

**Cariboo Regional District**

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held in the Bowron Room of the Natural Resource Building on February 12th, 2020 at 10:00am

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
CRD Director John Massier	CRD Liaison
Erin Durrell	BC Cattlemen's Association
Roy Josephy	Horticulture
Rob Borsato, Treasurer	Quesnel Farmers Market
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture
Serena Black	BC Forage Council

**SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lori Fogarty, Liaison	Agriculture Working Group
Wilma Watkin	Agriculture Working Group
Carey Ekelund	ADAC Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Christa Pooley	Crystal Creek Land and Cattle
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**REGRETS**

Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia – Quesnel
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Martin Rossmann announced the addition of Bill 52 Changes to the ALC Act and Regulations to section 5.3.1 of the agenda

R/2020-42

It was moved and seconded

**That the amended February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2020-43

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated November 21st, 2019 and circulated via email be adopted.**

CARRIED

#### 4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

#### 5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### 5.1. ADAC member representation; two-year term member update

As it was the first meeting of 2020 a new chair had to be elected. Martin Rossman was nominated and accepted on the condition that he prefers not to be the public spokesperson for the group. It was recommended that a vice-chair be elected – Rob Borsato was nominated and accepted.

R/2020-44

It was moved and seconded

**That Martin Rossman be nominated and sustained as the Chairman of the ADAC for the 2020 year.**

CARRIED

R/2020-45

It was moved and seconded

**That Rob Borsato be nominated and sustained as the vice-chairman of the ADAC for the 2020 year.**

CARRIED

Roy Josephy will not be renewing his 2-year term as the ADAC member representing horticulture. Members agreed to put a public call-out for new members and also follow-up on specific leads given by members. The committee thanked Roy for representing the horticulture sector since the establishment of ADAC in 2018.

Serena Black, who has been serving as the interim representative for the BC Forage Council, advised that the council would prefer to have a producer sitting as their representative on the ADAC and that Christa Pooley will be put forward at the Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 BC Forage Council meeting to be voted in as their ADAC representative.

Erin Durrell has been working with the ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Indian Band) and advised that they are working to increase their agriculture production. They are interested in having a representative sit on the ADAC. Discussion continued about the importance of having a First Nations representative and the best way to go about recruiting for members. Currently the CRD Bylaw 5137 for ADAC specifies up to seven members can sit on the board. Members agreed that the committee should approach the CRD to have the bylaw changed to allow additional members. Members agreed to mailing out an ADAC information letter to the First Nation groups within our area and then following up with an email.

##### 5.2. Guardians of the Grasslands video presentation

Erin Durrell presented Guardians of the Grasslands video. A member of the agriculture community in Kamloops has been presenting the video in schools and receiving a good response and Erin advised that she is available to present to schools if those contacts can be made (video is password protected and not available to the public). Different possibilities were discussed as to how this could best be achieved – ideas included were using personal contacts, joining up with

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the AITC ambassador or coordinating with the agriculture education facilitator.

5.3. Agriculture Area Plan:

5.3.1 Agriculture Area plan update – John Massier. This CRD wide area plan is long term. John will be taking Nicole’s plan to the Committee of the Whole in June, in order to get input from other areas. If the CRD board approves they will look for funding sources for the 2021 budget.

5.3.2 Guest Presentation by Ian Hannah, a Land and Resource Specialist with FLNRORD, on the Quesnel District Land Management plan. Basic information on how the process will begin and the forming of committees and groups that will continue in the near future.

5.3.3 Bill 52 Secondary residences update. The committee discussed the proposed amendments and agreed that ADAC will form a sub-committee to review the amendments and prepare a submission to be reviewed at the next ADAC meeting.

5.4. Report on ADAC update to North Cariboo Rural Caucus

It was noted that motion (R/2020-40) approving the 2019 ADAC update to the North Cariboo Rural Caucus occurred on Feb 3rd via email.

The request by ADAC to roll over the unused portion of the 2019 budget to the 2020 budget was approved by the North Cariboo Rural Caucus. The Rural Caucus felt that the ADAC has been successful and helpful.

5.5. ADAC representative update: Delegates attending the Central Cariboo Rural Caucus, Feb 26 2020 Martin Rossman, Erin Durrell, Rob Borsato, Nicole Pressey, Lori Fogarty and Wilma Watkins plan to attend. Members felt that a representative from the ADAC should take an opportunity to speak briefly at the meeting to help show the benefits that have come from the committee.

5.6. Reports from ADAC member representative organizations

- Rob Borsato – Farmers Market is hiring new manager and also plans to host a Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) workshop at the Rec centre
- Kersley AGM – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ Spirit Square
- FARMED AGM – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ Craigs Table at noon
- Wilma Watkins – Local poultry abattoir is going through process to be sold and to re-open in June 2020.
- Nicole Pressey – Reported on the Premiers visit to Long Table Grocery and the presentation given about the Food Hub. Visit was successful with a very positive response.

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Ag Working Group Administration Report

Copies of the 2019 ADAC budget (unofficial) were distributed and the estimated 2020 budget allocation was reviewed.

ADAC Information Letter to be sent out to First Nations Groups.

R/2020-46

It was moved and seconded

**That the approved ADAC information letter be sent out to Chief and Council of First Nations communities within the North Cariboo.**

CARRIED

- 6.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development – Agriculture Education Program  
Ag Ed Program facilitator has developed and printed info cards to be given to teachers. Currently, visits have been scheduled to present to staff at four schools.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1. Communications

- 7.1.1 2020-01-07 Letter to North Cariboo Rural Caucus in regards to 2019 ADAC budget.
- 7.1.2 2020-01-20 Email Communication from Lindsay Blair; Community Development Coordinator for the City of Quesnel, requesting letter of support for the Food Innovation Hub. Motion to approve the letter (R/2020-41) was passed on February 3 2020 via email.

### 7.2. Upcoming events

February 10,2020 5:30 – 9:00pm	Forage Management Knowledge Transfer Events Kersley Community Hall
February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 10:00 – 11:00am	AgriService BC Webinars Record Keeping for your Farm Business <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriservice-bc/webinars">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriservice-bc/webinars</a>
March 10 – 13, 2020 Time and Location TBD	Canada GAP Certification Workshop – Quesnel To learn more about GAP certification and what it could mean to your operation, there is an AgriService BC Webinar on Farm Food Safety: How to Travel the Road to Certification <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49NSaIDP048&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49NSaIDP048&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

## 9. QUESTION PERIOD

Meeting date scheduled for ALR sub-committee – March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon. Location TBD

## 10. ADJOURNMENT – Erin Durrell moves adjournment at 1:30 pm

Next Meeting: March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 10am at the Natural Resource Building  
Agenda Submission Deadline: March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020



M. Rossmann, Chair

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