

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, April 8th, 2021, 7pm

Via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 4, 2021 meeting (as circulated via email)

4. DELEGATIONS

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Nominations for Secretary of ADAC
- 5.2. ADAC Agriculture Area Plan – Terms of Reference: development and regional outreach
- 5.3. ADAC Strategic Planning: review, planning for Session #3 and next steps
- 5.4. ADAC Sub-committee - Kwantlen Polytech University Organic Extension Service Endorsement
- 5.5. Reports from ADAC member representative organization
- 5.6. Other?

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Ag Working Group Administration Report
- 6.2 FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development update

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1. Email: 2021 March 18 from CRD Planning Services re: Kwantlen Polytech University Organic Extension Service Endorsement
- 7.2. Upcoming Events

Part A - April 20th 2021
Part B - April 27th, 2021
12-1:30pm

Wildfire Preparedness Workshop Series for Farmers & Ranchers

This two-part workshop series will walk through key elements of wildfire preparedness and risk reduction for farms and ranches. The lunchtime sessions will also cover key content in the [Farm/Ranch wildfire guide and workbook](#).

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wildfire-preparedness-workshops-for-farmers-ranchers-tickets-147671345971>

8. ROUNDTABLE

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

Agenda Submission Deadline:

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subject that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

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Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom, on March 4, 2021 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT

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

REGRETS

Erin Durrell, Secretary	?Esdilagh First Nation
Desiree Stobbe	Quesnel Farmers Market

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:12pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-60

It was moved and seconded

That the March 4th, 2021 Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 R/2021-61

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated February 12th, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2 R/2021-62

It was moved and seconded

That the amended minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated January 8th, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Member update: Welcome to new ADAC member Reanne Sanford as the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association representative. Reanne will be serving a 2-year term ending December 2022.

5.2. Nominations for Treasurer and Secretary of ADAC:

There was a call for nominations to the position of Treasurer for a 1-year term. Reanne Sanford was nominated for the position and elected by acclamation.

The nomination for the ADAC secretary position will be deferred until the next meeting.

5.3. 2021 March 4th CRD Committee of the Whole update:

John Massier reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting discussion related to agriculture. The Agriculture Plan report presented by CRD Manager of Planning Services, Nigel Whitehead was received and the CRD Board was receptive of the idea of backing agriculture. There was unanimous support for moving forward on the development of a regional Agricultural Plan, which will go into the business plan for 2022. The staff should look for funding opportunities and look for contractor contacts.

John noted that ADAC can help by putting together a Term of Reference and Nicole suggested we start doing some outreach to agriculture organizations in the region to start the process.

5.4. ADAC Strategic Planning session review:

- February 26th - Overall, the committee members felt the Strategic Planning session went well, with broad based participation and discussion. Nicole noted the process of executing the session on a virtual platform was successful.
- March 12th - The members recommended using a similar process for the second planning session. Christa asked if the strategic planning worksheet was to be submitted? It was noted the worksheet is an optional tool to assist participants in planning for the session and will not be submitted.

5.5. Community Forest working group update:

A series of emails from Lacy Scuffi the City Forestry Initiatives Coordinator, Amy Reid and Nicole in regards to potential funding for clean tech from Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator was shared with the committee members. Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator has four main programs: Kickstart, Launch, Deliver, and Grow – to help train/mentor clean tech Small & Medium sized Enterprises (SME). From there the discussion turned to an organization that is able to make clear wood (or alternatively, wood-based glass). Nicole thinks there is an opportunity for use of the new innovation in greenhouses. A link to the report is noted below:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/quirks/scientists-develop-transparent-wood-that-is-stronger-and-lighter-than-glass-1.5902739>

5.6. Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan Pilot Project Questionnaire 2021 update:

ADAC responded to the Pilot Project Questionnaire and sent it to Quesnel Natural Resource District planning team on February 22. Thank you to committee and support team members

Martin, Matt and Lynda for taking the time to provide their input.

It was noted the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) regulates how all forest and range practices and resource-based activities are to be conducted on Crown land. If enabling legislation is approved by government, Forest Landscape Plan's will set legal direction under the Forest and Range Practices Act. Their purpose is to bridge the gap between strategic land use planning and operational/site level planning.

Lynda also shared that the Federal government is supporting payments of up to \$300 million to farmers for initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Fisheries is also working on a similar process.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Ag Working Group Administrative Report:

The unofficial 2021 ADAC budget total was presented to the committee members, as well as the remaining budget after the deduction of administrative charges for the months of January and February.

6.2. FARMED Rural Dividend Project Development Grant update:

The Project management team have discussed the challenges presented in moving forward the Ag Education Program and have decided to schedule a meeting in the upcoming spring break with invitations going to the facilitator and AITC Teacher Ambassador to identify the options available.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Email communication:

2021 February 19 from Amy Reid (Quesnel EDO) and Lacy Scuffi (Quesnel Forestry Initiatives Coordinator) re: Foresight Clean Tech Accelerator- <https://foresightcac.com/sme-programs/> and a new innovation to produce clear wood or alternatively wood-based glass with the potential for use in green houses.

7.2. Upcoming events

March 2 and

March 9th, 2021

Tuesday evenings from
6pm-8pm

Forage Management Knowledge Transfer Series

March 2nd - Focus on Legumes,

March 9th - Grazing Management,

Email bcfc@bcforagecouncil.com to register

Webinar available
online

Dam Safety Webinars

Recorded and available for viewing [here](#)

Interior Dams Inc., with support from the BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries and the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is offering a three-part webinar series in January to help owners navigate dam safety.

<https://interiordams.com/2021-dam-safety-webinars/>

March 24, 2021

6:00 pm

Beef Cattle Research Council Webinars

Record Keeping for Forage and Grassland Management

To register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ExOtT45iRXe7X7NyKv7FrA

8. ROUNDTABLE

Nicole – A report is being produced around the specific challenges of the slaughter industry in BC. It is hoped the report will assist in resolving the issues.

Christa – Mentioned that the SlaughterRight workbook is required to complete the course and will only be made available to those applicants who have submitted a full [Class D and E Licence Application Package Checklist \(PDF, 95 KB\)](#) that has been approved by Meat Inspection Program staff. SlaughterRight is a comprehensive update to the previous SlaughterSafe training used by health authorities, and was designed to help more British Columbians enjoy safe, locally raised beef, pork and poultry as well as contributing to food security and supporting businesses in rural communities. In addition to a more thorough [training manual \(PDF, 1.7 MB\)](#) and coursebook, new elements of the program also include the compulsory development of food safety and humane slaughter plans, as well a set of standard operating procedures, specific to each operation. Nicole noted you need to apply to get the extensive material and will follow up.

Tim – CNC is recognizing First Nations this week with several sessions on traditional medicines, and a seminar on the Fraser Basin Council food security information. There has been a good reception to the sessions. Also, CNC met with Sharon Primeau, the Dean of Education and Dawn Morrison to discuss options in regards to underutilized space in the greenhouse i.e., growth of traditional plants and foods for the elders. They are also looking at creating a seed bank of traditional seeds. We have about a one-year window before any more research projects take place. Jennifer Catherall is on board to mentor the use of the green house and student support will also be available.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. ADJOURNMENT - 8:30pm

Next Meeting: April 8th, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm

Agenda Submission Deadline: April 1st, 2021

C. Pooley, Chair

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File: 1855-01

March 18, 2021

VIA EMAIL: northcaribooadac@gmail.com

North Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Re: Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Feasibility Study

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS), an applied research and extension unit at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), is conducting a feasibility study, funded by the BC Ministry of Agriculture, for development and implementation of an organic agriculture and food system extension service in BC. Background information and details regarding the Institute's goals and structure are provided in the attached letter.

The ISFS has invited the CRD to consider providing a letter of endorsement in concept for the organic extension service and the Board's willingness to consider a tangible financial contribution to support such a service.

At the March 5, 2021 Board meeting it was resolved to defer consideration of the KPU request until the April 16th Board meeting to allow staff time to investigate. As part of that investigation, I am requesting comments from the North Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee.

We would appreciate the committee's comments on this matter before **April 7, 2021**, as this request will be brought back to the Board on April 16th.

Respectfully,



Nigel Whitehead, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning Services

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Attach

c. Director Massier

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building communities together



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February 17, 2021

Director Margo Wagner, Chair
Cariboo Regional District
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Dear Director Wagner,

Re: Letter of Endorsement for Organic Extension Service

The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) is an applied research and extension unit at Kwantlen Polytechnic University that investigates and supports regional food systems. Our applied research focuses on the potential of regional food systems in terms of agriculture and food, economics, community health, policy, and environmental integrity. Our extension programming provides information and support for farmers, communities, business, policymakers, and others. You can find more information about our work on our website: <https://www.kpu.ca/isfs>.

Our Institute is conducting a feasibility study, funded by the BC Ministry of Agriculture, for the development and implementation of an organic agriculture and food system extension service in BC. Our goal is to bring forth a comprehensive Organic Sector Extension Service development, implementation, operations, and funding plan for BC. We believe a coordinated province-wide organic extension service can contribute to the agricultural and economic development priorities of the Cariboo Regional District. Programs, resources, and connections would be available to support the sustainability and viability of farms and food businesses in your region. The extension service will be accessible to and inclusive of all farmers and processors, regardless of organic certification status or inclination.

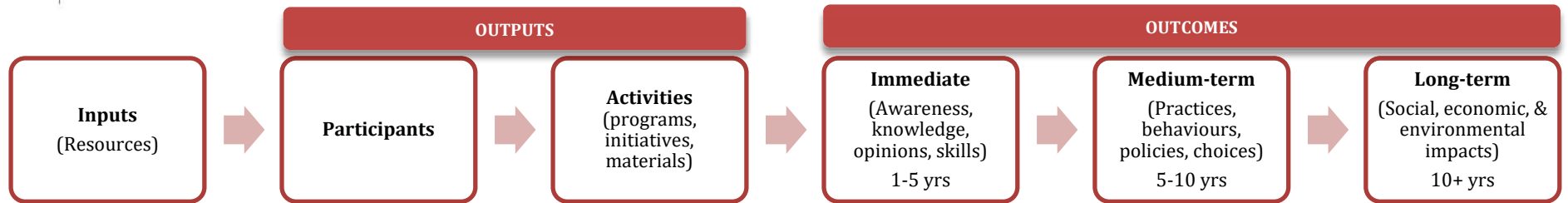
Attached is a 1-page graphic summary of the proposed service's goals and structure. At this juncture the 'plan' is a work in progress as we continue to consult with food system actors, including regional government staff. We would be pleased to share the final report with you upon its completion.

Our invitation to the Regional District is to consider providing a letter of endorsement in concept for the organic extension service. In the letter you may choose to elaborate on your region's agricultural and economic development priorities that must be addressed by an organic extension service. In addition, we invite you to indicate if there might be a willingness from the regional district to consider a tangible financial contribution to support such a service, and what amount might be feasible. Of course such indication confers no obligation. The letter of endorsement will be included in our final report to strengthen the case for the provincial government to join with stakeholders to establish this service in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Mullinix".

Sincerely,
Kent Mullinix, PhD.
Director



<p><u>People</u> Network of regional extension agents</p> <p>Access to subject matter experts</p> <p><u>Coordination</u> Shared priorities and agenda</p> <p>Information sharing</p> <p><u>Infrastructure</u> Regional sites for applied research, demonstrations, and hands-on learning</p> <p><u>Financial</u> Sustained core funding</p> <p>Cost-recovery programs</p>	<p><u>Target audiences:</u> Farmers, ranchers, food businesses currently engaged or interested in organic agriculture and food</p> <p>Indigenous Nations and communities</p> <p>Public and consumers</p> <p><u>Potential collaborators:</u> Target audiences engaged as partners</p> <p>Post-secondary institutions</p> <p>Industry groups</p> <p>NGOs</p> <p>Government</p>	<p><u>Strategic initiatives</u> Multi-year programs to address identified community and sector priorities</p> <p><u>Educational Activities</u> e.g. workshops, events, field demonstrations, webinars</p> <p><u>Problem solving</u> e.g. advising, 1-on-1 info exchange</p> <p><u>Access to info/tools</u> e.g. online hub, enterprise budgets, videos, apps</p>	<p><u>Increase in:</u> For producers/processors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regionally appropriate, evidence based knowledge, information, and skills about organic and regenerative agriculture and food Understanding of organic regulations and ease of certification process <p>For Indigenous communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to culturally appropriate, accessible information and support regarding organic and regenerative agriculture to meet community food objectives <p>For public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness and understanding about organic agriculture and food 	<p><u>Increase in:</u> Sector development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of organic & regenerative agricultural practices New entrants to organic and regenerative farming Certified organic farms and processors <p>Economic development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profitability and viability of organic/regenerative farms and businesses Supply of organic ingredients for the processing market <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer awareness, demand, and advocacy for organic food Policy and institutional support for organic agriculture and food 	<p>A thriving and resilient agriculture sector in BC where organic & regenerative practices are widely adopted.</p> <p>Organic and regenerative agriculture is major contributor to economic development, climate change mitigation, environmental stewardship, and food security.</p>
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