

**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 April 26th, 2022 at 6:30pm

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Laurel-Anne Gordon	Small Scale Meat Producers Association
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
Barbara Schellenberg	Integrated Production, Processing & Retail
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub

**LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT**

CRD Vice-Chair John Massier      CRD Liaison

**DELEGATION**

Lori Fogarty	ADAC Agriculture Education Program
Joleen Morrison	ADAC Agriculture Education Program
Heloise Dixon Warren	FARMED
Wilma Watkin	FARMED
Rebecca Hansen	General Public

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30pm**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2022-06

It was moved by Barbara Schellenberg and seconded by Martin Rossman

**That the April 26th, 2022 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2022-07

It was moved by Lynda Atkinson and seconded by Barbara Schellenberg

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated February 25th, 2022 (as circulated via email) be adopted.**

CARRIED

R/2022-08

It was moved by Barbara Schellenberg and seconded by Laurel Anne Gordon

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated Jan 17th, 2022 (as circulated via email) be adopted.**

CARRIED

#### 4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 FARMED - *Opportunities 2022 & Beyond: Heloise Dixon-Warren.*** A presentation on the Marketing project being developed by FARMED. The Farm Product Guide is being developed as an online product, including additional online farm tours, videos, and connections with other local farm organizations in the Cariboo region and the Nechako-McBride Corridor. An example of that is the EAT organization (Everyone at the Table). There were questions regarding marketing and a question of why ADAC was not among the first points of contact for FARMED. There was also some concern raised over an oversight regarding the posting of the meeting time, as well as some questions over a perceived lack of/breakdown of communication (eg. Missing and/or overlooked emails on both sides).

R/2022-09

It was moved by Martin Rossman and seconded by David Zirnhelt

**That ADAC support FARMED initiative *Opportunities 2022 & Beyond* and recommend that support to the Northern Caucus of the Cariboo regional district.**

CARRIED

- 4.2 ADAC Agriculture Education Program – *Lori Fogarty: An Update on the Agriculture Education Project*** (including information on the Education handbook produced for School District 28). Presentations have been made to the District 28 school board and the school district administration and principals. The project links many different resources to grade appropriate curriculum, provides contact information for community resources, farms for tours, and speakers as well. The project has been submitted to AITCBC for approval as well as it is recommended that it be on the SD28 website for easy access by teachers. This finalizes the project. Many thanks to the coordinator Lori Fogarty and her assistant Joleen Morrison.

#### 5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1 College of New Caledonia Community Advisory Committee ADAC representative:**

R/2022-10

It was moved by David Zirnhelt and seconded by Laurel Ann Gordon

**That ADAC approve Megan Flatt as the College of New Caledonia Community Advisory Committee (ADAC) representative.**

CARRIED

- 5.2 Land use planning discussion considerations for the AAP –** Nicole Pressey offered recent info from the South Cariboo Cattlemen's Association AGM; the Livestock Act, Livestock at large legislation, BCCA has created a video for realtors regarding the fencing in agriculture areas, Edge Planning topic was covered at the recent Ministry AAC Workshop, South Green Lake Rate Payers

Association (TNRD) reference, Cattleguards and lack of maintenance by the road owner (MOTI/Dawson, Resource Roads, non-status roads) is leading to livestock at large, and added costs for ranchers. Contributions from members; "Residential Edge on Farming Properties", "boundaries of residential/hobby use beside productive Ag properties", personal experiences & social networks certainly reflecting the extent of the issue, experienced members reflect that the issue was also relevant 10 years ago, Nigel - CRD subdivision/zoning requirements for fencing implemented 10 yrs ago, Covenants on subdivided/developed titles, these requirements don't address subdivision that occurred prior. Recent news from BC Cattlemen's association - expansion of the work that BCCA has done with resources available for realtors, BCCA is working with the BC Law Association to develop & launch a Continuing Education Webinar for Lawyers & Realtors offers another resource that may be shared & participation encouraged in our region.

5.3 **Revisiting the Strategic Plan** in preparation to present to the CRD Board for endorsement. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the CRD Board for endorsement as a draft version, signifying that the Board may make changes to the Plan as they see fit. The Strategic Plan is considered a living document, but the Draft signification will be removed once the CRD Board has accepted the document. A letter from ADAC to the CRD Board introducing the Strategic Plan for consideration will be written and sent to Nigel. Committee members will attend the Board meeting at which the Strategic Plan is presented.

5.4 **Producer and community surveys from Upland Consulting** for distribution within member networks. It was suggested that all members should reach out to their organizations to connect with Upland Consulting and fill out the surveys.

5.5 **From February 25, 2022 meeting discussion - BC Regional Assessment Concerns Updates:**  
There is still concern regarding the classification of a number of properties as Fraser River Bench (over 800) when many of the properties are on higher elevations, on sides of hills, have very rocky soils from glacial tills, and are not Fraser River Bench soils. Concern was expressed that the soil mapping of the Cariboo region is either nonexistent or needs to be updated. Contact has been made with the local MLA, Coralee Oakes, and she did bring this up during the budget discussion sessions. Further work needs to be done on this file.

## 6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1. **ADAC Administrative position-** Navigation going forward:  
A possible candidate was suggested for this position, with disclosure that it is someone that a member is working with in a new business developed for management services. It was suggested

that the individual or possibly the company submit a c.v. or resume to be considered by the hiring committee and go through the process.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Email communication received email from Brittany Rumbaugh (March 31, 2022} RE: acquiring ALR land and classification as a farm. Suggested she reach out to Nicole Pressey and provided contact information.

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

- 8.1 Concern over food security in the region with inflation, war in Ukraine, transportation issues, good reports regarding the Small Scale Meat Producers survey [Small-Scale Meat Sector Survey: A Roadmap to Growth for Local Meat in BC](#), and report. Info from SSMPA regarding the order with Avian Influenza: <https://smallscalemeat.ca/enhanced-biosecurity-protocols-for-small-scale-poultry-producers/>

## 9. QUESTION PERIOD

- 9.1 Question regarding permission to share the Upland surveys with other groups, approval given.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: to be determined when the Upland report is ready, coordinated by doodle poll.

Agenda Submission Deadline: N/A



C. Pooley, Chair

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