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**Area B Agricultural Advisory
Committee Agenda**

June 17, 2026; 11:00am – 1:00 PM

Location: Lillooet REC Centre, room 201

1. Call to Order by Recording Secretary

1.1 Election of Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

We would like to recognize that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the St'át'imc Nation.

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Delegations / Invited Presentations

5. Consent Agenda

(Voting rule on each item may vary; Unanimous Vote required)

Items appearing on the consent agenda which present a conflict of interest for Committee Members must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Any items to be debated or voted against must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

THAT the resolutions set out in the Consent Agenda be approved.

5.1 Approval and Receipt of Minutes

THAT the Area B AAC Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

5.2 Updated Welcome Package, for Information

THAT the Area B AAC receive the updated Welcome Package as information.

5.3 Updated Terms of Reference, for Information

THAT the Area B AAC receive the September 17, 2025, Electoral Area B Advisory Agricultural Committee Terms of Reference Amendment -

Request for Decision Report, that was approved the SLRD Board, as information.

5.4 **CanadaGap Food Certification Program and Small Producers Ministry Letter from SLRD Board**

THAT the Area B AAC receive the letter as information.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 **Appointment of DOL Council Liaison to the Area B AAC** **Complete**
**required Board Direction*

THAT the Area B AAC recommends to the SLRD Board that the SLRD Board extend an invite to DOL to appoint a DOL Council liaison to the Area B AAC as a non-voting member of the committee.

Notes:

Following the AAC recommendation from May 16, 2025, meeting, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board passed the following resolution at the June 25, 2025, SLRD Board meeting:

THAT the Board extend an invite to District of Lillooet (DOL) to appoint a DOL Council liaison to the Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee as a non-voting member of the committee.

SLRD staff received communication from District of Lillooet staff that the District of Lillooet Council voted on August 12, 2025, to appoint Councillor Kevin Aitken as the District of Lillooet Council Liaison to the Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee.

On September 17, 2025, the SLRD Board adopted amendment bylaw 1938-2025, to include this change in the AAC Terms of Reference:

THAT Bylaw No. 1938-2025, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 1222-2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 1938-2025," be adopted.

6.2 **ACTION: LAFS to explore capacity to facilitate/coordinate the first wildlife-agriculture meeting with support from Ministry of Agriculture & Food staff liaison.** **In Progress**

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| 6.3 | ACTION: SLRD staff to prepare or seek out information regarding ALR parcel sizes in Area B and communicate back to the AAC. This may be in conjunction with the ALUI update work. | In progress |
| 6.4 | ACTION: AAC to target 2-4 meetings per year, with one being held in-person. Meeting dates to be set at the beginning of new committee term. | In progress |
| 6.5 | ACTION: SLRD staff to review how Agriculture Land Trusts connect to the Area B, District of Lillooet and St'at'imc Ag Plan. (as part of feasibility study work and Ag Plan update consideration). | In progress |
| 6.6 | ACTION: (<i>*from March 17, 2025, minutes</i>): Staff to update the Welcome Package document with additional resources and send out to the committee. | Complete |

7. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

8. Department Reports and Other Business

8.1 Premises ID

Premises Identification (ID) is a way of linking poultry and livestock, including bees, to specific geographic locations. Premises ID information includes contact information to inform planning, and responses to animal disease events or natural disaster emergencies like floods or fires. This program is now mandatory in BC as of July 1, 2022. The SLRD has an [Agricultural Emergency Preparedness webpage](#) that includes a link to the BC government website and we encourage landowners to register.

8.2 Area B AAC Action Tracking Table

The [Action Item Tracking Table](#) on the SLRD AAC webpage is out of date.

8.3 SLRD Procedure Bylaw No. 1899-2026

The SLRD Board adopted a new Procedure Bylaw. Corporate Services created a number of guides and templates, like this agenda template, to support Select Committee Meetings going forward.

8.3 Roundtable Updates

Opportunity for roundtable of agricultural updates from committee members

9. Adjournment

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting Attachments:

Attachment A: Agenda Item 5.1 - May 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Attachment B: Agenda Item 5.2 - Updated Welcome Package, 2026

Attachment C: Agenda Item 5.3 - [Electoral Area B Advisory Agricultural Committee Terms of Reference Amendment - Request for Decision Report](#)

Attachment D: Agenda Item 5.4 - CanadaGap Food Certification Program and Small Producers Letter from SLRD Board

Attachment E: Agenda Item 6.1 - Invitation to the DOL Council Liaison, 2025

Attachment F: Agenda Item 8.3 - [SLRD Procedure Bylaw](#) No. 1899-2026

Attachment A

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

DRAFT Minutes of an Electoral Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District held in Lillooet, BC on May 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

In attendance electronically:

Committee: B. Grossler (Area B AAC Chair); R. Meredith; V. Birch-Jones (SLRD Area B Director); S. Senger; S. Petznick;

Staff: C. Dewar (SLRD Senior Planner, Staff Liaison);

Public: N/A

Regrets: M. Rogers; S. Quinlan; M. Chandler Farivar; J. Rasmussen; A. Fox (Ministry of Agriculture and Food Land Use Agrologist); W. Shaw (Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regional Agrologist);

1	Call to Order
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BG called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

Welcome and roundtable introductions.

The Chair recognized that the meeting was being held on the unceded and traditional territory of the St'at'imc Nation.

2	Approval of Agenda and Minutes
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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 1)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the March 17, 2025 minutes be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 2)

3	LAFS Updates
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SP shared updates on LAFS initiatives from 2024-2025, including an overview of the LAFS Annual Report and Report Card, wildlife conflict planning, and the Lillooet Grown Storefront.

Annual Report

SP shared important milestones in 2024 such as: getting the Lillooet Grown Storefront up and running; stronger farmers market engagement; the BCAFM Nutritional Coupon Program; and expanded staff capacity.

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Opportunities to expand the nutritional coupon program through collaborations with Lillooet Tribal Council were discussed.

SP also shared that LAFS has been successful in obtaining the Knowledge Transfer Program grant for 2025. Other focuses for 2025 include the Lillooet Grown Storefront and seed library (opened April 15th), Wildfire Preparedness, and updating the Farmers Directory/Asset Map in conjunction with Squamish CAN. The importance of the annual PILT funding, providing stable funding to secure/leverage other grant funding opportunities, was also shared.

LAFS Report Card

Discussion items associated with the Report Card presentation included:

- Agriculture wildlife conflict work – in progress
- Fuel management to reduce risk of agriculture resources to wildfire- map and other resources; connected the Ag Emergency Plan and opportunities to connect with outcomes/recommendations of this work
- Water demand model – updates underway in conjunction with the ALUI update.

The committee discussed the importance of having DOL Council more involved in/connected with agriculture and food systems planning/initiatives, as was the case with the development of the Agriculture Plan.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Area B AAC recommends to the SLRD Board that the SLRD Board extend an invite to DOL to appoint a DOL Council liaison to the Area B AAC as a non-voting member of the committee.

CARRIED (MOTION 2)

Wildlife Conflict Planning

SP shared the draft wildlife conflict survey for input. The committee was in agreement that the survey should be targeted to producers then the results can be shared at a government level meeting. It was also suggested that the survey could be shared at workshops and the farmers market, with data collected over the summer 2025.

Lillooet Grown Storefront

SP shared aspects of the initiative, including the partnership with Lillooet Community Connect Innovation Hub.

LAFS Update presentation and documents are attached to the minutes.

4	Roundtable Updates on Food & Agriculture
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Right to food legislation and the need to advocate for “home made” labelling/options was discussed.

6	Business Arising from the Minutes
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ACTION: LAFS with support from SLRD staff to update the Ag Plan “report card” as a tool to share progress with SLRD Board, DOL, and AAC as appropriate. **COMPLETE**

ACTION: LAFS to explore capacity to facilitate/coordinate the first wildlife-agriculture meeting with support from Ministry of Agriculture & Food staff liaison. **IN PROGRESS**

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SP shared that wildlife conflict survey will be conducted over summer 2025 to inform a government level meeting.

ACTION: SLRD staff to prepare or seek out information regarding ALR parcel sizes in Area B and communicate back to the AAC. This may be in conjunction with the ALUI update work. **IN PROGRESS**

CD shared that the ALUI Inventory update is nearing completion, and this report will include information on ALR parcel sizes.

ACTION: AAC to target 2-4 meetings per year, with one being held in-person. **ONGOING**
Meeting dates to be set at the being of new committee term.

ACTION: SLRD staff to review how Agriculture Land Trusts connect to the Area B, District of Lillooet and St'at'imc Ag Plan. **IN PROGRESS** (as part of feasibility study work and Ag Plan update consideration).

7	Correspondence
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None.

8	Late Items
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None.

9	Next Steps and Close of Meeting
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ACTION: If directed by the SLRD Board, **CD** to prepare invitation letter to DOL for Council liaison appointment to the Area B AAC.

10	Next Meeting / Adjournment
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Next meeting to be scheduled for late Oct/early Nov 2025 in person in Lillooet. It was agreed that the 11:30am-1:30pm timeframe was ideal and that meeting dates would be scheduled at the beginning of each year/term.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

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B. Grossler
Chair

C. Dewar
Senior Planner
Recording Secretary

Attachment A



Annual Report 2024–2025

Sarah Petznick
May 16, 2025

Attachment A

Acknowledgement & Mandate

The Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society gratefully acknowledges funding **from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)** to support the **Area B, Lillooet & St'át'imc Agricultural Plan**.

Plan Priorities:

- Strengthen agricultural viability
- Develop supportive policies and regulations
- Foster collaboration the St'át'imc and Farming Community
- Promote education and awareness
- Support sustainable agricultural practices
- Encourage water conservation & climate Preparedness
- Creating an Implementation Plan

Mandate:

- Strengthen local agriculture
- Promote education & sustainability
- Support and connect food systems
- Build community around local food culture

About L.A.F.S.

The current members of the Board are:

Immian Wolfe, *Chair*, Green Dirt Farm

Mischa Chandler, *Treasurer*, Golden Cariboo
Honey

Chris Billion, *Director*, One Love Farm

Sue Senger, *Director*, Rose Hill Farm

Jill Miners, *Director*, Seed to Culture

Chelsea Tims, *Director*, Xwísten Agriculture
Training Coordinator

Melissa Grossler, *Director*, Uliz Family Farm

Stefan Zeidler, *Director*, Cliff and Gorge Winery

Leadership Team:

Sarah Petznick, *Executive Director*

Janna Pike, *Executive Assistant*

Cara Clark, *Farmers Market Manager*

2024 Milestones:

- Lillooet Grown storefront launch
- Stronger Farmers Market engagement
- BCAFM Nutritional Coupon Program
- Expanded staff capacity

Attachment A

Key Projects



**Lillooet Grown Storefront
(local goods showcase)**



**BCAFM Nutritional
Coupon Program**



**Workshops &
community events**

Attachment A
Lilloet Grown Storefront
(local goods showcase)



BCAFM Nutritional Coupon Program



Attachment A About the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program

The FMNCP is a healthy eating initiative that supports farmers' markets and strengthens local food systems across British Columbia. In 2021, it will operate in 87 communities helping more than 6,100 lower income families, seniors and pregnant people purchase fresh, local food while building their food literacy.



Thank you for your role in building healthier communities.

The Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program is supported by the Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Health Services Authority.

nutrition@bcfarmersmarket.org
bcfarmersmarket.org/coupon-program



Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program Vendor Guide



What can be purchased with Coupons?

Green Coupons	Blue Coupons
fresh vegetables & fruits	fresh vegetables & fruits
fresh cut herbs	fresh cut herbs
dairy products	dairy products
fresh eggs	fresh eggs
nuts	nuts
vegetable & fruit plants	vegetable & fruit plants
	fish, seafood & meat

NEW

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Workshops & community events

Community members attend a workshop with local regenerative farming expert Aubyn Banwell.

Local beekeeper Mischa Chandler shows off some melons at the HUB.

The youngest farmers in the community, from Spray Creek Ranch, learning about beekeeping at the apiary that Golden Cariboo Honey has in one of their cow pastures.

Local chef Paisley preparing food for an event with Lillooet-grown ingredients!

L&G File Number 1145617

Lillooet FARMERS MARKET

Support your local farmers!

FRESH PRODUCE
LOCAL FERMENTS & PRESERVES
BAKING FLOWERS

MAY 9
OCT 10

LOCAL ART CRAFTS
JEWELRY
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCK

EVERY FRIDAY
8:30AM - 1:00PM

Location: 930 Main Street - beside the Rec. Centre

Agriculture Workshops

June 5: Preparing your Garden so you Can Save your Own Seeds

June 26: Friends, Foes and Frenemies: Who's Who in the Garden

July 10: Bear Safety and Attractant Management

July 31: Starting Seeds in the Summer for Fall Harvests

August 21: Gathering and Storing your Own Seeds from the Garden

September 11: Shutting Down the Garden: Composting, Mulch, Cover Crops +

Where: Lillooet Community Centre, 633 Main Street
When: 5-7pm, free event, if you can please register

Garden Tours

Join us for 2 exciting garden tours on August 24th!

First we are touring Sam and Johanna's property at 670 Roshard Road from 11:20-12:30 to check out their unique home garden.

Next up we are going a few doors down to Alicia Rodden's flower farm "Pooked In Clay" from 1:20-2:30, just past sundial road on the left hand side, child at play sign right in front of the farm.

L&G File Number 1145617

Activities & Community Engagement

- **30+ events attended by staff in 2024:** Seedy Sunday, Composting Talks, Apricot Fest & Canada Day Farmers Markets, Wildfire Preparedness Roundtables, Garden Tours
- **Lillooet Grown Market Grand Opening August 8, 2024** - April 15th 2025
- **Marketing & Outreach:** Stickers, postcards, Farmers Directory, consistent community engagement
- **Media:** Farmers Market ad in Edible, ongoing regional agri-news engagement
- **Updated Farmers Directory** coming in 2025
- **Outreach extended** through events and local partnerships

Partnerships & Funders

Partners:

- Lillooet Community Connect Innovation HUB
- Ucwalmicw Society
- Elder Connect
- BC Farmers' Market Association



Funders:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- BC Gaming Society
- BC Association of Farmers Markets
- Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program
- United Way
- Knowledge and Technology Transfer Program

Infrastructure Highlights

Infrastructure:

- CERIP Butcher Hub & Processing Facility supporting livestock producers, cold storage, food processing.
- REDIP Power and water hookups for Ucwalmic Farm Food Security Building.
- FIG farm equipment for Ucwalmicw Farm

Storefront:

Multipurpose local food & art space hosting events, mentorship, commercial kitchen, gallery, retail



Table 3. Summary of Programs to be Delivered

Program Name/Funder	Budget	Notes - Tasks
Education & Outreach (BCGG)	\$30,025	Workshops, farmers' market support and attendance, Lillooet Grown promotional events.
Coupon Program (BCAFM)	\$7,000	Continued funding for the 2024 market season and BCAFM Nutrition Coupon Program
Coupon Program via Elder Connect Program	\$27,300	Additional funding for the 2024 - coupons for elders through the HUB Elder Connect Program, Administration honorarium (\$450)
Marketing Initiatives (NDIT)	\$9,500*	Lillooet Grown Storefront Promotion * subject to approval
Farm Equipment upgrades (UWBC)	\$20,000	Partnership project with Ucwalmicw Farm - farm equipment
Food Security Building hookups and LG Storefront (REDIP)	\$71,868	Partnership project with Ucwalmicw Farm - Food security building implementation and Lillooet Grown Storefront
Farm-Focused Learning Events (KTP)	\$7,500*	Knowledge Transfer Events in partnership with Lillooet Food Matters and the HUB * subject to approval
Total	\$173,193	

Summary Budget

Table 4. Proposed Project Budget for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Budget Item	Amount (\$)	Funding Source	Status
Education and outreach, Food skills workshops	\$30,024.75	BC Gaming Grant	To Be Requested
BCAFM Coupon Program	\$7,000	BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM)	Requested
Lillooet Grown Marketing Initiatives	\$9,500	Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)	To Be Requested
Producer-focused workshops, hands-on learning.	\$7,500	Knowledge Transfer Events Program (KTEP)	Requested
Ucwalmicw Partnership	\$20,000	United Way BC	Received
Ucwalmicw Partnership	\$71,867.95	Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP)	Received
Social Meals and Additional Coupon Placements	\$27,300	Lillooet Learning Communities Society	Received
LAFS Program Delivery Funding	\$25,000	Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) via the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Area B (SLRD Area B)	Requested
Administrative Expenses	\$10,000	Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) via the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Area B (SLRD Area B)	Requested
Requested Capital Funding - Project Specific	\$173,193		
Requested Operational Funding – Wages & Administrative Expenses	\$35,000		
TOTAL POTENTIAL BUDGET		\$208,193	

Attachment A



Thank you!



Attachment A






IMPLEMENTATION REPORT CARD

Electoral Area B, District of Lillooet & St’at’imc Agricultural Plan






Recommended Actions – High priority Short-term

The ten high priority short-term recommendations which were to be included in the initial implementation work plan are included in Table 1 below:

Table 1. Top ten short term priority actions.

Number	Action	Description	Status	Update
1	1.1A	Establish partnerships between farmers and retailers to improve communication, promote agricultural business development, spearhead agricultural initiatives, and identify and access funding opportunities.		<i>The Lillooet Grown Storefront Partnership with Ucwalmicw Farm – 2024 NDIT, 2025 REDIP and FIG Farm Directory – to be updated for 2025 Cold Storage Facility – tour with SCR 2025</i>
2	1.3D	Host workshops and inspirational speakers to discuss successful farm business models during the winter (non-growing/harvest) season. Include topics such as food processing, permaculture, and bee health.		<i>KTTP – 2024/2025 / Producer and farmer workshops, business workshops</i>
3	1.3G	Create a cross-commodity Farmers Institute		<i>LAFS was established in March of 2016; after considered research and deliberation, the Ag Plan Implementation Working Group, with the support of the Ag Plan Implementation Coordinators, decided to establish a Society (LAFS) rather than a farmers’ institute.</i>
4	2.1C	Host annual meetings with the St’at’imc and farmers to discuss policies and bylaws affecting local agriculture and engage farmers in review of regulations and development affecting agriculture.		<i>The Ag Plan suggests that the Northern St’at’imc Communities and farmers take the lead on this action, with support from the SLRD and DoL.</i>
5	3.1A	Assist the agricultural community with the development of a common local identity or brand.		<i>The Lillooet Grown (LG) brand is being used by local farmers. We are still working to get the brand recognized regionally (an on-going process).</i>

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6	3.3B	Consult past IAF pilot project reports to gather information and knowledge regarding best practices to minimize wildlife-agriculture conflicts.		<i>The Ag Plan suggests that the Northern St'at'imc Communities, AAC and SLRD take the lead on this action, with support from farmers and ranchers. Plans for organizing this meeting in 2025 are being discussed.</i>
7	3.3C	Support the formation of an Agriculture-Wildlife Working Group to address and proactively manage issues pertaining to agriculture and wildlife on Crown, private, and Indian Reserve lands as they arise.		<i>No actions have been taken by LAFS. This may change depending on the outcomes of the Agriculture and Wildlife Conflict meeting this year. The Ag Plan suggests that the Northern St'at'imc Communities, farmers and ranchers take the lead on this action, with support from the SLRD and the Ministry of Agriculture.</i>
8	4.1A	Develop linkages to other business groups, such as Chamber of Commerce, Rotary clubs, retailers, financial institutions, restaurants, wholesalers, processors, tourism operators to create a comprehensive regional food and agriculture communications strategy.		<i>An ongoing effort is being made to connect with various groups, other non-profits and networks within Lillooet, as well as along the Sea-to-Sky corridor and in the Kamloops direction.</i>
9	5.2C	Form a partnership between St'at'imc Government Services ecologists, AGRI range agrologists, and ranchers, to discuss issues related to wildlife mitigation on rangeland.		<i>No actions have been taken by LAFS. The Ag Plan suggests that SGS, the Ministry of Agriculture and ranchers take the lead on this action, with support from the SLRD and DoL.</i>
10	6.2B	Using Mapping Analysis tools, create a map of current fuel management, green space and breaks to assess the need for further fuel management to reduce the risk of agriculture resources to wildfire.		<i>No actions have been taken by LAFS. This may change depending on the outcomes of the Agriculture and Wildlife Conflict meeting this year. (The Ag Plan suggests that the DoL, the SLRD and the Ministry of Forests take the lead on this action, with support from the Ministry of Agriculture.)</i>

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Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

To help guide the implementation work, a monitoring and evaluation framework is provided, which includes performance indicators. Both short-term and long-term indicators have been identified to help determine the progress of this *Agricultural Plan* (See Table 2 and 3 below).

Table 2. Short term performance indicators

SHORT TERM INDICATOR	MEASURES OF SUCCESS	EVALUATION MECHANISM	Status	Update
The Agricultural Plan receives wide support from the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SLRD Board adopts the plan. St'at'imc Northern communities adopt or endorse the plan. The District of Lillooet adopts the plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track meeting minutes to ensure that adoption or endorsement has taken place. Issue media release once all parties have expressed support for the plan. 		<i>The SLRD Board adopted the Ag Plan on October 1, 2014. The District of Lillooet Council endorsed the Ag Plan on October 20, 2014. St'at'imc Northern communities have voiced intentions to endorse, but no formal endorsement has been made to date. The SLRD issued a media release following plan adoption and have issued other communications in support of LAFS. LAFS has been supported by the SLRD since its inception in 2016.</i>
Establish an implementation body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Either a volunteer-based group is formed or a coordinator is hired. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision as to how best to manage implementation is made within 6 months of the Agricultural Plan's adoption through discussions between SLRD and the Working Group. 		<i>LAFS was established in March 2016 and has a full Board, Membership and three part-time staff positions (Executive Director, Program Coordinator and Farmers Market Manager).</i>
Creation of a local agricultural brand for marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is obtained to hire a graphic designer or other communications specialist. A brand or logo is created within the first year after the Agricultural Plan is adopted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The brand or logo is applied to local products in marketing and packaging. The brand or logo is communicated to visitors by local producers, retailers, and tourism operators. 		<i>The Lillooet Grown brand was collaboratively developed and is currently being used by the agricultural community – see 3.1A above.</i> <i>More work could be done to gain support from retailers and tourism operators.</i>
Completion of the Agricultural LUI and Water Demand Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports, data, and maps are provided to the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes of the research are reflected in local and regional plans and initiatives. Data and maps are used to further inform the recommended actions within the <i>Agricultural Plan</i>. 		<i>Both reports are complete and available on SLRD website. They are also included in the appendix of the Ag Plan.</i> <i>LUI and models are being used to inform OCP amendments and zoning updates.</i>

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<p>Increased communications between and within all components of the local food system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing distribution channels are employed to market products within/outside the region. Retailers & producers develop contracts. Processors and meat producers explore local capacity and expansion opportunities. Crop selection is increasingly based on local market demands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings are held between distributors and producers. Meetings are held between retailers and producers. Producers specialize to capitalize on economies of scale. Meetings are held between producers across various scales of production to explore local storage and processing opportunities. Local awareness and education piece; local consumers buy local products. 		<p><i>Focused meetings such as the ones described have not yet taken place.</i></p>
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Table 3. Long term performance indicators

LONG TERM INDICATOR	MEASURABLE INDICATORS OF SUCCESS	EVALUATION MECHANISM	Grade	STATUS/UPDATE
<p>Increased economic development opportunities for food production</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government and non-government funds are secured for new initiatives. Increased agricultural investments dollars are being brought into the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the number of new food and agriculture-related projects in the region (once the Plan is adopted) Track the progress of existing establishments and farms. 		<p><i>LAFS has secured over * in funding since 2016.</i></p>
<p>Increased partnerships between the St'at'imc and non-St'at'imc communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New projects, committees, and/or meetings held. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the number of St'at'imc agricultural projects in the area. Track the number of joint meetings held between St'at'imc and non-St'at'imc communities. 		<p><i>LAFS partnered with all but one of the St'at'imc communities to offer the workshops mentioned in section 1.3D. Ongoing partnership building with all of the northern St'at'imc Nations is needed in 2025.</i></p>

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<p>Increased value-added facilities located in the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehousing options for storage has increased. Wine tasting and microbreweries are established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the number of processing facilities available locally. Track the number and type of value-added food and farm products created locally. 		<p><i>LAFS does not currently have a system in place to keep track of new processing facilities or products. However, we know informally of new facilities and plans for new facilities in the community.</i></p>
<p>Increased acreage in crop production</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of acres of cleared land within the ALR and land in production increases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track forested vs. cleared ALR areas. Track the number of farms and acres in production. 		<p><i>LAFS does not currently have a system in place to keep track of farms and acres in production. However, we know informally of increased production based on Farmers Market participants and businesses in contact with the Lillooet Grown Market.</i></p>
<p>Increased diversity of farm products for sale locally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of producers by commodity group is increased. Increase in contracts between retailers and growers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory the diversity of products made available locally through retailers and at the farm gate. 		<p><i>LAFS does not currently keep an inventory of products. However, we know of new products being made available at the Farmers Market and via businesses in contact with the Lillooet Grown Market.</i></p>
<p>New farmers are attracted to the region and start new agricultural endeavours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of farmers in the region increases. The average age of farmers in the region decreases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the number and profile of farmers in the region. 		<p><i>LAFS does not currently have a system in place to keep track of the number and profile of the farmers in the region. However, we generally know informally.</i></p>
<p>Enhanced farm profitability through new marketing opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue per farm and per acre has increased. Number and type of markets for sale of agricultural products has increased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review agricultural census data in 5 and 10 years. Conduct a survey of marketing opportunities in 2018 to gauge progress. 		<p><i>A survey of marketing opportunities has not been completed. The Nutritional Coupon Program run by LAFS successfully brought new customers to the Farmer's Market, encouraging more farmers to attend the market regularly. Seed to Culture's store front has created a new marketing opportunity.</i></p>

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<p>Facilitation of the transportation and distribution of goods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cooperation in retailers and growers has resulted in distribution opportunities. ● Ability of local restaurants, cafes, and bistros to easily acquire local ingredients has increased. ● Ability to purchase SLRD Area B/ Lillooet/ St'at'imc products in other communities has increased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitor how many empty food trucks are leaving Lillooet. ● Assess the availability of SLRD Area B, District of Lillooet, and St'at'imc products in retail outlets and restaurants in Kamloops, Whistler, and Vancouver. 		<p><i>The Market Access & Growth Strategy completed in June of 2017 provided further recommendations for improving the distribution of goods. The Chefs' Inventory was the first step towards implementing these but no further actions have been taken to address the transportation issue, although pairing transportation with the Lillooet Grown storefront start-up is an ongoing discussion.</i></p>
<p>Recognition and support for local farming by the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sales of products by local farmers and local businesses have increased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Survey of consumers to determine support of local agriculture and level of sales in 2018 and compare to 2013 survey for baseline. 		<p><i>No such survey has been completed. More information is needed to gauge our progress in this area, but the success of the Nutritional Coupon Program would indicate that local sales have increased.</i></p> <p><i>To be discussed for 2025.</i></p>

Attachment A

Wildlife Conflict Survey

Wildlife and Livestock Interaction

1. Have you experienced wildlife-related issues (e.g., predation, crop damage) on your farm or ranch in the past year?

- Yes / No

2. If yes, please specify the types of wildlife involved (e.g., wolves, bears, deer).

3. What actions or strategies have you implemented to protect your livestock or crops from wildlife?

4. Have you received any funding or support for wildlife conflict mitigation?

- Yes / No

5. What additional resources or support would help you better manage wildlife conflicts?

Wildlife Management Practices

6. Are you aware of any existing management protocols for wildlife in your area?

- Yes / No

7. Do you believe a dedicated wildlife and agriculture working group would be helpful in addressing wildlife issues?

- Yes / No / Unsure

8. What management practices have you found effective in reducing wildlife conflicts?

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9. Have you encountered legal or bureaucratic challenges when managing wildlife on your property?

- Yes / No

Land Use and Landscape Fragmentation

10. Do fences or other barriers impact wildlife movement on your land?

- Yes / No

11. Are you concerned about wildlife movement corridors and habitat fragmentation in your area?

- Yes / No

12. What steps do you think local government could take to support wildlife movement and address landscape fragmentation?

Wildlife Population and Observation

13. Have you observed any notable changes in wildlife populations (increase or decrease) over recent years?

14. Which wildlife species have you most frequently observed on or near your property?

15. Have you noticed any specific issues caused by wildlife (e.g., damage, safety concerns)?

Bureaucracy and Certification Challenges

16. Have you faced challenges in with your agricultural business related to bureaucratic processes?

- Yes / No

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17. What improvements would you suggest to make certification processes more accessible for small producers?

Advocacy and Policy

18. Do you feel that local or regional policies adequately support farmers and ranchers dealing with wildlife conflicts?

- Yes / No / Unsure

19. Would you be willing to participate in advocacy efforts or meetings to address wildlife and agricultural issues?

- Yes / No

Additional Comments

20. Please share any additional insights or suggestions related to wildlife management, land use, or policy support.

Attachment B



WELCOME!

We are pleased to welcome you to the SLRD Area B Agricultural Area Advisory Committee (AAC). We thank you for your interest in agricultural matters, and your commitment to participate in this volunteer Committee. You will be making a valuable contribution to local agricultural planning. The AAC is a Committee of the Board, with membership appointed by the SLRD Board of Directors.

In this package you will find a few items to help you familiarize yourself with AACs in general, and also with the particular workings of the Area B AAC. You may also review key Committee information on the SLRD website at slrd.bc.ca/areabaac.

This package contains:

- Meeting Scheduling Procedures
- 2026 Area B AAC membership
- Area B, Lillooet & St'at'imc Agricultural Plan
- SLRD Electoral Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee Bylaw (Terms of Reference)

Relevant Acts/Resources:

- [Agricultural Land Commission Act](#), and the [Agricultural Land Commission](#) application procedures
- [ALR Use Regulation](#)
- [Wildlife Act](#)
- [Weed Control Act](#)
- [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#)
- [The SLRD's Truth and Reconciliation Guide](#)
- [BC Premises ID Program](#)
- SLRD Website page on [Agricultural Emergency Preparedness](#)

You are encouraged to review the above as they may be useful in this work. You are also encouraged to review the Ministry of Agriculture and Food website detailing the role of AACs [here](#).

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or concerns regarding the Committee or processes.

Kind regards,


Kristina Bell, Planner and Area B AAC Staff Liaison

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Meeting Scheduling Procedures

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis when the SLRD Board has referred an application or information to the Committee for review and input.

There are typically up to 4 meetings per year of 2 hours in length. Meetings are held during the day via Zoom webinar, with meeting recordings available on-demand on the SLRD website. At times, meetings may be scheduled in the evenings or in person, if needed. As a Committee of the SLRD Board, meetings are open to the public. We aim for 1 in-person meeting per year.

Meetings are scheduled by the SLRD Staff Liaison, with a Doodle poll sent out to determine the best date/time for Committee members. An agenda package will be prepared by the SLRD Staff Liaison and circulated to the Committee, typically one week in advance of the meeting. You are encouraged to review the agenda package in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate discussion in a compressed timeframe at the meeting.

2026 Area B AAC Membership

- Bev Grossler, current AAC Chair
- Mandi Rogers
- Sue Senger
- Robert Meredith
- Sarah Petznick
- Jacquie Rasmussen
- Mischa Chandler Farivar
- Vivian Birch-Jones, Electoral Area B Director
- Kevin Aitken, District of Lillooet Council Liaison (non-voting)
- Will Shaw, Ministry of Agriculture Liaison (non-voting)
- Alison Fox, Ministry of Agriculture Liaison (non-voting)
- Kristina Bell, SLRD Staff Liaison (non-voting)

Area B, Lillooet & St'at'imc Agricultural Plan

The Agricultural Plan was adopted by the SLRD on October 1, 2014 and represents the culmination of a year-long public dialogue concerning the future of agriculture in the Lillooet area. Focus has now shifted toward implementation of the plan priorities and recommended actions to realize the vision for agriculture in the area.

The Agricultural Plan and background documents are available on the SLRD website [here](#). The [Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society](#) (LAFS) was formed to implement the Agricultural Plan and advance agricultural economic development in the Lillooet area. LAFS receives funding from the SLRD annually to support this implementation work.

Attachment B

Electoral Area B AAC Terms of Reference

The Electoral Area B AAC Terms of Reference (TOR) is a bylaw to establish and set out the appointment and procedure to be followed by the Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee is available on the SLRD website [here](#). The following section provides an overview of some of the key TOR aspects:

Purpose of the Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to provide:

- a) comments and recommendations to the Board on agricultural issues within Electoral Area B referred to the Committee by the Board;
- b) support in respect of specific action items as identified in the Electoral Area B, District of Lillooet, and St'at'imc Agricultural Plan dated September 2014.

Matters that may be Considered

The Board may refer the following matters to the Committee:

- Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) applications;
- Official community plan/zoning amendment applications, Temporary Use Permit applications, Development Permit applications, Development Variance or Subdivision applications related to agriculture or the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);
- Agricultural related components of comprehensive reviews or development of SLRD bylaws or plans; and
- Other matters which the Board may consider appropriate.

The **Committee may make recommendations to the Board, for the Board's consideration**, on matters that deal with the ongoing viability of commercial farming and farm land usage within the Agricultural Land Reserve lands within Electoral Area B. Committee recommendations to the Board should be made by resolution. **As a Committee of the Board, the Committee should refrain from making recommendations to or directing the work of staff.**

Quorum

Quorum must be reached for a meeting to be held. In the case that the committee is comprised of an odd number of members, a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. In the case that the committee is comprised of an even number of members, half or more of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Voting

Each Committee member who is present is entitled to vote and has one vote. **Recommendations of the Committee must be adopted by a majority affirmative vote of the members present at the meeting.** A Committee member present at a meeting who abstains from voting is deemed to have voted in the affirmative.

Attachment D

May 28, 2026

BY EMAIL: AF.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Minister of Agriculture and Food
PO Box 9043 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Attention: Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food

Dear Minister Popham:

Re: CanadaGap Food Certification Program and Small Producers

On behalf of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board, I am writing to continue our advocacy for local farmers and to express our concern regarding the challenges they face in selling their products locally, including accessing major grocery store markets.

Producers in our region have made significant investments to meet retailer requirements, including obtaining Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification, improving packaging, and covering other compliance-related costs. Despite these efforts, many report that their products continue to be overlooked in favour of non-local alternatives, limiting opportunities for local food producers to secure retail shelf space.

This situation continues to place considerable financial burdens on farmers and undermines efforts to strengthen local food systems, food security, and regional economic development.

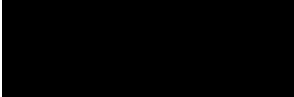
We respectfully request the Province's consideration of measures that could help reduce barriers to market access for local producers. Such measures could include financial assistance to offset the costs of CanadaGAP certification and audits, technical support to help producers navigate certification requirements, and the exploration of flexible approaches for small-scale and local producers supplying regional markets. We would also welcome efforts to encourage greater procurement of British Columbia-grown products by major grocery retailers and to ensure that certification and compliance requirements are proportionate to the scale and risk profile of farming operations. Provincial support in these areas would help strengthen the viability of local agriculture while improving access to local food for British Columbians.

Supporting local producers is essential to maintaining a resilient agricultural sector and ensuring British Columbians have access to fresh, locally grown food.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

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Sincerely,



Jen Ford
Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

CC: SLRD Board
Heather Paul, CAO, SLRD
MLA Jeremy Valeriote, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky Jeremy.Valeriote.MLA@leg.bc.ca
MLA Tony Luck, Fraser-Nicola tony.luck@conservativebc.ca

Attachment E

July 21, 2025

DISTRICT OF LILLOOET COUNCIL
District of Lillooet
615 Main Street
Lillooet, British Columbia
VIA EMAIL: council@lillooet.ca and cao@lillooet.ca

Dear District of Lillooet Council,

Re: DOL Council Liaison to the Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee

Invitation

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board passed the following resolution at the June 25, 2025 SLRD Board meeting:

THAT the Board extend an invite to District of Lillooet (DOL) to appoint a DOL Council liaison to the Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee as a non-voting member of the committee.

Background

At the Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting on May 16, 2025 the committee discussed the importance of DOL Council involvement in agriculture and food systems planning. This aligns with the Electoral Area B, District of Lillooet, and St'at'imc Agriculture Plan and its implementation actions.

The Area B AAC is comprised of up to 11 members from the farming and ranching community, including the Area B Electoral Area Director. Ministry of Agriculture and Food staff also participate as staff-liaison non-voting members.

Sincerely,



Jen Ford
SLRD Board Chair

Enclosures:

[Area B AAC Terms of Reference](#)
[Electoral Area B, District of Lillooet & St'at'imc Agriculture Plan](#)