

Cariboo Regional District

CARIBOO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:00PM

Via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – January 23, 2023 meeting (as circulated via email)

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Emily Colombo – REDIP Program and Funding Opportunities

4.2 Beth Holden – Regional Agriculture Plan

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. ADAC Consulting with the CRD Board of Directors on Applications to the ALC

5.2. Regular Meeting Date Update – Three Potential Dates

5.3. Election of a Treasurer for ADAC

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. New Bylaw Review

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1. N/A

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Consultation Survey – Did anyone complete it?

8.2. FLP Meeting February 15, 2023 – Did Anyone Attend?

8.3. Opportunities 2022 and Beyond Committee Meeting – Did Anyone Attend?

8.4. Kersley Farmer's Institute February 18th Event – Did Anyone Attend?

8.5. ACARN: Introduction to the BC Living Lab – Did Anyone Attend?

8.6. BC Ag in the Classroom Free Offer – Anyone Interested?

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. Support for the BC Craft Cider Industry

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. 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
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom on Monday January 23, 2023, at 7:00PM

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. The 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
Brianna van de Wijngaard	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Laurel-Anne Gordon	Small Scale Meat Producers Association
Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Gillian Watt	Post Secondary Institutions
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

CRD Vice-Chair John Massier	CRD Liaison
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture and Food

REGRETS

David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Tyrone Johnston	Agrobusiness
Shivani Sajwan	CRD Liaison
Nigel Whitehead	CRD Planning Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2023-01

It was moved and seconded.

That ADAC approve the January 23, 2023 agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2023-02

It was moved and seconded.

That ADAC adopt the December 6, 2022 meeting minutes.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1. Regional Economic Operations Branch Regional Manager, Cariboo Region Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation Ministry – Grant and Funding Opportunities: Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Program (REDIP).

- Delegate not in attendance.
- Question of whether a subcommittee should be set up to discuss this program.

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. CRD Communications – New Member Nominations/Appointment, Bylaw Amendments

- Discussion on bylaw amendments, introduction of new members, and discussion of terms of appointment. Error noted (It was December 2024 that the renewed and new terms expired, not 2025) and corrected.

- 5.2. FLP Advisory Group Summary (December 13, 2022)

- Regular attendee, from ADAC, to these meetings was not able to attend. The next meeting will occur February 15, 2023 for any who wish to attend.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Member Terms of Service

- Discussed and reviewed.

- 6.2. Election of Executives

- Chair – Current Chair, Christa P, lets their name stand, but is open to any other nominations that may come forward. No nominations put forth. No one opposed. By motion of acclamation, current Chair remains.
- Secretary – Current secretary not present. Unable to let name stand. Member, Laurel-Anne G, volunteered for the role and by motion of acclamation, members carry the motion that Laurel-Anne fill the role of secretary.
- Treasurer – Previous treasurer has not renewed her term. Two members were nominated by another member. Both decline the nomination. No other nomination put forth. The vote for a new treasurer will continue to electronic voting to include members who are not present. No opposition to this suggestion.

R/2023-03

To elect members into ADAC executive roles; Christa Pooley by Acclamation Vote as the Chair of ADAC and Laurel-Anne Gordon by acclamation vote fill the role as ADAC Secretary.

CARRIED

6.3. 2022 Agricultural Area Plan Endorsed

- Endorsed by the Board at the December 9th, 2022 meeting. It was very well received.
- Discussion priorities from the AAP does ADAC want to focus on.
- Discussion of local government resolution process and its benefits. Proposal that ADAC present resolution(s) to the CRD to minimize barriers and strengthen economic potential for agriculture in our region and across the province.
- Discussion of the research done on past resolutions that have been brought forward to the NCLGA and UBCM in the last few years.
- Discussion about the change to the legislation around the Agricultural Land Commissions that requires that applications, that used to be submitted directly by private property owners to the ALC, now must be forwarded by a local government (i.e. Municipal, Regional, or Indigenous). General feeling is that it is onerous for local governments and a significant impediment to private property owners.
- Suggestion of a subcommittee or maybe this is not the year to focus on presenting resolution(s). Members asked to consider this matter. The topic will be addressed again later in the meeting.
- Reviewed the update from the CRD regarding the new bylaw, new members, and changes in communication processes with CRD.
- CRD Economic Development Officer attended the Cariboo Cattleman's meeting this month and is working on an exploratory background research for the potential development of a regional agrotourism strategy.
- ADAC has identified that this time of year (Feb/March) would be most productive to have a representative attend a CRD Board of Directors meeting as a delegate to give an annual update to the Board of Directors.
- Question of potential conflict of interest regarding a member who is an alternate CRD Director for Area I. Admin will communicate with CRD Planning Manager for guidance on this matter.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Treasurer's Report

- Summary of the Fourth Quarter Record of Transactions and the Invoice Summary, both of which were submitted. We are looking to have the CRD Board approve the unused portion of the budget from 2022 added to our 2023 budget. Letter to the CRD Board has been sent to this effect.

7.2. Travel Reimbursement Form

- Question of whether everyone saw it and a reminder that members are entitled to submit expenses for travel via the reimbursement form, which can be found in the E-Binder.

7.3. Establishing a Regular Meeting Date

- Discussion of the survey regarding a regular meeting date. Reminders will be sent out to prompt responses. This will be revisited later in the meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Sandhills Calving Strategy – Beef Research Council

- Discussion. It is an interesting conversation that depends on your land, your livestock, your human resources, the time you calve, etc. Having access to new ideas via this strategy helps us contemplate whether we can take bits or pieces from it or think outside our own boxes.

8.2. FARMED Opportunities and Beyond Meeting Summary (January 3, 2023) and FARMED Newsletter Subscription

- Discussion of FARMED. We are asking members who want to get that information to manage their own subscription. Do ADAC members want Admin to continue forwarding FARMED emails? Is everyone who is interested initiated this for themselves? FARMED is a North Cariboo Agriculture marketing association working hard to build a virtual map of producers and such. They are doing great work and their membership is growing with this initiative.

8.3. ESG Centre of Excellence Discussion

- Discussion of ESG. It sounds like the resources around ESG best practices and resources are going to be available through the ESG center of excellence for small business owners, and they were gathering information from all sorts of industry groups about how ESG applies to those industries and how those industries may feel supported.

8.4. Advanced Grazing Systems Workshop Summary (Friday Dec 9, 2022)

- A member and a liaison attended. The BC Forage council had their AGM on the Friday then the Advanced Grazing Systems Workshop on Saturday and Sunday. They announced their funding program, the On-Farm Climate Action Fund. Discussion and explanation of this funding took place.

8.5. Climate Change and Environment Programs

- ADAC previously forwarded a survey asking for feedback around those programs including the EFP BMP wrap farm adaptation innovator program, those that fall under the climate change and environment programs.

8.6. Dinner/Discussion with Filmmaker Suzanne Cochrane Regarding Food Security

- The Food Hub Project Williams Lake is sponsoring a film screening on February 6, 2023, called First We Eat, a Canadian documentary by Suzanne Crocker.

8.7. ADAC Points of Contact Update

- One of the documents ADAC Admin has been developing is around industry partners and association groups within agriculture in the region, with the intention to lead by example in strengthen communications & ensuring we are encouraging communication amongst industry groups. Our intention is to identify when those groups are having AGMs, when the authentic opportunities present for ADAC to send an update or attend to present an update. Still working on gathering contact information for the BC Cattleman's Association chapters, but essentially regional BC Cattlemen's Association groups.
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9. ROUNDTABLE

- BC Forage Council Member Update: There was a forage management workshop this past Monday evening. There were also dates in three or four other communities across the Cariboo. Question of whether anyone attended. Feedback was requested as numbers didn't seem as good as they were in the 90s and 2000s.
- Discussion about a application that is in front of the CRD Board of Directors, regarding a ranching family from the South Cariboo asking that their application be forwarded to the ALC. Does ADAC play a role in this? Can they? Chair feels such issues would fit ADAC's mandate. Should ADAC express to the CRD that we are available to consult on such matters? CRD liaison will try and discuss the matter with a CRD member about this as well.
- It was decided that putting in a resolution is not a big push for ADAC this year, but to keep the filter in mind so we might push for something in 2024.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:50. Communications to be sent to members regarding the meeting schedule survey.

Next Meeting: TBD

Agenda Submission Deadline: TBD

C. Pooley, Chair

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Regional Economic Development Agritourism Study Plan 2023

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Objective: Determine if agriculture producers are interested in offering tourism amenities and services at their agricultural operations.

Section 1. Agriculture in the Cariboo Regional District

Section 2: Tourism in the Cariboo Regional District

Section 3. Agritourism Defined

Section 4. Agritourism Action Item from Regional Agriculture Plan (ADAC)

Section 5. Project Scope, Timeline, and Overview

Section 1. Agriculture in the Cariboo Regional District

The following statements are copied directly from the [2022 Cariboo Regional District Agricultural Area Plan](#). They give a snapshot of the diversity and culture of agriculture in the region.

Vision Statement

The Cariboo is a place where farming is sustained by building economic and environmental resiliency, where local policies and plans champion agricultural land, producers, and processors, and where all community members share a passion for local food and agricultural products. P.15

Agriculture and farming have a long history in the Cariboo and continue to be a vital part of the economic, social and environmental fabric of the region. The regional agriculture sector is mainly characterized by ranching and forage with a variety of other smaller scale agriculture activities and food production opportunities. P. 1

One of the strengths of agriculture and food security in the Cariboo is the vast range of community knowledge and involvement. P. 3

With fertile soils and a favourable growing climate, the Cariboo is a major ranching hub, known for horses, cattle, hay, and forage production. Diversity of production is on the rise, with dairy, field-based vegetables, poultry, honey, and mixed farming becoming a greater proportion of farms. The large number of multigenerational family-run farms make agriculture an important economic contributor within the Cariboo region. P. 4

Approximately 11% (over 936,000 ha) of the CRD's overall area is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) (Figure 2). 6 The majority of agricultural land is located along Highway 97 (which follows the Fraser River), and along Highway 20 East (which follows the Chilcotin River) to Alexis Creek. There are also large amounts of land outside of the ALR that are being used for agricultural production, predominantly for forage and pasture for cattle ranches.7 Crown land used for forage both within and outside the ALR, provides about 40% of the annual forage requirements of the region's ranching industry. P. 5 According to Statistics Canada's 2021 Census of Agriculture, the number of commercial farm operations (901) decreased in the region by 18% since 2011. However, this reduction may be attributed in part to a change in the definition of a 'farm' applied by Statistics Canada and not necessarily to an actual reduction of farming on the land base. 9 The 2021 BC Assessment data, which includes self-reported commercial farms inside and outside the ALR, lists 1,837 properties as having Farm Class tax status. P. 6

Section 2. Tourism in the Cariboo Regional District

The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA), the lead organization for tourism in our region, does not appear to have a vision statement but defines the area, which they refer to as the Land Without Limits, as the following:

What is "[A Land Without Limits](#)"? It's vast open skies. Room to wander. Space to roam. Time to just breathe. It's the heart of British Columbia's wild – the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast. Discover British Columbia's authentic frontier. An untamed land framed by rolling hills and coastal mountains: boasting diverse landscapes, abundant nature and wildlife, rich history and people of generous heart.

It's where everything and anything happens. From road-tripping to camping, to bucket-list wilderness resorts, guest ranching and heli-ski vacations; from backyard barbeques to gourmet dining; from outdoor adventures to the wild west, gold rush trail and ghost town discoveries; the opportunities are limitless in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast.

It's where cultural and contemporary lifestyles exist harmoniously. It's where one can connect with the earth, the past, family, friends and one's self. It's where rejuvenation of spirit flows effortlessly.

The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) has developed a [Destination Development Strategy](#). In this document they define two key traveller profiles:

- Authentic Experience - Understated travellers looking for authentic engagement. Most appealing activities in BC: walking, wildlife viewing, experiencing nature and local culture, local food, and experience connecting with others. Less interested in relaxation and shopping.

- Cultural Explorer - Defined by their love constant travel and continuous opportunities to embrace, discover, and immerse in the culture of people, and settings of places they visit.

This guide defines some of the key challenges in the region:

- **Quantity and diversity of food & beverage options**
- **Availability of purchasable guided experiences**
- **Insufficient accommodation capacity in high season**

Key Opportunities

- Invest in non-traditional types of accommodation, food and beverage

Section 3. Agritourism Defined

What is Agritourism

Definition

Agritourism is where agriculture and tourism meet to offer visitors entertaining and often educational experiences. It may:

- combine the essential elements of the tourism and agriculture industries;
- attract members of the public to visit agricultural operations;
- increase farm income; and
- provide recreation, entertainment, and/or educational experiences to visitors.

Benefits

Agritourism is a field that is growing in popularity as producers try to diversify and increase profits. By combining agriculture and tourism, agritourism offers new sources of revenue.

Agritourism also show the general public the value and the work involved in producing local food and products.

Challenges with Agritourism

1. There can be legal issues, so it is crucial to do research around zoning bylaws and agritourism activities permitted by the Agricultural Land Commission to ensure operations can run as planned.
2. Proper licensing, training, and permitting may be needed for farm to table food services. Some helpful links include, [Farm Gate](#), [Food Safe](#), [Interior Health](#), [Northern Health](#), [Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulations](#), and [Health & Food Safety at Farmers Markets](#).
3. Accidents and issues can occur, so having a risk management plan is important.
4. You might need to put down significant capital and resources to build or renovate before bringing in customers.
5. There can be seasonal downturns where business may slow down.
6. Planning tourism activities and events during the busy season can interfere with successful agricultural operations and positive tourism experiences.

Section 4. Agritourism Action Item from Regional Agriculture Plan (ADAC)

Develop an agritourism study for the regional agricultural sector

- Develop a regional agritourism study to determine the rate of interest amongst farm operators, the range and type of agritourism opportunities available, and to develop an inventory of regional agritourism initiatives.
- Create producer and processor profiles that can be used to highlight local businesses online through websites, social media, and in print media.
- Support the success of FARMED's North Cariboo Agriculture Awareness and Marketing initiative and consider making it a region-wide brand and linking it to BuyBC by providing funding to sector organizations.
- Establish a regional "buy local" marketing campaign for the Cariboo region and associated products (for examples, see Kootenays and Okanagan regions).

Section 5. Project Scope, Timeline, and Overview

Agritourism Project Scope, Timeline, and Overview

Project Scope:

Work with regional stakeholders to examine the appetite, direction, and tools to develop agricultural tourism throughout the entire region.

Timeline

Goal	Action	Who/How	Timeline
Define the Project	Research & define Agritourism	Beth: -online research -stakeholder engagement CRD Planning Department: -develop a clear understanding of allowable activities in different zoned properties inside and out of the ALR.	January/February 2023
	Create terms of reference for the project		
	Research education & training opportunities		
	Work with CRD Planning to create a document outlining permitted activities		
	Research and reach out for organizations and	Beth: -online research	January/February 2023

Identify Key Stakeholders & share the Project	businesses to identify potential stakeholders	-attend events & meetings -ADAC Nicole Pressey	
	Attend regional, sub-regional, municipal, provincial, and sector meetings to meet potential stakeholders and for insight in the agricultural sector		January – March 2023
	Create a contact list		Ongoing
Determine Interest in Agricultural Sector	Engage with agriculture groups to determine if there is an appetite to develop agritourism opportunities in the region	Beth: -attend meetings -survey?	February 2023
Stakeholder Engagement	Use Sector Knowledge to Build Engagement Questions	-work with Nicole Pressey & ADAC to develop drawing questions	February – March 2023
	Organize stakeholder meetings throughout the Cariboo		April – August 2023
	Create a Steering Committee		May 2023
	Possibly hire a facilitator		
Collate Feedback	Review feedback and organize into themes and action items	Beth	September 2023
Review Sessions	Meet with a cross section of stakeholders to review and refine findings	Beth & Facilitator	September – October 2023
Produce and Share Conclusions	Distribute findings to stakeholders	-contact list generated throughout the process -CCCTA -Municipalities	October 2023
Next Steps	If there is an appetite for regional agritourism identify actions that will reach goals	-ADAC, CCCTA, CRD Board -???	



CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 5416

A bylaw of the Cariboo Regional District, in the Province of British Columbia, to establish an Agricultural Development Advisory Committee for all electoral areas of the Cariboo Regional District.

WHEREAS the Board of the Cariboo Regional District may, pursuant to the Local Government Act, establish by bylaw, an Agricultural Development Advisory Committee to advise the Board on matters referred to the Committee respecting agriculture and horticulture matters and, if requested, land use, community planning, and proposed bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Cariboo Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited as “Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 5416, 2023”.

2. PURPOSE

The Committee’s purpose is to advise the Board on matters referred to the Committee respecting agricultural development in all electoral areas of the Cariboo Regional District.

3. ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP

3.1 An Agricultural Development Advisory Committee is hereby established and such Committee shall be comprised of not less than six nor more than fifteen members, appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors, as follows:

- (a) one member representing cattle ranching;
- (b) one member representing forage;
- (c) one member representing horticulture and vegetable producers;
- (d) one member representing farmer’s markets;

- (e) two to nine members representing agricultural economics, agri-forestry, farmers institutes, post-secondary institutes, First Nations or any other major agricultural sector;
 - (f) one member representing a First Nation Government; and
 - (g) one member representing the Agrologist profession.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding the allocations under section 3.1 above; where a representative for a category listed cannot be secured, the Board of Directors may opt to appoint a member from some other agricultural industry or category.
- 3.3 No member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed to the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee; however, at least one Board member shall be appointed as a non-voting liaison to the Committee.
- 3.4 Committee members will be evenly appointed for rotating two year terms expiring on December 31, to serve until they elect to resign or a successor is appointed.
- 3.5 If a member misses more than three consecutive meetings of the Committee without leave of the Committee Chair, the member shall be deemed to have resigned and the Board of Directors may at their discretion, appoint a replacement for the balance of the given term of the member in accordance with this Bylaw.
- 3.6 The Board of Directors may appoint a new member to fill a Committee vacancy, upon the occurrence of such vacancy and such appointment shall be for the remainder of the given term.
- 3.7 The Board may, in its sole discretion, terminate the appointment of any member at any time, and may appoint another person to serve for the remainder of the dismissed member's term of office.

4. MEETING CONDUCT

- 4.1 The Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members at the first meeting of each year. If the Chair is absent from a meeting, the members of the Committee shall elect an "Acting Chair" from among all members present to conduct that meeting.
- 4.2 The Chair shall preside over all meetings, and shall rule on all points of order, subject to the relevant Cariboo Regional District bylaws and policies.
- 4.3 The Committee shall choose a Secretary from within its membership. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all those present at the meetings, as well as all resolutions, in the form of minutes, to be retained and copied to the Cariboo Regional District.

- 4.4 The Committee shall choose a Treasurer from within its membership. The Treasurer shall maintain records of all revenues and expenditures related to Committee activities. The Treasurer shall ensure that all transactions are legal and consistent with the Cariboo Regional District's duly approved financial plan, bylaws, policies and procedures. The records shall be available for inspection at the request of the Cariboo Regional District at any time. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Committee is regularly informed of its financial status.
- 4.5 The Committee may adopt rules governing its conduct and procedure that are consistent with the provisions of the *Local Government Act* and this Bylaw and may vary such rules from time to time by a vote of the majority of the members.
- 4.6 All Committee meetings shall be open and available to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter*, unless properly closed under section 90 of the *Charter*.
- 4.7 A quorum is 50% plus one of all members of the Committee and all meetings where business is undertaken must have a quorum.
- 4.8 Members may attend and vote at a meeting by electronic means, subject to the CRD's policies and procedures.
- 4.9 The Committee shall meet up to six times per year in person or by conference call, and may add additional meetings at the call of the Chair.
- 4.10 All decisions of the Committee shall be made by a majority of the members present at a meeting, with each member of the Committee including the Chair, having one vote. In case of a tie vote, the motion shall be defeated.

5. REVENUE

The Committee may retain for its own purposes all revenues, donations, grants and fundraising receipts that it procures.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Every member of the Committee shall abide by the Conflict of Interest requirements as set out in the *Community Charter* and shall declare any conflict, not participate in any discussion of the matter, not vote in respect of the matter, nor attempt in any way, whether before, during or after a meeting, to influence the voting on the matter.

7. REFERRED MATTERS

- 7.1 The following matters shall generally be referred to the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee for its consideration and advice:

- (a) Partnering with local government to further agricultural economic development;

- (b) Providing a coordinating body for accessing funding for major projects;
- (c) Providing links between producers, processors, agriculture organizations, Farmers Institutes and government at all levels to address agricultural infrastructure, research and training needs;
- (d) Raising awareness of agriculture; and
- (e) Enhancing an understanding of agriculture's role in the local and/or regional economy.

7.2 The following matters may also be referred to the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee by the Board of Directors, for its consideration and advice:

- (a) Farm 'edge' policies;
- (b) Agricultural area plans;
- (c) Legislation to identify improvements to support agriculture;
- (d) Official community plans within or impacting the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) or for agricultural uses.

8. REPEAL:

Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 5354, 2021 and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

READ A FIRST TIME this 13th day of January, 2023.

READ A SECOND TIME this 13th day of January, 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME this 13th day of January, 2023.

ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2023.

Manager of Corporate Services

Chair

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 5416, cited as the "Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 5416, 2023", as adopted by the Cariboo Regional District Board on the 13th day of January, 2023.

Manager of Corporate Services



Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan – Advisory Group – MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2022. Quesnel District Office, Boardroom

In Attendance In Person:

Gerry Grant – Forest Practices Board
Wilf Larsen – BC Cattlemen’s Association
Rhonda Christensen - ?Echen Healing Society
Sage Gordon – Quesnel Cattlemen’s Association
John Massier – Quesnel Woodlot Association, Cariboo Regional District
Martin Rossmann - Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee
Lee Crow- Wells Snowmobile Club
Randy Spyksma – Forsite Consultants (FLP and AG Facilitator)
Erin Robinson – City of Quesnel (on FLP Planning Committee)
Kim Scott – Ministry of Forests (on FLP Planning Committee)
Dave Lishman – Ministry of Forests (on FLP Planning Committee)

In Attendance Virtually:

Tracy Bond – Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Trevor Poole - Woodlot

Agenda

Time	Agenda Items
6:00-6:10	1. Opening • Introductions • Agenda
6:10 - 6:40	2. Admin • Review minutes • Action items from last meeting ○ Terms of Reference ○ Update on collective place to store documents • Some clarifications on the Advisory Group ○ Flow of input with the larger FLP framework ○ Roles and responsibilities of Advisory Group participants ○ Advisory Group input
6:40 - 7:10	3. Review Input to Date • What we heard so far • Open discussion
7:10 - 7:20	Break - Refreshments
7:20 – 7:50	4. Deep Dive – Visual Quality
7:50 – 8:15	5. Deep Dive – Access and Roads
8:15 – 8:30	6. Closure • Next Steps • Round table feedback



Pre-Meeting Package

- Proposed Terms of Reference
- Updated meeting minutes from Oct 25 meeting
- “What we heard so far” document

Purpose and Use of Meeting Minutes

- 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 do not associate names with the input recorded in the minutes to support a more open dialogue. There is also no need to be that specific given the role of the Advisory Group which is to provide perspectives, thoughts and ideas from a range of individuals and groups for consideration in the planning process.
- Minutes will be used to plan for future meetings and to create documents supporting the Advisory Group and FLP processes.
- Advisory Group members are given the opportunity to provide feedback on the minutes when they are being sent out, usually within one week after the meeting. Please send specific feedback via email before the next meeting so that changes can be made in advance. Minutes will be approved at the following meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Black font is a summary of topics presented. Orange font is captured as clarifying points as well as additional input that was provided after the actual meeting time (from the attendees at the meeting and others that were not present).

Note - There was a last minute change of venue from the Legion to the Boardroom at the Quesnel Regional District’s office.

Opening

- Introductions
- Review agenda

Admin/Minutes

- Review minutes from last meeting
 - o Remove the section stating that the CRD does not having forestry expertise. The regional district is a service-based government.
- Clarification CRD statement



- CRD will play a role in the General Public Engagement process
 - **Action item: Ayrilee M** - Reach out to Chair of CRD Margot Wagner.
- Action items from last meeting
 - Compensation for expenses to attend session - this sits at the Office of the Chief Forester – no decision at this time
 - Org Structure Changes in light of first Advisory Group meeting– shared at the Dec meeting
 - A Share Point site will be set up – work, in progress
 - Terms of Reference – adjustments were shared with the AG.
 - One additional change was suggested - change the NDA section or completely remove the section as individuals at the meeting need to be able to communicate to the people that they represent.
 - **Action – Forsite** - Change will be made and ToR confirmed and signed at the next Advisory Group meeting.
- Ensure that people that reached out to be involved, but can't make the meetings are still being updated on the progress.

Review of Input to Date

- “What we’ve hear so far” will be a living document and updates after the meetings and then shared with the Technical G2G
- The “What we’ve heard so far” will capture the tensions and opposing views on specific values or topics

Visual Quality

- The visual landscape inventory dates back to the 90s and is focussed on well traveled corridors and lakes. A dynamic item with changing viewpoints as well – as these change. Indigenous input was not captured in this process.
- Planning Committee discussions have really focused in on the need to support healthy and resilient landscapes – not protected landscapes per se
- **Idea of what type of forests and landscapes ‘look good’ varies greatly – this is the challenge related to visual resource management**
 - Bad reputation for clearcuts, but in reality tourists are able to visit and see trees everywhere of various sizes and shapes
 - Some find a plantation more pleasing than an undisturbed natural stand with a vast structure of trees with various ages, height, species and stocking density.
- Current VQO practices is often to design blocks to be hidden (or partially hidden) from viewpoint. This should not be the go-to practice.
- Logged openings create viewpoints. This should be used to facilitate viewpoints of valleys, lakes, mountains and all the glory.

Access and Roads



- **Community safety – key factor**
 - Key factor for rural residents
 - Road maintenance, quality of road, multiple jurisdictions all influencing this
 - Seasonal issues, not plowed often. People rely on plowing to get in and out of their place.
 - The demand for road maintenance far exceeds the ministry budget; always has and always will.
 - People who live or work in remote areas may not be able to assume that access will always be in place unless they own the road...
- **Loop roads**
 - Have been more prevalent in the past, generally avoided due to access, wildfire/hunting pressures, etc.
 - Positive aspect of loop roads that should be considered
 - Important fire escapes for people living, working and recreating in the backcountry
 - Good for tourism, day or multiday trips planned with forestry campsites and sightseeing opportunities
- **Connecting Roads**
 - Roads connect across ranges, including new roads that cut across series of old roads and generally the road densities and connectivity
 - End up connecting the landbase too much from a range and cattle movement point of view.
 - Remove natural range barriers
- **Roads on Sensitive Terrain**
 - Roads on active fluvial units/floodplains – potential to activate or re-activate the floodplains (sediment)
- **Deactivation Planning and Practices**
 - Planning
 - Big change after having access for years
 - Current process is to only advertise
 - Need for a renewed, better process, more meaningful
 - More structured on who and how the information gets out
 - Sometimes when roads are deactivated, people drive where they shouldn't. Consider this in sensitive areas – how and where roads are deactivated
 - Hope is that the Forest Operations Plan (component of the FLP) will help to communicate plans for new roads and road deactivation/rehabilitation
 - Practices
 - Too deep, dangerous
- **Sediment issues**
 - Need to reduce sediment inputs from roads, fireguard, etc.
 - Exemptions from deactivation seem to exist, not sure of the reasons
- **Road Permits**



- Legacy road permits – are out there with no actions on them and no formal need for the road – opportunity to close/deactivate?
 - Bill 23 which amended FRPA in 2021, new provisions now in effect:
 - District managers can specify in the road permit document when the authorized road must be deactivated.
 - The Quesnel Resource District is looking into how these legislative tools can be use.
 - To date, in the District, there has been no deactivations directed by this legislation.
 - FRPA 23.2 empowers the minister to require the holder of an agreement under the Forest Act to deactivate a road authorized or constructed under the agreement, or a cutting permit issued under the agreement, and to specify the date.... This can apply for roads authorized in the past. Huge issue in some areas.
 - The minister can also exempt the road owner from deactivating, but that means that the ministry takes on the liability so it is rare. (FRPA 23.3)
- **Multiple Jurisdictions**
 - Multiple forest licensees are involved on a given road
 - Different rules for different industries are a challenge – mining, for example
- **Density/Number of Roads**
 - Roads contribute to forage, but less than blocks do – is a forage factor, but more about cattle movement, breaking through natural range barriers, etc.
 - Important to focus on reusing old roads.
 - Many reasons for not using old roads. Many times, they have been built to standards that are not acceptable today:
 - Within riparian areas, areas with sensitive terrain, sensitive soils, sensitive ecosystems, near stick nests or dens.
 - Poor drainage structures, road grades, side hills not suitable for roadside harvesting operations, too tight of switchbacks to name a few.
 - Road locations decisions should be left in the hands of forest professionals. Important to not tie their hands and limit their ability to use knowledge and expertise.
 - Amount of road or road density needs to be in that “sweet spot” between too many and not enough
 - Enough access to support users
 - Do many roads that have to much of an impact
 - General sentiment - we currently have too many roads on the land and have not hit that mark yet.
- **Road Design**
 - Better and avoiding the collection of water – design and maintenance dynamics
 - Impacts include sedimentation in waterways, loss of access
- **Access management**
 - Coordinated approach needed considering wide range of factors



- Community pasture, Mining, Residents, Range – helps move cattle, Rec use, Conservation/environmental considerations, Wildfire management- access to fight wildfires
- Rec users need access in general. Some good examples of partnering for winter season access.

Topics For Next Meeting

- Water
- Reforestation – Species, Site prep
- Forest/harvesting practices
- Cultural land use

Summary of meeting - “What We Heard”

- These are the main points and topics that will be brought forward to the Technical G2G Group over time. The detailed minutes will continue to be used to guide the overall input from the Advisory Group to the FLP planning process overall
- Additional input from recreation user groups may be needed to confirm the “what we heard” or make some additions as not all were represented at the Dec 2022 AG meeting
- **Visuals**
 - **Design of Harvesting** - Focus on healthy forests when designing activities in viewsheds
 - **Update Scenic Areas** - Update the visual landscape inventory to reflect dynamic nature of scenic areas, viewpoints, etc. that change over time
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Agenda

Quesnel FLP Advisory Group Meeting – February 15, 2023

Location: Quesnel District Office - Boardroom

Package

- Updated Terms of Reference
- Meeting minutes from Dec 13 meeting
- Advisory Group input for TechG2G consideration for roads and access management
- Advisory Group input for TechG2G consideration for visuals

Time	Agenda Item
6:00-6:25	1. Opening/Admin - Introductions - Confirm Agenda and Dec 13 minutes - Confirm Terms of Reference - Confirm Advisory Group input for TechG2G Consideration - Website
6:25-7:00	2. Deep Dive – Water/fish
7:00-7:35	3. Deep Dive – Reforestation – species, site prep
7:35-7:45	Break - Refreshments
7:45-8:20	4. Deep Dive – Forest/harvesting practices
8:20-8:30	5. Closure - Next Steps - Round table feedback



Advisory Group Input for Consideration by the Technical G2G

Road and Access Management

February 3rd, 2023

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 - o Wells/Barkerville/Bowron area is cited as an example where VQOs have eroded visitor experience by allowing too much road construction and harvesting, which has in turn corrupted use of recreational assets.

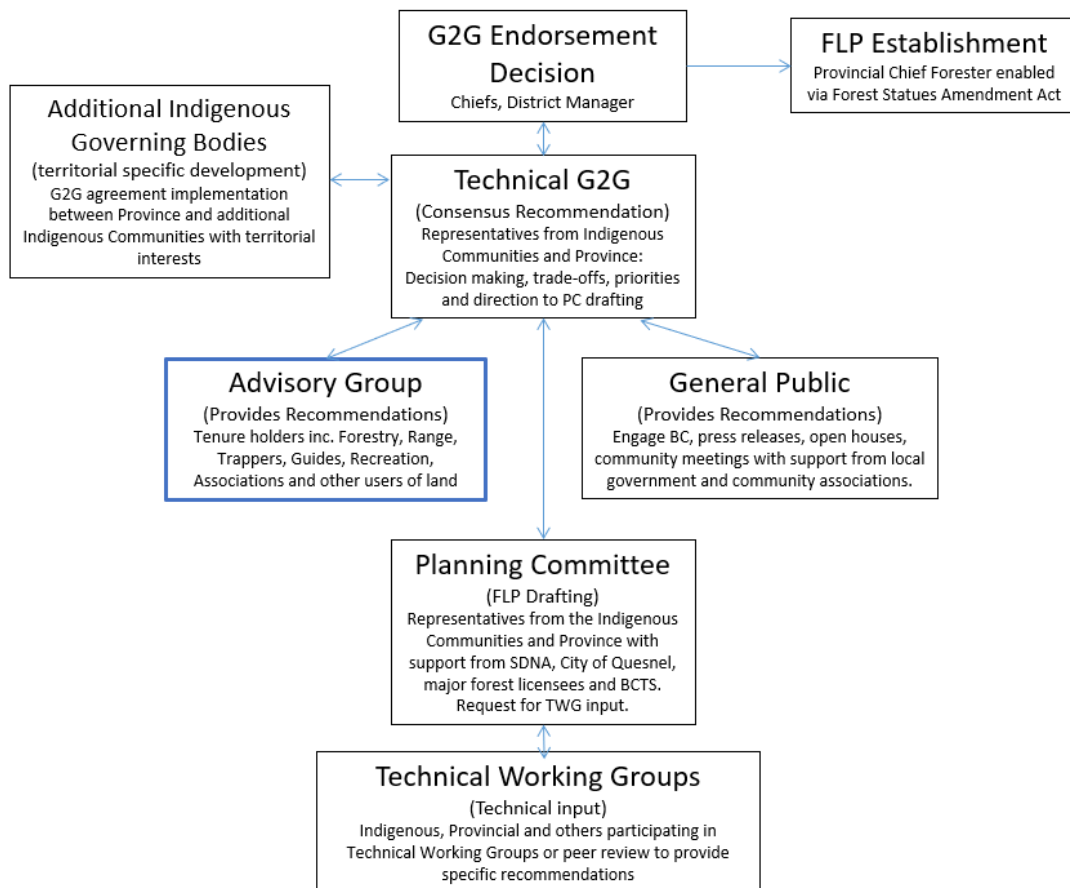


Advisory Group Terms of Reference

The following document outlines the scope and process through which the Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan (FLP) Advisory Group will operate in support of the completion of the Forest Landscape Plan.

Advisory Group in the Quesnel FLP Organizational Structure

The Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan pilot is composed of different groups working together to develop a collaborative and consensus-based forest management plan for the Quesnel TSA that will replace the current Forest Stewardship Plans.



This new approach to forest management aligns with the BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) with representatives from the provincial government and Indigenous Nations in decision-making roles. The Technical Government to Government (Technical G2G) provides direction for plan drafting based on input from the community and Government to Government (District Manager and Chiefs) is responsible for endorsing the plan once completed.



The Advisory Group is composed of a broad range of tenure holders (i.e. range, guide outfitters, trappers, tourism operators) and users of the land (i.e. recreation, clubs, community groups) who rely on forest land and forested ecosystems. Their activities are impacted by forest management and associated practices. The Advisory Group's responsibility is to provide input, feedback and recommendations to the Technical G2G to ensure their interests and unique perspectives from the members of the group are considered in the development of the FLP.

The Technical G2G is responsible for examining recommendations from the community received via the Advisory Group, the general public, the Planning Committee and additional indigenous governing bodies, and working through integration of all of this input, and potential trade-offs, to produce a well-balanced plan. The Technical G2G provides direction to the Planning Committee for drafting the FLP.

Advisory Group Responsibilities

The Advisory Group is expected to provide two types of input to the Technical G2G for consideration:

1. General feedback on forest management in the Quesnel TSA: key concerns or problems that need to be addressed, current practices that are working or not working well, opportunities for improvement based on your experience as a tenure holder or forest user, etc.
2. Recommendations on specific topics brought forward by the Technical G2G. Response to enquiries will include, but is not limited to, providing comments and feedback on specific processes or documents such as Forest Stewardship Plans (comment on current strategies and practices, what is working and not working), producing a written summary of a topic related to their specific interest, and engaging with other Subject Matter Experts and Technical Working Groups as identified or confirmed by the Technical G2G.

The Advisory Group does not have formal authority to govern, that is, it cannot issue directives to the Technical G2G that must be followed. Rather, it serves to provide input, perspectives, information and materials for consideration in the planning process.

Moreover, the recommendations put forward by the Advisory Group do not have to be agreed upon by all of its members. The group is diverse and so are its participants' views on topics related to forest management. Submitted recommendations can be composed of a variety of perspectives and opinions (even sometimes opposing) as long as they are supported by a rationale and describe the impacts and benefits to a specific group. It is the responsibility of the Technical G2G to work to integrate this input as needed.

Participants Roles and Responsibilities

The Advisory Group is supported by a Chair and a facilitator/coordinator.

The Advisory Group **Chair** is assigned by the Technical G2G and its primary role is to ensure continuity between the work undertaken by the Advisory Group and the other components of the FLP process. The chair will ensure communication of Advisory Group input to the Technical G2G and under the



direction of the Technical G2G, to the Planning Committee, providing updates and presenting input and recommendations as needed. Note that members of the Advisory Group may also be invited to participate in these additional meetings or discussions if needed to further provide context and clarification.

The Advisory Group **Facilitator/Coordinator** is an impartial participant in the Advisory Group. Its responsibilities include leading meetings, encouraging participation and providing focus to the discussions. The facilitator's end goal is to lead the group to generate potentially diverse but concise input and recommendations that capture the participants' various perspectives and opinions, and in a format that is appropriate and effective to the other FLP processes and plan drafting. Although Advisory Group members are not required to come to an agreement on recommendations, the facilitator is also responsible for negotiating and facilitating conflicts that may arise within the group, for example regarding the respect for individual participants' roles and responsibilities, or the process as a whole. If the conflict cannot be solved within the Advisory Group, the facilitator in coordination with the Chair, may reach out to the Technical G2G who will find an appropriate solution.

With support from the Chair, and based on the discussions, comments and feedback from members of the Advisory Group, the Facilitator/Coordinator is responsible for planning and scheduling the meetings and agenda, producing documentation for review by the larger group including meeting minutes, summaries, draft recommendations, etc.

Members of the Advisory Group act as representatives of their respective community, group or association, and bring forward their unique perspectives on what these groups would like to see included, changed or improved in the Quesnel FLP. More specifically, Advisory Group members are expected to:

1. Participate in the meetings in a collaborative consensus-based manner, operating collaboratively with select members of the Technical G2G or Planning Committee that may be attending meetings and helping ensure connectivity to the Quesnel FLP overall.
2. Act in an open, good faith, honest and respectful manner in all engagement discussions and work.
3. Attend meetings as identified by the Facilitator/Coordinator, preparing for these meetings in order to support focused and efficient discussions.
4. Complete work outside of the meetings if and when requested by the Facilitator/Coordinator in order to support the process, which could include items such as review and comment on documents and process and additional issue specific meetings or discussions.
5. Handle the flow of information to and from their respective membership, communities, industries, or agencies.
6. Understand that the Quesnel FLP is a pilot project and work in progress, and that certain aspects of the framework may change to adapt to an increasing understanding of the needs and



processes related to drafting a plan in a collaborative environment. Changes that may occur are for the benefit of the overall success of the pilot and conducted in good faith.

7. If a member cannot be present at a meeting, they should select an alternate from their group to attend in their place, and ensure they are prepared to support the conversations.

Non-Disclosure and Respect for the Process

All participants taking part in the Advisory Group understand that the Quesnel FLP is pilot and a work in progress. They must refrain from widely or publicly sharing details of the process and discussions unless they are specifically authorized to do so. This includes but is not limited to comments and opinions on the progress and content of the FLP, on the organizational structure of the pilot and on the different processes within it and the discussions at the Advisory Group.

Advisory Group members are authorized to share details of the process and discussions with those whom they represent (as part of their respective community, group, or association) for the purpose of gathering input, feedback and comments, and reporting back.

Communications channels and information for sharing from the Advisory Group will be facilitated through the operation of the Advisory Group to support the overall goals of the group.

Given the desired collaborative, constructive and open nature of the Advisory Group, lack of respect for members and attendees and the scope outlined in this Terms of Reference may lead to corrective actions against the member that could include expulsion from the Advisory Group.

Meeting Frequency/Duration

It is expected that the Advisory Group will have the following meetings:

- Introduction Meetings hosted by members of the Planning Committee to:
 - o Discuss the process, structure and scope of the FLP, timelines and expectations
 - o Go over the Advisory Group roles, responsibility and members expectations
 - o Discuss any preliminary thoughts and input from the members of the Advisory Group
 - o Start structuring subsequent meetings, either on a regular basis or as requested.
- Subsequent meetings
 - o Once enough information is gathered about the priority topics that members would like to discuss, additional meetings will be scheduled in response to the trends and topics to unpack.
 - o It is anticipated that the topics to be covered in subsequent meetings may follow a similar structure as the other discussions occurring in other groups (Planning Committee, Technical Working Groups) to facilitate the flow of discussion between them.
 - o At the beginning of each meeting, a review of minutes from the previous meeting will be conducted with the group and further adjustments will be made. The minutes generally



serve as a summary of discussions to support planning, and are not to meant to represent the recommendations the Advisory Group will submit to the Technical G2G.

- Recognizing that participants in the Advisory Group chose to be involved in their free time and in addition to their regular activities, members can choose to attend the meetings covering the topics of greatest interest to them. It is recommended that an alternate representative be chosen to attend in their place. Absentees will still receive meeting minutes and be given the opportunity to add and comment as a follow up.
- In addition, it is expected that individual meetings between the Chair and/or Facilitator/Coordinator and individuals or groups represented at the Advisory Group table may also take place to support the goals of the Advisory Group. These meetings and a summary of the scope and results of these meetings would be communicated at the broader Advisory Group meetings for further discussion and to ensure coordination overall.

Signatures

The following individuals understand and commit to this Terms of Reference and support its objectives and processes as outlined.

Date:

Name	Group/Association/Club/Tenure	Signature

Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan Pilot





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North Cariboo Agriculture Awareness and Marketing Project: Phase 3 “Opportunities 2022 & Beyond” Committee Meeting

*We acknowledge the Traditional Territories of the Dakelh, Secwepmec, and Tsilhqot'in peoples
on which we live, work, play and grow, collect and process our food.*

Date: January 17, 2023, 7:00 pm
AGENDA

Venue: ZOOM (link send out via email 17/01/2023)

Objective: Meet as a committee to discuss next steps for the “Opportunities 2022 & Beyond” Project

Committee Members: everyone welcome!

Benefits of Participating at the Committee Level:

Leading / Driving this project forward

FARMED members will directly benefit from Project

First hand information on how FARMED members can participate

In Attendance: Heloise Dixon-Warren, Megan Flatt, Lori Fogarty, Joleen Morrison

Regrets: n/a

1) **Welcomes:** *Welcome everyone!*

2) **Review of Last Minutes:** [January 3, 2023](#)

3) **Project Coordinator Position Update:** Jillian Merrick

Jillian has submitted a written email announcing her resignation as she is unable to complete the project

Jillian is willing to assist the committee in a volunteer capacity to transition the project to a new coordinator, including training and orientation on the new digital system for records keeping, sign-ups, payments, marketing, and more.

Action: set up a meeting with FARMED Directors to discuss next steps regarding the Coordinator position



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4) Project Components (A Review at a Glance: On Going)

Component	Timeline	Leads / Comments
Farm Fresh Product Guide / Map (v3) - Hard Copy / Digital <i>DRAFT copy of Map (front and back) to be sent to all producers with listings to check for errors and content</i>	<i>beginning of February, 2022</i>	Lori (Southill Graphics Liaison) Joleen (advertising)
<i>Interactive Website (local agriculture businesses, farm stands, retail outlets supporting local ag. products, non-profits) / spatially presented Stories Sponsorship / Advertising (e.g. West Fraser Mills, Huber Equipment, Grassland Equipment, Sonoran Resources, Nicole Marie Johnson Photograph)</i>	<i>June, 2023</i>	<i>Heloise ABC Weblink;</i>
<i>Inventory of Regionally Based Businesses / Non-Profits supporting agriculture / food production / food security with listing, by season, of products grown and services offered</i>		Joleen
<i>Promotional Online Marketing: Videography, 360 deg. Tours, Stories (FARMED Members); Community Content Info. for Consumers to advocate purchasing local Educational Videos</i>		<i>Toby with SHAW Spotlight (416.795.2048) Heloise Joleen</i>
FARMED Kiosk and Hwy. Billboard Updates		
Celebration / Project Launch (Art on the Farm / Artisan Market / Local Grazing)		Heloise Judith Lori



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Listing of Culturally Significant Wild Foods (Indigenous Names, Uses, Harvesting Tips, Ecology, etc.) Videography / Story / Recipes		Heloise, Joleen, “Longname Society” (Kitchen Coordinator / Chad Stump), Quesnel Tillicum Society (Tony Goulet), Lhtako Dene Nation, Nazko FN, ?Esdilagh FN
Round Table		Joleen, Lori (Framework / Initiation) Breanna (Food Hub): Central Cariboo Roanne Whitticase (PG / Vanderhoof / EAT)
Grant Writing		Heloise

5) Interactive Website - Heloise

[Sponsorship Package](#): DRAFT

Heloise met with Jeff Paetkau (ABC Weblink) and Matt McLean (GIS Tech. / UNBC)
yesterday to discuss Interactive Website

Sponsorship: \$250, \$500.00 and \$1000.00

Newspaper Thank yous (newspapers, social media, etc.)

MailerLite Newsletter (print vs. logo)

Rates for Thank yous in the newspaper / on the radio

Action: Heloise will tweak Sponsorship Sheet and share with Lori, Joleen and Megan

Local Dirt

localdirtmagazine.ca

Discussion Points:

Completion date: June, 2023

Membership Section to be migrated to NEW Website; FARMED members will be highlighted
and will be offered more content (McKenzie Chamber of Commerce)



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Incorporating ARC GIS Story Maps not recommended - creates 2 platforms that need updating
Website with articles, photos, links to U-tube Videos, maps, and listings will be adequate
Incorporate Maps (spatial data through products such as: **Map Box**

Note from Matt: Just thought I'd pass this along <https://www.mapbox.com/mapbox-studio>,
functionally from a website perspective there would be almost no difference between this and
say leaflet with OpenStreetmap or Google Maps, but allows you to make a custom style which
is a nice touch. Cost would likely be free at up to 50,000 map loads per month.
<https://www.mapbox.com/pricing>

Example: Farm Explorer BC

<https://farm-explorer-bc-bcaitc.hub.arcgis.com/>

Action: Contact ABC Weblink regarding hosting fee for new site

(Currently: < \$500.00 / year + domain every 3 years)

Action: track number of clicks / amount of activity on the site from a baseline

Action: does ABC Weblink offer services / suggestions on how we can increase our website traffic

6) Round Table: Food Security / Food Sovereignty

Tabled

Discuss with Integris CU

7) Project Launch

MailerLite Survey to FARMED Members (Joleen / Megan)

DRAFT Survey emailed to FARMED BoD

Meeting on January 24th to enter questions into MailerLite

Send out on the 31st; Deadline to respond: 1 week

Reminder via Email

8) Newsletter: next issue February 1, 2023

Topics: FARMED Member Updates

Integris CU Referral Opportunity

Survey

Director Profile

Member Profile

Sponsorship Profile

Newsletter Workshop: Jillian

Dates: January 25, 26, 27th; 6-7 pm



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9) #Growing Together Update

- i) New Branch Manager (Quesnel): Kim Knott
- ii) FARMED Display - at Integris CU (Schedule for FARMED Members to set up a Display); we need a FARMED member(s) to take the lead on this (working with Integris, Contacting FARMED members, setting up a schedule, etc.)
Snap Frame (11" x 17"): ordered and arrived today
Posters getting printed at Big Country
Add FARMED and Integris CU logo on the frame and /or the poster (logos with a clear background)

iii) Growing Together Meeting with Dan

[#Growing Together Partnership Proposal](#)

Set Date for Meeting with Dan, Peggy, Kim (Integris)
Tuesday to Friday; provide 2-3 options

Action: Heloise to reach out to Dan with these dates - **Feb. 7th or 9th**

FARMED to provide an **Executive Summary (2022)**

Joint events: BL Harvest Festival / launch

Statistics / Analysis (increase members / provide as a percentage)

Testimonials

Challenges / Obstacles / Opportunities / ways to overcome barriers

Number of Referrals under Growing Together (as per FARMED Deposits)

10) Other

Update on the Project to all Partners / Sponsors

11) Old Business

- i) **Farm Product Guide Ad Rate Sheet:** Joleen
MMF to provide ads / ad content
Sprout Kitchen (Nathan)

iii) Presentation to CRD:



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February 14th; provide an update on the Opportunities 2022 & Beyond Project and request funding for 2023-24 fiscal year (\$3000.00)

Action: develop a presentation / hand out / written report; submit by Feb. 7th

Include update on how agriculture community has changed since last FFPG / Farm Fresh Product Guide completed

Liina Hayman with Aida Farm has volunteered to do an Analysis of Data

Action: share data with Liina (less any personal information); Lori will remove personal info.

iv) Grants

Quesnel Community Foundation

Deadline for Registration and Project Applications: Friday, February 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Board Approval: Tuesday April 18, 2023
Notification to Applicants: Monday, April 24, 2023
Grant Signing Awards Ceremony: TBA

Capital Projects: Billboard Signage, Kiosk Refurbishment / Contractor

New Business

Open Food Network

12) Next Committee Meeting Date:

January 31st

13) Meeting Adjourned:

Seedy Saturday: March 25th (CNC)

Set Up: 8:30 am

Opens: 9:00 am

Take Down: 15:00 hours

Food Security Circle: February 14th

The Kersley Farmers' Institute and Organic BC Present



Exploring Agriculture in the Cariboo 2023 Opportunities and Challenges with Cariboo Agriculture

When: Saturday, February 18th, 9:30 am - 2 pm.
Followed by the KFI AGM

Where: Kersley Community Hall

Cost: \$20 Includes Lunch and a Kersley Farmers
Institute annual membership

Register: See Eventbrite link in the event description

*sponsors: Kersley Farmers' Institute, Organic BC, with
financial assistance from Communities North Cariboo*

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A new initiative for collaborative agricultural research is here

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Introduction to the BC Living Lab



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The BC Living Lab is a multi-year collaborative project to trial on-farm practices that can help mitigate climate change.

As a provincial partner for the initiative, ACARN is excited to invite you to a **free intro webinar from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21**, where you can learn more about this multi-year research and extension project.

In BC, the Living Lab is being undertaken by the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) in partnership with nine commodity groups from the Cariboo to the South Coast of British Columbia. Supported through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Agricultural Climate Solutions program, the BC Living Lab will be integrating scientific research into farming operations to test and co-develop practices that work for BC farmers and can contribute to climate change mitigation.

Over the last year, industry partners have been working with producers to identify practices with climate change mitigation potential that farmers would like to trial and evaluate. From cover crops to nutrient management, many of the identified practices have the potential to offer farmers additional benefits—from improving soil health to lowering input costs.

We hope you'll join us for this event - you'll have the opportunity to hear from participating producer organizations about the Beneficial Management Practices they will be trialing over the next four years, research goals, and ways to get involved.

Project partners

Project partners include the BC Cattlemen's Association, BC Forage Council, BC Potato & Vegetable Growers' Association & Delta Farmland & Wildlife Trust, BC

Learn more

Find out more about the project and sign up for updates at BCLivingLab.ca

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC are pleased to participate in the delivery of this presentation. We are committed to working with our industry partners to address issues of importance to the agriculture and agri-food industry in British Columbia. Opinions expressed in this presentation are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Investment Agriculture Foundation or Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

[Register Here](#)

Hope to see you there!



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Support for BC Craft Cider Industry

The Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee discussed the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce letter regarding the craft cider industry.

The Committee provided the following comments:

- Differences between land-based (agriculture) and commercial licenses.
- In order to have a land-based license, the manufacturing facility has to be located on agricultural land. Land-based licenses support agriculture tangibly.
- Commercial license - you can make cider in a warehouse without a personal connection to agriculture, but 73% of every dollar you sell you pay to the liquor distribution branch.
- The letter compares cider to beer instead of comparing cider to wine.
- Discussion regarding the price that commercial growers pay for apples.
- Do ALR regulations apply to cideries? On-farm store rules and tasting room rules are different.
- If the benefit is the same for both land-based and commercial licenses, there is less desire to run the agricultural side of the operation.
- If commercial cider makers pay 60 cents a pound for apples then it could benefit agriculture.
- Land costs are a barrier to opening farm craft cideries.
- Cideries will buy two acres to get a land-based license, they don't put in max production trees they put the least amount of apple trees just to be able to get the license.
- The land may not be producing all it can so that could be counterproductive for agriculture.
- Chamber represents its members so the original topic would have come from a Chamber member (a business) and the chamber advocates on their behalf.
- Land-based cider producers have worked hard to have ciders recognized like wine.

The Committee discussed the potential of inviting both land-based and commercial cider producers and processors to discuss the cider industry at a future meeting.

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