



## ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING A G E N D A

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**Thursday, October 17, 2019**

in the Regional District Office Boardroom, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

**Commencing at 10 a.m.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Director Goodings to Chair the Meeting
2. **DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**  
M-1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
6. **DELEGATIONS:**  
D-1 (10:30) Telus, Re: Service in the District  
Andre Cote, Field Support Manager and Caghan Bonnough, Regional Marketing Manager  
Roberta Squire, General Manager and Tyler Mooi, Municipal and Government Relations Manager -  
via video conference  
D-2 (11:30) PNG, Re: Update on projects  
Brock John, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations – via video conference
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
8. **REPORTS:**  
R-1 October 2, 2019 – Report from Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager – Contract Renewal for  
Grant Writer Services No.26-2018/2019
9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
DI-1 Follow-up from UBCM Meetings  
DI-2 Support BC Farmers online engagement, [Guidelines for Formal Submissions](#) and [Online Questionnaire](#)  
DI-3 eScribe
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
11. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
12. **DIARY:**  
DIA-1
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**



## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

### ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 2019

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: **Directors**

Director Goodings, Meeting Chair  
Director Sperling  
Director Rose

**Absent:**

Director Hiebert

**Staff**

Tyra Henderson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services  
Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer  
Edward Albury, Fire Chief, Charlie Lake Fire Department  
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager  
Naomi Donat, Recording Secretary

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Goodings Clayhurst boat launch  
Invitation from Geoscience BC

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee agenda for the September 12, 2019  
meeting, including Director's new business, be adopted as amended:

1. CALL TO ORDER - Director Goodings to Chair the Meeting
2. DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:  
M-1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:  
BA-1 Resolutions to Attend the Rural Municipal Conference and the Synergy Alberta Conference  
BA-2 Class D Slaughter licenses  
BA-3 Connectivity Study
6. DELEGATIONS:  
D-1 (10:30) Judy Madden, Acting President, Peace River Internet Society
7. CORRESPONDENCE:
8. REPORTS:  
R-1 August 27, 2019 – Report from Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services – Proposed Expansion of Charlie lake Fire Protection Service Area – Update

- Adoption of Agenda: (continued)
- 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
    - DI-1 News Bulletin Regarding Connectivity - Changes to the LGA
    - DI-2 Charlie Lake Algae
    - DI-3 Charlie Lake Sewer – Trucked Waste
  - 10. NEW BUSINESS:
    - NB-1 Clayhurst boat launch
    - NB-2 Invitation from Geoscience BC
  - 11. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - 12. DIARY:
  - 13. ADJOURNMENT:

**CARRIED****ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

M-1  
EADC Minutes

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

BA-1  
Resolutions to attend conferences

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That authorization for the Electoral Area Directors to attend the Rural Municipal Conference in Edmonton, scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be referred to the Regional Budgets Administration Committee.

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That authorization for the Electoral Area Directors to attend the Synergy Alberta Conference in Olds, Alberta, on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be referred to the Regional Budgets Administration Committee.

**CARRIED**

Vary the Agenda

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the agenda be varied in order to deal with item D-1, Peace River Internet Society.

**CARRIED****DELEGATION:**

D-1  
Judy Madden, Acting President, PRiS

Judy Madden was in attendance to provide Committee members with an update on current challenges faced by the society.

Directors invited Ms. Madden to submit a funding grant application to assist with maintaining the PRiS building.

**REPORTS:**

R-1  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 –  
Proposed Expansion of  
Charlie Lake Fire  
Protection Service  
Area-Update

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the report “Proposed Expansion of Charlie Lake Fire Protection Service Area- Update” for discussion.

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Regional Board initiate a public consultation process for the existing Charlie Lake Fire Protection Area to discuss amending the existing bylaw to include road rescue and first medical responder services.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

BA-2  
Class D Slaughter  
licenses

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Regional Board withdraw their support for the establishment of Class D licensing for small scale meat producers within the Peace River Regional District until there is further government oversight of these facilities.

**CARRIED**

BA-3 Connectivity  
Study

Staff has begun work on the RFP for the regional connectivity feasibility study.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

DI-1  
News Bulletin  
Regarding  
Connectivity - Changes  
to the LGA

Changes to the *Local Government Act* make it possible for regional districts to provide financing for capital costs to internet service providers where it may not otherwise make sense from a business perspective.

DI-2  
Charlie Lake Algae

The Electoral Area Manager will inquire as to the license for Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., to draw water from Charlie Lake.

DI-3  
Charlie Lake Sewer –  
Trucked Waste

Refer to the Solid Waste Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NB-1  
Clayhurst Boat Launch

Directors Rose and Sperling agreed to speak on this topic at the next Regional Community Liaison Committee meeting.

Refer to the next Regional Parks Committee meeting agenda.

NB-1 continued  
NB-2  
Invitation from  
Geoscience BC

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Regional Board invite Geoscience BC as a delegation to a future Board meeting to receive an update on recently completed, current and upcoming Geoscience BC minerals, oil and gas, geothermal and water research projects in the region.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ideas for the Board Highlights newsletter were discussed.

**DIARY:**

DIA-1  
Synergy Alberta and  
Rural Municipal  
Conferences

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Synergy Alberta Conference and the Rural Municipal Conference be  
removed from the diary.

**CARRIED**

DIA-2  
Section 381 LGA

Staff will review the legislation and possible funding formulas to implement joint  
planning areas, in order to determine a consistent place in which to start discussions  
with interested municipalities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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Director Goodings, Meeting Chair

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Naomi Donat, Recording Secretary

**DAWSON CREEK RURAL CRIME WATCH****1230 102 Avenue Dawson Creek, BC****V1G 4V3**

March 7, 2019

Mr. Leonard Hiebert  
Dir. Area D  
PRRD



Dear Dir. Hiebert:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter sent to TELUS. Cell service is very spotty in the South Peace area. It is very important members and volunteers of the Dawson Creek & District Rural Crime Watch (RCW) be able to communicate with the RCMP at all times when doing patrols in the rural areas.

It is the back roads in the rural areas that surround Dawson Creek and throughout the South Peace, where volunteer patrols monitor suspicious activities, report people stranded and needing help, report vandalism to oil and gas facilities, and be the eyes and ears for the RCMP who as we speak, are short handed. While the Peace River Regional District funds four RCMP officers to patrol the rural areas, it is not possible to cover the entire area with two officers per shift. When needed, it can take hours for the RCMP to respond if the patrol incident is in a 'no cell phone reception area'.

Further to the problem, the city of Dawson Creek RCMP detachment is short staffed resulting in the officers funded by the rural tax payers, must respond to city needs before they can come out to the rural areas. Again, volunteer RCW patrols must have full cell phone coverage in the name of safety.

Please look into this matter and do what you can to pressure TELUS to provide complete cell phone service to our rural areas.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Art Seidl, pres.  
Dawson Creek and district Rural Crime Watch





## **DAWSON CREEK RURAL CRIME WATCH**

**1230 102 Avenue Dawson Creek, BC**

**V1G 4V3**



**March 7, 2019**

**Telus  
PO Box 7575  
Vancouver, BC  
V6B 8N9**

**Dear Sir / Madam**

**Re: poor cell phone service in South Peace**

**It has been over one year since we last sent you a letter regarding the poor land line service and maintenance, as well as poor cell phone service in many areas of the South Peace. A combination of both has seriously jeopardized the way in which our Rural Crime Watch programs can be effective in this area.**

**I would like to acknowledge the brush clearing that Telus undertook in the Tomslake area last fall. Not only does it appear Telus did take our concerns seriously, there has been fewer telephone complaints due to trees disrupting the service. However, there are still complaints on the length of time for repair service.**

**I would like to focus now on our poor cell service in the South Peace area. The South Peace area is known as 'rolling foot hills' therefore cell service is very spotty. If the trend is to phase out land lines, then Telus must upgrade their system to provide better cell service.**

**Our Rural Crime Watch volunteers conduct active patrols in the rural areas in the South Peace. Occasionally there are circumstances where the safety of our volunteers, depend on cell service. There are miles of back roads that the RCMP do not have the means of patrolling as they do in the municipalities. That is why we require a Rural Crime Watch system with a good communication capability with the RCMP. Considering the very nature of criminal activity and the reasons the perpetrators tend to move around on the back roads, the risk of confrontation exists. That is why we need an improved cell phone system.**

Our patrols also keep a watchful eye for people in distress on the same back roads. Weather conditions, vehicle break down or accidents, power lines down, gas and oil problems, and fires all have been incidents observed and reported. More often than not, the person on patrol has to drive to a high spot in order to get cell service. This creates a serious problem if the circumstance is an emergency.

Please provide us with an update on Telus's plan to address the poor cell phone reception in this area. In closing, our community appreciates the brush clearing work that was done this past fall. It is our hope this program will continue where needed.

Yours truly,



Art Seidl, President

Dawson Creek and District Rural Crime Watch

Cc      Leonard Hiebert, Area D Dir. PRRD  
         Mike Bernier, MLA Peace River South  
         Hon. John Horgan, Premier of BC  
         Hon. Mike Farnsworth, B.C. Min. of Public Safety & Solicitor General





# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Date: October 2, 2019

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Subject: PRRD Grant Writer Services

## RECOMMENDATION #1:

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that an in house grant writer position be developed for a two year term, commencing in 2020, to assist community groups and staff with grant research, grant application development and submission and technical support; and further, that the position be funded through Legislative Electoral.

## RECOMMENDATION #2:

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that an application be submitted to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$8000 that, if successful, will be used to contract the services of a rural grant writer.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Currently, grant writer services are being provided by Adlard Environmental through the PRRD Grant Writer Services Contract, No.26-2018/2019. The position is currently funded through Economic Development. Funding partners include Electoral Area B, C, D, E and Hudson's Hope.

The contract's completion date is December 31, 2019 with an option to renew for a maximum of one more additional term, to be determined on an annual basis 30 days before the completion of the contract term. From April 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019, the Grant Writers have worked on the following:

Year	Community Groups	Number of Applications Submitted	Total Value of Funds Requested	Dollar Value of Successful Grants
2018	47	30	\$ 708,312	\$ 501,051
2019	29	24	\$ 7,083,484	\$ 74,097

By moving the position in house, staff will have more control over what grant writing services are being conducted, how they are being carried out, which community groups the grant writer meets with, and will be able to assign other work as deemed appropriate that may be otherwise outside the scope of the existing contract.

Staff Initials: *CB*

Dept. Head:

CAO:

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The grant writer will work with the Electoral Area Manager and the Finance Department. Further, the grant writer will be responsible for assisting other departments with grant writing and research on approved projects.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Peace River Regional District Grant Writer Services Contract No.26-2017/2018 be extended to December 31, 2020; and further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement; and further, that the position be funded through Economic Development.
2. That the Electoral Area Directors committee not renew the contract for Grant Writer Services No.26 for an additional term and issue a new request for proposals for services.
3. That the Electoral Area Directors committee not renew the contract for Grant Writer Services and discontinue the grant writer services.
4. That the Electoral Area Directors Committee provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

☐ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The annual value of the Grant Writer Services No.26-2018/2019 is \$79,280 excluding taxes. The cost of moving the position in house would cost approximately \$86,000 per year (\$65,000 plus benefits).

If successful, the Grant Writer grant received from NDIT in the amount of \$8,000 will help offset the cost of the position or contract.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

If approved, the PRRD will initiate a communication strategy to re-promote the Grant Writer service, targeting community groups that have not used the service to date.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

The Electoral Area Directors will need to decide if the grant writer will work solely for the Electoral Area Directors, or if other municipalities will be invited to participate in the service, and share in the cost of the position or contract.

If the Board approves the grant writer position to be taken in house, staff will have to develop a job description and work with the union to have the position approved.



Over the past year, government has updated legislation to revitalize the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). These legislative changes aim to further encourage farming and ranching in British Columbia and strengthen the independence of the ALC so it can better fulfill its mandate of encouraging farming and protecting farmland.

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the production, marketing, processing and merchandising of agricultural products and food, and through its legislation protects 4.6 million hectares of farmland in British Columbia. Because of these responsibilities, the ministry would like to ask for your opinions and ideas about how to better support farmers, encourage farming and keep farmland available for farming.

We need to hear from British Columbians on how best to move forward by asking for your insight and opinions on how we can best:

- Support farmers and ranchers in the ALR to expand and diversify their businesses;
- Help new or young farmers become established on the land and in business; and,
- Ensure there is flexibility for residential options while prioritizing agriculture in the ALR.

Solutions to these challenges are needed now more than ever as farmers face increased risks and unpredictability related to climate change, rising land prices, and pressure to use farm land for non-farm uses. Your ideas are needed so that the agriculture industry in B.C. continues to expand and thrive.

Feedback is invited between **September 19, 2019 to November 15, 2019 at 4 pm**

During this time, you can share your feedback in several different ways including:

- [Attend an in-person meeting](#)
- [Completing the online questionnaire](#)
- Organizations can also [make formal submissions](#) that will be posted to this site.

The feedback received will help the Provincial Government encourage farming, protect farmland in B.C. and may determine other potential actions that should be developed or consulted upon.

All comments received online, by mail or email by **November 15, 2019**, will be reviewed by ministry staff and a 'What We Heard' report will then be compiled and released to the public.

### **About the Project**

The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) was established in 1973 to protect prime farm and ranch lands across the province. It currently protects approximately 4.6 million hectares of diverse, agriculturally-

suitable land in British Columbia. The ALR is administered by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), an independent tribunal mandated to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming.

In Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, legislative amendments to B.C.'s Agricultural Land Commission Act were enacted to encourage farming and ranching in British Columbia and strengthen the independence of the ALC to better fulfill its mandate of preserving the ALR. The legislative changes are part of government's commitment to revitalizing the ALR and the ALC. Some of the highlights include:

Bill 52 – 2018 provided for three key changes:

- Directly addressing mega-mansions and speculation in the ALR by limiting size of primary residences in the ALR and empowering ALC to approve additional residences for farm use
- Restricting the removal of soil and increased penalties for dumping of construction debris and other harmful fill in the ALR
- Reunifying the ALR as a single zone, ensuring consistent rules with strong protections for all provincial ALR land

Bill 52 was brought into force on February 22, 2019, through regulation which are available via this link: [Order in Council \(OIC\) No. 067/2019](#).

Bill 15 – 2019 strengthened the ALC to further protect the ALR by:

- Replacing the ALC governance structure of six panel regions with one commission comprised of regional representatives from all six regions
- Providing the ALC Chair with more flexibility to organize commission members into decision-making panels by topic, technical expertise or administrative region
- Adding new criteria stipulating that the ALC must prioritize protecting and enhancing the ALR land base
- Adding more compliance and enforcement capacity and tools, including a new offence for landowners who do not produce records to the ALC when ordered
- Requiring that applications for excluding property from the ALC may only be submitted to the ALC by local governments, First Nations governments or the Province in order to improve land-use planning in the ALR

Bill 15 received Royal Assent on May 30, 2019, and will be brought into force by regulation.

These legislative changes will help to preserve the ALR and make farmland more affordable for new farmers. They are designed to protect B.C.'s farmland so residents can access locally grown food, and communities and local economies can prosper through the growth of farming, ranching and agriculture businesses.

## **Process and Timelines**

This feedback opportunity is open to all British Columbians and will help government better understand:

- Support farmers and ranchers in the ALR to expand and diversify their businesses;
- Help new or young farmers become established on the land and in business; and,
- Ensure there is flexibility for residential options while prioritizing agriculture in the ALR.

Feedback is invited between **September 19, 2019 to November 15, 2019 at 4 pm**

In addition to the online survey, in person meetings will take place in the following locations:

- Tuesday October 1 – Delta
- Wednesday October 2 – Dawson Creek
- Thursday October 3 – Prince George
- Thursday October 10 – Kelowna
- Wednesday October 30 – Castlegar
- Tuesday November 5 – Cranbrook
- Thursday November 14 – Kamloops

The feedback received will help the Provincial Government encourage farming, protect farmland in B.C. and may determine other actions that should be developed or consulted upon.

All comments received online, by mail or email by **November 15, 2019**, will be reviewed by ministry staff and a *‘What We Heard’* report will then be compiled and released to the public.

### **Guidelines for Formal Submissions**

Organizations, advocates, and all British Columbians connected to this topic are invited to make formal submissions **until November 15th, 2019 at 4 pm**. We recommend that anyone providing a submission should reference organizations they are affiliated with and where in British Columbia they reside.

Your submission should include the following information clearly outlined:

- The name and purpose of your organization (if applicable).
- Your connection to the ALR and agriculture.
- Top issues and advice for the Ministry of Agriculture to consider in preparing his recommendations.

This submission should not include any third-party or personal information, stories that identify specific individuals or contain accusations or issues before the courts. Submissions that do not meet these guidelines cannot be considered as part of the review and will not be posted or included in the final report. Please see the specific criteria.

You can email your written submission to [ALR\\_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca)

Organizations making written submissions should be aware their submissions will be posted publicly to this site, provided they meet the above criteria.

### **Only submissions that meet the following criteria will be posted publicly:**

1. Does not contain profanity or is defamatory, threatening, hateful, personally disparaging, harassing, indecent, vulgar, obscene, illegal, immoral or sexually explicit (partially masking profanity or other unacceptable language by substituting asterisks or other symbols into a word is not acceptable if the word remains recognizable);
2. Does not appear to, or does not actually, infringe the copyright, trade-mark, right of privacy, right of publicity or any other intellectual property or other proprietary right of any third party;
3. Does not contain information about, or images (e.g., photographs, videos or illustrations) of, any person other than the person submitting the content;

4. Does not advertise any product, person or organization, or directs attention to another website for personal gain;
5. Does not provide links to, or information about, other sites that contain unlawful, objectionable or inappropriate content;
6. Does not make unproven or unsupported accusations against individuals, groups or organizations;
7. Does not appear to be spam-like messaging, a repeat posting or a template letter writing campaign; and
8. Is not far off-topic.

All submissions will be read and considered as part of the analysis of this project. The Province reserves the right to decide on whether a submission meets the above criteria and is posted to this web site.

Depending on the volume of submissions received, it may require several weeks to complete the review and posting of all submissions



## Online Questionnaire

Source: <https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/586739?lang=en>

## Introductory Questions

What group(s) do you identify with?

! Check all that apply

- ☐ Farmer or Rancher
- ☐ Agriculture Processor
- ☐ Agriculture Industry Group
- ☐ Agriculture Interest Group
- ☐ Farm Land Preservation Group
- ☐ Agriculture Sector Specialist (e.g. Agrologist)
- ☐ General Public
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ First Nation Government
- ☐ Elected Official
- ☐ ALR Land Owner
- ☐ Non-ALR Land Owner
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other:

? If you selected "Other": please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

## What is your age?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ 0-29 years old
- ☐ 30-49 years old
- ☐ 50-64 years old
- ☐ 65 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Do you own land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ Yes, less than 2 hectares (approximately 5 acres)
- ☐ Yes, between 2 hectares and 8 hectares (approximately 5 and 20 acres)
- ☐ Yes, between 8 hectares and 16 hectares (approximately 20 and 40 acres)
- ☐ Yes, between 16 hectares and 40 hectares (approximately 40 and 100 acres)
- ☐ Yes, greater than 40 hectares (approximately 100 acres)
- ☐ Yes, a local government or regional district with land in the ALR
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other:

**?** If you selected "Other": please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

## Do you lease or rent land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ Yes, less than 2 hectares (approximately 5 acres)
- ☐ Yes, between 2 hectares and 8 hectares (approximately 5 and 20 acres)
- ☐ Yes, between 8 hectares and 16 hectares (approximately 20 and 40 acres)
- ☐ Yes, between 16 hectares and 40 hectares (approximately 40 and 100 acres)
- ☐ Yes, greater than 40 hectares (approximately 100 acres)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

### In what region(s) of the Province do you live?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ Interior
- ☐ Island
- ☐ Kootenay
- ☐ North
- ☐ Okanagan
- ☐ South Coast
- ☐ Non-BC resident
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

### Would you consider your property to be in a rural, urban or urban fringe area?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Urban Fringe
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other:

**?** If you selected "Other": please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

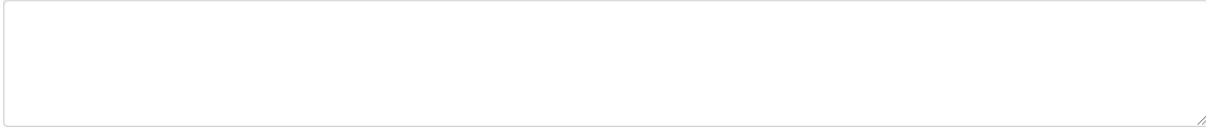
### Supporting New and Beginning Farmers

Starting a farm has barriers such as the cost of establishing a new business and/or getting access to farmland. The Ministry already funds programs such as the Young Agrarians and has developed resources for beginning and young farmers such as, the New Entrant Strategy and the New Entrants Needs Assessment. Do you have other ideas about how government can best support beginning or new farmers?

**?** Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response above.

## Farm Business Expansion and Diversification

Some farm businesses are interested in diversifying into new value-added opportunities. What ideas do you have that can provide other economic opportunities to farm businesses in the ALR, while limiting impacts to farm land and respecting local municipal planning?



 Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response above.

## Flexibility

Residences are an important part of the ALR. The purpose of the ALR is to protect land for farming and it covers less than 5% of the province's land-base. It was created in 1973 because at that time thousands of acres of farmland were being lost to development every year. How can we ensure there are diverse residential options for people living in the ALR while at the same time prioritize the land to be used for farming or ranching?



 Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your responses above.

# ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE

## DIARY ITEMS

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Added/Updated</u>
1. Cell Towers within the Region	Investigate partnership opportunities	May 27, 2019
2. Electoral Area D Referendum	Water (service areas) in 2020	October 16, 2018
3. Don Nearhood Museum	As the Peace Canyon building is closed, a new location for the display is needed	November 13, 2018
4. Oil and Gas Working Groups	Provide updates from each meeting	January 18, 2019
5. Natural Gas	Expansion of services to rural areas	May 27, 2019
6. Section 381(Cost sharing for services under Part 14 <i>[Planning and Land Use Management]</i> of the <i>Local Government Act</i> .		August 15, 2019