

Cariboo Regional District

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held

Friday, February 25, 2022, 1:30pm

Via Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
Brianna van de Wijngaard	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers
David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Barbara Schellenberg	Integrated Production, Processing & Retail
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
Nigel Whitehead	Manager of Planning Services, Cariboo Regional District
Shivani Sajwan	Planning Services, Cariboo Regional District
John Massier	Area Director C, Cariboo Regional District

GUESTS

Janine de la Salle	Urban Food Strategies
Ione Smith	Upland Consulting
Debbie Evans	Upland Consulting
Kate Patterson	Sprout Kitchen

REGRETS

Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
Reanne Sanford	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
Bill Hadden	Agroforestry
Laurel-Anne Gordon	Small Scale Meat Producers Association

1. CALL TO ORDER 1:32PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was noted that there was not a quorum for this meeting. The meeting proceeded as discussion only.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES January 17, 2022 meeting (as circulated via email) - Tabled

4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 Kate Patterson: Regional Food & Innovation Hub Coordinator
- open since summer 2021
 - 2 full-time members. Plans to have a third by March.
 - Recently received funding to purchase commercial dehydrator. Looking for a delivery vehicle – funding looking good on this.
- 4.2 Ione Smith: Upland Consulting
- presented on research and engagement process (see supporting docs)
 - D. Zirnhelt: engaging First Nations communities important when considering land use and agriculture goals

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Agricultural Area Plan – introduction of Upland Consulting team members; team leader *Ione Smith*.
- 5.2. College of New Caledonia Community Advisory Committee ADAC representative - Tabled
- 5.3. Cariboo ADAC membership; application form review:
- Current Occupation:
 - Work experience:
 - Education:
 - What skills, abilities and specialized knowledge do you have that will assist this group?
 - What contribution do you believe you can make?
 - What past contributions have you made to a similar group or organization?
 - What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, ability and knowledge of others?

REVIEW:

- CRD still needs to review some legislation and regulations around questions within the membership application form. If an applicant volunteers their work experience on the membership form, that is fine. Will continue working with CRD on changes that need to be made
- 5.4. Provincial Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop; ADAC representative report
- Notes and copies of workshop slides provided in supporting documents in advance of the meeting.
 - B. van de Wijngaard or L. Atkinson will send out the link from Min of Ag when they post the presentation slides to their website.
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5.5. DRAFT Climate Projection Report for Quesnel area

5.6. ADAC member alternate representative

- N. Whitehead: our committee's formation Bylaw does not currently grant us the authority to allocate an alternative with voting rights. You would have to request the CRD to amend the Bylaw but no other committee of the Board has this authority. Can work with C. Pooley to possibly approach the Board with regards to granting authority to alternates. Committee of the Whole meeting on March 17th. N. Whitehead will enquire with the CRD Board and report back to ADAC.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 ADAC Administrative Assistant - progress report; Job posting sent to Angela Abraham, but she was not interested in the position.

- Summary of AA job posting sub-committee meeting
- Include discussion with N. Whitehead in regards to AA position
 - N. Whitehead: Can be contracted by ADAC.
 - C. Pooley: sending job posting out within networks first.
 - N. Whitehead: will look at job post again to make sure language is correct and get back within a week.

6.2 Regional BC Assessment concerns

Issue – 852 property assessments were dramatically changed because they are apparently now rated as the “Fraser Bench” through the use of the Soil Mapping Tool, which many say is not accurate. This change comes after properties have been assessed under a different rating for 20 years.

Discussion

BC Assessment is arms-length from the government, but is under the supervision of the Minister of Finance.

It is suggested:

- To go to the MLA to discuss the problem and increase awareness of the issues and the inadequacy of the Soil Mapping Tool;
- Determine if there are other regional districts in BC having a similar problem;
- Let it be known that the issue is not on the assessment and keep the focus on the Soil Mapping Tool and its accuracy (or lack of);
- Longer term this issue could be moved forward to the UBCM but it is too late for the fall of 2022; and
- Keep this issue on the ADAC agenda.

6.3 Agrologist position – progress report – a letter will be prepared and sent to potential candidates by the new administrative assistant

- L. Fogarty: has put it on the list for the new Administrative Assistant as it is not as time-sensitive as other items at the moment.
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Communications: none

8. ROUNDTABLE

CONCERNS AROUND INSURANCE OPTIONS AND EDUCATION NEEDS FOR AVAILABLE INSURANCE.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: **6:00-7:30pm April 26, 2022**

Agenda Submission Deadline:



C. Pooley, Chair

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