



Date: 12/08/2019

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Choose an item.

From: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Aug23_2019

File: BC Meat Inspection Program

Short Summary:

BC Meat Inspection Program – Consultation on Potential Changes

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The Ministry of Agriculture is asking for feedback on proposed changes in the Class D regulation relating to animal slaughter and meat inspection. The original deadline, which was not well known, has passed and the Ministry has set a new date in October to allow for comment. We discovered the consultation very late but did send in a letter (copy attached) after consulting with the BC Cattlemen to make sure they had no real concerns. While we are not experts in this area, we feel that additional opportunities to slaughter and market meat products would be welcome. We also feel that the restriction of marketing within an individual regional district is artificial.

With the extension, the Board has the opportunity to review the information, discuss the matter, and advise staff of how the Board would like to respond.

Attachments:

- 1) Consultation Documents
- 2) CRD Letter that was submitted.

Financial Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- ☒ Building on our Relationships

- ☐ Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- ☐ Focusing on Being Well Governed

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

1. Receipt
2. Deferral
3. Receipt and send in a letter expressing the Boards view.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from John M. MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 12, 2019, regarding the consultation process initiated by the Province in relation to animal slaughter and meat inspection, be received. *Further action at the direction of the Board.*