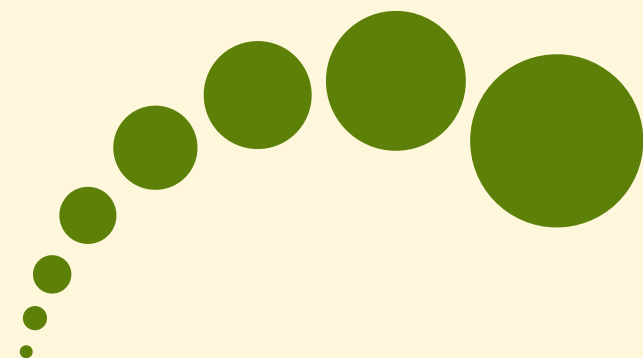


THE FIGHT TO FARM

SHARE BACK OF FINDINGS FROM RESEARCH
CONDUCTED APRIL - AUGUST 2023





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PROJECT VISION

This project seeks to support local solutions using Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR) to combat the many 'wicked problems' of policy and regulation within the profession of agriculture in rural British Columbia.





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PROJECT - LEAD



- **I am an undergraduate student at UNBC's School of Planning and Sustainability at the Prince George Campus.**
- **My Major is in Northern and Rural Community Planning.**
- **My passion is for governance and policy to be more responsive to and inclusive of local people and regional circumstances.**



FIRST PHASE SUMMER 2023



- Identified individuals spanning relevant sectors to support the project.
- Facilitated brainstorming sessions with community partners to derive themes to be shared during community engagements.



- Hosted a series of engagements at Farmers Markets and Rodeos in North Central Cariboo.
- Facilitated Dotmocracy sessions to gain community input on issues involving current policies around agriculture.



- Launched a project website to enhance communications of project outputs (debriefs and reports) to key stakeholders, the community.
- Launched a virtual Dotmocracy to offer additional avenues for folks to share their ideas for this project.



- Analyzed the vast amount of responses from the community.
- Identify common themes/trends.
- compile information gathered into a Community Report.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

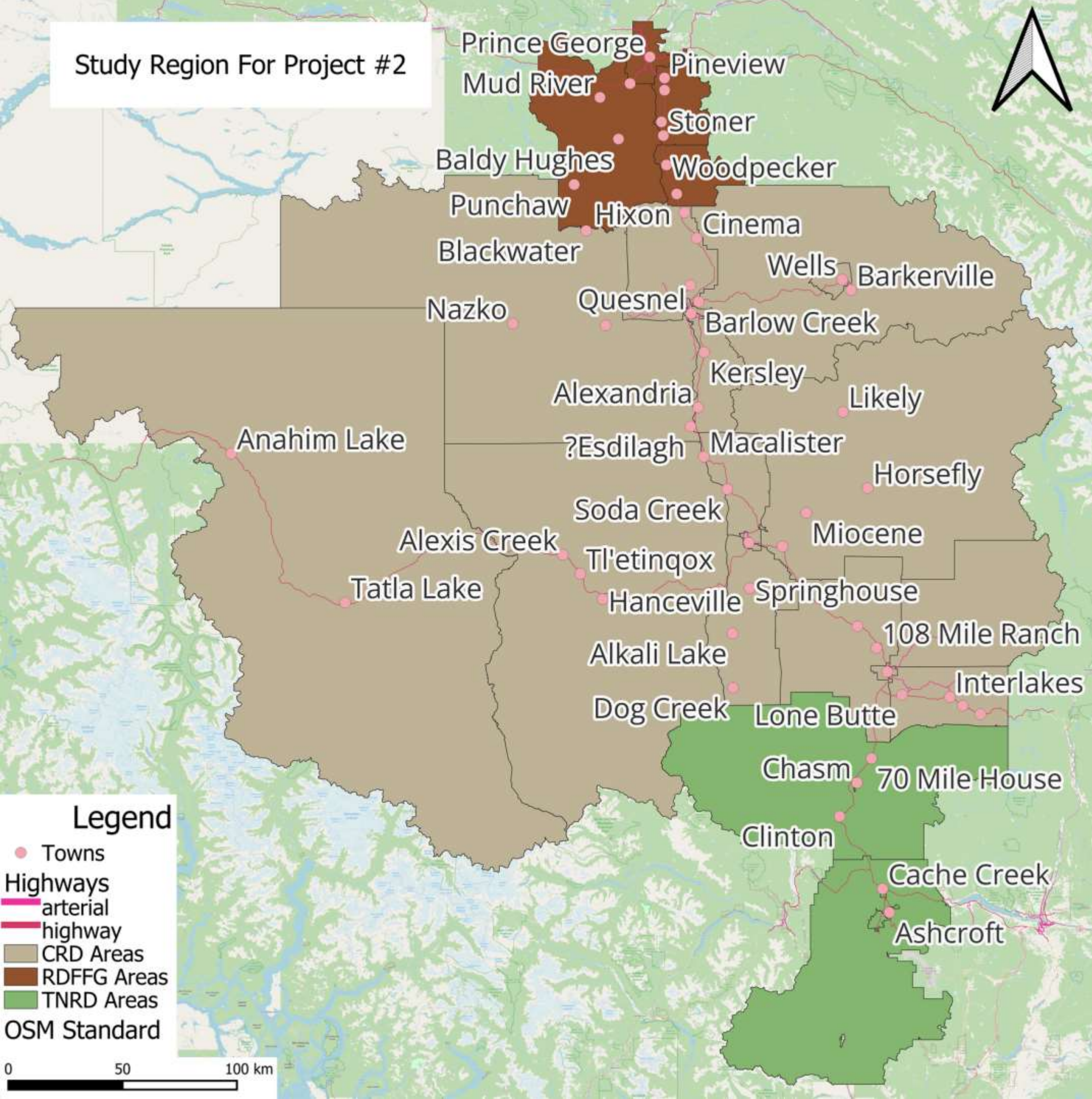
- A NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC FROM ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.
- ALLOW FOR MORE DIALOGUE FOR THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS REASONING AND PROVIDE CONTEXT.
- A NEED FOR PRODUCERS TO ACCESS LOCAL PROCESSING FACILITIES AND MARKETS TO LOCAL INSTITUTIONS.
- MAF TO SUPPORT REPRESENTATION FROM ALL PARTIES AROUND THE TABLE TO ENHANCE TRUST AND MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION.
- EVALUTATE EFFECTIVENESS OF VALUING SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND AS PRODUCTIVE BASED IN REALITY OF LOCAL CONTEXT.





HOW CAN WE BRING PROCESSING BACK HOME?

Image: Williams Lake Tribune, 2018



Map of Study Region

- **17 Electoral Areas,**
- **8 Municipalities / Villages,**
- **3 Regional District,**
- **19 Indigenous Communities.**



SECOND PHASE 2024

OBJECTIVES

1.1 EXPAND AND EVALUATE CURRENT FARM GATE AND FARM GATE PLUS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS TO INCREASE ON-FARM PROCESSING FOR SMALL-SCALE OPERATIONS.

1.2 IDENTIFY TARGET LOCATIONS FOR VARIOUS SCALES OF PROCESSING FACILITIES OFFERING LOCALLY NEEDED FACILITIES/AMENITIES IN COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE STUDY REGION.

1.3 GATHER COMMUNITY ACTION TIMELINES IN THE FORM OF COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH FROM FARMERS AND RANCHERS WITH THE GOAL OF TRANSLATING THEIR DESIRES OF BETTER ACCESS AND IMPROVED POLICIES THAT WORK FOR FARMERS INTO A REALITY.

1.4 ENGAGE WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE STUDY REGION TO IDENTIFY LOCAL SOLUTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION IN THE FORM OF ON-NATION PROCESSING FACILITIES THAT ACCOMMODATE SUSTAINABLE INDIGENOUS BUTCHERING PRACTICES. (PRECEDENCE FROM THE NISGA NATION AND THEIR HYDROGEN PLANT).





Objectives Continued

1.5 IDENTIFY GAPS AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS TO EDUCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE MEAT BUTCHERING AND AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING SECTORS.

1.6 ENSURE THE CURRENT INTEGRITY OF RURAL SMALL AND MEDIUM - SCALE OPERATIONS ARE RETAINED WITHIN A SPECIFIED RADIUS FROM NEW PROCESSING FACILITIES TO PREVENT SPECULATION AND "BUY - OUTS" FROM LARGE - SCALE /INDUSTRIAL FARMING CORPORATIONS WITHIN THE STUDY REGION.

1.7 CONDUCT A PROGRAM ANALYSIS ON LITERATURE AND EXAMPLES FROM OTHER REGIONS (CANADIAN/GLOBALLY) OF GOVERNMENTS FINANCING/FUNDING RELEVANT PROGRAMS FOR PROCESSING FACILITIES.

1.8 UTILIZING THE PRECEDENCE FROM THE PROGRAM ANALYSIS, CONDUCT A BRIEF ON HOW THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF B.C. WILL BE ABLE TO FINANCIALLY IMPLEMENT THE PRIOR MENTIONED PROGRAMS THIS PROJECT IS PROPOSING.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday March 23, 2023

**Presenting and Tabling at Small-Scale Meat
Producers Association 'Meat Up'
TRU, Williams Lake, 8:30am - 5pm**

Friday April 5th, 2023

**Project Open House Public Event
Legion, Quesnel, 10am-3pm**

Saturday April 6th, 2023

**Tabling at Seedy Saturday
Seniors Centre, Quesnel, 9-3pm**

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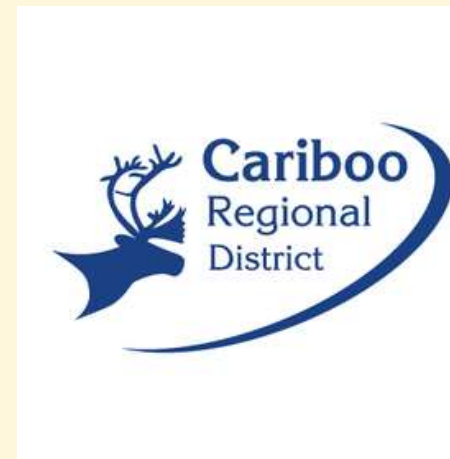
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- CHRISTA POOLEY - CHAIR OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT CRD
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- MARY SJOSTROM - DIRECTOR OF ELECTORAL AREA A CRD
- NIGEL WHITEHEAD - MANAGER OF PLANNING SERVICES AT CRD
- RICK WITTNER - PRESIDENT OF QUESNEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PRESIDENT OF CARIBOO MINING ASSOCIATION
- ROY ZSCHIEDRICH - CONCERNED CITIZEN, PRESIDENT OF THE QUESNEL MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

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