Nicole Pressey is wondering about bringing information about the Agriculture Sustainable Ranching (ASUR) program to secondary classrooms. She also shared information about the AITC programming for grade 11-12 students and how to increase usage of all educational resources from the AITC – this focused on the importance of finding a champion within our schools and community.

Lynda Atkinson advised that she met with Fertilizer Canada and that they have an employee dedicated to education and may have valuable resources that she recommended be looked into and used.

The importance of communicating between involved groups was discussed, and it was voiced that all involved should continue to report back to ADAC so committee members can stay updated on all activities being supported.

### 6.2. ADAC First Nations Communications and Engagement Strategy

The First Nations Communication and Engagement Strategy was reviewed by committee members and they agreed upon the importance of face-to-face contact and also put forward that an introductory letter should be sent out to First Nation Communities describing the ADAC and its purpose.

Lori noted a request has come from the Cariboo Agriculture Research Alliance and the Climate Action Initiative to use the information in this report.

Committee members noted that as a public committee within the CRD all documents are already posted publicly and so really it is not a departure from current practice but also that the report has a lot of good information that should be utilized by others and so ADAC fully supports information sharing.

Lori Fogarty confirmed that she will draft an introductory letter to be brought back to the committee for their review.

R/2019-26

It was moved and seconded

**That the ADAC First Nations Communication and Engagement Strategy report will be shared publicly.**

CARRIED

6.3. Agriculture Working Group Administration Report

Lori Fogarty advised that she will be sending out travel expenses to ADAC members for their approval. She also advised that the hiring of Carey Ekelund as administrative assistant for the ADAC is finalized. Lori confirmed she is finishing the presentation for the CRD board meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will send it out for committee members to review several weeks before they are to present.

The resignation of the committee member representative for the BC Forage Council was discussed. The bylaw was reviewed to provide clarification on the possible options available to the committee. Committee members voiced an interest in the inclusion of a First nations representative on the ADAC, if possible. Serena will be contacted for names of possible representatives from the Forage Council.

Lori Fogarty brought forward the option to resubmit the special circumstances letter submitted last year to Rural Dividend. Questions about the criteria for special circumstance came forward as well as questions as to details with the letter. Lori quickly summarized the requests in the letter and it was agreed that she will resend the letter to ADAC members to look over. It was suggested this be included in the presentation to the June 7<sup>th</sup> CRD Board meeting, with a request for guidance from the CRD board.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. Email communication

March 26, 2019 Tyler Jasper email with attached letter

R/2019-27

It was moved and seconded

**That the correspondence from Tyler Jasper emailed on March 26, 2019 be officially received by ADAC.**

CARRIED

7.2. Upcoming events

May 14, 2019 5:30 – 7pm	CRD sponsored North Cariboo Info Fair Barlow Creek Community Hall – 3810 Trembley Road, Quesnel
May 15, 2019 6:15pm	School District 28 Board Meeting presentation for ADAC awareness including an Agriculture Education update
May 23-25, 2019	BC Cattleman’s 2019 AGM 525 Proctor Street, Williams Lake
June 1, 2019	National Farm Animal Care Council Codes of Practice BC Regulation referencing comes into force
June 7, 2019	ADAC Presentation to the CRD Board of Directors Quesnel
Apr 30 – May 1, 2019	Food Processor seminar at TRU – Erin Durrell asked that the

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committee members spread the news of this event as sign-up is currently very low due to the timing of the workshop.

**8. ROUNDTABLE**

Committee member asked if it would be possible to have agendas and any attachments as separate documents to help with file organization. Lori Fogarty and/ or Carey Ekelund will now send the agenda (still including attachments as per requirements) and also separate documents.

Information of possible seed shortages was brought forward and the importance of getting seed orders in was discussed.

Announcement/reminder of 1st Farmers Market May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

**10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:45am**

Next Meeting – To Be Determined



M. Rossmann, Chair

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