PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
A G E N D A

for the meeting to be held on Monday, November 16, 2015
at the Regional District offices, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC
(upstairs meeting room)
commencing at **10:00 a.m.**

Conference call: 1-877-385-4099 Participant ID: 8481375#

1. **CALL TO ORDER**:

2. **NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS**:

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

   M-1 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2015

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

6. **DELEGATIONS:**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

   C-1 July 16, 2015 letter from the BC Ministry of Agriculture regarding Kevin Knoblauch – Valley Gardens.

   C-2 October 7, 2015 letter from the BC Ministry of Agriculture regarding its discussion paper on a draft set of criteria for developing local government bylaws regarding agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales in the ALR.

   C-3 October 20, 2015 letter from the Minister of Agriculture regarding the Site C Agriculture Fund Committee.

Handout C-4 re: GMO

8. **REPORTS:**

   R-1 October 26, 2015 revised AAC Terms of Reference.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

10. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

11. **DIARY and TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**: No later than 2:00 pm

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Agriculture Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Leonard Hiebert, Director, Electoral Area 'D' – Meeting Chair
Jill Copes, Peace River District Women's Institute
Ruth Veiner, Alternate - Peace River District Women's Institute
Jim Collins, Alternate – Peace River Farmer's Institute
Judy Madden, PR Regional Cattlemen's Association
Rod Kronlachner, Member at Large – South Peace
Greg Neave, Member at Large - North Peace

Guest
Brad Sperling, Director, Electoral Area 'C', 1:00 pm

Regional District Staff
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

1) Call to Order — The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Notice of New Business:

Jill Copes — proposed referendum on water
Jim Collins — attendance at meetings

Adoption of the Agenda:

2) Adoption of the Agenda — MOVED by Jill Copes, SECONDED by Greg Neave,
that the Agriculture Advisory Committee agenda for the July 13, 2015 meeting, including New Business and Additional Items, be adopted.

Adoption of the Minutes:
M-1 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015
Business Arising from the Minutes:
BA-1 Future of the AAC – Terms of Reference
Correspondence:
C-1 April 16, 2015 letter from the Ministry of Natural Gas Development regarding the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act. (referred by the Board)
Reports:
R-1 June 25, 2015 Chair's report regarding the status of the May 19, 2015 AAC meeting recommendations to the Regional Board.
New Business:
Items for Information:
I-1 June 16, 2015 letter to BC Bison Association regarding notice of resignation.
Diary and Terms of Reference:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1 AAC Mtg. Minutes — MOVED by Don Dunbar, SECONDED by Judy Madden,
that the Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4) Item #6 re: revised Terms of Reference

Members reviewed the draft Terms of Reference, revised/updated by the Electoral Area Directors' Committee.

MOVED by Jill Copes, SECONDED by Jim Collins,
That the Agriculture Advisory Committee forward the following suggested revisions to the AAC Terms of Reference to the Electoral Area Directors' Committee, for consideration:

Under Purpose 1.1
add another bullet "that the AAC may forward agriculture related issues to the Electoral Area Directors' Committee for discussion and consideration.

Under Membership 2.4
clarify that re-appointment applies only to the primary member, not the alternate, and that this policy starts at time of adoption and is not retro-active to time already served by existing members.

Under Procedures 3.7
add "That whenever possible meetings will strive to alternate between Dawson Creek and Fort St. John."

Under Procedures 3.9
change to "Peace River Regional District current Procedure Bylaw."

CARRIED.

The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Electoral Area Directors' Committee for its an outstanding job

Members were advised that Committee meeting agendas and Terms of Reference are available for viewing on the Regional District's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

5) NB-1 re: proposed water referendum

In response to a question on why the proposed water referendum had not been referred to the Committee for dissemination out to their respective organizations, Chair Hiebert advised that in response to the general public's voiced concerns over the Alternate Approval Process, the Regional District will be going to referendum this fall seeking support for a proposed sub-regional water function. Information will be available in the near future.

6) Recess:

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm

7) Reconvene:

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm

8) NB-2 re: funding

Director Sperling advised members that the Peace River Agriculture Development Fund (PRAD) was seeking a letter of support regarding the province's $20 million fund for the Peace Region's agricultural industry. The fund is one of several conditions on the approval certificate for the creation of BC Hydro's Site C Dam. The fund was established specifically to compensate agricultural producers whose land may be impacted by the development of the Dam.

Currently very little information is available, i.e. who will administer/distribute the funds, criteria for eligibility, etc. It is felt that there is a need to ensure that the funds are delivered and administered locally, from the Peace Region.

New Business: (continued)

8) NB-2 re: funding (continued)	MOVED by Judy Madden, SECONDED by Greg Neave, That the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommends to the Electoral Area Directors' Committee that it supports a letter being forwarded to the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture requesting that the BC Hydro $20 million fund for the Peace Region's agricultural industry be delivered and administered locally from the Peace Region. CARRIED.
9) NB-3 re: meeting attendance	Discussion ensued regarding meeting attendance. It was felt that the 2 meeting absence, without good reason, should be enforced as stated in the Terms of Reference. It was noted that current appointments expire in September 2015. A request for new members will be forwarded to commodity groups as identified in the Terms of Reference. The package will include the revised Terms of Reference.
10) Adjournment	MOVED by Greg Neave, SECONDED by Rod Kronlachner, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

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Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

BRITISH COLUMBIA

July 16, 2015

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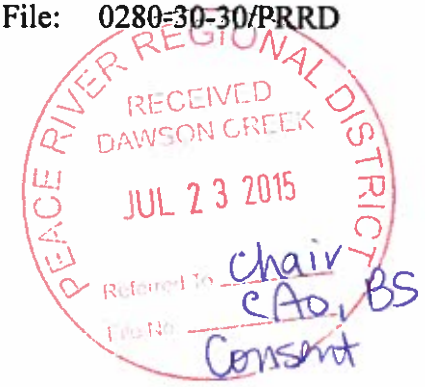

Lori Ackerman
Chair
Peace River Regional District
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Dear Ms. Ackerman,

Thank you for your letter supporting Mr. Knoblauch's request for further identification of agronomic sites in the Peace Region for horticultural crop production.

We are currently reviewing GIS data relative to agriculture capability, ALR, soils, climate and topographic features in the area. Once several sites are identified, we will set up a process to review or ground truth the GIS information. If you or the Board members have any particular sites in mind, please advise us so we can ensure they are included.

Our Regional Agrologist Lori Vickers, available at 250 784-2559 or by email at Lori.Vickers@gov.bc.ca, is the best contact as this work progresses.

Sincerely,

Leslie MacDonald, P.Ag.
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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

C-1

Office of: the Chair June 16, 2015

Ms. Leslie MacDonald
Assistant Director
Sector Development Branch
Ministry of Agriculture
1767 Angus Campbell road,
Abbotsford, BC V3G 2M3

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

Re: Kevin Knoblauch, Valley Gardens

At its June 11, 2015 meeting the Board of the Peace River Regional District received a recommendation from its Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding Mr. Knoblauch of Valley Gardens regarding the Peace Valley Alluvial Floodplain.

Mr. Knoblauch was a guest at the May 19th AAC meeting and advised that Ministry of Agriculture staff have offered to work with horticultural groups in the Peace Region. Ministry of Agriculture representatives at the AAC meeting also noted that the Ministry could assist in characterizing and identifying the agronomic attributes of sites suitable for horticultural crop production and support a process to find those sites.

The Regional Board resolved that a letter be forwarded to you in support of Mr. Knoblauch's request to enable a soils survey and identify appropriate parcels, soil types, micro climates and land titles (Crown and private).

Yours truly,

Lori Ackerman,
Chair

pc: Mike Bernier, MLA (Peace River South)
Greg Tegart, Sector Development Branch

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November 16, 2015

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Deadline for Comments is November 30, 2015

C-2

Received DC Office Oct 7/15

Forwarded to AAC members on Oct 8, 2015

Dear Stakeholder:

Attached is a discussion paper (white paper) prepared by the BC Ministry of Agriculture (Ministry). This paper contains a draft set of criteria for developing local government bylaws regarding agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The criteria describe what is considered a permitted use in the ALR by the Ministry.

The discussion paper describes the issue, provides the framework for developing the Minister's Bylaw Standards, and proposes criteria for developing local government bylaws. We are most interested in input on the criteria (Part 4) but we welcome feedback on all sections of the paper. Please provide us with comments directed specifically at the content of the paper so that your feedback can be effectively incorporated into the final document. We would like to receive all comments by **November 30, 2015** (via mail, fax or email). Once stakeholder input has been received and incorporated into the discussion paper, the criteria will be sent to the Ministry executive and Minister for final approval. Once approved, the information will be distributed to local governments and incorporated into the Ministry's "Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas" (Bylaw Guide). All local governments are encouraged to incorporate these Minister's bylaw standards into their bylaws. Communities regulated under Section 918 of the LGA are expected to achieve consistency with the Minister's Bylaw Standards.

You may send your feedback by email, Canada Post, or fax.
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Yours truly,

Derek Sturko
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Ministry of Agriculture

Regulating
Agri-tourism and Farm Retail Sales
in the Agricultural Land Reserve

DISCUSSION PAPER AND PROPOSED MINISTER'S BYLAW STANDARDS

September 14, 2015

Prepared by:
Strengthening Farming Program
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Executive Summary

This discussion paper ('white paper') has been prepared by the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI) Strengthening Farming Program, Innovation and Adaptation Branch for input on the establishment of a Minister's Bylaw Standard to assist local government bylaw development regarding agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales.

Its preparation follows the 2014 AGRI's consultation on the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (ALR USP Regulation) in which local governments expressed strong support for AGRI to provide greater clarity in guidance to local government bylaws on agri-tourism.

The proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard criteria, set out in Part 3.0, result from input contributed by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), local governments and the agricultural sector. While the proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard provisions apply to land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), local governments may also wish to adopt for all agriculturally zoned property.

AGRI invites local governments to review the proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard and provide feedback to the contact listed on page 13 by November 30, 2015. Feedback received will be analysed by AGRI staff, with updates and improvements made to the proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard in preparation for the Minister of Agriculture's (Minister) consideration.

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Introduction

This paper outlines draft criteria to assist local governments in regulating their agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales bylaws, aiming to encourage further discussion on the matter with local governments, the ALC and the farm sector. It is important that the bylaw standard criteria effectively guide local government land use regulations within the context, and intents, of the *Agricultural Land Commission, Farm Practices Protections (Right to Farm),* and *Local Government* and *Community Charter Acts* and their regulations. The draft criteria reflect analysis undertaken by AGRI staff, previous consultations with local governments, the ALC, industry, and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (CSCD).

1.0 Part one – The Criteria Development Process

This paper explores and proposes land use regulation and policy guidance for local governments to address agri-tourism and farm retail sales issues in their communities, while recognizing these uses are permitted (with exceptions) within the ALR.

Following consultation with stakeholders and approval by the Minister, the bylaw criteria will become a Minister's Bylaw Standard and incorporated within the "Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas" (Bylaw Guide).[1]

1.1 Purpose and Goals

The purposes of establishing land use regulation criteria to address local government concerns regarding agri-tourism and farm retail sales are to:

1. Establish a Minister's Bylaw Standard that provides flexibility for local governments to shape agri-tourism activity in their community while ensuring that agriculture in the ALR continues as a priority use;
2. Address the needs of the agriculture sector/industry to supplement farming income;
3. Minimize the impact of agri-tourism and retail sales on farm practices and farming potential in farming areas;
4. Minimize loss and/or fragmentation of farmland due to agri-tourism and retail sales uses;
5. Reduce the financial imbalance that results from large scale commercial operations locating inexpensively in the ALR and outcompeting those that have located in appropriate commercial zones; and
6. Minimize the risk of agri-tourism and farm retail sales buildings and structures being used for non-farm purposes.

1.2 Stakeholders

Stakeholders involved in developing these Bylaw Standard criteria include:

[1] Under the *Local Government Act* (Part 26, Division 8, Section 916), the Minister responsible for the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act* can develop bylaw standards to guide the development of zoning and farm bylaws. Development of provincial standards is intended to promote consistency in the regulation of, and planning for, farming. However, provision has been made under Section 916(3) to allow the standards to differ, if necessary, to respond to BC's diverse farming industry and land base.

a) Local governments and their Agricultural Advisory Committees (AAC);
b) Agriculture industry;
c) ALC;
d) Strengthening Farming Directors Committee,
e) CSCD; and
f) Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training.

1.3 Objectives of the Process

The objectives of the process are to:

1. Create a set of Bylaw Standard criteria for stakeholder review;
2. Consult with stakeholders; and
3. Develop a Minister's Bylaw Standard that local governments can apply as regulation or policy.

1.4 Key Steps

The key steps in creating the Minister's Bylaw Standard are:

1. Review relevant literature including AGRI and ALC policies;
2. Review and compare local government regulations and policies;
3. Develop draft criteria;
4. Consult with internal and external stakeholders on the draft criteria;
5. Revise criteria for consideration by the Minister;
6. Seek Minister's approval; and
7. Encourage local governments to adopt and apply criteria.

1.5 Current Status (August 2015)

AGRI staff have:

- Reviewed previous agri-tourism and farm retail sales consultations with local governments, industry, the ALC and CSCD;
- Reviewed existing ALC policies on agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales; and,
- Prepared this draft discussion 'white paper' on agri-tourism and farm retail sales land use bylaw guidance for further local government consultations over the 2015/2016 fall and winter.

1.6 Context for Bylaw Standard Establishment

AGRI has initiated Minister's Bylaw Standards in the past for three significant agricultural issues which have been approved by the Minister. AGRI staff use the Minister's Bylaw Standards to encourage local governments to adopt them into their land use bylaws. They are:

- Regulating Medical Marihuana Production Facilities in the ALR (2014);
- Combined Heat and Power Generation at Greenhouses in the ALR (2013); and

- Siting and Size of Residential Uses in the ALR (2011).

These Minister's Bylaw Standards can be found in AGRI's "Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas" with additional information at: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/local-government-bylaw-standards-and-farm-bylaws.

2.0 Part two - Background

2.1 Context

Farmers throughout B.C. are looking for options to increase their economic viability, including agri-tourism and farm retail sales. These two particular issues have become more prominent in recent years and local governments are amending their agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales bylaws, sometimes causing frustration with farmers and the public. Sometimes there may be conflicting community views on what actually constitutes agri-tourism activities, and what 'accessory', 'seasonal', and 'temporary' within this context really mean.

While the ALC provides direction regarding agri-tourism and farm retail sales in the ALR, one of the questions asked during the Ministry's 2014 ALR USP Regulation consultation process included agri-tourism, with local governments indicating strong support for AGRI to develop greater clarity in bylaw guidance for agri-tourism. Incorporating analysis from previous consultation, AGRI staff anticipate strong response from stakeholders on the subject.

Ideally, developing this new Minister's Bylaw Standard will assist in balancing stakeholder concerns, minimize community frustration, and provide greater certainty while maintaining the flexibility required for local government community decision making and variation. The proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard applies to property in the ALR. Given, however, that agricultural activity in B.C. takes place both on ALR and non-ALR property, local governments with agriculturally zoned land may also consider adopting it.

2.2 Current Policy, Legislation and Regulation

Agri-tourism and farm retail sales are defined as farm uses by the ALR USP Regulation[2] of the *Agriculture Land Commission Act* where a farm use means an occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulation, and includes a farm operation as defined in the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*:

- Agri-tourism is a tourist activity, service or facility accessory to ALR land classified as a farm under the *Assessment Act*, if the use is **temporary and seasonal**, and promotes or markets farm products grown, raised or processed on the farm.
- Farm retail sales if all of the farm product offered for sale is produced on the farm on which the retail sales are taking place, or at least 50% of the retail sales area is limited to the sale of farm products produced on the farm on which the retail sales are taking place

[2] B.C. Reg. 171/2002 Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation. Last retrieved August 24, 2015 from http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alc/content.page?id=A631A2319799460A98F62978A2FE60E3

and the total area, both indoors and outdoors, used for the retail sales of all products does not exceed 300 m^2.

Local governments cannot prohibit agri-tourism activities, other than agri-tourism accommodation, or farm retail sales regulated by the ALR USP Regulation unless by a Farm Bylaw designated by the Minister by Section 917 of the *Local Government Act*.

The ALC also publishes several policy documents on agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales with respect to land in the ALR.

> *"The policies of the Commission provide interpretation and clarification of the regulations; outline guidelines, strategies, rules or positions on various issues and provides clarification and courses of action consistently taken or adopted, formally or informally."*[3] - ALC

These ALC policies include their terms of 'seasonal' and 'temporary':

- **Temporary** –means a use or activity in a facility or area that is established and used on a limited time basis for agri-tourism activities. If a building or structure is required for this use, temporary use of the building or structure means a use for agri-tourism for less than 12 months of the year. The building or structure may be used for other permitted uses during the course of, or for the remainder of the year.
- **Seasonal -** means a use or activity in a facility or area for less than 12 months of the year.[4]

A recent 2015 B.C. Supreme Court ruling *Heather Hills Farm Society v. Agricultural Land Commission,* addresses the subject of agri-tourism, and in this case whether a particular golf course and sheep pasture is a permitted agri-tourism use. Interestingly, within the reasons for judgement that ultimately dismisses the petition; the judge also references what cannot be described as reasonably temporary, with respect to what is written in the ALR USP Regulation:

> *[51] The Regulation also requires that an agri-tourism use be temporary and seasonal. A golf course requires alteration of the land in the form of particular landscaping, sand traps, water hazards etc. Photographs that were put into evidence show changes of precisely that kind to the petitioners' property. Those changes must remain in place as long as operation of the golf course continues and cannot reasonably be described as temporary.*[5]

The intent of this proposed Bylaw Standard is to provide greater clarity on what constitutes agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation, farm retail sales, and the definitions of temporary and seasonal.

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[3] ALC. *Legislation and Regulation*. Last retrieved August 24, 2015 from http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alc/content.page?id=4179AB0F33494261A5B6CEF2A4F8F296

[4] ALC. *Policy #4 Activities designated as Farm Use: Agri-tourism Activities in the ALR*, 2003. Last retrieved August 24, 2015 from http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alc/DownloadAsset?assetId=9A907E9B31224D808675BE2E5D78ADBB&filename=policy_4_agri-tourism_activities.pdf

[5] *Heather Hills Farm Society v. Agricultural Land Commission,* 2015 BCSC 1108

For farm retail sales, the processing/marketing of off-farm products may not be protected under the *Farm Practices Protection Act* unless there are limits prescribed by the Minister under the *Farm Practices Protection Act*.[6] This has implications for farms considering those options.

3.0 Part three – Proposed Set of Criteria

Part three introduces a set of criteria in which local governments would be encouraged to consider when developing or amending their own bylaws on agri-tourism, agri-tourism accommodation and farm retail sales. A rationale is provided for why certain criteria provisions should be introduced and a proposed list is summarized of criteria and definitions.

3.1 Proposed Definitions

Accessory (agri-tourism)	means that the *agri-tourism* is subordinate to the active *farm operation* on the same lot. *Agri-tourism* uses and activities only augment a farmer's regular farm income, not exceed or replace it.
Agri-tourism	is travel that combines agricultural or rural settings with products of agricultural operations – all within a tourism experience that is paid for by visitors. It is a tourist activity, service or facility which is *accessory* to a *farm operation*, as defined in the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*, where the land is classified as a farm under the *Assessment Act*; and, where the farm is in active operation each year.
Off-farm and non-farm products	means products that are not from the *farm unit* of which the subject property is part.
Regular Seasonal (agri-tourism)	means the occurrence over the same *season*(s), or at the same time, each year.
Season (agri-tourism)	means: one of the four periods of the year: spring, summer, autumn or winter; the period of the year when something that regularly occurs every year happens; e.g. pumpkin festival before Halloween; and/or the period(s) when most people take their holidays, go to visit places, or take part in an activity outside of work.
Seasonal (agri-tourism)	means: relating to, dependant on, determined by, or characteristic of a particular *season* of the year; fluctuating according to the *season*; and/or

[6] For more information, readers may wish to review the September 7, 2011 BC Farm Industry Review Board decision *Maddalozzo v. Pacfic Coast Fruit Products Ltd* last retrieved September 8, 2015 from http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/business/natural-resource-industries/agriculture/agriculture-documents/bc-farm-industry-review-board-docs/maddalozzo_v_pcfp_dec_sep7_11.pdf

	available, or used, during one or more *seasons*, or at specific times of the year - for less than twelve months of the year.
Small-scale (agri-tourism)	means to be minor or limited in size, scope, or extent. [Local governments could specify amounts.]
Temporary (agri-tourism)	means having a limited duration, lasting or designed to last for only a limited time each week, month, or year. E.g. an activity occurs each year at the same time at a nearby festival, or other event, or only a maximum duration of three days at a time.

3.2 Accessory Farm Activity

Local governments should identify *agri-tourism* as a permitted *accessory* use in all zones where agriculture or farming is a permitted use. *Accessory agri-tourism* use in the ALR is subordinate and customarily incidental to the active *farm operation* on the same lot. **Agri-tourism uses and activities only augment a farmer's regular farm income, rather than exceed or replace it.**

Table 1. Examples of Agri-Tourism and Farm Incomes

Column A Agri-tourism Income	Column B Farm Income
Entry or participation fees, tour fees	Primary agricultural production income
Fees for tours, services and workshops related to the farm operation	Value-added operations: processing of *own farm products*
Retail sales of *off-farm* or *non-farm products*	Retail sales of own *farm products*
Agri-tourism accommodation charges	

To be considered *accessory*, the annual income from *agri-tourism* [Column A] must be no more than the annual regular farm income [Column B]. The ALC may allow a larger proportion of *agri-tourism* activity on a farm, if the farmer applies for a non-farm use approval.

Examples include a farmer intending to regularly host special events such as commercial weddings, conferences or an annual music festival. A local government could decide whether to support those commercial activities in its zoning if it is authorized by the ALC.

3.3 Farm Class

Income from *accessory agri-tourism* activities is not used to define *farm class* under the *Assessment Act* (Sec 23 and Farm Class Reg. 411/95). Income for the purposes of *farm class* is calculated based on the farm gate amounts for qualifying agricultural products and must be generated in one of two relevant reporting periods (i.e., once every two years).

3.4 Agri-tourism Temporary and Seasonal Use in the ALR

Local governments should regard *agri-tourism* uses as a *temporary* and *seasonal* use. See the definitions for guidance on defining these terms.

3.5 Permitted and ALC approval required agri-tourism activities

Table 2. Tiers of Agri-tourism Activities

Activities	Tier 1 Permitted Agri-tourism activities	Tier 2 Activities/events that require ALC approval
On-farm	• educational tours – general public, school children • on-farm marketing, including U-pick and pumpkin patches • temporary corn maze or Christmas tree maze • agricultural heritage events • ranch or farm tours • livestock shows • harvest festivals • on-farm classes and/or workshops related to the farm operation • farm stays or B&B • on-farm processing facility tours	• Non-farm-uses and commercial entertainment activities which do not have an agricultural component: • e.g., paint ball course, dirt bike trails, all-terrain vehicles trails, mini-train parks, remote control runways, helicopter tours, etc. • event and facility rentals • concerts, theatre or music festivals • commercial weddings, banquets, celebrations and any other commercial assembly activity
Parking	• self-contained, off-road parking • some overflow could be on neighbouring farm(s) provided it's for infrequent events, no permanent alterations to the agricultural land, and no resurfacing such as with gravel or asphalt paving • allow for school and tour buses • on-road parking at the discretion of the local government or Ministry of Transportation in Regional Districts	• Off-site overflow parking that is used on a frequent basis or that requires resurfacing
ALC non-farm use application approval or local government	• No local government temporary use or rezoning permits required,; outright use is permitted	• ALC non-farm use application approval • Local government non-agriculture related activities or

permit requirements	• No ALC non-farm use application approval	events may also require a separate zone or temporary use permit • Special local government permits - per event or per day, or both

3.6 Agri-tourism Accommodation

Section 3 of the ALR USP Regulation permits *accessory* accommodation for agri-tourism on a farm in the ALR, but allows a local government to regulate and/or prohibit the use.

Where accommodation for agri-tourism is allowed by a local government the following standards are recommended:

- Total developed area for buildings, landscaping and access to the accommodation must be no more than 5% of the parcel area;
- Could include a maximum of 10 sleeping units composed of:
    - *Seasonal* campsites, *seasonal* cabins, or bed-and-breakfast (B+B) bedrooms (**maximum of four)** B+B bedrooms per legal parcel is recommended);
    - Unless ALC consent is received, accommodation must not include cooking facilities because doing so may result in long term rental housing on farm land;
    - The local government could specify the number of persons per unit;
    - Should an operator wish to have more than 10 sleeping units, he/she could apply to the local government and the ALC;
    - On smaller lots, a local government may wish to set a lower number of allowed sleeping units;
    - The BC Building Code should be the minimum standard applied for sleeping units such as cabins.
- Should be located close to the front of the lot, or an adjacent side road, and clustered with the *home plate*(s) of the farm residence(s). A farmer may wish to vary this location to minimise impact on his/her farm.
- Depending on the location of the farm, the *agri-tourism* accommodation may need to be available during more than one *season*, or its availability may vary with the *season*s; e.g., horseback riding on trails in spring, summer, and fall, and cross-country skiing in the winter.
- Occupation of a lot *by agri-tourism* accommodation are only permitted to be *temporary*, *seasonal*, and/or *regular seasonal*, to a maximum stay per person or per family of 30 consecutive days in any 12 calendar-month period. The ALC may allow longer occupation if the farmer applies for a non-farm use; local zoning would also have to allow it.
- Each local government which permits *agri-tourism* accommodation could develop a monitoring methodology to ensure the occupation meets the above criteria.

3.7 Other Agri-tourism Criteria

3.7.1 Off-street Loading Areas and Parking

Off-street loading areas may be needed to transfer field products to a market stand/shop, and to the customer's vehicle. For criteria, see Part 2 of the "Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas".

All vehicles visiting the *agri-tourism* activities must be parked on site, or as otherwise permitted by the local government. The parking capacity could be based on the average daily vehicle numbers (recommended); local parking bylaws may have a different measure and short term events with large numbers of people may require different parking standards. Overflow parking occurs on public roads should adhere to local bylaws including clearances for emergency vehicles and farm machinery.

For farm site parking overflow situations, *agri-tourism* operators should provide alternate means of transportation, such as shuttles, bicycle parking, or horse corrals and off-site horse trailer parking areas.

To minimise impacting farm land, parking should be along field edges, adjacent to farm roads, farm yard areas near farm structures.

- The parking and loading area surfaces should maximize infiltration of precipitation to limit impacting a farm's ground and surface water; pavement may not be appropriate.
- The depth and type of fill for *agri-tourism* parking and loading areas should facilitate possible future removal e.g., if the *agri-tourism* activity ceases.

3.7.2 Site Layout for Agri-tourism Activities

Site coverage and setbacks for *agri-tourism* structures must follow the standards for farm structures provided in Part 2 of the "Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas". *Agri-tourism* facilities should be located to minimize coverage of farm land and minimise disturbance of the present and potential future operation of the farm, neighbouring farms or nearby urban uses; e.g., close to the road, and/or clustered with other farm structures.

3.7.3 Lights

Floodlights and spotlights for *agri-tourism* activities should be directed away and/or screened from adjacent farms and other land uses.

3.7.4 Signage

Each *agri-tourism* and farm retail operation, and the farm itself, should be allowed at least one sign of at least 1.0 square metre. Normally, signs are located at the farm entrance, but variation should be allowed for different building and site layouts and to ensure traffic safety. Third-party signs and lighting of signs should follow local bylaws.

3.7.5 Noise

Loudspeakers and other noise sources associated with the *agri-tourism* activity could be regulated with local government noise bylaws.

3.8 Farm Retail Sales and Marketing

For on-farm retail marketing, farmers sell their own *farm products*, and may sell some *off-farm or non-farm products* directly from the *farm unit* and may require a retail indoor and/or outdoor sales and display area.

Areas necessary for on-farm retail sales but not calculated as part of the on-farm retail sales area are:

- storage space for products awaiting display and/or bulk sales; larger storage areas may be available in a barn;
- an office area for doing sales and farm-related paperwork;
- washrooms;
- driveways, parking and loading areas; and
- some preparation space where products are put in packages for display or shipping.

Local governments should not limit retail sales area of a farmer's own *farm products* i.e. the *direct farm marketing area*. The ALR USP Regulation does not state an upper limit.

Local government regulations must allow for the possibility of a retail sales area for complementary *off-farm or non-farm products*. The ALR USP Regulation requires at least 50% of the total retail sales area be devoted to that farm's products, and where both *farm products* and *off-farm or non-farm products* being sold, the allowed upper limit of the total of the indoor and outdoor sales area is 300 square metres. This should be adopted by local governments and not reduced.

To develop a larger retail sales area, or to sell less than 50% of that farm's *farm products*, a farmer must have both local government and ALC non-farm use application approval.

3.9 Local Government Permits and Fees

Other than the usual permits and fees required for construction, local governments should only require permits and fees for operations that require a non-farm application to the ALC and should not require the use of temporary (commercial) use permits.

Local governments should only request reimbursement of extra local government costs generated by the event or operation; e.g., policing, fire service, road clean-up, and/or traffic management.

3.10 Commercial Weddings

The use of the ALR for commercial weddings is considered a non-farm use which requires approval of the ALC. Where a farm has received non-farm use approval from the ALC, the local

government may require a rezoning or temporary use permit. Temporary use permits are the preferred method of dealing with this use as the local government can place additional controls on the use that are not possible through zoning. These requirements could include hours of operation.

3.11 Bistros and Restaurants

Bistros, cafes and restaurants are considered in most cases non-farm uses which require non-farm use approval of the ALC. Under specific criteria in the ALR USP Regulation, however, winery, brewery, cidery, distillery, and meadery lounges are permitted which do not require non-farm use approval.

4.0 Ministry Contact Information

Stakeholders are welcome to provide feedback on the content of this discussion by email or letter.

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Dear Ms. Ackerman: Lori

Thank you for your August 25, 2015 letter, addressed to Pat Pimm, MLA for Peace River North, regarding the Site C Agriculture Fund Committee. As Minister of Agriculture, I am pleased to respond.

As you are aware, there is significant interest in the characterization and distribution of the Agriculture Compensation Fund developed in response to the Site C Clean Energy Project. To maximize the benefit of the fund to the region, where it will be fully attributed, it will be important to understand the barriers and opportunities that could be addressed.

Recognizing the interest and local knowledge of multiple stakeholders, the intent is to consult with key stakeholders to learn and understand their perspectives so they can be effectively applied to the fund design. Multiple stakeholders, including the Peace River Regional District Electoral Area Directors, will be engaged in the consultation process.

BC Hydro will be working with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Energy and Mines to facilitate the consultation process. You can expect further details shortly.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Norm Letnick
Minister

pc: Pat Pimm, MLA
Peace River North

November 16, 2015

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Office of: the Chair

August 25, 2015

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Dear Minister Letnick:

On August 6, 2015 Director Goodings and Director Sperling met with yourself, Minister Bernier, MLA Pat Pimm and other representatives to discuss the Site C $20 million Agriculture Fund. At this meeting you had indicated that a committee would be formed in the fall of 2015 to determine how the Agriculture Funds would be administered.

Directors Goodings and Sperling discussed the agriculture fund committee with their counterparts, Directors Rose and Hiebert at their August 13th Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting. It is recognized that many producers in the region do not belong to an organized "producer" group and as such their primary form of representation would be the Peace River Regional District Electoral Area Directors.

To this end, the Regional Board requests that the Electoral Area Directors be included on the Committee that will develop the terms of reference for the Site C Agriculture Fund to ensure that the interests of all producers in the Peace Region are considered.

Yours truly,

Lori Ackerman
Chair

cc - The Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education and MLA - South Peace
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November 16, 2015

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C-4 handout

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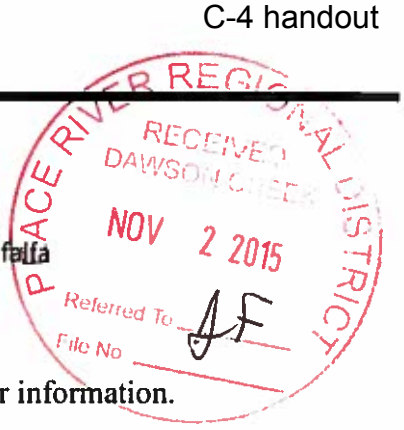

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Attachments: GE Alfalfa Position Statements.pdf

Please see the attached informational letter. Please contact me if you require any further information.

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Handout - November 16th AAC Meeting
referred by the Regional Board from its Nov 12 mtg.

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November 2, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked by the board members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association to forward these position statements surrounding genetically modified alfalfa. GE Alfalfa has already been introduced in the United States and Eastern Canada. Currently a plan is being developed to introduce it into Western Canada. There are many association working to keep it out of Western Canada in order to preserve international forage seed markets.

Please find a copy of these statements attached for your perusal. We would hope that you would support us in our efforts to stop the introduction of genetically modified alfalfa into the Peace Region of British Columbia and Alberta.

Sincerely,

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Peace Region Forage Seed Association Position on Roundup Ready Alfalfa

The general membership of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association strongly opposes the introduction of genetically engineered alfalfa into Canada. The association, representing virtually all of the growers and marketers of seed for forage grasses and legumes in the BC and Alberta Peace region, has a major concern that international market opportunities may be greatly reduced if such GMO crops are allowed to grow in the Peace Region of Alberta and British Columbia. The concern is not only that the markets for forage grasses and legumes will be damaged, but also that export markets of such products as hay and alfalfa pellets will be reduced. Members fear that cross pollination and mixing of the GMO trait in normal handling would result in disqualification of their products for the GMO-free requirements of many of their key customers.

North Pine Farmers Institute
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March 3, 2015

Peace Region Forage Seed Association

The North Pine Farmers Institute supports the Peace Region Forage Seed Association in their goal of keeping western Canada free of genetically modified Alfalfa seed.

North Pine Farmers Institute

POSITION STATEMENT of FORAGE SEED CANADA INC.

Position Statement on Recombinant DNA Technology and Subsequent Genetically Engineered (GE) Alfalfa and GE Forage Seeds including Roundup Ready™ Alfalfa for

Forage Seed Canada Inc.
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Whereas it is the position of Forage Seed Canada Inc. that the CFIA has failed to do a complete due diligence assessment in the approval of GE alfalfa for release into Canada, by neglecting to factor in potential market losses or market impact by allowing GE traits in alfalfa into Canada before widespread market acceptance;

Therefore, the following is the position of Forage Seed Canada Inc. on recombinant DNA technology and subsequent genetically engineered alfalfa and genetically engineered forage seeds, including Roundup Ready™ alfalfa:

We do support a regulatory environment based on sound science that openly communicates clear and meaningful information to stakeholders. We do not support testing or commercialization that poses a risk for release of a specific transgene or any forage seed transgenes (ie the Roundup Ready™ alfalfa transgene) into the environment or commercialization of any transgenic variety including Roundup Ready™ alfalfa or stacked traits in Canada until such time as:

-Federal, Provincial, and Municipal regulatory approval, consumer acceptance by the majority of each individual market, marketplace acceptance by not only governments, but also the majority of buyers, seed multipliers, end users, and their customers, in not only Canada, but also in the export markets including United States, the European Union, China, Japan, Mexico, South America, and the Middle East;

-a strong identity preservation system for alfalfa varieties is in place in Canada;

-a rapid, cost-effective, sensitive, accurate test (based on each export market's specific requirements) for the specific transgene is available;

-issues including legal or fiduciary pertaining to responsibility, liability, loss of markets, insurance, and consequences of contamination are clarified;

-a current economic impact assessment on how this product would impact all forage seed markets and other industries that forage seed has an impact on, including GE sensitive export markets is done;

-a liability clause is in place to compensate affected stakeholders fully for lost seed markets due to contamination by gene transfer, or contamination by uncontrolled feral alfalfa populations, and also for monetary losses and costs due to rejected seed shipments due to GE contamination.

Until such time as all the above stipulations are in place, Forage Seed Canada Inc. opposes the release of this technology into western Canada.

Approved by Forage Seed Canada Inc. as of February 12, 2015.

Per: _____
President

POSITION STATEMENT

Position Statement on Recombinant DNA Technology and Subsequent Genetically Modified Alfalfa including Roundup Ready™ Alfalfa

Approved by the following organizations on September 11, 2008

Canadian Alfalfa Seed Council
Atlantic Forage and Corn Team
British Columbia Forage Council
Irrigated Alfalfa Seed Producers Association (Alberta)
Manitoba Forage Council
Manitoba Forage Seed Association
Peace Region Forage Seed Association
Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Association
Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission
Saskatchewan Forage Council

The following is the position of the above-named organizations on recombinant DNA technology and subsequent genetically modified alfalfa, including Roundup Ready™ alfalfa.

We recognize that the future of biotechnology in agriculture is dependent upon consumer acceptance and that recombinant DNA technology (the transfer of DNA from one species to another) may well be accepted when benefits to consumers, producers, the environment, and human health are demonstrated.

We also recognize that consumers are not united in understanding and acceptance of products from genetically modified crops produced via recombinant DNA technology.

We support a regulatory environment based on sound science that openly communicates clear and meaningful information to stakeholders. We will not support testing that poses a risk for release of a specific transgene (e.g. the Roundup Ready™ alfalfa transgene) into the environment or commercialization of any transgenic alfalfa variety including Roundup Ready™ alfalfa in Canada until such time as:

- the variety receives Canadian regulatory approvals for food, feed, and environmental safety.

- regulatory approval for the specific transgenic alfalfa variety (e.g. Roundup Ready™ alfalfa) is obtained in Canada and in the following export markets: the United States, the European Union, China, Japan, Mexico, and South America.

- an identity preservation system for alfalfa varieties is in place in Canada.

- a rapid, cost-effective test for identification of the specific transgene is available.

Suzanne Garrett

From: Bruce Simard
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Cc: Director Leonard Hiebert
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Importance: High

AAC terms of reference revised as per Oct 7 Board meeting, ready to go the Nov 17 AAC meeting

RD/15/10/20
MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That, prior to adopting the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the draft terms be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for its review, incorporating the following amendments:

1.1 That the words 'via Electoral Area Directors' Committee' be stricken to read 'To provide advice to the Regional Board on matters relating to, or influencing agriculture in the region.'; and

1.2 That the second bullet that states 'regulatory bylaws pertaining to agriculture' be removed; and

3.1 That 3.1 be replaced with the original wording, to read 'The Committee is advisory and all recommendations will be forwarded to the Regional Board for consideration.'; and

3.7 That the wording be amended to reflect that meetings are to be held alternately in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John to read: 'Meetings shall be open and will be held alternately between the main office in Dawson Creek of the Peace River Regional District and in Fort St. John.'.

CARRIED.

So - it would be my understanding that after review at the November 17 AAC meeting, any recommendations would then go direct to the Regional Board for final? consideration and approval.

November 16, 2015

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The general mandate of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (the "AAC") will include, but not be limited to the following:

- To provide advice to the Regional Board on matters relating to, or influencing agriculture in the region.

1.2 The AAC will advise the Peace River Regional District Board on agricultural issues within the region, including:

- Assisting with comprehensive reviews in development of:
  - official community plans, by recommending ag sector participants for the review process;
  - agricultural area plans.
- Development proposals with potential impacts on agriculture, as referred by the Regional Board.
- Water management issues.
- Examining and identifying infrastructure improvements to support agriculture.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 It will be an objective to select members from a diversity of agricultural interests in the region represented by broadly based, non-government, regional organizations.

2.2 The Regional Board Chair will request the following organizations to nominate a primary and alternate delegate for participation on the AAC, from which the Chair will make recommendations to the Regional Board for appointment to the AAC for a period of up to two (2) years:

1. Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
2. BC Grain Producers Association
3. Peace Region Forage Seed Association
4. Peace River Organic Producers Association
5. Farmers' Institute
6. Peace River Forage Association of BC
7. Peace River District Women's Institute
8. BC Bison Association

*This list is not exclusive and may be amended or added to at the discretion of the Regional Board Chair.

2.3 The Regional Board Chair will publicly advertise for three (3) members at large from the region, (West Peace, South Peace and North Peace) who have an interest in agriculture, and appoint such members for a period of up to two (2) years. Applicants may also recommend an alternate.

2.4 Members shall be eligible for re-appointment to a maximum of three (3) successive terms, including partial terms. Former AAC members can re-apply for appointment after a minimum one (1) year absence period following three (3) successive terms. This policy is to apply from the adoption date forward and will not apply to the time of existing members prior to adoption of this policy.

2.5 All Electoral Area Directors shall be non-voting liaison members of the AAC.

2.6 The Regional Board Chair will always be ex-officio to the AAC.

2.7 Advisors (non-voting) from provincial and federal government agencies may be invited as necessary.

November 16, 2015

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3. PROCEDURES

3.1 The AAC is advisory and all recommendations will be forwarded to the Regional Board for consideration.

3.2 The AAC Chair shall be elected from the membership at the first meeting of each year. In the absence of the Chair an Acting Chair shall be appointed for that meeting by the members present. The Chair shall be entitled to vote at all meetings. Regional Board Directors are not eligible for the position of AAC Chair.

3.3 The AAC may meet quarterly, and/or at the call of the AAC Chair as necessary, unless there are no agenda items to be reviewed.

3.4 At all meetings, five (5) members (not including Regional Board Directors), shall constitute a quorum, and are the minimum number required to hold a meeting.

3.5 In the event an appointed Member is unable to attend the AAC meeting his/her Alternate may attend. An Alternate may attend any AAC meeting but will not be reimbursed for travel expenses when the appointed Member is also in attendance. Alternates can only vote in the absence of the appointed Member.

3.6 Attendance Policy – if an appointed Member is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings, a letter from the Regional Board Chair will be forwarded to the individual and organization represented, informing them of the attendance policy and that their appointment will be rescinded if a third meeting in the calendar year is missed.

3.7 Meetings shall be open and will be held alternately between the main office in Dawson Creek of the Peace River Regional District and in Fort St. John.

3.8 Executive and secretarial support for the AAC will be provided by the Peace River Regional District.

3.9 Operating procedures shall be established pursuant to procedures set out in "Peace River Regional District Procedure Bylaw No. 1633, 2006."

3.10 AAC members having a proprietary interest in an application or who are personally affected by an application/applicant must step aside from the discussion and subsequent decision on the particular matter.

3.11 Agendas and minutes shall be provided to appointed members and their sponsoring organizations as applicable.

4 ANNUAL REVIEW

4.1 The Electoral Area Directors Committee (EADC) will review the terms of reference (TOR), procedures and effectiveness of the AAC on an annual basis, and report to the Regional Board with recommendations by December 31 of each year (starting in 2016).

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AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DIARY

		RB Review	Follow-up Action	Status
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM July 13, 2015				
1.	$20 Million Fund (BC Hydro) – forwarded to EADC July 16th meerting That the AAC recommends to EADC that it supports a letter being forwarded to the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture, requesting that the BC Hydro $20 million fund for the Peace Region's agricultural industry be delivered and administered locally from the Peace Region. (Letter forwarded August 25, 2015)		Response letter on Nov 16, 2015 AAC agenda	
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM June 17, 2014				
1.	Sharing of information that the AAC recommends to the Regional Board that any correspondence relevant to the Committee, for example, water issues, be provided to the Committee on a more timely basis.	July 10, 2014	RB to review Terms of Reference	
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AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DIARY – Reference Items

		RB Review	Follow-up Action	Status
1.	Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommendations to be provided to AAC for information.	Board approved July 10, 2008		Ongoing
2.	Per Diem That the AAC recommend to the Regional Board that consideration be given for a per diem rate for members of the AAC. (approved for all volunteer Committees)	Board approved Jan. 29, 2009		Ongoing
3.	Electoral Area 'D' Delegation Agreement that the AAC be involved in the review of any draft Delegation Agreement that may be developed. (including ¼ section subdivisions for the entire region.)	Board approved April 10, 2008 COW meeting	2014 - Staff authorized to commence discussions re: entering into a Delegation Agreement	Ongoing
4.	AAC Chair Report that the AAC Chair report back to the Committee on the status of recommendations forwarded to the Regional Board; and that the report be distributed electronically between Committee meetings.	Board approved April 10, 2008		Ongoing
5.	Sharing concerns with other jurisdictions – distribute information items to other jurisdictions to other jurisdictions through CivicInfo BC.	Board approved Sept. 12, 2012		Ongoing
6.	North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Interim Review Formal request was made by the City of FSJ to have a review of the Plan – interest in development options to the east and southeast of the City, consideration of transition options for boundary expansion to accommodate city growth. ALC expressed objections emphasizing that any proposals to develop ALR lands must be justified through a thorough land use supply-demand analysis. Electoral Area C Director raised suggestions to update the demographic/growth impact information for the area, consider land supply-demand balance for major issues, consider review of land use along bypass routes, implications of boundary expansion, BC Hydro quarry lands, and an update of priorities for services i.e. water and sewer. Standard practice for OCP reviews is every 5 years – this assessment may be considered as an interim review – how has the plan responded to expectations, does it remain sufficient for future growth in resource development and the regional workforce.	Feb. 27, 2014 Board approved	Steering Cmte appointed Area B, C, D and one Council member from the City of FSJ and District of Taylor	Request for Proposal will be issued requesting submissions for a full review and update to the Plan (May 29, 2014 Board meeting)
7.	Non-Farm Use applications (from Feb 18, 2014) that the AAC recommends to the RB that the AAC be consulted on all non-farm use applications regarding tank farms in the ALR	March 13, 2014	Approved	Ongoing
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AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Board appointed September 12, 2013 – two year period expiring September 12, 2015)

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Expense Statement

Regional District Board approved (volunteer) Committee

Name: _____

Committee Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

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Date	Destination	Reason	Km	Office Use Only	Expenses (attach receipts)
		Sub-total			
		Total km _____ x 52¢/km			
		Total Mileage & Expenses			
		Subtract Travel Advance			( )
		Subtract Other			( )
		NET AMOUNT			

I certify that this is a true statement of costs incurred by me while attending a Committee meeting of the Peace River Regional District.

Committee Member Signature:	Department Manager Signature:
Date:	Date:

Board approved January 29, 2009

DISTANCE CHART

(Kilometres)

	Chetwynd	Dawson Creek	Fort Nelson	Fort St. John	Hudson's Hope	Pouce Coupe	Taylor	Tumbler Ridge
Chetwynd		102	566	154	65	110	163	90
Dawson Creek	102		485	75	167	16	61	120
Fort Nelson	566	485		412	501	495	421	656
Fort St. John	154	75	412		89	81	14	195
Hudson's Hope	65	167	501	89		175	98	155
Pouce Coupe	110	8	495	81	175		72	128
Taylor	163	61	421	14	98	72		184
Tumbler Ridge	90	120	656	195	155	128	184	
Prince George	310	412	876	464	375	420	478	400
Prince Rupert	1,031	1,133	1,597	1,185	1,096	1,141	1,194	1,121
Vancouver	1,099	1,201	1,665	1,253	1,164	1,209	1,262	1,189
Grande Prairie	264	132	617	205	299	124	196	145
Edmonton	688	586	1,071	659	753	578	650	599
Calgary	985	883	1,369	956	1,050	875	947	896