

# **BC Organic Extension Project: Delegation to Cariboo Regional District Board**

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Where thought meets action

Our request:

Support for the organic  
extension service



# What is extension?

- Connects applied research to real world challenges.
- Provide non-formal education, learning opportunities, and tools to farmers, communities, businesses, policy makers, and consumers.
- Supports community capacity building and networking.



# Purpose of Extension Service

To advance regenerative agriculture and a sustainable food system by:

- Promoting widespread understanding and adoption of organic practices throughout BC's agriculture and food system
- Supporting the expansion of the organic sector



# Organic extension in BC today

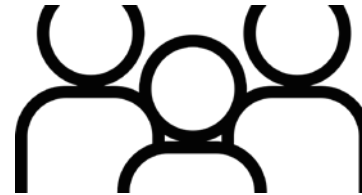
- Piecemeal
- Lacking
- Sector wants and needs extension that is strategic and coordinated



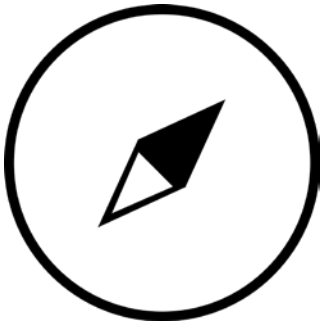
# Structure



**Boots-in-the-community  
extension agents in  
each region**



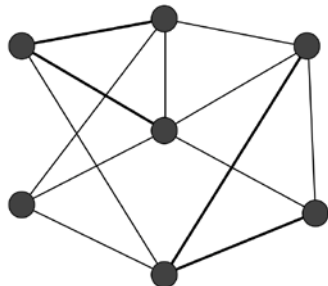
**Management team  
to oversee and give  
strategic direction**



**Steering committee  
to connect with  
industry about goals  
and priorities**



**Administrative and  
coordination support**



**Network of subject  
matter specialists on  
organic and  
regenerative agriculture**

# Connections to CRD priorities:

- Agriculture and economic development
- Environmental stewardship
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Food security



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