

**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 August 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
Brianna van de Wijngaard	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producers Association
Laurel-Anne Gordon	Small Scale Meat Producers Association
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Barbara Schellenberg	Integrated Production, Processing & Retail
	<i>*Limited internet connectivity, not present for the entire meeting, admin followed up via email following the meeting to fulfill the requirements of quorum.</i>
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub

**LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT**

CRD Vice-Chair John Massier	CRD Liaison
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
Shivani Sajwan	CRD Planning Department

**DELEGATIONS**

Lori Fogarty	Agricultural Education Program Project Manager
Joleen Morrison	Agricultural Education Program Facilitator

**REGRETS**

Ione Smith	Upland Agricultural Consulting, CRD AAP Consultant
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2022-11

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Megan

**That the August 3, 2022 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2022-12

It was moved by Lynda and seconded by Christa

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting April 26, 2022 be adopted.**

CARRIED

#### 4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1. Agriculture Education Program Summary report. Presented by Joleen Morrison and Lori Fogarty.

The accomplishments of the program were highlighted:

- The development of the student agriculture information brochure to share with schools in the fall
- A template for a student-led science research project that focuses on questions around agriculture
- Not noted is the partnership with the West Village Community Garden and the public library, as the seeds library donation that got taken in was very popular with a lot of the schools, and many others were interested but not ready to partake. This means there is a development of a partnership for a seed library in town now that will be very beneficial to the schools.

The next steps are:

- FARMED is currently working with the school district administration and staff to provide easy access to the Farmed guide as well as other relevant guides such as Farmed to School, which is coming out with a resource for school districts to work with schools for garden establishment. This will help ease through some of the red tape. Farmed will continue to try and facilitate the relationship more with the brochure and the research project.
- There was a meeting for the career section with the middle school and high school, which was led by Lori. It looked promising to have it implemented maybe even next year.
- Identify opportunities to provide professional development sessions and agricultural education to staff and administration.
- Continue working with schools and community groups to develop programs that provide students opportunities to experience and learn about agriculture.

Questions posed:

- Is an agricultural education program still a priority? What does it look like moving forward? Does ADAC want to express an importance to the ag ed program notes going into the agriculture area plan? What should be incorporated? What other recommendations?
  - Consensus among ADAC members is that it is important to continue the work for agricultural education. ADAC recognizes the labor shortage in the agricultural industry and correlates education and exposure to agriculture as a potential avenue to address this.
  - There is a high school teacher in the Williams Lake school district, Jennifer Anderson, that has a greenhouse and is working around horticulture. There is also a lady on Facebook who was trying to do a garden program in PG. The possibility of exploring a collaboration was brought up. ADAC could invite one or both of them to attend a meeting and share what they're doing. This way they and ADAC can bounce ideas off one another.
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“Their teacher and the founder of the club, Jennifer Anderson, says the girls are humble, as their actions and words directly led to the construction of two greenhouses and other quality of life improvements to the club. Prior to this, the math and science teacher had been using her own greenhouse to store and acclimatize the plants the club grew come spring. Anderson originally started a growing club in 2013, as a component of a science class, for students who are not heavily involved in academics or sports but have an interest in horticulture. Her email is [jennifer.anderson@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:jennifer.anderson@sd27.bc.ca).”

Questions posed:

- Do ADAC members feel it’s worth re-expressing or emphasizing the value and importance of an agricultural program in the Cariboo?
- Are Uplands Consulting updates sufficient in the area of agricultural education?
- Does this mean ADAC will support education as a component of the AAP?
- How does ADAC see the CRD, and what roll they would have in the matter?

R/2022-13

It was moved by Christa and seconded by Martin.

**That ADAC communicates with Upland Consulting the importance of an agricultural education component in the AAP.**

CARRIED

## 5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. ADAC member Agrologist position to be filled - Letter of invitation from ADAC to identified Agrologists within the region. Nicole Pressey will provide contact information (email and mailing address) of potential candidates, then the letter will be sent (email and mail) to identified agrologist candidates.

R/2022-14

It was moved by Lynda and seconded by Laurel-Anne.

**That ADAC send an invitation to the identified agrologists to fill the member position representing the agrologist profession.**

CARRIED

- 5.2. CRD ADAC Website

- Online membership application form - Communication from the CRD expresses staffing issues in the Communications Department and concerns with personal information collection via online membership applications. Alternative options were presented. The CRD Communications Department will communicate when this item will be addressed.

- 5.3. Strategic Planning Framework - Follow up and what’s Next?

- The ADAC Strategic Planning Framework has been shared with Upland Consulting with the intention that the work done by ADAC be available to the AAP consulting team. ADAC will

wait for the AAP to be complete before determining how the strategic plan will be implemented. Consensus by members is to present the strategic plan to the CRD board once the CRD elections are complete and new CRD directors have had time to settle in. We will be looking to January/February of 2023 to introduce the priorities of ADAC to the board.

5.4. AAP Update

- Review of Upland Consulting's June 2022 written summary of the AAP process.
- August 2022 email communications from Upland Consulting were shared with members and will be circulated.
- Members are asked to consider Uplands' two requests included in the communications.
- ADAC members are encouraged to review the AAP progress report and communicate their input directly to Uplands Consulting through Ione Smith (ione@uplandconsulting.ca) with comments regarding the AAP planning process. Please CC ADAC administration at caribooadac1@gmail.com in those communications so that they may be shared with the committee and with the CRD Planning Department staff.

5.5. Pillar Profession Service Agreement Approval

- The Pillar Professional Service Agreement has been circulated to members for approval & acceptance.

R/2022-15

It was moved by Megan and seconded by Lynda.

**That ADAC accept the Pillar Professional Support Services proposal and contract Pillar Professional Support Services to fill the role of ADAC Administrative Assistant. Treasurer, Reanne Sanford, will sign the service agreement.**

CARRIED

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Member Resignation

- ADAC member, Tim Lofstrom, sent an email to ADAC Admin, giving notice of his resignation is effective July 31st, 2022, as he is leaving CNC and joining School District 28 on Aug 1st, 2022.
- ADAC Administration will send an email to the CRD to communicate the member resignation and to express that the committee intends to invite CNC, UNBC, and TRU to put forth nominees to fill the member position representing post-secondary institutes.

R/2022-16

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Laurel-Anne.

**That ADAC invite CNC, UNBC, and TRU administration to put forth nominees to fill the member position representing post-secondary institutions.**

CARRIED

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1. Alternate Members from representative organizations
- Follow-up email communication between Nigel and Christa on this topic - Nigel presented this topic to the CRD board. The board didn't want to set a precedent for other committees. This is not something the CRD sees as necessary, as it is more process and procedure, so the committee will continue to operate as the bylaw is currently written, working with Doodle Polls to determine the best date & time for meetings with adequate member numbers for a quorum.
- 8.2 ADAC relationship structure visual on the CRD ADAC website
- This was in relation to the North Cariboo ADAC structure of associated groups and supports for ADAC North Cariboo as it was established. Seeing as the CRD is now a committee for the whole region, that relationship structure was no longer applicable or relevant, so it was requested to Nigel that it be removed.
  - Shivani informed ADAC that Kathy is the only one in the Communications Department of the CRD currently. ADAC requests will be addressed as they are moved to the top of the Communications Department's list. When ADAC items are at the top of the list, Nigel or Shivani will communicate with ADAC.
  - Lori clarifies that the intention is to create an archive file of the North Cariboo ADAC information. Relationship structure, accomplishments, history, minutes, reports, etc.

## 9. ROUNDTABLE AND QUESTION PERIOD

- Christa: BC Interior Grazing School for Women is happening Aug 8th in Merritt. The BC Forage Council Facebook page or mailing list is a good place to find out about their events.
  - Nicole: CowBytes Workshops are happening. You can either attend the one-day workshop Friday September 9th in Williams Lake at TRU, or Saturday September 10th at West Fraser Center in Quesnel. The in-person workshop for succession planning will happen Tuesday September 27 in Williams Lake. There is online information in the Roots newsletter. One of the requirements is a laptop. Concern was expressed about it cutting down on attendees. There will be two in attendance who will be working with SheepBytes (Megan is one of them) in the same workshop, so SheepBytes users are welcome as well.
  - Lynda: Wanted to remind people there is a 4.4 million dollar increase to the beneficial management practices program from budget 2022 that has to do with climate change and the things that can be done on farms. Eligible applicants must have a complete environmental farm plan. There are supports to assist with this.
  - Christa: There are many new and interesting opportunities for development works that certainly support more agriculture. Grant funding can be found through the IAFBC (<http://www.iafbc.ca/bmp>) and the BC Agri-Solutions Fund (<https://bccaf.ca/apply/>) for operations that have a valid environmental farm plan.
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- Christa: When we have enough agenda items to make up a meeting, we will coordinate for one. Communication with Upland Consulting and the CRD team will facilitate ongoing participation in the AAP planning development and its timeline.
- Martin: ADAC should send a thank you letter to Tim for his service.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: TBD

Agenda Submission Deadline: TBD

  
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C. Pooley, Chair

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