

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom on December 20th, 2023 at 7pm

Purpose and Use of Meeting Minutes

The purpose of the meeting minutes is to summarize the discussions that occurred during the meeting and record action items. Comments summarized here represent the opinions of the individuals who made them and not of the Advisory Group as a whole. We intentionally do not associate names with the input recorded in the minutes to support a more open dialogue. A Record of Motions is kept, validating the members' votes to carry motions. Minutes will be used to plan for future meetings and to create documents supporting the Advisory Group and its processes. Advisory Group members are given the opportunity to provide feedback on the minutes. Minutes will be approved at the following meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
David Zirnheld	Cariboo Cattleman's Association
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Cynthia Fell	Indigenous Governments
Brianna van de Wijngaard	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
John Massier	CRD

CRD STAFF

Shivani Sajwan	CRD
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DELEGATIONS

Ashutosh Srivastava	Community Futures Regional Business Liaison
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GUESTS

Carlos Kelly	ECHEN Healing
Lauren	CFDC Regional Liaison

REGRETS

N/A

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:07PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2023-39

Moved by Lynda, Seconded by Jenn

That the December 20th, 2023 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2023-40

Moved by Christa, Seconded by Megan

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated November 15th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Ashutosh Srivastava – Regional Business Liaison, Community Futures Quesnel Introduction

- Introduction. Has a company called Quest Management Consulting. Contracted with Community Futures as a Regional Business Liaison. Gives business advice and updates the local business community on the various grants and supports available to them. Works as a Project Coordinator with FARMED.

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Communications Materials: CRD Communications Department Logo Feedback

- Summary of feedback from the Communications Department and showing of revised logo options. Member feedback and suggestions. Intention to present it at the January Board of Directors meeting.

R/2023-41

Moved by Lynda, Seconded by Megan

That ADAC accept the revisions to the ADAC logo in the Cariboo Regional District colours, including suggested edits.

Carried

5.2. Member Terms, Renewals, Nominations

- Two current members and the Chair have communicated they will not be renewing their terms. Two more members have let their names stand for another term. Discussion of nominations and roles to be filled.
- Introduction of ECHEN healing expression of interest to have representation on ADAC. Summary of ECHEN healing's interest and relevance to the committee.
- Member question of revisiting meeting times.
- Member representation to fill:
 - Small-Scale Meat Producers Association (member offered to liaise to cover in the meantime), coordinate with SSMPA to nominate a representative.
 - Vegetable and Horticulture producers (outgoing representative will attempt to recruit expressions of interest),
- A member has some ideas on how to fill some of the gaps that will be coming up and would

like to sit down and talk to admin/chair about it. She also recalls Agroforestry a vacant member position, and is one of her areas of knowledge.

- The election of a new Chair/Treasurer/Secretary is suggested for the January meeting. This transitional process will require effective communication.

R/2023-42

Moved by Cynthia, Seconded by Megan

That ADAC Admin write a letter of nomination to the CRD for ECHEN Healing Society member Chad Stump to join ADAC as a representative of ECHEN Deni Urban Nation Roots.

Carried

5.3. ADAC Electronic Voting Administration Consultation with CRD Corporate Officer

- Summary of discussions regarding electronic voting. A meeting is set for tomorrow (Dec 21st) to discuss the matter further via phone call to clarify the guidance. As it is understood, members who do not attend the meeting are allowed to vote on the agenda and minutes to accept them.

5.4. Letter to CRD re LSAF Fencing

- Summary of suggested revisions and discussion on how to make the letter acceptable to all parties involved. Member feedback on letter and discussion of member concerns around the proposal as a whole. Requests for clarifications on some language. Discussion on how the proposal can be put into practice and where it is most applicable.
- Letter and a presentation will be presented at the CRD January meeting

R/2023-43

Moved by David, Seconded by Lynda

That ADAC accept the LSAF Fencing letter as is to be sent to the Cariboo Regional District.

Carried

5.5. Letter to Producers re Wood Fiber

- Letter was sent out to the agriculture industry group contacts list and ADAC members to be shared. There were some responses. Follow-up was initiated by ADAC Admin to clarify input from respondents.
- Discussion of questions that were asked by industry groups and what feedback was gained from those industry groups.
- Discussion of suggestions around ADAC Letterhead and what the CRD can do to help further this topic. Discussion of how charred product (i.e. biochar) and carbon functionality and application.
- Additional question: CRD Communications regarding content the CRD would be willing to share on social media/website regarding ADAC items. Follow-up at a future meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Deadstock/SRM Disposal in the North Cariboo

- Topic brought forward following discussion at the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association AGM. There was discussion around deadstock and the concern around the continued discovery of

livestock carcasses being disposed of improperly on crown land and service roads. This is problematic due to regulations around Specified Risk Material (beef).
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-waste-management/specified-risk-material>,

- Discussion on this topic and summary of input that was offered by a liaison on this topic. There is limited access to proper disposal available within the CRD, https://www.cariboord.ca/GarbageandRecycling/Waste_Type_Definition.pdf. Currently, SRM and slaughter wastes are only accepted at the South Cariboo Landfill in 100 Mile House and the Big Lake Landfill. SRM disposal requires a Canadian Food Inspection Agency permit and is by appointment only. Residents of the North Cariboo likely wouldn't be travelling from Quesnel one of these disposal sites with the carcass of one animal. Limited access may be one of the contributing factors to this disposal issue.
- Continued work to decrease barriers to accessing proper disposal would be beneficial.
- The chair will follow up with Tara Grady, CRD Waste Management Lead for more information.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Record of Transactions (November 15th to December 19th)

- Accepted.

R/2023-44

Moved by Megan, Seconded by Tammy.

That ADAC accept the November-December Record of Transactions.

Carried

7.2. PPSS to ADAC October Invoice (November 15th to December 19th)

- Accepted.

R/2023-45

Moved by Jenn, Seconded by Megan.

That ADAC accept the November-December Invoice.

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Save the Date – Central Cariboo Community Food Hub SSMPA

- Summary and discussion of workshops and possibility of having a table at the event. This is an opportunity for ADAC to have some visibility.

8.2. ADAC Representation at FLP Meetings

- A member confirmed by FLP to attend these meetings and bring information back.

8.3. ADAC to Present to the CRD Jan 12th Board Meeting

- Three letters (Drought Emergency Planning, Fencing in a Livestock District Communications, LSAF Fencing) to be presented and the annual overview. The member list will also be presented including members whose terms continue, members who are renewing their terms, and ADAC's letter of recommendation for new membership.

8.4. Forwarded Email Regarding the Drought Extension Workshops: VIRTUAL provincial session for livestock and forage.

- Summary. Thank you to the member who shared an email about mental health resources. A member checked the links, updated some, and sent them to her contacts. She also created an agriculture specific one that she will forward to the committee. Further discussion on mental health.

8.5. Henderson UNBC Agriculture Land Reserve Policy Review Student-Led Project: Community Report of Events from May-August 2023

- Summary and discussion. Matt has done some interesting things with mapping layers, essentially taking agriculture land reserve boundaries and soil data and farm capabilities data, and making a multi-layer map out of it.

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. Engagement RE: Emergency Program Act (Emerg Program Act) until Dec 31st

- Summary

10. QUESTION PERIOD

10.1. Question of Administrative Services as the Chair steps away from her role as Chair. Discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

8:52pm

Next Meeting: January 17th, 2023 at 7pm via zoom

Agenda Submission Deadline: January 10th, 2023



C. Stump, Chair

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