Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

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c/o Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services

Dear Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors:

The CRD ADAC has passed a motion requesting that the Board of Directors consider an amendment to Bylaw 5354, to expand the number of member positions from 13 – 15. This request comes following the very successful response of expressions of interest from individuals interested in filling member roles.

Currently, <u>Bylaw 5354</u>; <u>Section 3</u>; <u>Article 3.1e</u>, is presented as follows: "(e) two to eight members representing agricultural economics agriforestry, farmers institutes, post-secondary institutes, First Nations or any other major agricultural sector; and"

ADAC would ask that the CRD Board consider a change to member representation to delineate a standalone position for a member from an Indigenous community, or a member representing a First Nations government. The way the current Bylaw is written, there is a chance that First Nations representation could be completely overlooked, as it has been lumped in with the two to eight members representing major agricultural sectors. This means that if two to eight member positions representing those sectors have been filled, the First Nations may not be represented at all.

The CRD ADAC is recommending the following:

• **Tammy Briggs** – Ms. Briggs has been active with the agriculture community for many years in the South Cariboo. She has filled professional roles with the Ministry of Agriculture and in private business in horticulture and

- greenhouse production, as well as high altitude growing. Ms Briggs' experience and representation of the South Cariboo would be an asset to ADAC. As such, we are recommending that Tammy Briggs fill a member position representing horticulture and greenhouse production.
- **Tyrone Johnston** Mr. Johnston, along with his family, operates a vertically integrated cattle ranch & beef production business in the Central Cariboo. Mr. Johnston is also a qualified consultant with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries, Agribusiness Planning, and Program Streams: Specialized Business Planning. His specializations are Production Economics, Business Strategy, Cash Flow and Financial Analysis, Value Added Ventures, Human Resources, Succession Planning, and Risk Assessment and Mitigation. Mr. Johnston's experience and strengths would be a tremendous asset to ADAC. As such, we are recommending that Tyrone Johnson fill a member position representing agrobusiness.
- Cynthia Fell Ms. Fell is a professional Agrologist working as the Resource Management Coordinator for the Tsilhqot'in National Government. She has a diverse professional background in resource management. Her position with the First Nations community and her professional skills would be a significant contribution to ADAC. As such, we are recommending that Cynthia Fell fill a member position representing Indigenous government.

Sincerely,

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