

**Cariboo Regional District**

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom, on February 12, 2021 at 8:30 am

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Martin Rossmann, Chair	Kersley Farmers Institute
Erin Durrell, Secretary	?Esdilagh First Nation
Matt Ziemer	Horticulture
Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
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

**REGRETS**

Desiree Stobbe	Quesnel Farmers Market
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2021-57

It was moved and seconded

**That the February 12, 2021 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2021-58

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated January 8, 2021 be adopted.**

CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1.1. ADAC member renewal update: The following member appointments have been approved by the CRD Board of Directors.

Term of Service	End of Term	Organization	Name
2-year	December 2022	Kersley Farmers Institute	Martin Rossmann
2-year	December 2022	?Esdilagh First Nation	Erin Durrell
2-year	December 2022	Quesnel Farmers' Market	Desiree Stobbe
2-year	December 2022	Post-Secondary Education-CNC	Tim Lofstrom
2-year	December 2022	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association	To be determined

Progress on selecting the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association ADAC member representative is being made.

- 1.2. Election of ADAC Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Martin Rossmann stepped down as ADAC Chair. There was a call for nominations to the position of Chair for a 1-year term.

Christa Pooley – Chair (Elected by acclamation)

The nominations for Treasurer and Secretary of ADAC will take place at the next ADAC meeting.

- 1.3. CNC update – Tim Lofstrom

Schools are still figuring out how to move forward with pandemic mitigation. Beginning in May most programs will be online, and at this time there is not a firm announcement of how the fall schedule will look as they are taking direction from Public Health Office.

Pluses and minuses with the process as a whole; Some students are having some difficulties and not experiencing the true college/university experience. Some are taking a pause and considering enrolling in full programs at a later date. On the plus side, there are now many more courses available than before, using an online platform. This is good for some, but others struggle with an online platform. CNC is putting as many supports in place as they can.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> CNC held an Advisory Committee meeting with a broad representation of community organizations and agencies. ADAC member Erin Durrell is the representative for the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee. They are looking for community organizations or industries to come forward with ideas for partnering on programs. Community programming has a mandate to support employment for students, so programming needs to correlate to labour market participation. They have reached out to the Sprout Kitchen project manager to look at some form of partnership with a food production and culinary focus. They hope to support employment and funding opportunities with small student cohorts.

Government programming is coming forward with funding opportunities, which are being reviewed. The current programming will finish in May and new programming will begin in August.

- 1.4. CRD Committee of the Whole meeting update

The ADAC members attending the Committee of the Whole meeting commented that the presentations and discussion at the meeting were very positive and provided a better understanding of the agriculture industry. The members noted that improved coordination and

planning between industry, government and residents will assist with issues related to the urban/rural interface, pressures on land planning and development, and provide the opportunity to make changes and recommendations which will strengthen the Official Community Plan. It was noted that the ADAC has provided valuable insights during their term of service.

The Committee of the Whole meeting ended with direction to the CRD staff to develop a discussion paper on options and alternatives to supporting an Agriculture Area Plan, which is to be brought forward to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on March 4th.

1.5. ADAC Strategic Planning session

It was noted the guest presenters have been confirmed and the participant list, strategic planning session outline and power point were reviewed and suggestions will be incorporated.

Suggested topics for next Strategic Planning session scheduled for March 12 were discussed and it was suggested we include non-timber agriculture products as a topic. Land based decisions are being made on what are now forested lands, but opportunities could be available for an expansion of the land usage.

Nicole suggested an ADAC member could be included in the Community Forest working group to provide input and advice on agri-forestry issues. Nicole noted the City of Quesnel and local First Nations have been offered a Community Forest tenure. In a press release of the initial meeting held on June 24, 2020, it was noted "the various interested governments will collaborate on forming a working group to define the collective governance structure, scope out the community engagement process, define key priorities, and work with Ministry staff on determining the location of the community forest".

R/2021-59

It was moved and seconded

**That we enquire about the potential of having an Agricultural Development Advisory Committee member participate in the Community Forest working group as an Agricultural representative.**

CARRIED

1.6. Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan Pilot Project Questionnaire 2021

The due date for the Questionnaire is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, so the committee members decided to hold a meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10am to discuss the Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan and provide a response to the questionnaire.

## 2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report

The budget to support the work of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee in 2021 was reviewed.

2.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update

The Agriculture Education Program Project Management Team requested input from the committee in regards to program continuity and sustainability. Members of the committee noted there needs to be pathways in the curriculum, which assist students in identifying the courses and

curriculum to study. They suggested focusing on grade 10 students and outlining the potential agriculture careers, corresponding high school courses and possible post-secondary options and pre-requisites.

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 3.1. Email communication

#### 3.2. Upcoming events

February 9 – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **BC Forage Council hosts the Forage Management Knowledge Transfer Webinar Series:**

Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm

Feb 9th - Soils 101,  
Feb 16th - Nutrient Management in Forages,  
Feb 23rd - Invasive Species Management,  
March 2nd - Focus on Legumes,  
March 9th - Grazing Management,  
**Email [bafc@bcforagecouncil.com](mailto:bafc@bcforagecouncil.com) to register**

February 10, 2021  
2 to 3pm

#### **AgriService BC Webinars: When to Apply Manure An Overview of the BC ARM Tool**

This 30-minute webinar will introduce you to the BC Application Risk Management (ARM) Tool and how it can help you to determine when to apply manure and the risk of manure loss after an application.

**To learn more and to register,**

**visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriservice-bc/webinars>**

February 17, 2021  
6:00 PM PST

#### **Beef Cattle Research Council Webinars**

- Breeding Goals: Practical Genetics for Beef Production
- Record Keeping for Forage and Grassland Management

March 24, 2021  
6:00 PM PST

**To register, visit:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ExOtT45iRXe7X7NyKv7FrA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ExOtT45iRXe7X7NyKv7FrA)**

### 1. ROUNDTABLE

Christa Pooley: In the last 2-weeks Christa has been taking part in a CHAT workshop, a communication tool for the agriculture industry to participate in “difficult conversations” i.e. animal welfare. She said it was a very useful and simple tool, which can also be used with social media.

Lynda Atkinson: BC Agriculture Council hosts these workshops at no cost and Lynda could help support the process if an organization wanted to provide the workshop.

Christa Pooley: Is also planning to be involved in a program assisting with Cow-Calf cost of production analysis.

Lynda Atkinson: Nationally the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is looking at the broad sweep of supports for agriculture. There may be some changes to the programs i.e. loan programs, with

some of the funding being forgivable. The concern is that COVID will be an issue for most of 2021 and foreign labour is an issue owing to the Federal government changing travel regulations.

Christa Pooley: On a federal level are there any insights into the progress on the Agri-Stability or Agri-Invest programs?

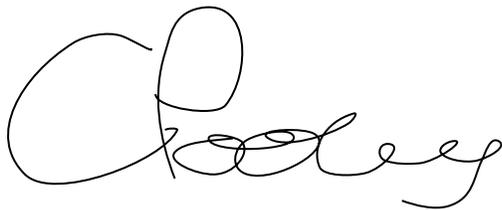
Lynda Atkinson: The CFA has been working hard on this and if a change is made, a certain percentage of the provinces have to agree. There are suggestions that the Feds would support 60% of the program and the Provinces 40%. No final decisions have been made.

**2. QUESTION PERIOD**

**3. ADJOURNMENT - 10:40 am**

**Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm**

**Agenda Submission Deadline: February 25th, 2021**

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C. Pooley, Chair

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