

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom, on January 17, 2022 at 6:30pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christa Pooley	BC Forage Council
Brianna van de Wijngaard	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers
David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Bill Hadden	Agroforestry
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Laurel-Anne Gordon	Small Scale Meat Producers Association
Reanne Sanford	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Tim Lofstrom	College of New Caledonia - Quesnel
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
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REGRETS

Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2022-01

It was moved and seconded

That the January 17, 2022 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2022-02

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated November 3, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Review of Bylaw 5354 and discussion regarding Agricultural Area Plan process. It was suggested a sub-committee be formed to collaborate with the CRD to provide input into the hiring of a consultant.

R/2022-03

It was moved and seconded

That the ADAC reach out to the Cariboo Regional District to request ADAC be involved in the selection process of the consultant and obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals noting that it is critical that ADAC be involved in the selection process to ensure collaboration in the planning process.

CARRIED

5.2. Review of the documents outlining the responsibilities of Cariboo ADAC Chair, Treasurer and Secretary took place.

5.3. Election of Cariboo ADAC Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

- Chair – Lynda Atkinson nominates Christa Pooley; moved by acclamation
- Treasurer – Christa Pooley nominates Reanne Sanford; moved by acclamation
- Secretary - Christa Pooley nominates Brianna van de Wijngaard; moved by acclamation

5.4. Cariboo ADAC Terms of Reference development

The draft Terms of Reference was presented and reviewed

R/2022-04

It was moved and seconded

That the ADAC approve the Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

5.5. Request for a Cariboo ADAC representative for the CNC Advisory committee – Tim Lofstrom
ADAC member Megan Flatt will consider serving on this committee.

5.6. Agricultural Area Plan

An email communication from the CRD Planning Services department was shared with ADAC members.

Martin Rossmann suggested a sub-committee of interested ADAC members be formed and include representatives from all sub-regions of the Cariboo. Volunteers to the sub-committee include David Zirnhelt, Bill Hadden, Brianna van de Winngaard, Martin Rossmann, and Tim Lofstrom.

5.7. Cariboo ADAC Member appointments – Agrologist representative position to be filled

Potential agrologists in the region were identified and a notification of the opening on the ADAC will be sent out.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 Cariboo ADAC Member meetings:

Virtual platform options were identified and ADAC members were asked to inform the ADAC administrative assistant of standing commitments to make it easier to schedule meetings. Members considered holding one annual in-person meeting depending on covid guidelines. CNC offered use of a classroom if we need the extra space for social distancing. ADAC members were asked to identify an alternate if they are not able to attend an ADAC meeting and to confirm their

alternate at the February meeting.

6.2 Cariboo ADAC budget allocation

It was noted that the budget is separated into sub-regional contributions of \$2000 each. The committee members identified the hiring of a part-time administrative assistant for ADAC would be advisable.

R/2022-05

It was moved and seconded

That a job posting for the ADAC Administrative Assistant be distributed with supporting documents to identify interested candidates for the part-time position.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 2021 December 28 email from Rich Roberts of Windridge Living Inc. inquiring about information on the best vegetable crops to grow in the Chilcotin between Alexis Creek and Anahim Lake and the Quesnel area. The email request was forwarded to the Agrologists at the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Agrologist; Marisa McDonald said she would follow up.

8. ROUNDTABLE

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Discussion and questions on the Agricultural Land Reserve and land classification. David noted that now changes occur through the application process as compared to the Agricultural Land Commission designating the land classification. It was mentioned that the ALR is not just for soil-based agriculture but also for protection against complaints related to agricultural activities.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: To be scheduled via an on-line poll

Agenda Submission Deadline:


C. Pooley, Chair

/If