

Cariboo Regional District

CARIBOO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 17, 2023, 7:00PM

Via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – April 19, 2023 meeting (as circulated via email)

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Beth Holden – CRD Economic Development

4.2 Matt Henderson – UNBC Undergrad Student in the School of Planning & Sustainability, presenting his Policy Institute of BC Research Project

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Regional Ag Education

5.2. Communications Materials

5.3. CRD BoD and ALC Executive Workshop

5.4. Quesnel FLP Advisory Committee Communications

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. N/A

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1. Record of Transactions

7.2. PPSS to ADAC May Invoice

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. ALC Workshop Update – Addressed in 5.3

8.2. REQUEST: ADAC Regional Extension Committee

8.3. FARMED Interactive Website Registration

8.4. FLP Advisory Group Letter Feedback – Addressed in 5.4

8.5. FLP Advisory Group Meeting May 16th Update

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. N/A

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 REVISED**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, held via Zoom on April 19th, 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
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Tyrone Johnston	Agribusiness
David Zirnheldt	Cariboo Cattleman's Association
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DELEGATIONS

Lori Fogarty	FARMED
Heloise Dixon	FARMED

CRD STAFF

Nigel Whitehead	Planning Department
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Joleen Morison	North Cariboo Ag Ed Program
Wilma Watkin	North Cariboo Ag Ed Program
Cindy Sherstan	North Cariboo Ag Ed Program

REGRETS

Bill Hadden	Agroforestry
Gillian Watt	Post Secondary Institutions
Ray Kline	School District 28
Brianna Van De Wijngaard	Horticulture and Vegetable Producers

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:05PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2023-12

It was moved by Tammy B and seconded by Lynda A

That the April 19th, 2023 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2023-13

It was moved by Christa P and seconded by Megan F

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated March 15th, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Lori Fogarty & Heloise Dixon-Warren – FARMED Opportunities 2022 and Beyond Project Update.

- FARMED now has 37 members, an increase of 170%, which is indicative of the value in the FARMED project and what they're doing. Rundown of the Power Point presentation included in meeting documents.
- Connecting with new demographics due to people moving to the Cariboo is proving difficult.
- Farm Fresh Product Guide has a new look and the FARMED interactive map is down from 67 participants to 30. All FARMED materials are designed and printed locally by companies such as South Hill Graphics and Big Country Printers. FARMED also cut back on distribution, halving it. This was due, in part, to fewer producer listings on the map.
- FARMED is now working on an interactive website. A basic listing for your farm is no charge. An extended listing has a cost. FARMED wants to include special data on their site. There is also an opportunity for non-profit organizations to be listed for free.
- FARMED is looking into doing articles that can be put on the site. These would include stories, farmer profiles, etc. Their aim is for the site to be a place where people want to hang out and actually learn. Another important goal of FARMED is to make this a sustainable project with sustaining partners.
- The Farm Kiosk at LeBordais Park is not proceeding. Quesnel intends to take it back, so FARMED is looking for alternate boards to use. FARMED has also been applying for grants to refurbish the North and South signs. Three have been submitted.
- The 55% drop in producers was brought up and a delegate mentioned that while the number of producers who had signed up for the map dropped, FARMED membership itself increased and many were newcomers.

5. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. AAP Recommendations/Implementation – Ag Education

- Discussion. How will districts collaborate? How do we see a regional district collaborating with school districts? It is mentioned that funding will be a big piece of it. How does a regional district fund activities in a school district?

R/2023-14

It was moved by Christa P and seconded by Tammy B

That ADAC Admin reach out to the CRD grant writer to gather information about how a collaborative relationship can work.

CARRIED

5.2. ADAC DRAFT Communications Materials.

- Discussion of graphical standards of public-facing communications materials in association with the CRD.

5.3. Resolutions to NCLGA & UBCM.

- Discussion of resolutions. Where are members in this? How are they feeling about the timeline? Keep in mind UBCM doesn't usually do resolutions on the same topic twice.

5.4. Events Calendar & Sister Organizations

- Discussion of ADAC event presence. ADAC has asked members to provide input on events they're aware of across the Cariboo that ADAC might like to participate in. The idea of sister organizations was also suggested. Are there sister organizations that are hosting a table or space where ADAC material could be presented if ADAC cannot participate in person?

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Regional extension committee and membership

- The Ministry wants to do more extension work, so the model they're rolling out is the regional extension committees, which stem from the rejigging of some ministry programs to focus on environment and climate extension programming. MAFF has asked ADAC members to consider participating on one of the regional extension committees. The focus of the committees is to develop regional priorities and projects that are farmer driven. One aspect is inviting farmers and ranchers to sit on the committees to help identify what regional priorities are and develop some on-the-ground extension projects that could then be shared to the broader sectors to encourage beneficial management practice adoption across the region. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food representative will be following up with an email to members.
- Discussion.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. PPSS to ADAC Invoicing Frequency

- Invoicing from PPSS to ADAC will be monthly rather than quarterly, as per discussion at the last meeting and follow-up confirmation from CRD Financial Services Department via email.
 - Discussion of member query and clarification regarding the first quarter invoice from PPSS to ADAC.
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- First quarter invoice from PPSS to ADAC and first quarter Record of Transactions presented for review and acceptance.
- April invoice from PPSS to ADAC and April Record of Transactions presented for review and acceptance.

R/2023-15

It was moved by David Z and seconded by Lynda A

That ADAC accept the first quarter invoice and record of transactions for January to March.

CARRIED

R/2023-16

It was moved by David Z and seconded by Lynda A

That ADAC accept the April invoice and record of transactions.

CARRIED

7.2. Treasury Report

- Covered in 7.1.

7.3. Chair's Report

- Annual ADAC report was well received. The only question was one from a Director acknowledging that what he sees and hears in his part of the region is the challenge around meat slaughter capacity. One question that has come up since is someone asking how agriculture producers are able to access fiber for bedding.
- Discussion.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Member shared Metro Vancouver Ag Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

- Interesting example on how Metro Vancouver handles agriculture mandates.

8.2. Email & doc from J Morrison Ag Ed Next Steps

- Discussion

8.3. Email to members requesting input to regional events calendar & sister organizations.

- Discussion

8.4. CRD Planning Dept Comm – CRD Letters of Appointment to ADAC Members

- The CRD is trying to be more efficient and pull away from redundant things like letters of appointment. It is suggested ADAC stick with just a welcome email stating what is expected.

8.5. Shared Recording of the SSMPA presentation

- Discussion.

8.6. ADAC to the CRD requesting & confirming the ADAC Chair attend April 14th CRD BoD meeting to present the Annual Update

- Discussion.
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8.7. Community FLP meeting invite and documents circulated to members

- Communications from FLP have been forwarded. Member input has been provided around the last information that the FLP provided. Open houses to explain the FLP process to the general public and give an opportunity for community members to learn more about the process and be able to provide some input and ask questions are occurring in Wells on May 16, Quesnel on May 23, and Nazko on May 24.

8.8. Email to share C-ADAC Update doc and PowerPoint materials to be presented to the CRD BoD

- Discussion.

9. ROUNDTABLE

9.1. Policy and Planning Undergrad Student

- The ADAC Chair has been connected with a student from UNBC who is applying to the BC Planning Institute with a proposal for a student-led research project. In summary, his project is proposing research around policy and the ALC, and sustainability of agriculture and generational farming.
- Discussion. Everyone is on board with it. Suggestion the student be invited to a meeting at some point.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT

9:35pm

Next Meeting: May 17th, 2023 at 7pm via zoom

Agenda Submission Deadline: May 10, 2023

C. Pooley, Chair

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Planning Institute of British Columbia
Student-led Project Proposal

**How Can Policies and Regulations Created by The Agricultural Land
Commission on Housing Construction within the Agriculture Land Reserve
Affect Multi-Generational Farmers in the Cariboo Region?**

Matt Henderson
Undergraduate,
School of Planning and Sustainability,
University of Northern British Columbia

Faculty Advisors:
Dr Tara Clapp, Program Chair
Dr Theresa Healy, Assistant Professor

Internship position title: Provide the expected title for the position.

Project: How Can Policies and Regulations Created by The Agricultural Land Commission on Housing Construction within the Agriculture Land Reserve Affect Multi-Generational Farmers in the Cariboo Region?

Internship remuneration: Select remuneration model (\$25/hr)

I am selecting the Full-time: Summer (12 weeks) - 35hrs/week

Project duration: Provide the anticipated start and end date for the project

The duration of this project depends on the pending approval by PIBC, though an anticipated start date would be June 1st with the on-the-groundwork including frequent travel during the summer from June 1st to September 4th. I will also be enrolling in an independent study during the upcoming fall semester from September 5th to December 16th to provide additional time for analysis.

Project description (up to 1,000 words) Describe the proposed internship program, how it relates to the project theme, and how it will help advance knowledge and/or action that is/are of broad strategic interest to planning in the Yukon or British Columbia. (Please be explicit about project objectives, tasks, and expected deliverables).

Food Security has become a leading cause for concern across Canada. The situation can be seen here in BC by observing within the span of two years having vital segments of our infrastructure, our transportation network being compromised by various natural disasters. The outcomes of these affairs have left northern BC in particular keenly aware of the fragility of local food security. It has placed ever more pressure on our various governing bodies to improve food security across the province. The pressure and haste to establish policies has come at a cost: a lack of regional context. In this project I will be using the Cariboo Region as my case study, with the City of Quesnel as the center of enquiry. The Cariboo region is vital to the continued connectivity of the lower mainland with the northern regions through Highway 97 (the spine of BC) and hold a valuable productivity for the region's agriculture sector. The Cariboo region is of particular interest as it has been observed to be neglected by various outside governing bodies in terms of lack of economic development, being left behind in economic transition adaptability, and an overall observed lack of belonging and sense of place in provincial priorities.

The project I am submitting for consideration involves two key components surrounding the topic of reform within the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). The first is to outline the

challenges with housing construction within the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) through the lens of the multi-generational farmer. This will be undertaken by analyzing current policies and regulations surrounding the process of constructing a home within the ALR. In addition, I will be outlining the barriers that currently exist that may hinder and/or prevent the ability for Farmers to carry on as multiple generational endeavours. To continue producing on the same piece of farmland builds a local body of knowledge and security. To bolster my research, I will be using public engagement techniques including dotmocracy facilitation to gain anonymous feedback from local farmers in the Quesnel area at the Quesnel Farmers' Market this summer. One of the dotmocracy options posed to the public will be a listing of current policies around housing in the ALR and having the farmers "vote" which are more effective and aid in their capacity to continue keeping their farms within the family, and which are least effective. This voting then allows a more in depth qualitative component where farmers can provide further commentary, in addition I will be posing a secondary open-ended question regarding how our various governing bodies can effectively aid and promote succession planning within the agricultural industry. These two questions/themes emerge as a highlight in understanding the local context within a given region, in this instance the Cariboo region. It is the goal of this project that the findings will be shared with various community partners in the hopes the organizations will be able to use these findings as a platform for seeking reform within the current policies surrounding housing construction within this ALR. Thus, the currently precarious issue of succession planning will connect with stakeholders as an enabling a platform to create a structures plan to increase the number of farmers in the agriculture sector and bring awareness of barriers current farmers face.

Within the context of planning in British Columbia and the Yukon, it is through this project that I will bring to light the current systemic challenges brought forward by recent policy changes to residential construction within the Agriculture Land Reserve. These challenges are critical for planners, government officials and the public: where can current and future farmers live to produce the food the local communities need? This project seeks to put focus and clarity to the importance of appreciating the local context of a given area particularly when creating policy, which has usually developed for a lower mainland context. These policies have the potential to produce negative repercussions that could have been averted if proper consultation and local context understanding could have averted. Effective and meaningful community consultation method are, when designed well, a tool that can bridge policy makers' need for informed local wisdom and local community members desires to be part of decision making procedures. It is through this lens that I plan to bring to light how these methods and this process was not followed when creating a policy that has proved to have negative consequences for our provinces' ability to reduce food insecurity.

The deliverables I will seek to produce during and after this project are as follows:

PIBC Project: Project acceptance date – September 4th, 2023

1. Analyze current policies and regulations surrounding the process of housing construction within the Agriculture Land Reserve through the lens of multi-generational farmers.

2. Host several facilitation tabling events at the Quesnel Farmers' Market to gain a clearer contextual understanding of the issues that have resulted from policies on housing construction within the ALR and the challenges and potential solutions for various governing bodies to take into account when identifying tactics for increasing the number of farmers in the province to aid in the crisis of succession planning for our older farmers.
3. Complete a preliminary analysis of current policies and regulations and identify potential barriers and places for improvement surrounding housing construction within the ALR.
4. Complete a preliminary analysis of public results and recommendations from the hosted tabling facilitation at the Quesnel Farmers' Market.
5. Complete an Executive Summary (User Guide) of what one would need to know about the residence construction process within the ALR

Independent Study: September 5th – December 16th, 2023

1. Compile a comprehensive report from all analyses completed during the PIBC Project.

Project timeline: Provide a timeline for the internship that outlines key tasks and deliverables. (Please submit as a table, diagram, or Gantt chart).

May start developing questions for tabling facilitation at both the Quesnel Farmers' Market and Quesnel Rodeo Club.

May 26th, 2023. A initial meeting will be held with my faculty advisors and main community partner to discuss the timeline of the project and to establish a re-occurring meeting time weekly or biweekly.

June 3rd, 2023. Initial Project Meeting with all involved (faculty advisors and community partners) (virtual and in person) 410 Kinchant Street, Quesnel.

June 10th, 2023, First tabling at Quesnel Farmers' Market and first tabling at Quesnel Rodeo Club.

June 24th, 2023. Second tabling facilitation at the Quesnel Farmers' Market and the Quesnel Rodeo Club.

June 24th, 2023. Community partners meeting. This will be a summary of what has been worked on during the month of June

July 8th, 2023. Third tabling facilitation at Quesnel Farmers' Market and Quesnel Rodeo Club.

July 22nd, 2023. Forth tabling facilitation at Quesnel Farmers' Market and Quesnel Rodeo Club.

July 29th, 2023. Community partners meeting. This will be a summary of what has been worked on during the month of July.

August 5th, 2023. Fifth and final tabling facilitation at the Quesnel Farmers' Market and Quesnel Rodeo Club.

August 26th, 2023. Host a summary presentation with the results of what came from the summer's research. This will be for my community partners. In addition, this will indicate next steps for this project over my independent study for the Fall semester.

Internship logistics and resourcing (up to 250 words): Describe the expected work conditions and resourcing for an intern, including work location (e.g., in office vs. Remote) project duration hours (e.g., total; set hours vs flexible schedule), and computing resources (e.g., email and file access; computer). If additional financial resources are required to successfully complete your proposal project, please provide a budget for these resources. Indicate whether additional funds have been confirmed and if not, how additional financial resources will be obtained.

Student-led: provided by partner organization

Primary working conditions will be done remotely with primary research being conducted from the UNBC campus or off campus. Commuting between Prince George and Quesnel will occur bi-weekly to attend the Quesnel Farmers' Market and Quesnel Rodeo Club to conduct a tabling facilitation with local farmers. In addition to a monthly meeting with community partners occurring on one of the same days as attending the farmers market as most of the community partners reside in the Quesnel area.

The milage for the project is as follows: The distance between Prince George (where I am located) and Quesnel is 252km round trip with the anticipation of traveling to Quesnel twice a month, the milage will be 504km per month with the project being conducted over the span of three months the total milage will be 1,512km. Under the Canada Revenue Agency, the reasonable allowance rate is \$0.68 per kilometre meaning there will be

Meetings will be conducted at various frequencies for various groups as scheduled below:

- Weekly: With Academic Advisors,
- Bi-Weekly: Both Academic Advisors and Lead Community Partner,
- Monthly: Other Community Partners.

Meetings with academic advisors will occur primarily in person. Meetings with the lead community partner will occur primarily by zoom. Monthly meetings with all other community partners will happen in person in the River Board Room at the Quesnel City Hall at 410 Kinchant Street, with the opportunity of zoom for those who cannot make the commute. These meeting dates are June 3rd, June 24th, July 29th, and August 26th.

In terms of additional funds there should be no need for additional funds to be procured but in the event additional funds may be needed I would contact various community groups and businesses who may sponsor this research project such as the Quesnel Integris Credit Union who has funded research work in recent months.

The tabling facilitations will be at two locations, the Quesnel Farmers' Market and the Quesnel Rodeo Club, both occurring on Saturdays. I plan on attending these events on a biweekly basis with the Farmers' Market from 8:30am-1:30pm and the Quesnel Rodeo from 5pm to 8pm

The Saturdays that will require me to be tabling at the farmers' market will include a total of 11 hours: 3 hours for total travel and 8 hours facilitating.

Project benefits (up to 250 words): Describe the benefits that you expect to produce as a result of the completion of your internship proposal. Benefits could be related to knowledge production, social impact, or the development of new planning tools and may be specific to the planning profession in the Yukon or British Columbia and/or the broader constituencies the profession serves.

The benefits from this project are.

1. Policy Framework, are the modeling of a framework for improving current policy surrounding the construction of primary and secondary dwelling homes being occupied as multi-generational residences on land within the Agriculture Land Reserve.
2. Knowledge based on the importance of local context. Establishing a bridge between – the disconnect of housing construction within the ALR in the Cariboo Region as different and very distinct from other regions in the province.
3. Community giveback: there will be a review of the information provided collected from regular farmers market sessions in Quesnel especially regarding what is needed in terms of supports from various governing bodies for successful succession planning. This will enable local organizing to support the submission of this report

These findings and outcomes emerging from them will be produced in a detailed report laying out what these recommendations are to current policy towards the Agricultural Land Commission, in addition, this will lay the groundwork for continued research in this field.

Student Supports: Describe the supports that will be put in place during the internship to ensure a successful and positive internship experience. Supports could include but are not limited to:

- Frequency and format of mentorship and/or mentorship meetings

Meetings with my lead community partner will occur bi-weekly and will provide in addition to a local context will also provide additional resources both literature (policy and regulation) and potential contacts to aid in the research process.

- **Workplace and project orientation activities**

There will be two main events, the initial June 3rd meeting will all interested parties to go over timeline and project objectives and on August 26th where I will give a presentation to all interested parties on the subject of my findings and next steps. I will also be conducting tabling facilitations bi-weekly during the course of the summer from June 10th to August 5th.

- **Support finding housing if applicable (financial support not required)**

This will not be applicable as I will be based out of my home in Prince George and conduct day trips of 1.5hours to and from Quesnel.

- **Access to professional networks and subject matter experts**

I will be using my several community partners as expert knowledge on the local context of the area and how the policies on housing construction I will be looking at will affect the various industries they represent.

Additional Information Required for STUDENT-LED Projects:

Student name & Home institution:

Matt Henderson, University of Northern British Columbia, School of Planning and Sustainability

Pibc student membership status:

Student member

Partner Organization Name:

Community Partners:

(Lead) Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services, Cariboo Regional District

Sage Gordon, President of the Quesnel Cattleman's Association & Cariboo Breeders and Feeders Association.

Christa Pooley, Chair of the Cariboo Regional District Agriculture Development Advisory Committee and Secretary of the Kersley Farmers Insitute.

Lynda Atkinson, Chair, Sprout Kitchen, Board member BC Agriculture Council, Chair of Farmed, Board Member, Canadian Agriculture Human Resources Council, and Vice chair, Horse Council BC.

Rick Wittner, President of Cariboo Mining Association, President of the BC Placer Miners Association, Director on the Quesnel Chamber of Commerce, and Committee Member on the Quesnel Airport Advisory Committee and the Cariboo Forestry Advisory Committee.

Coralee Oakes, Provincial MLA for Cariboo North Riding.

Jackie Sarginson, President of the Cariboo North Riding Association, Secretary/Treasurer of the Cariboo Mining Association

Additional Partners of Support:

Mary Sjostrom, Director of Electoral Area A, Cariboo Regional District

Roy Josephy, Generational Farmer, and President of the Quesnel Model Railway Club

Name and position of the lead within partner organization who will serve as the internship supervisor:

Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services

Letter of partnership from partner organization – one page max



How Can Policies and Regulations Created by The Agricultural Land Commission on Housing Construction within the Agriculture Land Reserve Affect Multi-Generational Farmers in the North Cariboo Region

A Student-led Research Project Potentially Funded By The Planning
Institute of British Columbia

Faculty Advisors: Dr Tara Lynne Clapp & Dr Theresa Healy

Lead Partner: Nigel Whitehead RPP

Background



- Matt Henderson
- Second Year Undergraduate Student at UNBC's School of Planning and Sustainability
- Majoring in Northern and Rural Community Planning
- Past President and current Vice President of UNBC's Student Planners' Association
- Passion for Policy Review and Effective Community Development and Outreach in our northern regions

Project Background

- This project will be funded through the Planning Institute of British Columbia
- This is the first time a student-led project has been offered
- If approved the project will effectively last for the duration of the summer (June 1st - Sept 4th)
- Regardless of Approval I plan on working on this project as it has few financial barriers, and the subject area (Quesnel) is within a reasonable commuting distance from base camp (PG)

Purpose

- With food security being of prominent concern throughout the country it is imperative that our policies and regulations that govern the production of our food is in the best interest for both the environment and our local producers.
- Through this project I will be looking at the North Cariboo Region around the Quesnel area and review the current policies on housing construction within the ALR and how the planning industry along with the ALC can effectively represent multi-generational farmers and create policies that are indicative to a regional context.
- In addition, this project seeks to provide local context to what is needed from our various levels of government to gain effective and supportive succession planning for our aging and young producers

Objectives

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 - Host several facilitation tabling events at the Quesnel Farmers' Market and Quesnel Rodeo Club to gain further context from local producers
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- Independent Study: September 5th - December 16th, 2023
 - Compile a comprehensive report from all analyses completed during the PIBC Project.

Key Dates

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Facilitation/Tabling Dates

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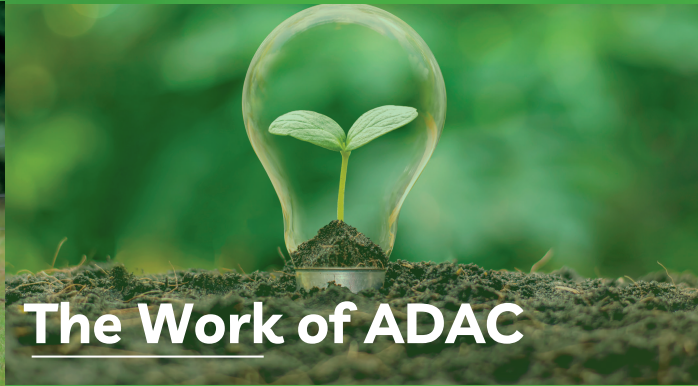
Community Partners

- Sage Gordon, President of the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
- Christa Pooley, Chair of the Cariboo Regional District Agriculture Development Advisory Committee and Secretary of the Kersley Farmers Insitute.
- Lynda Atkinson, Chair, Sprout Kitchen, Board member BC Agriculture Council, Chair of Farmed, Board Member, Canadian Agriculture Human Resources Council, and Vice chair, Horse Council BC.
- Rick Wittner, President of Cariboo Mining Association, President of the BC Placer Miners Association, Director on the Quesnel Chamber of Commerce, and Committee Member on the Quesnel Airport Advisory Committee and the Cariboo Forestry Advisory Committee.
- Coralee Oakes, Provincial MLA for Cariboo North Riding.
- Jackie Sarginson, President of the Cariboo North Riding Association, Secretary/Treasurer of the Cariboo Mining Association

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest. The trees are mostly green, with some yellow and orange patches, suggesting autumn. In the distance, a large body of water, likely a lake, is visible under a cloudy sky. Bare tree branches are visible in the upper left and right corners of the frame.

Questions/Thank you!

Contact information: Matt Henderson,
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The Work of ADAC

The work of ADAC has been instrumental in establishing Sprout Kitchen Food Hub in the North Cariboo & the North Cariboo Agriculture Education Program. With a strategic planning framework completed & ADAC acting as the steering committee, the CRD's development of a Regional Agriculture Area Plan (AAP) was completed & adopted by the Board of Directors late in 2022.



Contact Us



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Cariboo ADAC is an initiative of the CRD
Supporting the implementation of the
CRD Agriculture Area Plan



The AAP identified five goals & 25 recommendations in the Implementation Strategy. The ongoing work of the committee is to move forward the goals & recommendations of the AAP for which ADAC has been identified as a potential lead or supporting partner.



*Growing with a Vision for the
Cariboo Region*



Consultation & Advice

Matters generally referred to ADAC by the CRD Board are:

- Partnering with local government to further economic development within the industry.
- Providing a coordinating body for accessing funding for major projects.
- Providing links between producers, processors, agriculture organizations, farmer's institutes, and governments at all levels.
- Raising awareness of agriculture.
- Enhancing an understanding of agriculture's role in the local and/or regional economy.

Further matters that may also be referred to ADAC may be:

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



ADAC Members

The Membership continues to evolve to be inclusive of region-wide representation & diverse industry groups. The committee shall be comprised of up to 15 members representing the industry across livestock, agri-forestry, farmers institutes, post-secondary institutes, the Agrologist profession, First Nations/First Nations Government or any other major agricultural sector.

About Us

The Cariboo Regional District approved the establishment of the North Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee (ADAC) through the North Cariboo Economic Development Function. Evolving since 2018, the CRD Agriculture Development Advisory Committee's **Mission is to work with agriculture stakeholders within the region to sustainably expand agricultural production, capacity, and diversity.**





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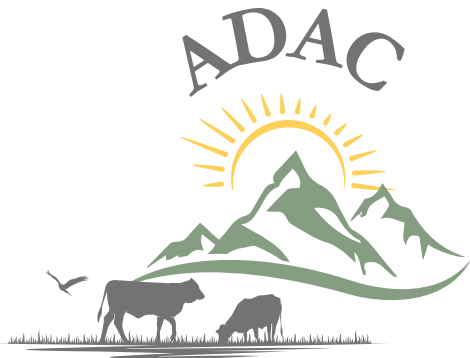
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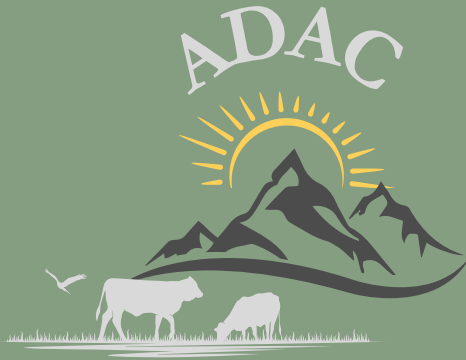
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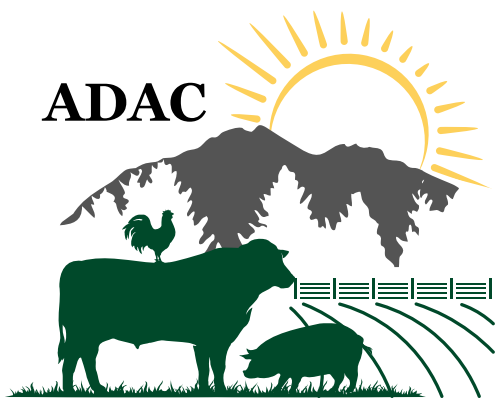
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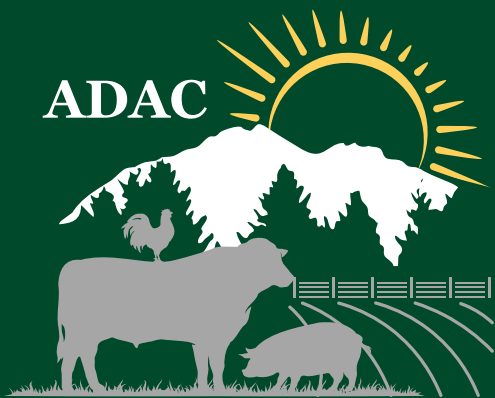
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April 11, 2023

Dear: Quesnel FLP Advisory Group

Re: Cariboo Agricultural Advisory Committee (C-ADAC) Member Feedback to the Quesnel FLP Advisory Group guidance to Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on 1) Forest Harvesting Practices, 2) Recreation, Trails and Tourism, and 3) Range, Forage and Natural Range Barriers.

The Cariboo Agricultural Advisory Committee is grateful to have had a representative attending the majority of the QFLP Advisory group meetings to inform the committee of relevant discussions. C-ADAC members are grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback and input to the Quesnel FLP Advisory Group's process.

The following content is input provided by members:

Provided by Cariboo ADAC Member Megan Flatt (magicdiamond13@gmail.com)

Hello,

I have been following the updates throughout the process and I agree with everything within the three documents attached (Great Work!), AND would like to add one suggestion for consideration. This would probably be included within...

1. **Debris**
2. **Reduce debris/fuel loading thresholds** - for debris left on-site, especially where processing at the stump is used, in order to reduce the overall debris loading and fuel loading. Needed overall, and then specifically in areas where there are heightened wildfire risk concerns.

PLEASE consider swaling and hugelkultur as a way to deal with the debris and land reclamation after logging. A swale is a sort of ditch which is dug 'on contour' to catch the rainwater before it runs away and soak it into the soil. The more water that is soaked into the soil the less supplemental water is needed to water what is growing in the soil. <https://livingpermaculturepnw.com/what-is-a-swale-an-introduction-to-permaculture-water-harvesting/>

The debris would be used within a raise bed and buried to decompose over time (also known as hugelkultur) <https://richsoil.com/hugelkultur/>

- This would ALLOW for long-term water increase and holdback.
- Water holdback means more fire mitigation.
- It would allow for more biodiversity.
- The equipment is already there on site.
- The land would be left better than before.

Thank you for considering these suggestions. It would be such a pleasure to see the Quesnel Forest Landscape Plan have the courage to set a new precedent for land reclamation after logging, as well as creating more water holdback to help increase future supply for the land and all those that require it - flora and fauna. I look forward to future information and progress.

Cheers, Megan

Summary of ADAC Member Discussion at April 19th, 2023 Cariboo ADAC Meeting

Historically, Agriculture producers in the region have been able to access fibre (chips and shavings) for livestock bedding & agriculture applications. Wood fibre has been used as an important aid in the seasonal management of calving, lambing, kidding and foaling, as well as a year-round bedding material for chickens and rabbits. The organic composting of the spent bedding materials produces a sustainable application for soil amendment and as such there is no need for the producer to manage the disposal of a waste product.

With increased demand from industrial processing of secondary value-added wood fibre products (pulp and wood pellets) driving a competitive market, members of the agriculture sector find the cost of fibre to be prohibitively expensive and the supply to be nearly non-existent, as the majority is contracted to those industrial customers. Local retailers may have a supply of small-volume bags or bails of shavings that are appropriate for home and small-scale hobby agriculturalists.

The oligopoly that is the prioritization of fibre to the timber and wood-based production corporate players, has had a significant impact on the cost of production, and financial and environmental sustainability of agriculture in our region for decades.

Cariboo ADAC members believe that the Quesnel Forest Landscape Planning Pilot Project is an opportunity to identify new ways to manage our forest resources (perhaps the community forests and woodlots) and ensure meaningful percentages of waste fibre are directed to the agriculture producers at an accessible cost.



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