

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via in-person at Lac a Hache, on **April 16th 2025** at 1pm (approx.)

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

Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Chad Stump	ECHEN Deni Urban Nation Roots
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Robin Hunt	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers
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

David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattleman's Association
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub & Kersley Farmers' Institute
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Lauren Dillabough	Administrative Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1:20 PM**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2025-06

Moved by Tammy B. and seconded by Robin H.

That the April 16th, 2025 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2025-07

Moved by Megan F. and seconded by Robin H.

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated March 19th, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. N/A

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. **Agricultural Area Plan (AAP)** – Shivani

APP Meeting will take place at the CRD office in WL on May 21st from 12:30pm to 4pm. This is to prioritize items for 2025. NOTE – all members in attendance of this meeting have committed to attend (to meet quorum).

5.2. **MIN OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD (NICOLE PRESSEY)** – Programs & Event Review - Item deferred.

5.3. **LETTER TO CRD** – Foreign Land Ownership – follow up

ADAC sent a letter to CRD Board for advocacy to NCLGA and UBCM about foreign land ownership in the Cariboo. It will be presented at May 2nd Board Meeting. ADAC has sent a follow up letter to the originating UBC Student and enclosed a copy of the letter for her reference.

5.4. **TARIFFS**, Lynda A. - Item deferred.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. N/A

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. N/A

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. N/A

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. Members reported on:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada's 2025 Report will be featuring the work of the Tsilhqot'in National Government on climate modeling to inform food security. This work included assessments of climate indices of Tsilhqot'in Territory, modeling where ecosystem changes are projected to least and where they are projected to be greatest and modeling projected suitable sites for important food,

medicine and habitat plants.

- Preparations are underway for upcoming Days of Sharing in early June between representatives of the Tsilhqot'in Nations and the St'át'imc Nations. The group will be gathering in Lillooet to share stories, knowledge and ideas to support proactive approaches to ecosystem restoration, climate adaptation and food security.
- TNGs wildlife team is hosting ongoing Wildlife Management Workshops. The next public session will be held in TI'esqox at the Community Hall on May 22.
- There is money and resources available for EFP (Environmental Farm Plan). The Water Infrastructure window will be open for two weeks, but after two days the funds were allocated. It is great to see that the program is being utilized. With such a great response from applicants, it shows a need for more funding. It is important to get the application ready a head of time. They no longer have a time limit on when the application is available, so this allows applicants to get ready during a less busy time of year, instead of having to do that part during the busy season. There is criteria and a minimum annual income. All information is online. <https://iafbc.ca/environmental-farm-plan/#eligibility>
<https://iafbc.ca/programs/>
- Echen Society has been approved for an Abattoir study. This will help to better understand what is happening in the Cariboo and what the overall needs are. They are working with BC Meats.
- ALC has their next meeting in May.
- Big Rock Ranch was one of the participants for the [insert program name] Soil Testing. They are collecting soil profiles throughout BC. They have utilized 25 farms and have collected 57 samples.
- Thank you to Tammy for hosting the very FIRST in-person meeting for ADAC.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT @ 1:50 PM

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025 at 12:30pm, CRD office
Agenda Submission Deadline: June 11, 2025 (for June meeting)

C. Stump, Chair

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