

Cariboo Regional District

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AAP In Person MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via In Person at the CRD Office in Williams Lake, on **May 21, 2025** at 1pm

Purpose and Use of Meeting Minutes

The purpose of the meeting minutes is to summarize the discussions that occurred during the meeting and record action items. Comments summarized here represent the opinions of the individuals who made them and not of the Advisory Group as a whole. We intentionally do not associate names with the input recorded in the minutes to support a more open dialogue. A Record of Motions is kept, validating the members' votes to carry motions. Minutes will be used to plan for future meetings and to create documents supporting the Advisory Group and its processes. Advisory Group members are given the opportunity to provide feedback on the minutes. Minutes will be approved at the following meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Tyrone Johnston	Agrobusiness
Chad Stump	ECHEN Deni Urban Nation Roots
Cynthia Fell	Indigenous Governments

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

CDR Director Tolin Pare	CRD Liaison
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture and Food

CRD STAFF

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

DELEGATIONS

REGRETS

Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattleman's Association

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Lauren Dillabough	Administrative Assistant
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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1:00 PM

2. AAP GOAL SUMMARY

2.1 Discussions on other agricultural areas

2.2 Reviewing the goals set out in the document

2.3 Goals and recommendations

3. GOALS

3.1. Goal 1 Supporting agriculture through updates to CRD government processes, policies regulations

3.2. Goal 2 Build upon Regional Economic Development Initiatives

- Beth was able to secure some funding to help food and ag initiatives
- Promote development of regional meat processing sector

3.3. Goal 3 Build and Share emergency planning and preparedness resources

- CRD supports ADAC Continue to incorporate agriculture in on going Climate action planning initiatives and strategies

3.4. Goal 4 Increase channels of collaboration communication and education

- Advocate for strengthening agriculture education in the classroom environment
- Provide agricultural learning opportunities for CRD staff and Elected officials

3.5. Goal 5 promote Environmentally beneficials Management Practices

- Ensure that sector development and diversification occur with climate change and the environment as key priorities
- Support protection of native grasslands within the ALR
- Renamed Agri ecosystems

4. PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

- Strengthening agriculture education in classroom environment
- Learning opportunities for CRD staff and officials
- Regional meat processing sector
- Expand role of economic development officer to allow focus on regional agricultural sector

BREAK INTO 2 GROUPS TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES

5. REVIEW THE IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

5.1. First Groups picks the following priorities

- 1.5 and 4.5 lumping these two together
- 1.4 Improve Info access with P ministries
- 2.1 ADAC invite FN actively operating ag
- 2.2 Webpage, business Planning support or marketing support
- 2.4 Meat Processing/ Training support
- 4.2 Educate Board, annual reporting with activities
- Insurance workshops/ MAF

5.2. Second Group

- 1.4 /2.4 /4.1 /4.5 Combining these priorities as they are somewhat similar in goals
- 2.4 Meat Processing
- 4.5 is CRD lead so CRD will take that on
- Storage issues, licensing issues, Insurance workshop

5.3. Identify the ADAC lead for those prioritized goals

5.4. Nicole will send links

5.5. Cynthia will put out feelers to see who would like to present to ADAC in promotion videos/ Working with Beth in Promotional

5.6. Keeping these goals on Agenda to make sure to stay on track as regular business

5.7. Forest landscape planning/ 5 Nations and Forestry setting up a committee

Perhaps an invite for a presentation for future meeting.

6. DECIDE ON THE TOP THREE ATTAINABLE GOALS FOR THE YEAR

6.1. 2.1 (Collaborate with partners to promote diversity within the agricultural sector) is first (Cynthia to take lead on this)

6.2. 4.5 (Engage and educate developers and real estate industry in Agri-sector land use realities) Fencing etc.../ 2026 business plan ca be started for next year

6.3. 4.1 (Advocate for strengthening agriculture education in the classroom environment) Joleen to be invited to do a presentation/ Beth as well

6.4. 4.2 (Provide agricultural leaning opportunities for CRD staff and elected officials) will happen regardless every year for an update to CRD from ADAC about years activities from the year before.

6.5. Extra Goal Action point

6.5.1. 1.4 (Work with provincial ministries and agencies to improve information access for agricultural users)

RECOMMENDATION: CRD TO UPDATE ADAC ON PROGRESS

7. ROUNDTABLE

7.1. Compost day – Nicole

7.2. Irrigation Day with Tyrone no date set.

8. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:00 PM

Next Meeting: June 18, 2025 at 7pm, via Zoom
Agenda Submission Deadline: June 13, 2025

C. Stump, Chair

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