

Cariboo Regional District

CARIBOO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 7:00PM

Via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – November 15, 2023 meeting (as circulated via email)

4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 Ashutosh Srivastava – Community Futures Regional Business Liaison

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Communications Materials: CRD Communications Department Logo Feedback
- 5.2. Member Terms, Renewals, Nominations
- 5.3. ADAC Electronic Voting Administration Consultation with CRD Corporate Officer
- 5.4. Letter to CRD re LSAF Fencing
- 5.5. Letter to Producers re Wood Fiber

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Deadstock/SRM Disposal in the North Cariboo

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 7.1. Record of Transactions (November 15th to December 19th)
- 7.2. PPSS to ADAC December Invoice (November 15th to December 19th)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1. Save the Date – Central Cariboo Community Food Hub SSMPA Workshop
- 8.2. ADAC Representation at FLP Meetings
- 8.3. ADAC to Present to the CRD Jan 12th Board Meeting
- 8.4. Forwarded Email Regarding the Drought Extension Workshops: VIRTUAL provincial session for livestock and forage.
- 8.5. Henderson UNBC Agriculture Land Reserve Policy Review Student-Led Project: Community Report of Events from May – August 2023

9. ROUNDTABLE

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

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: January 17, 2024

Agenda Submission Deadline: January 10, 2024

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom on November 15th, 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
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Tyrone Johnson	Agribusiness
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Laurel-Anne Gordon	Small-Scale Meat Producer's Association
Cynthia Fell	Indigenous Governments
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
John Massier	CRD

CRD STAFF

Shivani Sajwan	CRD
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DELEGATIONS

N/A	N/A
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GUESTS

Joleen Morrison	FARMED
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REGRETS

Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattleman's Association

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:00PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2023-35

Moved to electronic voting.

That the November 15th, 2023 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2023-36

Moved to electronic voting.

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated October 18th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

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

- Delegate was not present at meeting.

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Fringe Fencing

- Summary of discussion. Essentially the result of the subcommittee meeting is a proposal that ADAC administration write a letter to the CRD Board of Directors in support of further investigation into a local service area function around fringe fencing where there are subdivisions. 'Subdivisions' is a term used as far as identifying non-agricultural smaller lot sizes against crown land that has ranged tenure. A draft letter has not yet been completed, but will be circulated to members as soon as it is. Our target is for a December CRD Board of Directors meeting to present this letter and the request. There will be two letters, one around the local service area function and another around the request for information to be in that spring newsletter that the CRD puts out.

5.2. Drought Response

- Summary of discussion. ADAC administration will write a letter to the CRD Board of Directors to request engagement with the Planning Department and the Emergency Operations Department in gathering information, collaborating, and preparing in advance of a drought. When a draft of this letter is available, it will be circulated for review.

5.3. Community Futures PASS Program

- An email was sent to members following our October meeting, circulating the Community Futures Cariboo Chilcotin PASS (Preparing for a Successful Succession) Program. The Chair encourages members to provide their feedback directly to Lori Walters regarding the matter.

5.4. ADAC Quorum

- It states specifically in our bylaw that ADAC requires 50% + 1 members to have a quorum. This was a question posed at the ADAC October meeting in regard to conversation around electronic voting and the accepting of meeting agendas and minutes.

5.5. Electronic Voting to Accept Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- At the ADAC October meeting, a question from a member sent by email was presented to the
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committee regarding electronic voting and how members who weren't present at a meeting can adopt minutes and pass agendas. There was no member discussion at that meeting. The Chair asks members if there is input to offer. The Chair offers that the model being followed was provided when the last administrative assistant handed off the administrative role to her and the current administrative assistant.

- The CRD liaison suggested this question might require a call to the corporate officer Alice Johnson who may be able to enlighten ADAC on how to proceed with this matter. ADAC will follow up with the recommendation.
- A member wonders if ADAC must redo the bylaw. The response offered is that the option has been presented by the CRD. This is probably something to contemplate when we hear how many of our members will renew their terms and how many will choose not to. At that point we will see what we are left with as far as numbers.

5.6. Communications Materials

- A logo (number 7) has been passed by member vote. Discussion around the purchase of a vertical banner and print materials. It's recommended ADAC look at this purchase in the new year. The chair will bring forward a draft vertical banner and samples of some print materials (i.e. business cards and post cards), and will bring forward pricings for a couple of different options.
- There was a question of if there was a local business that prints materials for the CRD that ADAC should consider working with. A CRD staff member says the CRD doesn't have a preferred one, but suggests communicating with the communications department and getting their input. ADAC must also forward the approved logo to the CRD Communications Department.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. N/A

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Record of Transactions (October 18th to November 14th)

- Accepted.

R/2023-37

Moved by Laurel-Anne G, Seconded by Martin R.

That ADAC Accept the October-November Record of Transactions.

Carried

7.2. PPSS to ADAC October Invoice (September 20th to October 17th)

- Accepted.

R/2023-38

Moved by Jennifer R, Seconded by Tammy B.

That ADAC Accept the October-November Invoice.

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Quesnel FLP Advisory Group Meeting (October 26th)

- A member was attending in the past but has been out of the circuit for a while, so hasn't been to one of the meetings for a few months. As he is getting to the point of being overwhelmed by meetings, he is hopeful another member can start attending them. A member mentions that she would be interested in attending the meetings. The next steps will be to get in contact with the FLP to let them know this member would be interested in attending and see if they can get her on the email list. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food liaison has taken this on and will cc ADAC so we're in the loop.

8.2. Cariboo Regional District Board Highlights (October 20th)

- Summary. No comments.

8.3. FARMED Fall and Winter Workshop Series

- Three workshops: Farm to Consumer, Vending at a BC Farmer's Market, and Food Preservation: Adding Value and Eliminating Waste.
- Farm to Consumer will be held November 18, 2023, 10:00am to 1:00pm at Kersley Hall. \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. Summary of contents.
- Vending at a BC Farmer's Market will be held January 27, 2024 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Kersley Hall. \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. Summary of contents.
- Food Preservation: Adding Value and Eliminating Waste will be held February 10, 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Anglican Church Hall. \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. Summary of contents.

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. Guardians of the Grasslands – Educators – Game

- The Guardians of the Grasslands was a video put out two years ago about grassland management using livestock, building soil health, maintaining habitat, and reducing wildfire risk. A member says she checked the game out as she is an educator. She felt it really simplified everything but brought up some points. She would guess it was geared to grades five to eight. She did not watch the Guardians of the Grasslands video prior to playing, however, which is the main educational piece. She is struggling with the agricultural piece and how it's connecting to the kids. [Guardians of the Grasslands Game](#)

9.2. Member Topics

- An email was circulated to members regarding a Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) engagement opportunity November 9th. Discussed. A CRD staff member shared an invitation for an agriculture resiliency workshop that will be hosted by the CRD Emergency Planning Department. It is scheduled for the 25th and 26th. Saturday it's in Quesnel, Sunday in Williams Lake. It aligns with drought discussions so she feels it would be helpful for members to attend. She would suggest all members try to attend. A member mentions the workshop is on the same day as the Breeders and Feeders and the Quesnel Cattleman's annual general meeting. That may remove some people who would be very interested in attending. The CRD director mentions bringing that up to the department and suggesting they schedule another of those workshops for later on when there is less conflict.
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- Reminder that the Central South Interior Regional Extension Committee is having their extension workshop in Kamloops next Tuesday, the 21st. If members want an invitation, let the Ministry of Food and Agriculture liaison know. If you cannot attend in person, there are other ways to engage and provide input on project ideas for climate change and adaptation for producers in this region.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT

8:00pm

Next Meeting: December 20th, 2023 at 7pm via zoom

Agenda Submission Deadline: December 13th, 2023

C. Pooley, Chair

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Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

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2023 Member Appointments

Term of Service	Organization Representation	Name of Candidate
2-year to December 2023	BC Forage Council – NC Representative	Christa Pooley [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2023	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers	Brianna van de Wijngaard [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2023	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producers Association	Megan Flatt [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2023	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association	David Zirnhelt [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2023	Small Scale Meat Producers Association	Laurel-Anne Gordon [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association	Jennifer Roberts [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Kersley Farmers Institute	Martin Rossmann [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Farmers' Market	Robin Hunt [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Regional Food and Innovation Hub	Lynda Atkinson [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Post-Secondary Institute	Gillian Watt [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production	Tammy Briggs [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Indigenous Governments	Cynthia Fell [REDACTED]
2-year to December 2024	Agribusiness	Tyrone Johnston [REDACTED]

Liaison	Ministry of Agriculture and Food	Nicole Pressey [REDACTED]
Liaison	Cariboo Regional District	Director John Massier jmassier@cariboord.ca

Required Member Representation

- One member representing cattle ranching
- One member representing forage
- One member representing horticulture and vegetable producers
- One member representing farmer's markets
- Two to nine members representing agricultural economics, agri-forestry, farmers institutes, post-secondary institutes, First Nations or any other major agricultural sector
- One member representing a First Nation Government
- One member representing the Agrologist profession

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REVISED DEC 2, 2023

December 2, 2023, 2023

Cariboo Regional District
Board of Directors
Suite D, 180 North Third Avenue
Williams Lake, BC
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Dear CRD Board:

ADAC has passed a motion requesting that the Board move to invest CRD Staff time to investigate Livestock Exclusion Fencing as a Local Service Area Function.

There is a saying: "Good fences make good neighbours", the opposite is also true. Poor fences make for challenging relationships and unhappy communities; therefore, fencing may be seen as a valuable part of "building communities together", the slogan of the CRD.

Throughout the Cariboo, people have moved to rural areas to enjoy a rural lifestyle with more space and fewer restrictions on their activities. Sub-divisions with parcel sizes ranging from 2 to 20 acres have become common around Quesnel, Williams Lake and 100 Mile House.

Increasingly in recent years, conflicts have arisen between sub-division residents and cattle grazing on Crown range. Similar conflict may be seen where industrially zoned properties are adjacent to grazing tenured Crown lands. The conflict often arises from a lack of fences or the disrepair of fences.

The Cariboo has had an influx of people from the other urban regions attracted to invest in rural fringe acreage in the Cariboo. There is no requirement for real estate agents to advise a purchaser of the realities of living in a Livestock District, the details of the Livestock Act, Trespass Act, or Range Act that inform the requirements and responsibilities of living adjacent to property actively used for agriculture.

The above-described conflicts and challenges are not new. One can easily find references to such matters in numerous publications from reliable sources:

- [2012 UBCM Resolution - Fencing Agriculture Interface](#)
- [Strengthening Farming - Livestock at Large](#)
- [Mary McGregor Beef in BC article 1995](#)

Livestock grazing on Crown land provides economic benefits not just to the cattle owner, but to society as well. Livestock production contributes to the economy and food security. It creates employment and supports resource management. Grazing can aid in fire suppression by reducing fine fuels.

Well-planned sub-divisions also provide benefits to society, including places for people to live and raise families; workers for industry and institutions; and property taxation for local and provincial governments.

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) provides regional and local services, from libraries and solid waste to fire departments and streetlights.

The CRD ADAC (Agriculture Development Advisory Committee) presents a proposal to improve the livability, attraction & retention of residents of the CRD. Residents that would benefit from such service include:

- Those who live in rural subdivisions, adjacent to titles actively used for agriculture,
- Agriculture producers/Range tenure holders,
- Recreationalists via access to lands beyond,
- Local contractors via employment opportunities.

The proposal is that the CRD act as a mechanism to bring relevant parties (Cattlemen's & livestock groups, Woodlot Associations, local residents, recreation groups, Min of Transportation and Infrastructure, Min of Agriculture and Food, Min of Forests Range Management Branch, etc.) **together in consultation to establish a Local Service Area Function that would develop and maintain livestock exclusion fencing around the perimeter of rural subdivisions in a livestock district.** This proposal may be approached as a pilot project in an identified area.

ADAC looks forward to working in a collaborative role with the CRD in exploring the potential to develop the above-described project.

Regards,

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Chair, ADAC

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**Cariboo
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December 11, 2023

Dear Agricultural Community and Industry Groups:

The Agricultural Development Advisory Committee (ADAC) is collaborating with local timber license holders to determine agriculture wood fiber demand.

We are seeking input from producers in the agriculture sector regarding fiber types (shavings, hog fuel or chips), the volume producers need or want access to, and how much they are willing to pay for it.

Please provide input about your needs or forecasted needs so that we can communicate to the timber licence holders the local demand.

Input can be sent to caribooadac1@gmail.com.

Regards,



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November 30, 2023

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Board of Directors
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Dear CRD Board:

ADAC has passed a motion requesting that the CRD include information about fencing responsibilities in a Livestock District in the quarterly spring newsletter of 2024.

The information that could be provided would include reference resources such as the Livestock Act, the Trespass Act, the Forestry and Range Practice Act, and the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food Right to Farm Legislation.

ADAC is open to collaboration in the development of the content of the communication material.

Regards,



Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

Christa Pooley

Chair, ADAC