

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 or at location, on **March 19th, 2025** 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

David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Robin Hunt	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub & Kersley Farmers' Institute
Cynthia Fell	Indigenous Governments
Tyrone Johnston	Agrobusiness

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

CDR Director Tolin Pare	CRD Liaison
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CRD STAFF

Nigel Whitehead	Manager, Planning Services
Shivani Sajwan	CRD Planning Officer II

DELEGATIONS

REGRETS

Chad Stump	ECHEN Deni Urban Nation Roots
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture and Food

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Lauren Dillabough	Administrative Assistant
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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:10 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2025-01

Moved by Jennifer R. and seconded by Robin H.

That the March 19, 2025 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2025-02

Moved by Megan F. and seconded by Lynda A.

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated December 18th, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. N/A

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. AGRICULTURAL AREA PLAN (AAP)

5.1.1. Committee discussed setting a date for an in-person meeting at the Williams Lake office. Meeting will include; setting goals and extra recommendations as required. May 7, 2025 and May 21, 2025 were discussed for dates for AAP – Doodle Poll will be sent out.

5.2. **MIN OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD (NICOLE PRESSEY)** – Not in attendance. Item deferred.

5.3. TAMMY'S FARM TOUR/IN-PERSON MEETING

5.3.1. Tentative dates suggested for April 16, 2025. Doodle Poll will be sent out.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. UBC STUDENT INQUIRY LIST HERE

6.1.1. Discussion on foreign acquisition of agricultural land and historical Reckitt Benckiser case. A member shared some history – land purchased for tree planting, horse boarding business purchased and no longer in business, along with land being planted in blueberries. Foreign buyers would offer to buy land just over the listed amount - increasing land values over time. Land in the north – good alfalfa production – replaced with trees for carbon credit. Also mention of damage to wildlife areas.
Recommendation: Present a letter to CRD Board for advocacy to NCLGA and UBCM.

R/2025-03

Moved by Lynda A. and seconded by David Z.

That ADAC request the CRD Board consider the issue of foreign land ownership and the impacts within the agriculture sector.

CARRIED

6.2. TARIFFS

6.2.1. Committee discussed recent issues with 25% tariffs on livestock, grain, and hay. Lynda shared about the Equine/Horse industry. Livestock tariff is now at 25% of value of the animal that crosses the USA border. This includes horse attending shows, and they must return to Canada within 30 days. They must post a bond of 25% before crossing into the USA and another 25% when returning. Meat horses are valued at \$2500 each and show horses can have values of up to \$150,000. This is only one agriculture sector.

R/2025-04

Moved by Megan F. and seconded by David Z.

That ADAC request the CRD Board to significantly look at Tariffs and the impact on the agriculture sector.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. FINANCIALS

7.1.1. RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS – DEC 31ST, 2024

7.1.1.1. December 2024 Budget remaining balance of \$4,541.30

7.1.2. RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS – FEB 28TH, 2025

7.1.2.1. February 2025 Budget remaining balance of \$5,755.87

7.1.3. INVOICES

7.1.3.1. **December 2024** Invoice: \$141.75 (4.5 hours)

7.1.3.2. **January 2025** Invoice: \$141.75 (4.5 hours)

7.1.3.3. **February 2025** Invoice: \$162.50 (3.25 hours)

R/2025-05

Moved by Megan F. and seconded by Jennifer R.

That ADAC accept the December 2024 and February 2025 Record of Transactions as presented.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. MARCH 19/25 – UBC Student’s Inquiry into Agricultural Land Issues.

8.1.1. Forwarded from Shivani S. and discussed during New Business 6.1

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. Members reported on:

- Beef markets.
- Range and wildlife management workshops.
- Megan F. informed the Williams Lake Beekeepers of ADAC’s role.
- SPROUT Kitchen reported continued success and increased use.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:32 PM

April 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM (TBC by Doodle Poll)
Agenda Submission Deadline: April 9, 2025

C. Stump, Chair

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