

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom, on March 4, 2021 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christa Pooley, Chair	BC Forage Council
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Matt Ziemer	Horticulture
Reanne Sanford, Treasurer	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

REGRETS

Erin Durrell, Secretary	?Esdilagh First Nation
Desiree Stobbe	Quesnel Farmers Market

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:12pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-60

It was moved and seconded

That the March 4th, 2021 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 R/2021-61

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated February 12th, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2 R/2021-62

It was moved and seconded

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

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Member update: Welcome to new ADAC member Reanne Sanford as the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association representative. Reanne will be serving a 2-year term ending December 2022.

5.2. Nominations for Treasurer and Secretary of ADAC:

There was a call for nominations to the position of Treasurer for a 1-year term. Reanne Sanford was nominated for the position and elected by acclamation.

The nomination for the ADAC secretary position will be deferred until the next meeting.

5.3. 2021 March 4th CRD Committee of the Whole update:

John Massier reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting discussion related to agriculture. The Agriculture Plan report presented by CRD Manager of Planning Services, Nigel Whitehead was received and the CRD Board was receptive of the idea of backing agriculture. There was unanimous support for moving forward on the development of a regional Agricultural Plan, which will go into the business plan for 2022. The staff should look for funding opportunities and look for contractor contacts.

John noted that ADAC can help by putting together a Term of Reference and Nicole suggested we start doing some outreach to agriculture organizations in the region to start the process.

5.4. ADAC Strategic Planning session review:

- February 26th - Overall, the committee members felt the Strategic Planning session went well, with broad based participation and discussion. Nicole noted the process of executing the session on a virtual platform was successful.
- March 12th - The members recommended using a similar process for the second planning session. Christa asked if the strategic planning worksheet was to be submitted? It was noted the worksheet is an optional tool to assist participants in planning for the session and will not be submitted.

5.5. Community Forest working group update:

A series of emails from Lacy Scuffi the City Forestry Initiatives Coordinator, Amy Reid and Nicole in regards to potential funding for clean tech from Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator was shared with the committee members. Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator has four main programs: Kickstart, Launch, Deliver, and Grow – to help train/mentor clean tech Small & Medium sized Enterprises (SME). From there the discussion turned to an organization that is able to make clear wood (or alternatively, wood-based glass). Nicole thinks there is an opportunity for use of the new innovation in greenhouses. A link to the report is noted below:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/quirks/scientists-develop-transparent-wood-that-is-stronger-and-lighter-than-glass-1.5902739>

5.6. Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan Pilot Project Questionnaire 2021 update:

ADAC responded to the Pilot Project Questionnaire and sent it to Quesnel Natural Resource District planning team on February 22. Thank you to committee and support team members Martin, Matt and Lynda for taking the time to provide their input.

It was noted the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) regulates how all forest and range practices and resource-based activities are to be conducted on Crown land. If enabling legislation is approved by government, Forest Landscape Plan's will set legal direction under the Forest and Range Practices Act. Their purpose is to bridge the gap between strategic land use planning and operational/site level planning.

Lynda also shared that the Federal government is supporting payments of up to \$300 million to farmers for initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Fisheries is also working on a similar process.

1. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report:

The unofficial 2021 ADAC budget total was presented to the committee members, as well as the remaining budget after the deduction of administrative charges for the months of January and February.

1.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update:

The Project management team have discussed the challenges presented in moving forward the Ag Education Program and have decided to schedule a meeting in the upcoming spring break with invitations going to the facilitator and AITC Teacher Ambassador to identify the options available.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1. Email communication:

2021 February 19 from Amy Reid (Quesnel EDO) and Lacy Scuffi (Quesnel Forestry Initiatives Coordinator) re: Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator- <https://foresightcac.com/sme-programs/> and a new innovation to produce clear wood or alternatively wood-based glass with the potential for use in green houses.

2.2. Upcoming events

March 2 and March 9th, 2021 Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm	Forage Management Knowledge Transfer Series March 2nd - Focus on Legumes, March 9th - Grazing Management, Email bcfc@bcforagecouncil.com to register
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Webinar available online	Dam Safety Webinars Recorded and available for viewing here Interior Dams Inc., with support from the BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries and the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is offering a three-part webinar series in January to help owners navigate dam safety. https://interiordams.com/2021-dam-safety-webinars/
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March 24, 2021 6:00 pm	Beef Cattle Research Council Webinars Record Keeping for Forage and Grassland Management
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To register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ExOtT45iRXe7X7NyKv7FrA

1. ROUNDTABLE

Nicole – A report is being produced around the specific challenges of the slaughter industry in BC. It is hoped the report will assist in resolving the issues.

Christa – Mentioned that the SlaughterRight workbook is required to complete the course and will only be made available to those applicants who have submitted a full [Class D and E Licence Application Package Checklist \(PDF, 95 KB\)](#) that has been approved by Meat Inspection Program staff. SlaughterRight is a comprehensive update to the previous SlaughterSafe training used by health authorities, and was designed to help more British Columbians enjoy safe, locally raised beef, pork and poultry as well as contributing to food security and supporting businesses in rural communities. In addition to a more thorough [training manual \(PDF, 1.7 MB\)](#) and coursebook, new elements of the program also include the compulsory development of food safety and humane slaughter plans, as well a set of standard operating procedures, specific to each operation. Nicole noted you need to apply to get the extensive material and will follow up.

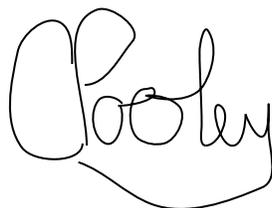
Tim – CNC is recognizing First Nations this week with several sessions on traditional medicines, and a seminar on the Fraser Basin Council food security information. There has been a good reception to the sessions. Also, CNC met with Sharon Primeau, the Dean of Education and Dawn Morrison to discuss options in regards to underutilized space in the greenhouse i.e., growth of traditional plants and foods for the elders. They are also looking at creating a seed bank of traditional seeds. We have about a one-year window before any more research projects take place. Jennifer Cattherall is on board to mentor the use of the green house and student support will also be available.

2. QUESTION PERIOD

3. ADJOURNMENT - 8:30pm

Next Meeting: April 8th, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm

Agenda Submission Deadline: April 1st, 2021



C. Pooley, Chair

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