

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 November 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christa Pooley, Chair	BC Forage Council
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers' Institute
Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
CRD Director John Massier	CRD Liaison
Reanne Sanford	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Fogarty, Liaison	Agriculture Working Group
Wilma Watkin	Agriculture Working Group
Lynda Atkinson	Agriculture Working Group

REGRETS

Desiree Stobbe	Quesnel Farmers' Market
Matt Ziemer	Horticulture

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-69

It was moved and seconded

**That the November 3, 2021 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved
as circulated.**

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2021-70

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated October 5,
2021 be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS – Joleen Morrison; Agriculture Education Program Facilitator

Joleen Morrison the newly hired Agriculture Education Program Facilitator was introduced to the committee members and outlined the work that will be taking place to complete the program.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.1. Cariboo Agricultural Area Plan and proposed ADAC Expansion update:

The CRD Planning Services Department requested ADAC review the following changes to the current ADAC Bylaw in preparation for the proposed ADAC expansion:

- Increase membership maximum from 11 to 13 people.
- Remove the restriction on Advisory Planning Commission (APC) members participating on the ADAC.
- Remove maximum number of terms. Currently members are limited to four consecutive two-year terms.
- The proposal to the Board to increase the committee's annual budget from \$4500 to \$6000, which would be split three ways (\$2000) by each of the economic development functions.

R/2021-71

It was moved and seconded

That the ADAC accept the recommendations of the CRD in regards to the proposed committee bylaw changes.

CARRIED

1.2. ADAC 2021 Report to North Cariboo Rural Caucus

The committee provided 2 small revisions to the report, which will be presented by ADAC Chair Pooley at the November 9th North Cariboo Rural Caucus meeting.

R/2021-72

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee accept the 2021 North Cariboo Rural Caucus Report, with the suggested revisions.

CARRIED

1.3. CNC Community Advisory Committee – Request for an ADAC representative

There is an opening for an agriculture representative to serve on the College of New Caledonia Advisory Committee. The committee is a broad-based community and regional committee and has 20-25 representatives, who meet 3 times a year. The collaborative work could be undertaken as a partnership between ADAC or another agricultural agency or organization and CNC to initiate training or educational opportunities.

R/2021-73

It was moved and seconded

That ADAC send a letter to committee members and community organizations we are linked with, to invite them to serve as a representative or identify a representative to serve on the College of New Caledonia Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

1.4. Strategic Plan Framework

The revisions to the strategic plan will be incorporated and then emailed to all participants of the Strategic Planning Sessions for review and input. The document will also be shared with the new

ADAC members once appointed to help inform them of the broad reach of the goals. In early January once initial review by participants and ADAC members is complete we can invite community members to see if community organization can provide support towards implementation of the tactical plan. In addition, components of the strategic plan framework could inform the work on the formation of the Agricultural Area Plan.

1.5. Reports from ADAC member representative organization

Quesnel Cattlemen's Association report: Reanne Sanford reported the 2020 AGM, delayed due to COVID-19, was held recently. The AGM included director's reports and an overview of programs. Other topics discussed included challenges presented by predators, and conversations on water use and regulation. The BC SPCA inspections on poultry and dairy are a new initiative from the province and they are waiting to hear more about the program.

Martin Rossmann added there was some discussion on roads and the new ditching installed; he noted that it is almost impossible for cattle to cross and if a vehicle went off the road, they would probably end up upside down.

Reanne noted it is also difficult for animals to get to water sources and that some letters have been written, but not sure if they will have any impact.

Lynda mentioned that large strip removal of trees and blow downs have been occurring.

Nicole identified who they could talk to in Ministry of Forests. Reanne said she could be the temporary contact for the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association until a new secretary is assigned.

BC Forage Council: Christa reminded ADAC members of the upcoming Forage Quality workshop being held in Quesnel on November 27th.

Nicole noted a number of workshops and webinars listed in the Roots including the Regenerative Agriculture webinar, the Succession webinar and a Nuts & Bolts follow-up workshop in Williams Lake in February sponsored by Farm Credit Canada. The Ministry is looking to support existing water use applications.

Regional Ministry staff are on an extension pilot with Vanderhoof to get information on insurance and have a 2-page draft document has been prepared for producers to use prior to going in for insurance. It will be reviewed and presented to members of the Small-Scale Meat Producers Association in January. It suggests insurance agencies work with member associations to ensure safe food processing in BC.

1.6. ADAC Member Renewal: Several ADAC member terms are ending at the end of December and letters have been sent to ADAC member organizations so decisions on member representation can be made.

1.7. ALR Exclusion Application Policy – reviewed by CRD Board Oct. 22 agenda Section 7.1 p 136 – 176. This policy is available for ADAC member review at the link below.

7.1. ALR Exclusion Application Policy 136 - 176 Corporate Vote - Unweighted That the agenda item summary from Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services, dated October 13, 2021, regarding the proposed Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Landowner Exclusion Application Policy be received. Further, that the revised Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application Policy be endorsed as presented.

[Cariboo Regional District Board - October 22, 2021 \(escribemeetings.com\)](https://www.escribemeetings.com)

2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report

A letter has been sent to the North Cariboo Rural Caucus in regards to the ADAC budget.

Information on the Agricultural Area Plan timeline was shared. Discussion and planning for the proposed ADAC expansion took place.

2.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update

The Project Management Team and facilitator are in the process of developing an Agriculture Education Program Resource Guide. They plan to have the project and report to Rural Dividend completed by December 10 the due date if possible.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. Email communication

- 7.1.1 2021 October 25 – email from Joanne Doddridge, Director of Economic Development & Planning, District of 100 Mile House with a nomination for the proposed ADAC expansion.

1. ROUNDTABLE

Lynda Atkinson, the chair of the Regional Food and Innovation Food Hub Advisory Committee provided an update on the Sprout Kitchen. They have hired a coordinator, and a kitchen assistant for the facility. Three groups are using kitchen as full time members and Long Table is using Sprout Kitchen for packaging. Tours will be available soon. Equipment is in place and more is coming in later this month. A group is planning to gather up food that would normally be wasted but of good quality and is planning to use the co-packing facilities and using the food for other purposes.

2. QUESTION PERIOD

3. ADJOURNMENT - 8:30pm

Next Meeting: To be determined
Agenda Submission Deadline:



C. Pooley, Chair

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