

Cariboo Regional District
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee,
held via Zoom on April 17th, 2024 at 7 PM

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

David Zirnhelt	Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
Megan Flatt	Cariboo Chilcotin Sheep Producer's Association
Robin Hunt	Farmers Market
Martin Rossmann	Kersley Farmers Institute
Lynda Atkinson	Regional Food and Innovation Hub
Cynthia Fell	Indigenous Governments
Chad Stump	Urban First Nation Advocacy
Tyrone Johnston	Agribusiness
Jennifer Roberts	Quesnel Cattlemen's Association

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

CDR Director Tolin Pare	CRD Liaison
Nicole Pressey	Ministry of Agriculture & Food Liaison

CRD STAFF

Nigel Whitehead	Manager, Planning Services
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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Position Vacancy	Administrative Assistant
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REGRETS

Tammy Briggs	Horticulture and Greenhouse Production
Shivani Sajwan	CRD Planning Officer II

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:05PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2024-10

It was moved by Martin M. and seconded by David Z.

That the April 17, 2024 Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2024-04-21 11:09 AM

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2024-11

It was moved by Lynda A. and seconded by Robin H.

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting dated March 20th, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1. RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS – MAR 20TH, 2024

Not yet received.

4.2. ADMIN ASSISTANT POSITION

4.2.1. Past minutes have been outstanding, and very professional. Appreciation to Christa for all her work and expertise. An ADAC member is helping with email and some Admin duties until the position is filled.

4.2.2. Narrowing down candidates to be handled by Hiring Committee – table this topic until final discussion before hiring.

4.3. COMMUNICATIONS MATERIAL – Letterhead, Banner, Brochure.

Chair met with Nigel to discuss his role, communications material, and get clarity about the role of ADAC.

Discussion about the role of ADAC. Members feel it is a two-way street. Meaning that ADAC can bring public noted items/concerns regarding Agriculture to the attention of the CRD, and the CRD will direct ADAC to advise about items regarding Agriculture in the Cariboo.

A member mentioned; there is not a short “turn around” which limits the amount of time for real engagement (with ADAC), there is no good information about profitability within the sector (gap), and it is very costly to meet regulatory requirements (Ag sector).

Members agree that ADAC is not a business and is not required to have letterhead. Most correspondence can be done through ADAC email. It would be appreciated if ADAC could have a banner for local events. This would offer of a presence for ADAC (more awareness) and a more welcoming atmosphere for public approach. Members feel that too much time has been spent on the communications material as a whole.

Action Item: Create Committee to tidy up and finalize the Banner (with CRD approval). Suggest final recommendations about the online brochure. (<https://www.cariboord.ca/en/business-and-development/agricultural-development-advisory-committee.aspx#2021>) Present final product to members so they are informed.

Action Item: Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer to review the policy, etc. for ADAC.

4.4. CRD COMMS DEPARTMENT

From last minutes: “CRD Spring Newsletter is being Drafted with ‘Fencing in a Livestock District’ content.”

Action Item: Nigel to send a draft to Chair.

4.5. CRD REPORT

4.5.1. Nothing to report.

4.5.2. The CRD Emergency Preparedness and Planning Department will be presenting at Miocene Hall Thursday April 18, 2024 at 6:30pm, and another short presentation after Quesnel Cattlemen's AGM on Friday April 19, 2024 at 7pm.

4.5.3. Agriculture Fencing – Follow up discussions required with MOTI about private land fencing. Discussion – property fencing is not mentioned when a property is purchased (new land owners are unaware), lack of enforcement is an issue, and it is a socio-economic issue. Referenced: <https://pub-crd.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=48058>

Three videos that were made and circulated to the Real Estate Association.

Fencing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waDQWNscaY0>

Open Range: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sOfFloGSuU>

Water Management: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLIEFb0iFT4>

Discussion about Pound Districts (as opposed to Livestock Districts)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/farm-practices-protection/resolving-farm-concerns-and-complaints/livestock-at-large>

4.6. MIN OF AF AAC ZOOM MEETING REPORT

Agriculture Advisory Committee North Interior – land use planning – non-forestry highlighted to ministry, new staff that could use more support.

2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Workshop

- Presentation 1 – BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) Overview and Updates - BCFIRB staff
- Breakout Session – AAC Terms of Reference (TOR) – Small group round table discussions to meet fellow AAC members and explore how TORs define a committee and impact decision making.
- Presentation 2 - Residential Use on the Agricultural Land Reserve – ALC staff presentation with Q + A
- Presentation 3 - Minister's Bylaw Standards (MBS) Overview and Updates – Ministry staff.

4.7. MIN OF AF REC UPDATE

REC (Regional Extension Committee) for the Cariboo was split into two areas – Quesnel/Hwy16, and Central/South Cariboo/North Thompson. Some extension programs are at proposal stage, and some programs have been approved. They include; warm season grassland, tillage, and fall/winter rye. Also manure factsheets & workshops, and field days for fall of 2024 and spring of 2025.

4.8. MR. HENDERSON TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON HIS PROJECT - UNBC - AGRICULTURE LAND RESERVE POLICY REVIEW: THESIS PROJECT PROPOSAL - [ARL Policy Review Project](#), [ALR Policy Review Project Community Report](#)

His project is at the one-year mark. A member acknowledges that this is a huge undertaking.

4.9. Nothing to report.

4.10. CRD REGIONAL EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Included all education operators throughout the Cariboo Regional District and included University, SD 27 Superintendent, etc.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. BILL 12 – 2024 PUBLIC HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY AND COST RECOVERY ACT

A member shares concern for this bill from a meeting they attended recently.

<https://www.fasken.com/en/knowledge/2024/03/bc-government-introduces-bill-12-public-health-accountability-and-cost-recovery-act#overview-content>

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/bills/billscurrent/5th42nd:gov12-1>

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1. ADMINISTRATION

6.1.1. Google Calendar Invite

Seems to be working, but will try to imbed the meeting link into it. Currently the link is sent by email.

6.1.2. Zoom Account

Discussion. Members do not want to have a recording of the meetings. Any gaps that could arise within the minutes will be rectified before the minutes are adopted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. MIN OF AG WATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Bruce Naka, CID, Irrigation Consultant presented this workshop. It was mostly attended by dryland producers in the Cariboo. Ministry of Agriculture & Food Liaison asks members to keep offering suggestions on how MAF can continue to support Producers.

7.2. DECODING DROUGHT WORKSHOP

Ministry of Agriculture & Food Liaison mentioned that 161 invitations went out (producers with water licenses) with 20 attending. It is hoped that this will help prevent the Westwold incident from 2023. Topics included; agricultural drought supports, 2024 conditions, science, drought response actions, and discussion.

The ADAC member that attended said it was very informative, with every question being thoroughly answered. They explained, in detail, how decisions are made (monitoring nature, historical data, weather, etc.) and were open to suggestions (ranchers collaborating, sharing resources in extreme situations, etc.). There are only three people working in the Cariboo regional office for this department – Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Permitting Transformation Division.

7.3. FARMED FOOD PUZZLE DESIGN THINKING WORKSHOPS

Focus: How to get local food to those who need it and explore how we can further expand the local food economy. Questions from the workshop will be emailed to ADAC members. Information gathered will be utilized to complete the process. Thank you in advance for your participation.

7.4. CARIBOO MEAT UP

Hosted by SSMPA and Central Cariboo Community Food Hub (CCCFH) was attended by 85 people. Topics included; Agriculture Opportunities and Perils, Farm Gate (+) Licenses, a TRU Student presented a Book Report and Reg Steward (AgSafe) talked about Emergency Preparedness. Networking started early, so the presentation about Climate Resilience Through Regen Ag Practices did not take place.

A member mentioned that because of this event, six more people signed up for FarmGate Licenses.

7.5. SILVOPASTURE WEBINAR

This was an excellent webinar presented by George Powell in February. The recordings have not yet been made public. Members are eagerly waiting the opportunity to share them with their networks.

8. ROUNDTABLE

A member shared information about the Canadian Beef Information Gateway. The first edition of the Gateway is designed to achieve three key objectives; grow consumer demand for the entire carcass, appeal to a new generation of consumers, and enhance consumer satisfaction with Canadian Beef. New Gateway features that are under development include; Diet and Wellness Program, Gateway Producer Brand Showcase, and Gateway World Cuisine Recipe Collection.

<https://canadabeef.ca/stakeholder-gateway/>

A member shared a request to participate in the 2024 SSMPA Poultry Survey from SSMPA. Deadline for submission is April 24th.

The Chair mentioned about a project of understanding for an Abattoir. More information to come.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:19PM

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024 at 7pm, via Zoom
Agenda Submission Deadline: May 8, 2024

C. Stump, Chair

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