



**Date: January 23, 2019**

**Group: Full council teleconference**

**Present:** Abra Brynne, Melinda Foot, Paul Peterson RDCK Director, Paris Marshall Smith, Tara, Shauna Fiddler, Kim Charlesworth, Ramona Faust RDCK Director, Elizabeth Quinn, Mick, Nicole, Haley - young agrarians

Meeting called to order by: Abra

**Minutes** of last meeting read by: individually

**Motion to adopt minutes:** Kim

**Second:** Elizabeth

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Coordinator Report: Abra**

Staff reports revamped, goals for every meeting

**Budget spreadsheet**

Discrepancy with RDCK, meeting with Sangita and Paris to straighten it out  
RDCK will repair any short fall

Abra to apply for a gaming grant (for 2020 budget)

Elizabeth notes the workplan is ambitious and budget will only last a year

Ramona asks if we have a funding committee? Abra suggests a funding and communications meeting?

**Motion to adopt budget:** Kim

**Second:** Ramona

**Vote:** Unanimous

**2019 Work Plan**

Tara asks about hiring someone for communications, can they take some of the work plan off Abra's plate? Tara offers to help or maybe other council members could step in, Shauna also offers to help.

Amanda Verigan is helping Abra work through the idea of a revamp on communications  
She will help with an annual snapshot

Shauna also offers to help, she suggests if there is a communications person that could help multiple organizations

Ramona suggests it is left to the experts, but we should all be facebook or twitter involved as representatives of the CKFPC

Nicole also offers to help get us facebook and twitter involved

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**Motion to adopt work plan:** Elizabeth

**Second:** Mick

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Projects overview and discussion: Abra**

**2019 Directory:**

Website version – March 31<sup>st</sup> all info will be downloaded to the next edition

Advertisers – very positive responses, more outreach always good to businesses who missed out

More entries and more advertisers this year, should crack 100

Moving forward with no additional funding needed, very pleased

Abra will update website, and send out email call for more farms and producers

May 1<sup>st</sup> for the next print version to come out

**Policy Portal: Abra**

Unfunded piece of work

Helping businesses navigate red tape when launching new business or expanding  
City of Victoria has something similar, can look at for comparison

Case study, find a business starting out and see what policy is needed to change

Anyone interested in participating with policy portal welcome

**Evidence based Policy development project:**

Second page of budget, shows generous support

Idea to take huge investment the RDCK has put forward, to understand what is going on in our food base, working with several organizations to pull out themes and priorities. Adapting to hotter temps, growing water issues etc.

Kim is not clear on the meaning of 'what is going on on the Land Base'. Abra tries to explain, how our changing environment can affect people, businesses, agriculture, food security etc.

Ramona says there is lots of studies, it would be good to pull them together

Analysis will be loaded into this, Policy to follow

Advisory committee for this project, anyone on this council is welcome to sit on the committee, Kim is interested.

**Executive Committee update: Elizabeth**

Last meeting we approved the change of the name of Abra's position

Changed (streamlined) her reporting, not as much detail

Focus on goals

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### **BC Meatworks policy story: Kyle**

Farmstead in Beasley, purchased the mobile abbatoire - Passmore Pluckers  
Discusses the history and creation of, as well as all the processes they must go thru to exist today. All the government and health organizations they have to deal with.

### **Council Member updates**

**Mick** - striking a food program committee with schools

Market coupons for lower income families

Food bank has refrigeration now, more fruits and veg

David Everest is opening Cooperative bakery this year in New Denver

March 2<sup>nd</sup> seed swap etc in Silverton Memorial hall 10 – 1

Abra suggests the Environmental Farm Plan for fencing

### **Paris – RDCK**

Applying for a grant from CBT if anyone else wants on board

**Kim** – Nelson community food center instead of food cupboard

Adding educational food skills program and afterschool program

Renovation to the basement of the united church which is their full time space

Upgrading the kitchen for large community dinners

The garden at Ward St. 9000 sq ft, to give out and use at the food skills program. Property sold, they need new garden space. Kim is stepping down as garden coordinator, they will need a new one. (Abra asks for Kim to share posting)

Kootenay Boundary food producers coop – wrapping up sales, will not be operational this year. When there are lots of volunteers, success moving food from small farms to small stores. Not profitable, members did not want to increase to commercial. Hiatus, will reevaluate next year.

**Shauna** – Kootenay food is applying for funding from CBT

Homestead gleaning and rescuing food, harvesting only what can be put away

Vehicle to tow mobile classroom, we have about 25 people, teach 100 – 150 students food safety, and how to put up food etc implementing more indigenous traditions in regards to food.

Sausage making with kids from 5 years old up to adult

Press fest 4 years old, expand to more communities further away

Helping young agrarians, still looking for farmers to show and tell

**Tara** – Interior health, food literacy - looking at the cost of eating in BC. Looking at it as income based problem. Getting ready to pilot new school program, hands on food activities. Some in this area, school district 20, every school has a breakfast program.

**Elizabeth** – Fields forward in Creston valley mobile press, applying for grant with CBT



Juice - hoping to capture some of the thousands of pounds of cherries that don't meet the grade. Could box the juice and give to the food bank  
Trying to address food security

**Ramona** – glad to be joined by Paul and alternate Lea Main?  
Polling done shows that people are concerned by land use and changing environment  
Grizzly bear wiped out flocks of chickens in our local community, 500 birds over a 4 km stretch.

**Paul** – Edgewood finished a community kitchen  
Discussions with community services to see if the arrow lakes food bank can be upgraded

**Nicole** – East shore will have 3 food markets this year.  
Crawford Bay school has a farm to food program, would like to develop a curriculum so that students can be in the garden  
Crawford bay hall has just purchased the land they are on, and will be renovating the kitchen  
Plan for the future is to develop some kind of food bank, 4 people working on it

**Haley** – February 2 in the Slocan valley farm business planning, social in the evening.  
Great event on Monday with over 40 people.  
Business mentorship program moving forward in the spring  
Would love to feature farmers and food processors on the blog

Abra revamp of the website in May.  
Paris - there is a program thru RDCK a la carte energy efficiency

**Motion to Adjourn: Melinda**  
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