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PUBLIC INPUT REPORT 2: AGRICULTURE AREA PLAN



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*CITY OF KAMLOOPS: Public Input Report 2:
Agriculture Area Plan 2012-2013*

Introduction

Public Input Following Public Input Report 1

Public Input Report 1 detailed the results of 411 preliminary surveys completed by a combination of local producers, consumers, and food retailers from January to April 2012. The surveys and subsequent opportunities for public engagement were aimed at soliciting meaningful input from the public that could be considered in the development of an Agriculture Area Plan (AAP) for the City. Public Input Report 1 is available on the City's website at <http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-aap-reports.shtml>.

Public Input Report 2 highlights the results of all other public engagement opportunities to date, including the following:

- AAP Email Stakeholder group
- AAP Webpages
- AAP Facebook page
- AAP Farm Tour
- AAP Roadshow Presentations
- AAP Exit Survey
- AAP Static Displays
- AAP Open houses

The intent of this report is for the Agriculture Advisory Committee and City staff to utilize the information contained herein to:

- Gain a better understanding of the issues facing local agriculture from the community's perspective; and
- Provide the Agriculture Advisory Committee and staff with public input that can be considered in the development of strategies and actions for the AAP.

Document Layout

This report is organized into six main sections as indicated below:

1. AAP Email, Website, Social Media, and Static Displays;
2. Background Report and Historical Timeline;
3. Farm Tour 2012;
4. TRU Student Partnership;
5. Community Roadshow and Exit Survey; and
6. Open houses.

Please note that the information contained within this report is not representative of the City as a whole but rather of those that took part in public engagement opportunities for the AAP. Comments from the public are authentic and therefore remain unformatted in terms of spelling and grammar. The information is to be used to add value and serve as a guide in steering the development of an Agriculture Area Plan for the City.

Email, Website, Social Media, and Static Displays

Email

An ongoing email stakeholder group was established in January 2012 for those who were interested in learning more about the AAP process and staying abreast of progress and opportunities for public engagement. Individuals or groups were given an opportunity to sign up for the stakeholder group on the preliminary surveys, through the AAP website, the community roadshow and by contacting the AAP City Planner. Attached as Appendix 1 are copies of two of many emails that were sent to the stakeholder group during the AAP development process. As the AAP process moved forward more and more contacts were added to the list.

Number of Participants: 148 (as of November 2013)

Participant affiliation*:

- Kamloops Stockmen's Association
- Kamloops Food Policy Council
- Local and regional producers
- TRU faculty and students
- Thompson Shuswap Master Gardeners
- Venture Kamloops
- Community Futures Thompson Country
- TNRD
- Local agricultural suppliers
- Local chefs
- BC Assessment
- Interior Health
- Private land use consultants
- City staff
- Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
- City Councillors
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Urban SPIN Farmers
- Sustainable Energy Association
- Federal Agricultural Research Station, Kamloops
- First Nations Agricultural Association
- Fraser Basin Council

**Note that this list is not comprehensive and simply represents those individuals for which affiliation was apparent.*

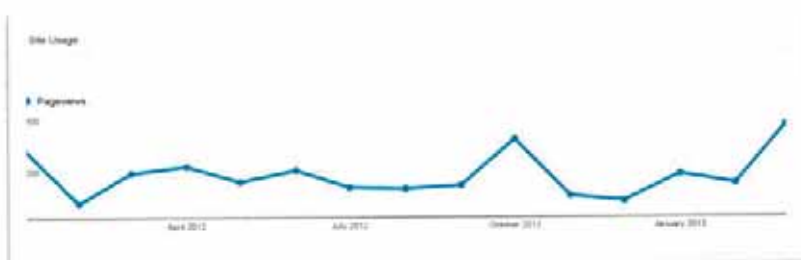
Website

Number of Hits (total pages): 3,927

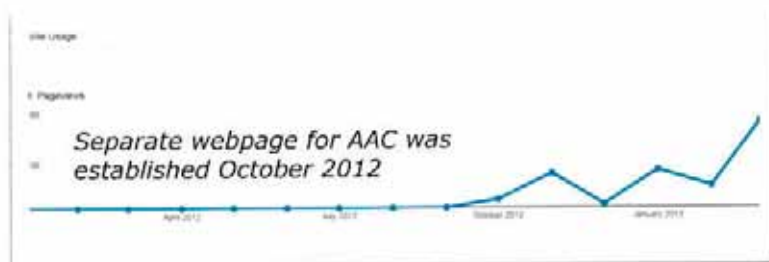
Ranking: 21st out of 870 City of Kamloops webpages

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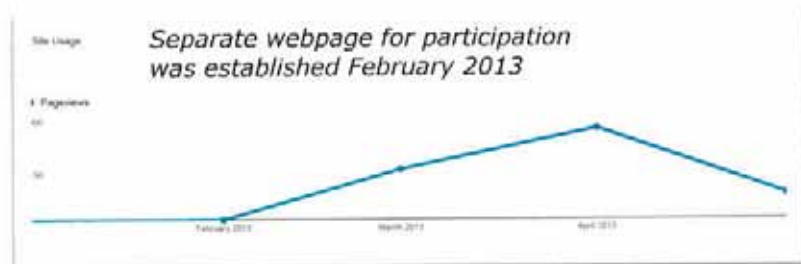
- AAP Home Page: 2,444 (January 1, 2012-May 24, 2013)
<http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-agricultureplan.shtml>



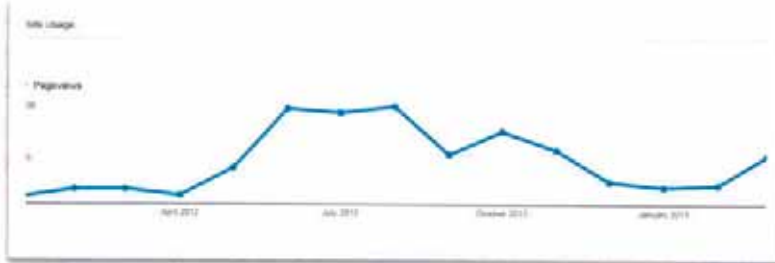
- AAC Page: 378 (October 1, 2012-May 24, 2013)
www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-agriculturecommittee.shtml



- AAP Public Participation Page: 475 (February 1-May 24, 2013)
<http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml>



- Agriculture Resources Page: 630 (January 1, 2012-May 24, 2013)
www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-resources.shtml



In addition to the City's AAP website, coverage of the AAP was also included on several other websites including, but not limited to, the Kamloops Food Policy Council, the BC Food Security Gateway, Venture Kamloops and Thompson Shuswap Food Connections. A copy of the City's AAP webpages is attached as Appendix 2.

Social Media

An AAP Facebook page was established to reach a wider percentage of community participants who use this social media tool. This was another venue for individuals interested in learning more about the AAP process and staying abreast of progress and opportunities for public engagement. It was also a venue for posting upcoming events and articles related to the local/regional agricultural industry. Attached as Appendix 3 are pages from the AAP Facebook page at various points during its application.

Number of Likes: 63 "likes", with individual posts reaching upwards of 200 Facebook users.

Static Displays

Seedy Saturday 2012

Seedy Saturday is an annual event held each winter to facilitate a seed exchange between growers before the start of the spring planting season. The 2012 event was organized by the Thompson Shuswap Master Gardeners and Friends of the New Victory Garden. City staff set up a display booth to solicit input related to the AAP development process. Surveys were available for completion, posters were displayed illustrating agricultural potential in Kamloops and all questions were answered and input recorded. Attendees also had the opportunity to sign up for the AAP email stakeholder group.

Number of Participants: 300-400

Date: February 25, 2012

Time: 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Place: Sahali Mall



Static display for the AAP at the Kamloops Home and Leisure Show in April.



Kamloops Home and Leisure Show 2013

BC HomeShows Ltd. is the largest independent home show producer serving the British Columbia Southern Interior. Shows serve the communities of Kamloops, Kelowna, Merritt, Penticton, Salmon Arm, and Vernon. City Staff set up a display booth to raise awareness about the AAP process and solicit input related to the AAP development process. Attendees had the opportunity to sign up for the AAP email stakeholder group and review completed documents related to the development of the AAP, including "Planting the Seeds for a Sustainable Future", which is the background report to the AAP, and can be found at <http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-aap-reports.shtml>.

Number of Participants: 500-1,000

Date: April 12-14, 2013

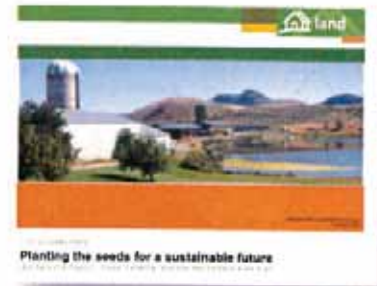
Time: Friday, 5:00-9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Place: McArthur Island Sports Centre

Background Report and Historical Timeline

Background Report

It is important to fully research any municipal long-range planning topic prior to developing policy for it. Background reporting ensures a better understanding of the current and historical issues and provides a starting point for the general public in terms of providing meaningful input toward the development of policy based on all available information. A 90+ page background report with associated maps was developed and published for the AAP and made available via the AAP website and in hard copy through the Development Services and Engineering Department. Information, including a summary of current issues and agricultural capability within the City, was used along with public input to support local agricultural policy development.

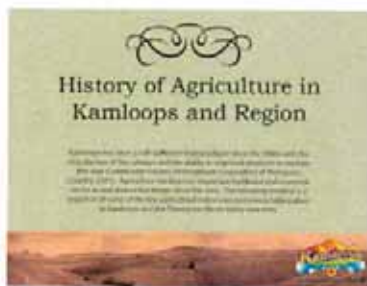


Background Report Title: ***Planting the Seeds for a Sustainable Future: Food, Farming, and the Agriculture Area Plan***

Location: <http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-aap-reports.shtml>

Historical Timeline

An extensive historical timeline that details the agricultural history of Kamloops has been developed by City staff as a living document to provide insight into past local/regional agricultural successes and failures as well as trends and potential opportunities for moving forward with the industry.



The document is also intended to serve as a guide to new farmers interested in farming in the Kamloops region.

The timeline was advertised in the Kamloops Daily News and through a City media release in order to invite the public to send in their memories of local agricultural history.

At this time, the Museum and Heritage Commission have offered to move the project forward by conducting further research on agricultural history to add to the timeline and validate events and stories that are received from the public.

Historical events and memories continue to pour in from the public for this initiative.

Timeline Title: ***History of Agriculture in Kamloops and Region***

Location: www.kamloops.ca/environment/pdfs/12-10-23-HistoryOfAgriculture.pdf

Farm Tour 2012

On September 13, 2012, the Kamloops Agriculture Advisory Committee hosted a full-day farm tour in order to facilitate a better understanding of the local commercial agriculture industry to help guide the development of a City Agriculture Area Plan.

The tour, with approximately 60 people representing various agencies, including, but not limited to, Interior Health, the First Nations Agricultural Association, the Ministry of Agriculture, Venture Kamloops, Community Futures, TNRD, City staff and Council, Thompson Rivers University and Agri-Foods and Olympic Legacies, aimed to educate participants on the challenges and opportunities of local commercial farming operations, trends of the industry, and the successes and failures of different sectors of Kamloops agriculture. The tour included presentations by Dhaliwal Green Acres Vegetable Farm, Thistle Farm, Frolek Cattle Company, and Blackwell Dairy. Lunch was provided by Terra Restaurant, a Kamloops eatery that uses locally or regionally grown products as available, and funded by Community Futures Thompson Country.

Appendix 4 details the results of the Farm Tour.



On site at Dhaliwal Green Acres Vegetable Farm in Heffley Creek. First stop on the Farm Tour. Attendees were greeted with a warm welcome by the Dhaliwal extended family and their network of local agricultural suppliers and consultants.

TRU Student Partnership

City staff solicited the support of Thompson Rivers University (TRU) students to add value to the AAP process through research and volunteerism and as an opportunity to raise awareness among young people about the issues facing the local agriculture industry. Three separate research projects were developed and presented by the students.

1. **Agri-Sciences Class (combination of first to fourth year students) instructed by Dr. Wendy Gardner, PhD, Assistant Professor, Natural Resource Sciences**

Project Description:

Students, under direction from the AAP City Planner and Dr. Wendy Gardner, reviewed the local issues that were identified through the AAP process and worked toward identifying potential solutions to some of the higher priority issues. The chosen issues included environmental sustainability, urban agricultural interface, zoning and bylaws, and the lack of municipally-designated agricultural support.



Students getting feedback on their poster from P.Ag. Andrew Peterson, Regional Resource Specialist, BC Ministry of Agriculture

Over the course of a semester, the students met with City staff and local producers and conducted research to develop posters that would identify potential strategies to better support the local agriculture sector and its growth. Some of the ideas identified included:

- The addition of a permanent Agriculture Advisory Committee;
- Endorsing less wasteful residential water use, thus allowing more water to be used for agricultural operations;
- Moving toward a more conservative and ultimately sustainable water system through education, encouragement and government policy; and
- Conducting a review and update of the Kamloops Zoning Bylaw.

Posters were publicly displayed on April 8, 2013, at TRU for the purpose of soliciting feedback from other students and the general public. Posters were also presented at the June AAC meeting for member review and consideration for the AAP.

2. Danielle Sparks, Fourth Year Natural Resource Sciences Student supervised by Dr. Wendy Gardner, PhD, Assistant Professor, Natural Resource Sciences

Project Description:

Lack of Municipally Designated Agriculture Support, Specific to Kamloops, British Columbia and its Agriculture Area Plan: *An Essay Submitted For NRSC 4230 in Partial Fulfilment of the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Natural Resource Science*

A City of Kamloops case study was conducted by Ms. Sparks in early 2013 regarding the process of developing the AAP. In collaboration with AAP staff and the AAC, Ms. Sparks chose to focus her fourth year graduating essay on one of the five priority issues identified by the AAC. A literature review of the potential solutions to support local agriculture and the subsequent pros and cons of each was first completed. Upon reviewing all options, Ms. Sparks recommended that the City of Kamloops implement an integrated approach that includes a permanent AAC and possibly a full-time position designated to agriculture support. She identified there would be an associated cost with these recommendations, but that the long-term benefits to local agriculture would be greater.

The results of Ms. Sparks' research are posted on the AAP website and were provided to the AAC for consideration in developing strategies and actions for the AAP.

3. Directed Studies in Tourism: Tourism Destination Development Post-Baccalaureate, Supervised by Professor Robin Reid, Instructor, Tourism Management

Project Description:

Three students under the supervision of Professor Robin Reid decided to take a closer look at the meaning of agri-tourism as defined by the Agricultural Land Commission as well as associated opportunities that might exist to expand and promote the local agricultural industry. The intent of this undergraduate research project was to better understand the topic and provide the AAC with suggestions as far as what could be permitted on agricultural land to increase awareness about local food, farmers and agriculture and provide farmers with a secondary source of income. The results of the study were presented to City staff, were made available to the AAC and posted on the AAP website.



Students presenting their research project on agri-tourism to City Planning & Development Staff

Community Roadshow and Exit Survey

City staff organized a community roadshow event from March 2013 until the end of April 2013 to present AAP progress, background information on the state of agriculture today, and the agricultural issues uncovered by the Agriculture Advisory Committee, consultants, and feedback from the community. The event was extended through mid-May due to community demand for these presentations.

The opportunity allowed individuals to comment on AAP progress to date, ask questions, and provide valuable feedback to be considered in the development of the AAP. In order to make public consultation convenient, staff presented to interested parties at their places of business or a location convenient for them. An exit survey was provided to all attendees upon completion of each presentation and a volunteer from TRU was present to take notes regarding any verbal comments, suggestions, and questions.

The road show opportunity was advertised in the Kamloops Daily News, at a City Council meeting via the stakeholder email group, on the AAP Facebook page, and on the AAP website. In addition, approximately 150 targeted emails were sent to neighbourhood associations, local agricultural organizations, local non-profits, government agencies and other local groups. Several TNRD producers attended presentations in hopes that the project might incorporate a regional perspective. While policies developed will be specific to the City of Kamloops, input from regional producers was welcomed and was considered for its applicability for local policies. Regional input is also shared with a TNRD Planner on the Kamloops AAC as it is received.

The following is the list of 23 presentations executed in the community as a result of community interest. Presentations lasted from 15-90 minutes, depending on the group's preference.

Group	Approximate No. of Attendees
TRU Agri-Sciences Class	22
Kamloops Food Policy Council (included representation from Kamloops Farmers' Market, Farm2Chefs, First Nations Agricultural Association, GardenGate, etc.)	40
City of Kamloops Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department	20
Council of Canadians	20
Kamloops 350	
Sustainable Energy Association	
Venture Kamloops	3
Thompson Shuswap Master Gardeners	20
Fraser Basin Council	15
Kamloops Stockmen's Association	40
City of Kamloops Social Planning Council	10
Westsyde Neighbourhood	35
TNRD Board of Directors	45

Group	Approximate No. of Attendees
Community to Community Forum: City Council	30
Community to Community Forum: Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc	
Mayor's Diversity Advisory Committee	10
Heritage Commission	10
Youth, Children, and Families Advisory Committee	10
Senior's Advisory Committee	10
Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities	10
City of Kamloops Development and Engineering Services Department	50
BC Professional Agrologists	45
Urban Systems	20

Number of Participants Total: 400-500

Date: March 2013-mid May 2013

Time: Varied

Place: Varied

In addition to the scheduled presentations, a standardized version of the roadshow presentation and all other materials associated with the roadshow were available on the AAP website. This provided an opportunity for those that may not have been able to attend a presentation to view and comment via the online option.

A copy of the standardized AAP Roadshow presentation is attached as Appendix 5.

We Listened and We Heard

Overall, the results of the roadshow identified a local interest in sustainable food and agriculture with a great deal of positive feedback. Participants commonly stated that they were glad the City was finally taking a step in the direction of supporting local producers and agriculture more generally. Some were skeptical as to what changes the City would be able to make to help grow the local agricultural economy, while others applauded the City for efforts toward the AAP.

The following is a randomized list of comments and notes recorded from the roadshow presentations:

- "Local regulatory process for having a second dwelling for the farm is too restrictive and intense when the ALC allows second dwellings by right provided certain criteria are met. Kamloops should implement regulations for second dwellings similar to those recently passed by the TNRD"
- "Many people are claiming farm status with BC Assessment but are not actively farming. BC Assessment is not tough enough"

- "Need to support local active farming operations without support those that are just looking for a way to make money on their non-active farmland (those that are not interested in farming but want the large parcel and the tax incentives that come with farmland)"
- "When is the City going to come around to allow us to have urban/backyard chickens?"
- "City should establish more public agriculture opportunities and understand that the public is willing to pay for these services/opportunities through taxes"
- "Burning agricultural waste is a necessity for farmers. It is the best way to get rid of pests/disease"
- "Neighbouring properties who appear to have home-based auto repair businesses taking over and expanding these businesses and agricultural land being flushed out"
- "Ajax Mine is going to take over acres of farmland"
- "Value-added opportunities such as agri-tourism might be appropriate on some agricultural properties so long as farming is the primary source of income and they are of appropriate size and scale. They should not be a nuisance to the neighbourhood or take away from the intent of agricultural land"
- "There needs to be more support in schools for young people from a farming background"
- "I feel local farmers are not advertised adequately"
- "More groups like the Thompson Shuswap Chef Group (Farm2Chefs)"
- "Really appreciate the maps presented and the perspective of the scale of agriculture in Kamloops"
- "The AAP is a noble task but there are a lot of burnt bridges and faith lost in the City and KXA"
- "Disappointing the TNRD is not getting on board"
- "Barriere has the bull sale, winter fair etc. It has been embraced there. The answer is not to recreate these events in Kamloops"
- "The ALR mapping was done in the 1970s. There are a lot of inaccuracies"
- "The ALR lacks public input and does not take into account the conflict between dairy farmers and developers"
- "What about greenhouse development?"
- "Biggest issue to dairy farming is encroachment due to residential development"
- "Farm tour was eye opening. Didn't realize the need for an AAP prior to the tour"
- "Roadshow presentation is great to have in a private setting to discuss issues as a small group"
- "Historical timeline is an interesting idea"
- "Is there Tk'emlups te Secwepemc land available for farm leasing?"
- "Considering climate change, will we have enough water?"
- "Should the City be snatching abandoned school properties for farmland?"
- "Get agrologists to show farmers how to properly irrigate"
- "Why can't we grow tomatoes!"
- "Medical marihuana should be grown on soil to help subsidize farming"
- "Would like to support local agriculture but can't always afford to given the cost involved"
- "We have built on all of the good farmland. How/where do we grow food?"
- "City loses credibility when they allow prime agricultural land to be developed"
- "Small farms need supplementary income to be able to make it"
- "The future of the Noble Creek irrigation system needs to be dealt with"

- "Buffers for conflicting uses – should be a requirement of the developer on his/her property– not the existing farmer"
- "Slaughter remains get shipped to Alberta at a cost"
- "Any talk of having more slaughtering houses or waste removal options?"

Exit Survey Results

Surveys Completed: 77

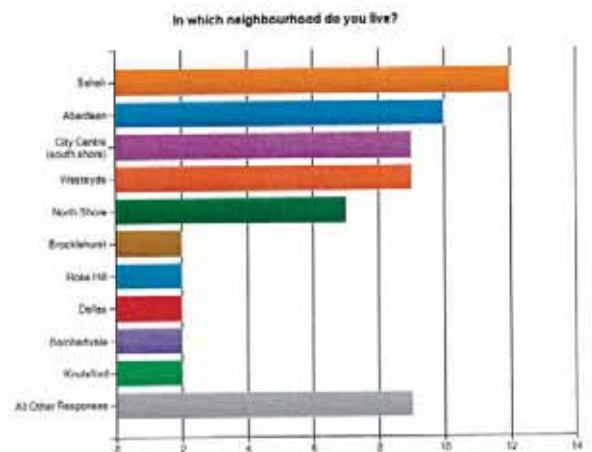
The purpose of the AAP Roadshow Exit Survey was to provide an opportunity for roadshow participants to write down their comments relative to the AAP process, issues, and potential solutions as well as provide feedback on the value of the roadshow presentation format.

The following is a breakdown of the results of the exit survey. 33 of the 77 survey respondents signed up to be included in the stakeholder email group. To view all comments associated with the survey, please refer to Appendix 6.

Survey Respondents Place of Residence:

As apparent from the bar graph (right), the majority of survey respondents were from Sahali and Aberdeen. There was also a large percentage of respondents that chose the "other" category to describe their place of residence. These individuals came from the following locations:

- Sagebrush
- Cache Creek
- Spences Bridge
- Cherry Creek
- Pinantan
- Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc land

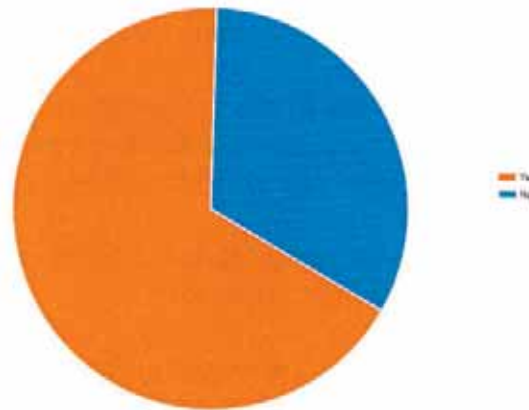


Respondent Level of Awareness of AAP Process and Understanding of Material Presented:

Respondents were asked to comment on their awareness of the development of a City of Kamloops AAP prior to the roadshow presentation. More than half of respondents indicated that they were aware of the AAP development prior to the roadshow presentation.

In addition to many respondents being aware of the AAP process, 99% of respondents indicated that they understood the roadshow information presented.

Prior to this presentation, were you aware an Agriculture Area Plan was being developed for Kamloops?



Comments included:

- "It is nice to know this is being considered, especially since there is an awesome history of agriculture"
- "The information was comprehensive and well presented"
- "No real direction on the meeting most areas covered were in general terms"
- "Well presented"
- "Some confusion on overlapping jurisdictions i.e. which rules take precedence, ALC or City?"
- "Not really sure of the end plan. Is this another waste of tax payer's money?"
- "It is far too late for preservation (30 years). Prime land has been developed. Dictator approach to area's now deemed 'Agriculture'"
- "not at the presentation"
- "Presenter was knowledgeable and very clear. Easy to understand"
- "Great info, school integration would be wonderful. Will contact for Ag. plan info"
- "This was a very interesting presentation. We need more support for all types of gardening and farming practices"
- "Excellent presentation- very informative"
- "Excellent presentation Maren"
- "Too much printing on overheads. Can't read it at all. Pictures and graphs would be better"
- "Though there is a lot to digest"
- "Very good plan, definitely an area that needs policy development regarding current Ag. Issues"
- "visually appealing (graphically easy to understand)"
- "Very well communicated. Tough policies and procedures broken down nicely"
- "I feel like it is put together very well and that it is an exceptional presentation"
- "Good Presentation"
- "Super Clear"

- "Excellent presentation. Surprised at some stats (especially water licences) that shows 198 for all Kamloops"
- "but if talking about sustainability the information should be more related to enrich our soils instead been depleted with toxics and herbicides"
- "good information. Thank you. Glad it is being considered by our City"
- "good overview"
- "Positive plans in this presentation, glad to hear about this"
- "if you are truly serious about supporting farms (economically, environmentally and socially) then as a small farmer-increasing my production because of agritourism, then I am all for it"
- "Appropriate considerations for conventional agriculture. Needs more emphasis on Urban, yards, parks etc. Rooftops"

Comments on Other Information to Consider for the AAP:

While 91% of respondents felt much more informed about the AAP development subsequent to the roadshow presentation, the following comments were also noted as far as other information that they would like to receive:

- "How to address Urban Agriculture and management of livestock etc. i.e. Chickens"
- "I'd like the city to model how and when to water. They city creates rivers on asphalt during the day in the heat"
- "Not enough information given on future zone changes and development of land"
- "All work is very positive for Agriculture to coincide with local developments. Public education on how local farms incorporate to the community. General views- presentation was very well put together. Excellent job"
- "Where local products can be purchased"
- "It is easy to fix this problem, but it will not be addressed in a serious way"
- "I feel there is another agenda below the surface"
- "Plans to preserve pollinators like bees Pesticide use Need for natural areas to preserve abundant and useful native food and medicine species like Saskatoon, onion and Mullen"
- "The city needs to commit to protecting agricultural land from industry and increase their support for the people in the food producing sector"
- "I would like to hear more about the negative effects from Ajax"
- "If the city buys land for parks, why don't they buy land for Agriculture?"
- "More on how to tap into funding to start up the land you wish to farm"
- "Geothermal/solar energy to assist local farming community to reduce growing costs-green energy"
- "I'd like to know about opportunities and limitations (regulations, permits) for small plot urban farmers."
- "I would like more specifics, but I realize that you cannot do that yet"

"I'd like the city to model how and when to water. The city creates rivers on asphalt during the day in the heat"

- "Some were a little vague. What they mean by 'support' and 'encourage; in the mission statement. How does one measure/quantify those terms?"
- "Organic farming, pesticide free zone"

Respondents' Familiarity with Local Agricultural Issues:

38% of respondents felt that they were aware of other issues facing local agriculture that were not presented during the roadshow presentation, while 36% of respondents replied that they that did not know of any other issues. Some of the other issues identified included those listed below. Of all of those listed, the most popular responses included: Ajax Mine, water, land, GMOs, pesticides, and urban agriculture.

- "Too much diversification e.g. Agri-tourism. Add value industry. Water issues (cost), sustainability of water by the city"
- "I am curious to fruit growing opportunities and keeping growth local and affordable
- Urban Agriculture"
- "Noble Creek irrigation system, Additional tax rate (mill rate) for large parcels of land allowed to lie fallow (thus not qualify for farm status) to let current older owners remain on their property"
- "Water"
- "soil, water and air contamination for residents in Kamloops who want to grow their own food"
- "What about the Singh St. Bridge, the various Kamplans, CPR yard "covered like Calgary" BC Mine Tenure Act update"
- "The Ajax mine and how it is going to pollute the agricultural area around it."
- "Everything is covered under major headings, but issues are detailed and need to be dealt with at detailed level"
- "TNRD does not have an AAC. It is a credit to Kamloops City"
- "Ag. facilities for convention fairs, shows etc. to promote public awareness"
- "water licence/abuse, availability"
- "crop insurance. greenhouses on ALR instead of non Ag. Land"
- "boat wake erosion on farm lands and GMO invasive plants, limited water supply from streams at winter and summer low flow may be exasperated by city assisting with folks getting off city water. apply for provincial licence. impacts fish"
- "leasing land, where is the most fertile land"
- "increase ability for year round hot house growing in order to compete with American big box producers"
- "Tranquille on the Lake-working farm educational facility development"
- "provide incentives to buying locally produced food"
- "Water issues we talked about"

What other issues are facing local agriculture?

"(lack of) Ag. facilities for convention fairs, shows etc. to promote public awareness"

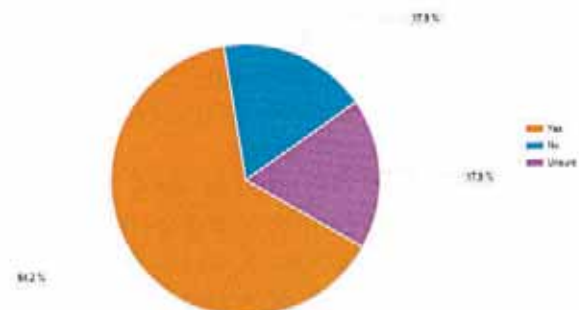
"Cost of ag. land for new farmers and alternative opportunities to lease and farm other people's properties..."

- "Cost of ag land for new farmers and alternative opportunities to lease and farm other people's properties. ALR protecting prime ag land. I realize you noted food security and urban agriculture is in the Social Plan's jurisdiction but I hope there is a strong linkage as I see the issues as intertwined."
- "High seasonal work turnovers"
- "Desertification/degradation of land, how to improve nutrient quality, reduce pesticide/poison leaching. Also dual or triple piping for drinking water, gray water, organic waste in order to reduce purification lost, recycle waste water heat/nutrients"
- "Many issues have been discussed in committee. I'm not sure they need to be addressed or should be addressed in the plan. i.e. taxes on farm buildings etc."
- "GE test trials. Use of GMO commercial crops"
- "The use of pesticides, herbicides and other toxic chemicals. What about the contamination of GMO (GE) crops and the impact with the bees"
- "water availability"
- "organic certification and other environmentally sustainable practices-how do we protect water sources. Pollinators should be addressed. GMO's- do we want to allow them? become a GMO free zone?"
- "more provisions for urban farmers"

Respondent Acceptance of Issue Prioritization:

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the way the AAC ranked the issues in order of priority. It was important to note in this question that issues were ranked based on their ability to be dealt with from a municipal perspective. The compilation of local agricultural issues was extensive, but not all fell within the City's mandate and would likely require commitment from the industry itself and/or more senior levels of government. While most individuals understood that there were certain issues that could be dealt with through the AAP, there were others that may not have understood this fully, identifying some of the other industry issues as high priorities when in reality, they likely could not be dealt with at the municipal government level. 65% of respondents did agree with the AAC's issue prioritization.

Issues have been prioritized in order of their importance and ability to be dealt with from a municipal perspective. Do you agree with the issues identified as high priorities by the Agriculture Advisory Committee?



Respondents were asked to identify other agricultural sector issues that are of importance to them that may not have been prioritized by the AAC. Comments to this effect included the following:

- "Bylaws definitely need to be changed regarding additional businesses operated on farm land i.e. mechanical, agri tourism, secondary residences. Make it more likely that farmers will stay on their land"
- "Abuse of tax system re: secondary income/businesses, multiple housing using farm tax base"
- "The proposed Ajax mine has enormous potential to contaminate our soil through toxic dust settling on gardens. It should be top priority!"
- "In my opinion, security of land and water should be high on the list of municipal priorities, even if the city has limited control over agricultural lands. It demonstrates vision, realization of risks of loss, and philosophical bias. Given the very real threat to land, water, and air pollution posed by the Ajax mine proposal, and knowing that there are other proposals on the sideline - "growth of mining industry" should be a priority. The impact that the Ajax mine will have on the southwest region in particular, but ultimately on the entire area from an agricultural standpoint, is immense."
- "Included with maintaining a healthy ecosystem within our city boundaries, we should be liaising with our neighbouring districts and cities to ensure abundant clean water supplies upstream and downstream and air as free as possible from particulate matter, metals, acids, and other 'dust' components that not only settle on crops, but also contaminate the soil beneath them."
- "Mining and meat processing should have higher priority...I want to be able to buy locally grown and processed meat. Mining growth would take huge pieces of land out of the ALR far faster than urban growth, though we should pay attention to both areas"
- "Urban sprawl along river"
- "The issues seem rather vague, and/or somewhat overlapping, e.g. does "No municipally designated agricultural support" actually mean "Provide municipally designated agricultural support"? Neither "Aging farmers" nor ""Education and support for new farmers" are prioritized -- this seems to be one of the most important issues. While "Environmental sustainability" is prioritized, what does it mean? This is where I believe that the City should be encouraging organic farming specifically and restricting the use of GMOs. Improving the urban agriculture interface" is prioritized, but have there actually been many cases of incidents between farmers and nearby residents? My choices for prioritizing would be Security of land and water -- prioritizing this would cover both "Zoning and by-laws" and "Population growth versus agricultural land preservation" Support for new farmers (not so much education as making land available) "Growth of mining industry"--a concern both from the point of view of contamination of land and water outside the mine area, and of actual use of land that was former ranch land. The AAP could strongly advise against mining in close proximity to agricultural (and small garden) land--this would be another encouragement for City Council to speak against encouraging the mining industry to locate near the City"
- "loss of ranch properties to multiple sites is more major than it seems. Sites need to work with ALR on this one if land is to be kept in real production. Why sell a 1/4 section to fund

farming losses thus changing productive capacity, when 5 acres or less would bring similar revenue. The solution is easy but counter-intuitive"

- "Perhaps a joint AAC would improve understanding"
- "New urban farmer support"
- "urban agriculture. backyard gardening support- water cost, chickens in the city , bee keeping"
- "Include more emphasis on education and support for new farmers/food producers"
- "there are many ways the city could promote local food production and also modelling proper watering"
- "water issues is there a second or third source of water as the current system in the lowest point of the river"
- "Disappearing agricultural land used for developing residential areas"
- "I am not a farmer or knowledgeable about what issues farmers face which are within domain of municipality"
- "Industrial Agriculture is a zoning problem"
- "We live in a desert. Water and its value cannot be over explained"
- "Bylaws are important, but sustainability, human health and land stewardship should trump as priorities"
- "go 100% organic (no GMO, no pesticides, no herbicides)"
- "love the fact you are looking at corporate purchase policies and urban agriculture interface, more support to farmers"
- "In general yes, but I was surprised that nothing under industry diversification was prioritized"
- "many people interested in supporting Urban Ag will leave Kamloops if Ajax mine is approved"

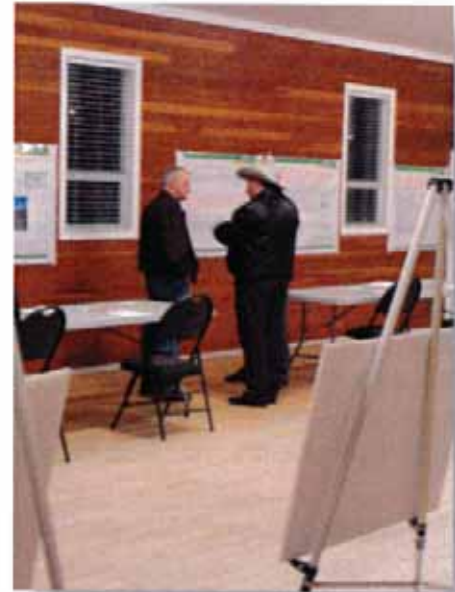
"The Noble Creek Irrigation System is invaluable to the residents of this area. Many residents have hay farms or like us commercial vegetable farms and rely entirely on this system to irrigate our crops during the summer. It would be astronomically expensive to use city water for this as we have almost 10 acres under production and even though we have mainly a drip system we still irrigate overhead in some areas. In addition it would be a huge waste of resources to use city water to water this amount of land.

Our farm is our livelihood, so to not have this system would impact us immensely financially."

Open Houses: The Draft AAP

Each open house was 90 minutes in length, and were hosted at four different venues in the City throughout the month of October 2013. The purpose of the open houses was to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the draft AAP. Staff were on hand to answer questions and AAC members attended some of the events in order to do the same.

Four venues were chosen in order to make this stage of public consultation convenient for individuals interested in participating. An exit survey was available to attendees and comment sheets were also completed by people reviewing the proposed strategies and actions for the AAP. Attendees also had the opportunity to agree or disagree with draft strategies and actions by sticking a green or red dot on any of the proposed action items.



The open houses were advertised in the local media, through the stakeholder email group, on the AAP Facebook page, and on the AAP website. The open houses were drop-in events.

For those not able to attend an open house, documents available at the events were posted at www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml. This provided an opportunity for people to view the draft plan and comment via email. Hard copies of the draft were also made available for distribution.

The open house advertisement is included as Appendix 8.

The following is a summary of the results of the open houses.

Location	Date/Time	Approximate No. of Attendees
Bert Edwards Elementary School (711 Windsor Drive)	October 3, 2013 6:30-8:00 pm	12
Tournament Capital Ranch (Plaza) (5375 Yellowhead Highway)	October 21, 2013 6:00-7:30 pm	20
Interior Savings Centre (Parkside Lounge) (300 Lorne Street)	October 23, 2013 12:00-1:30 pm and 6:00-7:30 pm	25
Barnhartvale Community Hall (7370 Barnhartvale Road)	October 24, 2013 6:00-7:30 pm	14

Number of Participants Total: 71

Date: October 3-24, 2013

Time: Varied

Place: Varied

We Listened and We Heard

The open houses were not well attended in comparison to previous stages of public consultation geared to the AAP. That being said, the overall feedback received from the open houses was constructive and supportive of the plan. The future of the Rayleigh Tournament Capital Ranch was a common theme, as well as the development of a farm business incubator program to support new farmers. Some participants felt that there needed to be specific language implemented into some of the action items that would ensure that trespassing and weed control issues were dealt with during the implementation phase of the plan (i.e. detailed policy development). Other participants felt that the absence of action items related to the City taking a stance on mining or GMOs (genetically modified organisms) was disappointing.

The following is a randomized list of comments and notes recorded from the open houses:

- "What if we had a networking contact sheet to put us in contact with other potential farmers/workers?"
- "Thanks for putting this on"
- "Am wondering where an eco-village could be located in Kamloops area that would not be within the pollution range of any potential mine"
- "Have we considered joining up with the international transition town movement to help support our Sustainable Kamloops initiatives?"
- "I am interested possibility signing up for the incubator farm"
- "Review the possibility of working with Heffley Creek Town District to replace irrigation ditch running through Heffley Creek with an underground PVC pipe"
- "Mining: Return to pre-extraction state or better so that the crops are safe to eat, that the animals that eat the re-growth are safe to eat, that the fish in the streams or lakes are safe to eat"
- "Spell out what acronyms mean e.g AGRI"
- "How can there be a 'local' grocery chain?"
- "Local grocery chain- re-word for grocers to better support local farmers/products"
- "Good posters"
- "I see 'economically viable' written often as though this is more important than 'ecologically or sustainable viable'"
- "The ideas for local produce store is awesome!"
- "Publically/ cooperatively run would make a 'local' grocery chain even better (Coopers doesn't count)"
- "I dig the cookies. But what if we had some locally grown food to get people in the door too?"
- "Strategy #6- please make sure that the Ord Rd Federal Ag. Research stations is never sold to a GE/GMO agriculture testing company"

- "Recommend action 36- Can you provide more/different examples of incompatible land uses next to ALR land? Some industries wouldn't be appropriate next to farms, some vegetable farms would make the perfect neighbours for a school or residential area- it would be hard to generally have a policy excluding the adjacent uses"
- "Recommend Action 54- public produce. The 'description' for this action focuses on celebrations of food/harvest, which is different from specifically supporting public produce through grants or land. If the intention is to support public produce through grants, land, staff time etc, it would be great to state that explicitly"
- "Goals section- #1- contains guiding principles, I know that the GE topic is very contentious, however, I would like to see a guiding principle that addresses, if not GMO's themselves, at least a consideration for natural services that have real economic value to farming: clean air, clean water and pollinators especially. I think it would make everyone feel like their concerns were more addressed if these important services were at least referred to as being valued. It could tie into Action 30- Assessing impact on natural services could be a part of the Agricultural Impact Assessment. It could also tie into Action 61- and be included in the best environmental management practices information. Water is addressed very well in this plan, so it would be great to see the other equally important natural services also included. It could be for goal 6"
- "Thank you for the broad, visionary and in-touch plan. I'm sure it wasn't easy to reconcile so many points of view and interests, but this is very good"
- "Include an action point regarding specific support for organic farms (with reference to Strategy 5- environmentally beneficial guidelines)"
- "Organic/small scale/diversified farms should be mentioned with regards to the reduction of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions"
- "I specifically support a local (independently owned or cooperative grocery store- regarding Strategy 5)"
- "Strategy 3- need an action to encourage development of processing facilities/infrastructures with industry and other producers- possible 'RPP' that leads to economic opportunities"
- "Strategy 1- review city landscapes- more edible urban agriculture"
- "City hall- grow edible as in 2012 and 2013 - lead by example"
- "Yes to encourage senior government to pursue economic policies and buy local"
- "Great idea incubator Farm and Kitchen to develop food economy"
- "Public procedure in Parks/city owned property"
- "Urban Agriculture plan needed as well"
- "Tie in schools/farm to plate"
- "I'm looking for organic e.g. pesticide free farms, orchards"
- "Lobby for change 'Right to Farm Act' to look after my need for healthy foods- pesticide free and local"
- "Concern about knapweed control within City on both city land and private land. Nothing done which is contrary to Provincial legislation"
- "Strategy 2- I don't understand why residential/schools would not be compatible with ALR lands"
- "Strategy 5- I was unclear of how local food grocery chains would be recruited from - wouldn't it be more sustainable to normalize distribution through established stores?"

- "Weed control- use to have government program, now we don't since amalgamation within City limits"
- "Trespassing is a huge problem on our range land e.g. Campbell Creek trail system- new use - people hiking and not respecting that it is Crown grazing land- dogs loose, gates left open etc. We have learned to live with it but it would be nice if there was more consideration/education"
- "How to find someone to lease my farmland- too much to manage now but I want it to remain in production. I also want to ensure all the hard work I've put into it over the years isn't reversed by someone coming in who doesn't necessarily know what they are doing"

The following is a randomized list of email comments received during the Open house stage:

- "Protecting all the agricultural land in the City will be of no use if we don't have people to work the land and if we don't educate the public on the importance of local agriculture. From what I've seen, agricultural land has ended up in developers hands because our farmers/ranchers could not make a viable go at their respective ventures"
- "We need to provide programmes and mentorships to bring in new farmers, allow existing farmers to diversify their activities so that they complement their farming practices with education etc. We need our local governments to adopt policies that support the use of local agricultural product within their institutions, plus provide real tangible incentives for our farming community"
- "Page 58 Action #41 which is to 'Encourage senior levels of government to consider the establishment of an agricultural enhancement fund...' It's the readers interpretation of this action item that needs clarification to myself and perhaps others. When and where would this action item be used, perhaps some examples are needed. In my view, it opens the floodgates for applications for ALR removal and increases uncertainty for agriculture..."
- "Some lands will be in the direct path of future urban development. How do we deal with these properties?"
- "I am totally in favour of small growers. Including small marijuana growers. I am totally against factory farms, including commercial grow-ops."
- Suggestion for discussion of policy development during implementation of AAP:
 - "Non-agricultural developments will be considered:
 1. On lands not in the ALR (after ALR lines affirmed). This includes a review of all private lands, provincially held Crown lands and Parks. (non-agricultural developments allowed subject to zoning)
 2. ALR lands with minimal potential (ie. No irrigation source/potential, typically those isolated lands with minimal range values, lower biodiversity values, other management issues such as adjacency to urban areas, trespass issues, heavy weed infestations etc.). (non-agricultural developments will be considered)
 3. ALR lands that are being used for range purposes but may not be of critical importance for range use, non-irrigated with no potential water source (non-agricultural applications will be considered)

- On the categories below, applications for ALR removal for non-agricultural development will not be considered. Agriculture is recognized as the priority industry:
 1. ALR lands, non-prime, with good range values/potential. May currently be dryland farmed with/without an irrigation source.
 2. ALR lands that are being irrigated, non prime lands.
 3. All other agricultural lands in the ALR."
- "The first goal: promote agriculture as a sustainable industry". There is absolutely nothing sustainable about agriculture that poisons our naturally occurring environmental services such as pollinators, water, air, soil life and seeds"
- "GE-Free Kamloops wants to see policy on GMO/GE crops in the Agriculture Area Plan"
- "Does the City of Kamloops think it is immune to the loss of pollinators?"

Interactive Opportunity

Participants of the open houses were asked to stick green or red stickers on the action items that they agreed or disagreed with and also put stickers on the posters containing the AAP's vision and mission statements. A green sticker meant the participant agreed with the action item it pertained to and a red sticker indicated disagreement. The stickers were tallied and some of the more popular action items are as follows:

Strategy 1:

Action Item	Agree
Work with ALC to support initiatives that: • Ensure that farming is the primary use on ALR land; • Ensure all existing and any proposed non-farm uses of ALR land support agricultural viability and do not interfere with normal farm practices; • Direct proposed non-farm uses of ALR land and non-ALR land wherever possible; and • Ensure that any non-farm uses of ALR land occur in designated and/or minimal impact areas on the ALR parcel and with minimal negative impacts on farming.	12
Explore the rezoning of selected non-ALR land to provide for the inclusion of greenhouses as a use and to encourage greenhouse development on non-ALR land wherever possible.	10
Develop an Urban Agriculture Plan/Community Wide Food Strategy.	9
Encourage farmers' markets on public property, provided they meet the British Columbia Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) definition and are registered with BCAF.	9
Work with agricultural, equestrian, and recreational communities to ensure that recreational uses adjacent to or within the ALR are compatible with farm uses and have a positive or neutral benefit to farming.	9

Appoint a permanent Kamloops AAC that could support the following types of tasks as they pertain to local agriculture: • Implementation/policy development of AAP; • OCP amendment reviews; • Zoning Bylaw changes or rezoning application reviews; • ALR application reviews; • Urban agriculture/food security reviews; and • Agricultural awareness, including farm tours.	9
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Strategy 2:

	Agree
None of the action items received more than six green stickers.	-

Strategy 3:

Action Item	Agree
Encourage the provincial government to develop a provincial climate and food planning framework.	9
Encourage the provincial government to develop a BC local food policy.	9
Encourage senior government to pursue supportive policies toward improving the financial viability of the agriculture industry.	8
Encourage the TNRD to develop a Regional Agriculture Plan.	8

Strategy 4:

Action Item	Agree
Utilize existing public land for a farm business incubator farm.	16
Work with AGRI and local agriculture interest groups to develop local programming to support entry into the farming/agricultural profession as well as business planning for existing farmers.	13
Continue to encourage the leasing of City-owned land for farming.	13
Develop and implement agricultural opportunities at the Rayleigh Tournament Capital Ranch.	11

Strategy 5:

Action Item	Agree
Continue to support public produce projects on municipal property.	15
Develop and implement a buy local challenge program	9

Strategy 6:

Action Item	Agree
Work with local partners to ensure the Ord Road Federal Agriculture Research Station is maintained for local/regional agricultural initiatives.	17
Investigate rainwater retention opportunities for agricultural operations.	10
Work with AGRI to conduct a study to determine an irrigation scheme or schemes that is/are able to meet the needs of the agricultural community in Kamloops while being financially feasible and environmentally sound.	10
Conduct a targeted review of all ALR and agriculture-zoned lands in Kamloops to determine their individual capability for agriculture/food production.	9

The Action Items that received red "disagree" stickers are as follows:

Strategy 1:

Action Item	Disagree
Enforce business licensing for value-added farm operations.	1
Work with the ALC to ensure that agricultural land utilized for resource extraction is restored to its pre-extraction state or better for agricultural purposes.	2 (some people felt that the land should not be used for resource extraction at all)
Investigate cost-effective, sustainable ways to manage the Noble Creek Irrigation system moving forward.	1 (the comment was related to the City providing an unfair advantage to farmers in one area of the City by subsidizing this system)

Strategy 2:

Action Item	Disagree
Develop and implement comprehensive mapping identifying areas that may require buffering from ALR land.	2
Direct compatible land uses (e.g. industrial) to land adjacent to the ALR in lieu of incompatible uses (e.g residential and schools).	1 (the comment was related to an opinion that residential uses and schools should not be considered incompatible with agricultural uses)

Strategy 3:

Action Item	Disagree
Work with regional government partners, the agricultural community, and AGRI to develop regional branding for a TNRD food system.	3

Strategy 4:

Action Item	Disagree
Develop and implement agricultural opportunities at the Rayleigh Tournament Capital Ranch.	2

Strategy 5:

Action Item	Disagree
Encourage the farming community to pursue crop specialization and value added products to increase viability.	1
Encourage recruitment of a local grocery chain to town.	3 (overall participants thought it would be more valuable for to encourage existing grocers to better support local product in their stores)

Strategy 6:

Action Item	Disagree
Continue to support senior government or university-level research that promotes the development of one or more businesses that use specified risk material in a legitimate way.	3

Vision:

Agree: 20
Disagree: 0

Mission:

Agree: 15
Disagree: 0

Exit Survey Results

Surveys Completed: 21

The purpose of the AAP open house exit survey was to provide an opportunity for participants to record their comments relative to the draft AAP and provide feedback on the value of the open house format.

The following is a breakdown of the results of the exit survey. To view all comments associated with the survey, please refer to Appendix 9.

Survey Respondents' Places of Residence:

As apparent from the bar graph (right), the majority of survey respondents were from Heffley Creek, Rayleigh, and Sahali. This may have been in part due to the locations of the open houses.

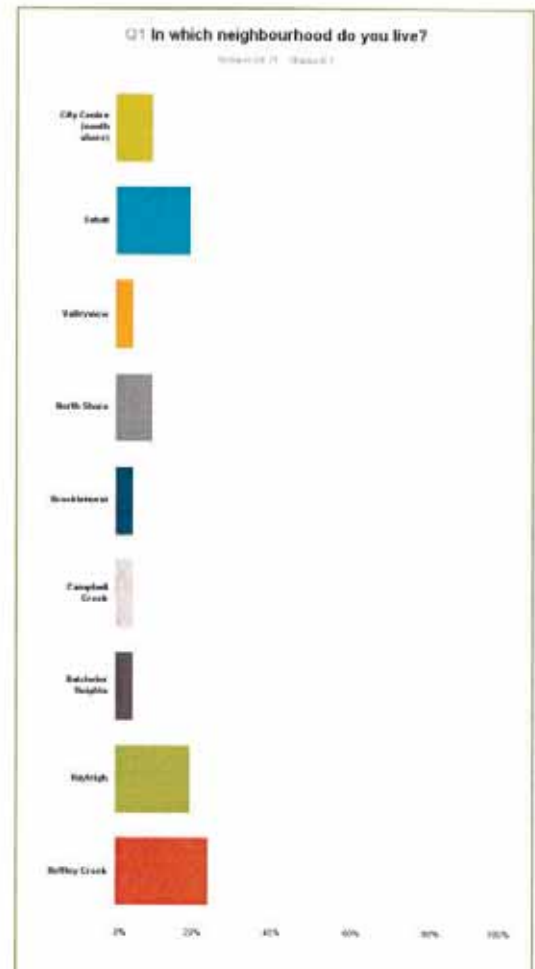
How Respondents Found out about the Event and Their Feelings on the Information Presented:

Open houses were advertised through a number of channels. According to those that completed an exit survey, the local newspapers were a common source of awareness of the open house events. The website and "word of mouth" were also identified as the means by which participants found out about the events. While not apparent through the survey, in conversations at the open houses, a few people indicated that they found out about the events via the radio.

More than 60% of respondents indicated that they were aware of the AAP process prior to the open houses. There were also some participants that were new to the process and provided input for the first time.

All of the survey respondents indicated that they understood the information presented at the open houses, while more than 85% indicated that staff were adequately able to answer any questions they had. Typically, those that did not feel their questions were adequately answered were those that felt that the AAP should take a stance related to the proposed Ajax Mine.

While almost half of the respondents felt that the draft strategies and actions presented were adequate in building a better support system for the agriculture industry, many were also unsure. As a result of the open houses, staff believe that clarification and a better understanding of the long-range planning process may have been needed. Some participants needed an explanation as to how the proposed action items would be implemented and some had not had an opportunity to review the full draft AAP prior to attending an open house. It was reinforced to participants that



while many of the action items are merely statements in the draft plan at this time, once the AAP is adopted by City Council, implementation of each action item would begin and there would be a separate planning process, and in many cases, public consultation would be involved in the development of each one.

Comments associated with this survey question included the following:

- "Public awareness of agriculture and ALR is well covered, assistance to new farmers and irrigation potential, but little on the marketing of the product"
- "A step in the right direction. Economics of agriculture is still difficult to address with land so expensive within the city and southern BC"
- "Many are - although some seem bureaucratic and possibly 'prescriptive'?"
- "I think there should be more explicit statements about supporting local organic farmers. The basis of the plan would also be better established in the support and growth of the Kamloops Regional Farmers Market"
- "Really need urban agriculture plan"
- "The ALC should be pushing for keeping our land safe to grow crops by getting the Mineral Tenure Act improved"
- "I don't really know enough about it"
- "A beginning but I was expecting something more definitive"
- "a good beginning"
- "Many if not most are. But instead of focusing so much on current agricultural practices & economic viability, we should be focusing on sustainable agriculture. Urban Farming/organically grown etc."



"Is the KXA site still active? Will there be a public meeting about the development of an Ag. facility at the TCR? I am most interested in the development of the southend of the TCR as an equestrian facility, riding ring, agri-multi-plex, roping etc. I would to see an equine gate so that we could have easier access to ride here. A lot of us walk dogs here and cross country ski. It would be good to see more locals using the property, although it is getting more use lately."

Suggestions, Comments and Other Ideas for Actions Items for the AAP:

Participants were asked if they would like to share any other suggestions, comments or ideas for actions items to consider for the AAP. The following is a list of some of the written comments received:

- "Yes, as (6) above- the marketing of product- The Farmers Market- are important but rather than one store dedicated to local, as in one strategy, to normalize local distribution as well as to external markets "
- "pollinators, local food security"
- "Greywater recovery systems so clean water is used for crops, not washing cars and cisterns for preserving rainfall"
- "Thank you for including urban agriculture"
- "Planning for the development of the lands attached to the TCR (Tournament Capital Ranch)"
- "Ensure bylaws & bylaw enforcement understands agriculture and are practical"
- "Is the KXA site still active? Will there be a public meeting about the development of an Ag. facility at the TCR? I am most interested in the development of the southend of the TCR as an equestrian facility, riding ring, agri-multi-plex, roping etc. I would to see an equine gate so that we could have easier access to ride here. A lot of us walk dogs here and cross country ski. It would be good to see more locals using the property, although it is getting more use lately."
- "More incentives for urban farming. We need a publically run education centre pioneering sustainable practices in the Secwepemc region"
- "I'm impressed by the extent of work already in the plan. I appreciate the staff explaining that there's a separate local food security plan to address more or less commercial food growth. That gives me a fuller picture of where the AAP fits in the larger food security picture. Thank you"
- "Would have been worthwhile for some committee members to be present"
- "Do not destroy what you can never reclaim. Thank you for letting us have a look at your suggestions"
- "Yes, please add a provision banning GE/GMO food production as it is not healthy, sustainable or local"
- "Could you please change the comment #58 on page 62 that needs 'support the development of fact sheets for farmers and the communiyt that answer difficult questions (e.g. genetically modified organisms (GMO) vs (GE).....' perhaps the workding could be ; '...answer difficult questions such as whether GE/GMOs are safe for sustainable farming and human consumption'"
- "Please get the science data as it is better to use properly our land than to try to clean it up later. Where has this reclamation worked?"
- "Most of the Ag land in Kamloops is already taken up by residential buildings. It is important to encourage 'growing your own food' as well by reconsidering landscaping standards, allowing chickens, bees etc. in backyards and supporting and promoting community gardens."
- "what is happening to the 'abandoned' equestrian & rodeo equipment rotting at the TCR site?"
- "Is there a plan for an equestrian park at the TCR? If so, when? where? how?"
- "use land at TCR for agricultural uses"
- "Be more definitive. Provide planning for access to the TCR, for example a walking and biking path from the City. Develop the RV park at the TCR"

- "Outreach- Why not send this stuff to the TRU Sociology, Science, Natural Resource Sciences departments? Put this stuff up on the boards in the halls there. Maybe a professor would look at this as part of the curriculum"

Summary

Linking the Results of Public Consultation to the Development of a City of Kamloops AAP

The purpose of the various public consultation opportunities was to obtain public input on local agriculture to guide the development of the AAP. The results are valuable in that they can be specifically used to support:

- Policy and program development pertaining to agriculture, both at the local level and with senior levels of government;
- Programs geared to raising awareness about the value of local agriculture and producers as well as opportunities that exist for future local industry growth; and
- Direction on future research to meet public demand.

The draft AAP, now compiled, identifies a number of draft strategies and actions aimed at supporting and enhancing the local agriculture industry. Many of the actions have been crafted as a result of public input received throughout the planning process. The draft strategies and actions are attached as Appendix 10.

Appendices

Appendix 1: AAP Stakeholder Emails (Two)

City of Kamloops

Newsletter

Good afternoon,

The Agriculture Advisory Committee met on September 20th, 2012 to discuss the issues surrounding local/regional agriculture. An issues list was compiled based on feedback from the public (preliminary surveys you filled out), the Advisory Committee itself, staff, conversations with local producers and a review of agricultural issues nationally.

Please take a look at the attached draft issues list and let us know if you feel we are missing any issues that need to be considered as part of the development of an Agriculture Area Plan for the City. Should you have any questions, please also feel free to contact me for clarification.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort. Please ensure your comments are submitted via email by October 15th at 4 pm at the latest so that they can be incorporated into the next Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting agenda.

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From: Quinn Savage [mailto:Qsavage@kamloops.ca]
Sent: March-13-13 10:57 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Agricultural Plan Update - Public Input Wanted



Good Morning All,

The purpose of this email is to invite you to take part in the "Issues Phase" of public consultation for the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan. Staff from the City of Kamloops will be going out into the community to present progress toward the Plan, background information on the state of agriculture today and the agricultural issues uncovered by the Agriculture Advisory Committee, Consultants and the City. This opportunity will allow you to comment on the progress thus far, ask questions and provide valuable feedback that will be considered in the development of the Agriculture Area Plan.

We would like to come to you at your place of meeting in order to make public input convenient for you and your group. Please let us know if you are affiliated with a group that is interested in signing up for a presentation, and if so, a time between now and April 19th, that would be convenient for your group.

For more information on the Agriculture Area Plan, visit:
<http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-agricultureplan.shtml> and 'like' our Facebook page.

Thank you in advance for your time and interest. We look forward to an opportunity to meet with you.

Best regards,

Maren Luciani, MA, MCIP, RPP
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The recently adopted Sustainable Kamloops Plan identified the need for the City of Kamloops to gain a better understanding on where viable agricultural land exists, how it should be used or enhanced, and what opportunities are available for increased food production and processing. To answer these questions a decision was made to develop an Agriculture Area Plan for the City of Kamloops.

Agriculture is historically significant in the City of Kamloops, shaping both its development pattern and its economy. The primary purpose of developing an Agriculture Area Plan (AAP) is to establish updated and more defined policies that will protect and promote agriculture and encourage sustainable agricultural practices. The plan will focus on our community's farm areas to identify opportunities and practical solutions so we can strengthen agriculture and ultimately contribute to our community's long-term sustainability.

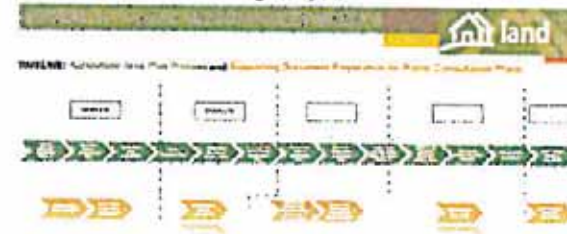
Vision & Mission

The Agriculture Advisory Committee drafted a vision and mission based on feedback received from community surveys, a farm tour, and discussions with City staff and agricultural consultants. The vision and mission meet the intent of an Agriculture Area Plan and are linked to the sustainability theme as the Agriculture Area Plan is a priority of the overarching Sustainable Kamloops Plan. It is anticipated that the vision and mission could change slightly as the planning process evolves and public consultation is completed.

» [Vision & Mission](#)

Agriculture Area Plan Process Timeline

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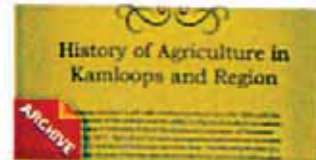


For detailed information on food security and urban agriculture, please refer to the Kamloops Social Plan. The Social Plan is slated for review and update in 2013 through 2014. It is anticipated that this stakeholder-driven process will result in a much more detailed urban agriculture component in the Social Plan.

Agriculture Area Plan funded in part by:



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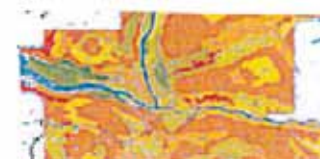


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Agricultural Capability map for the City of Kamloops. For questions about the map, call 250-828-3568.

- » Soil Capability Map
- » Regional Farmgate Sales

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Agriculture Area Plan

Agriculture Advisory Committee

An advisory committee has been formed to assist with the development of an Agriculture Area Plan. The purpose of the committee is to oversee the project and provide recommendations to Council. The Committee will also be responsible for selecting the consultant (if applicable). At the request of Council, the Committee may also provide advice to Council and staff regarding agricultural issues and land use matters affecting agriculture.

The composition of the Agriculture Advisory Committee is as follows:

- One representative from Council;
- One representative from BC Livestock Producers or BC Cattlemen Association;
- Two representatives from local ranching/farming operations;
- One representative from the Farmers Market Association;
- One representative from Certified Organic Association of BC;
- Two representatives from the public who have an interest in agriculture;
- One representative from Ministry of Agriculture or the Agricultural Land Commission (non-voting);
- City staff and consultant (non-voting).

The term of the Committee shall end upon completion of the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan.

- [Committee Members](#)
- [Terms of Reference](#)

AAC Agendas and Minutes

Agriculture Advisory Committee		
Date/Agenda	Minutes	Presentations
Jan 09, 2012	Minutes	Presentation
Apr 02, 2012	Minutes	Presentation
May 03, 2012	Minutes	Presentation
Jun 14, 2012	Minutes	Presentation
Sep 20, 2012	Minutes	Presentation Presentation Handout
Nov 1, 2012	Minutes	Presentation Venture Kamloops' Role Range 101 - MFLNRD
Feb 7, 2013	Minutes	Agenda Presentation Intro to Water Allocation Water System Review Efficient Irrigation
Mar 14, 2013	Minutes	
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ALC & AACs



The Provincial Agricultural Land Commission works with local Agriculture Advisory Committees to protect and preserve agricultural land.

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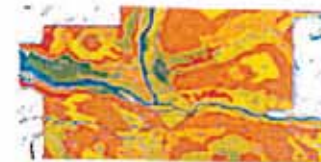


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Local Farmers Markets

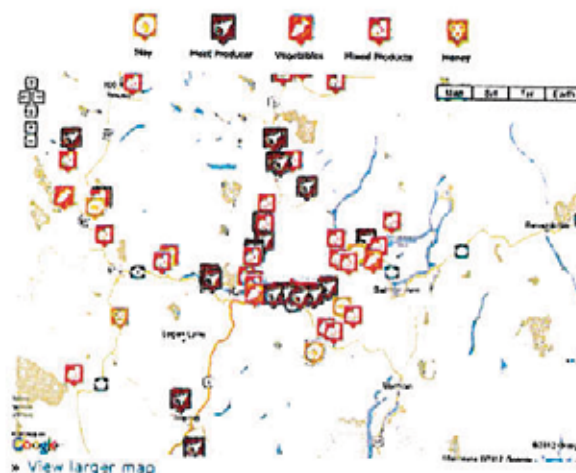
- [The Kamloops Farmers Market](#)
- [North Shore Farmers Market](#)
Every Friday afternoon from 3 to 7 pm in the 400 block of Tranquille Road in the Total Pet parking lot. Seasonal fruits and vegetables as well as local produce, product and arts from mid June until Sept 28.
- [Sun Peaks Farmers Market](#)

Alternative Markets

- [Tranquille Farm Fresh](#)

Regional Food Producers Map

Where to buy Locally Grown in the TNRD



Other Resources

- [Agricultural Land Commission](#)
- [Agriculture Land Reserve](#)
- [Assessment Act: Standards for the Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation](#)
- [BC Agri-Food Knowledge Platform](#)
- [BC Agriculture: Interactive Production Guides](#)
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- [BC Fruit Grower's Association Funding Opportunities](#)
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- [British Columbia Institute of Agrologists](#)
- [B.C. Ministry of Agriculture: Planning for Agriculture](#)
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- Community Futures Thompson Country Agriculture Initiatives
- Ducks Unlimited - Landowner Resources
- Farm Tour Handbook
- Farm West
- Food Action North Thompson
- Interesting Facts on Commodities Produced in BC
- Investment Agriculture Foundation B.C.
- Irrigation Scheduling Calculators for lawns and agricultural operations
- Kamloops Community Food System of 1343
- Kamloops Farm Fresh Map
- Kamloops Food Action Plan
- Lack of Municipally Designated Agriculture Support, Specific to Kamloops - TRU Natural Resource Sciences Student Essay, 2013
- Legislation and Enforcement
- Ministry of Agriculture - Agricultural Area Plans
- North Thompson Agri-Plex
- Regional Food Hub Resource Guide
- Resources for New Farmers in BC
- Set up a Local Food Hub in your School
- Small Scale Food Processor Association
- Thompson Shuswap Food Connections
- Training Opportunities for New BC Farmers
- Urban Agriculture - Best Practices
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- Young and Beginning Farmers

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History of Agriculture in Kamloops & Region

Living Document

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The document is also intended to serve as a guide to new farmers interested in farming in the Kamloops region.

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March/April 2013 Roadshow 1: Issues

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How to Participate

To get involved in a Roadshow presentation:

- Contact us to set up a presentation
Email [Marah Luciani](#) or call 250-828-3568
- Read [Planting the Seeds for a Sustainable Future Background Report: Food, Farming, and the Agriculture Area Plan Appendix Maps \(14 mb\)](#)
- Review the [Roadshow Presentation](#)
- Fill out our [Roadshow Presentation Exit Survey](#)

Agriculture Area Plan Report 1

Find out how the people of Kamloops feel about local agriculture and how the results of 3 public surveys will help guide the development of the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan and support local agricultural policy development.



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Future opportunities for Public Participation on the Agriculture Area Plan will be identified here.

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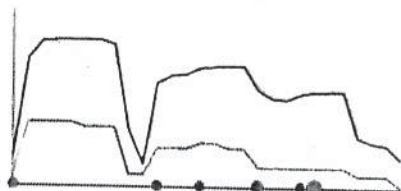
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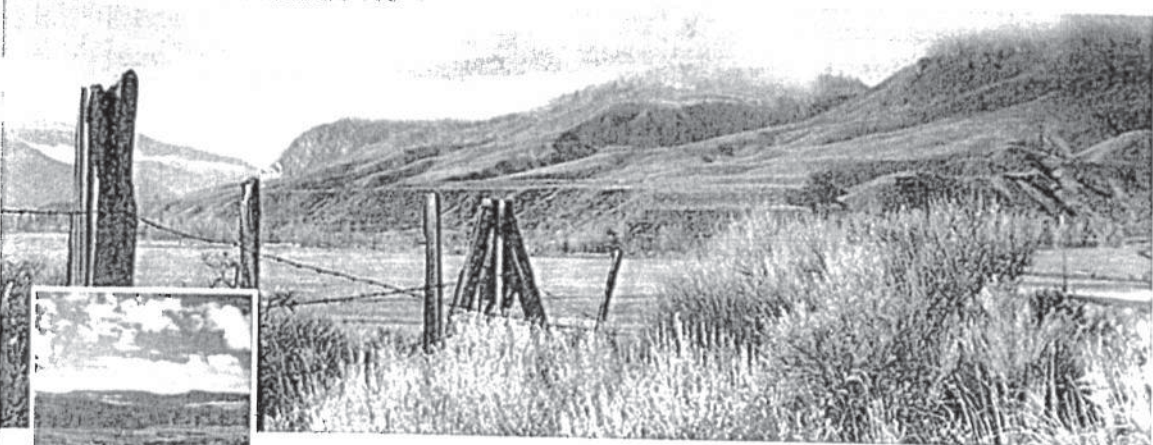


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 **Public Works Center Open House**
The Open House was a huge success. 551 people through the gates in four hours. Everyone had fun. The heavy equipment

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Here is a link to Curtis Stone's website. He has been SPI...
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and bucket truck ride a big draw as usual. The weather was just right. Kudos to everyone involved!!



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Betting the Farm (4 photos)
Local Plans for Local Food

Betting the Farm: Local Plans for Local Food

by Joe Smith, PMP

Provincial and federal government agencies are often criticized for not supporting BC farmers. These jurisdictions influence everything from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) designation, most inspection regulations, import and export tariffs, supply management policies, and food safety guidelines. However, the role of local governments in providing a supportive policy environment for agricultural producers must not be overlooked. Indeed, through the development of Agricultural Area Plans (AAPs) there are many tools and actions that can directly support and improve the viability of farms within a local government context.



The manner in which agriculture is considered through land use policies or Regional Growth Strategies (RGS) and Official Community Plans (OCPs) and, ultimately, the way in which localities will be set up to support local food production. An AAP can directly lower the barrier to entry for local food producers by providing a clear path to support local food production. The AAP is a policy tool that can be used to support local food production. It can be used to support local food production in a number of ways. It can be used to support local food production in a number of ways. It can be used to support local food production in a number of ways.

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May 10

Good morning All,
Just a quick update to let you all know that the Roadshow Presentation phase of the AAP process is winding down. Staff is working on compiling all of the input/feedback received from the public through this consultation phase and will be developing a public input report which will be available soon. The results of this public consultation phase will be used by the Ag. Advisory Committee in developing draft strategies and actions for the AAP...stay tuned...

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Public Works Center Open House
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New farming options considered for agricultural plan | City & Region | Kamloops Daily News
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Hundreds more affected notices go out to seven government departments
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Join us to hear **Dan Jason**, founder of Seed and Plant Sanctuary of Canada, to talk about the importance of sustainable organic gardening, seed saving and the need for Seed Sanctuaries. Dan Jason is a passionate gardener, educator, author and owner/operator of the Salt Spring Seed Sanctuary and the subject of the 2 documentaries, *Garden of Destiny* and *Table Land*.

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This partnership results in potential sustainable agriculture strategies.

Kamloops, BC - The City of Kamloops recently partnered with Thompson Rivers University's Agriculture Sciences class for the purpose of transcribing potential strategies and actions for the City's Agriculture Area Plan, which is currently under development.

Students, under direction from City staff and their instructor Dr. Timothy Gardner, reviewed the local blocks that were identified through the Agriculture Area Plan process. They worked toward identifying potential actions to some of the higher priority blocks. The strategy issues included environmental sustainability, urban agriculture, outdoor dining and signage, and lack of municipally designated agricultural impact.



Over the course of the semester, this activity will work with City staff and local producers and completed research to develop options that would identify potential strategies to better support the local agriculture sector and its growth. Some of the ideas identified included the addition of a permanent Agriculture Advisory Board, enhancing local outdoor dining areas, and creating a local food system plan. The project will also include identifying potential strategies to some of the higher priority blocks. The strategy issues included environmental sustainability, urban agriculture, outdoor dining and signage, and lack of municipally designated agricultural impact.



This project was an excellent opportunity for the students to relate course content to a real world situation. The students will be able to see the value of their work and the importance of the local agriculture sector.

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Plan Mission

"The City of Kamloops and surrounding region are rich in agricultural resources. The City of Kamloops is once again referred to 'Agricultural Eden' and a regional hub for the agriculture sector economically viable and resilient local agricultural sector which optimizes the use of agricultural resources such as land, capital and technology is embraced.

It is the City's intent to search for opportunities by which it can agriculture as a viable land use and business by supporting the agricultural sector, and working with senior levels of government community. Building stronger partnerships and promoting an agricultural sector that honours our agricultural heritage and agriculture has had for the development of the City is crucial.

The City aims to support and encourage a local agriculture sector contributes significantly to:

- Local food self-sufficiency
- Land and resource stewardship
- A growing diversified local economy
- Ensuring land is preserved and put into production for agriculture

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Plan Vision

"Continued support and encouragement economically, environmentally and socially viable local agricultural sector."



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ICAFM | A BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

The Guidebook

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets (ICAFM) has developed a Guide to help local governments support farmers' markets in their communities. This Guide provides a how-to

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ROADSHOW

Good Morning All,

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Learn from Ontario successes...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRqTcD0vrs>



Lynn Ogryzlo - The \$10 Challenge, TEDxBayfield

How buying local can revitalize and strengthen rural communities. Lynn Ogryzlo is changing the local food world one household at a time with her \$10

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The City's Agriculture Area Plan webpages have been updated. The Background Report on the state of agriculture locally is now available along with all of the documents associated with the 'Issues' phase of public consultation for the Plan -- taking place between now and the end of April. See the following link for more information: <http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml>



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Public Participation Opportunities to be involved in our agriculture land management projects and sustainability

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Beekeeping and Honey Production Beginners' Course 2013

Instructor: Ian Farber, Master Beekeeper, Westsyde Apiaries, Kamloops, BC.

Discover the fascinating world of the honey bee and learn beekeeping and honey production at the same time! Learn how to produce your own honey.

No prior beekeeping experience necessary. Also suitable for those who have kept honey bees i... See More

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Kamloops Immigrant Services is hosting the Food Safe course level 1 at our location 448 Tranquille on Saturday March 23rd 2013 8:30am - 4:30pm. The cost of the course is \$70.00

Please register with Anna Heiberg, food safe instructor at 250-819-3273. She will be offering a small discount to KIS clients, so please let her know if you are a KIS client when you register.

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Check out eatkamloops.org for some local eats!!!
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The Local Agricultural History Timeline is now available on-line in preparation for the upcoming public consultation phase of the Agriculture Area Plan. It has been set up as a 'living document' and now lies with the Museum and Archives. ... See More



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We are looking for your stories and photos of the local agricultural sector

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Great wines with grapes grown right here in Kamloops! Check it out!
<http://harperstrail.com/>

The first estate winery from Kamloops, BC; we produce Kamloops wine using a fully productive natural
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Harper's Trail - Kamloops Winery / Kamloops Wine

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Just a quick heads up to save the dates in your calendar...

Growing Times: Catching Up with Our Own Success
BC Association of Farmers' Markets Conference & AGM
March 1st - 3rd, 2013 ~ Kamloops
<http://www.bcfarmersmarket.org/>
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We are the British Columbia Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM), and we are on a quest to better support local food producers and their markets.

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BC Association of Farmers' Markets Annual Conference is in Kamloops this March 1-3 @ Hotel 540! See here to register...

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More information can be found at: www.bcfarmersmarket.org

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FOOD SKILLS FOR FAMILIES
Aboriginal Friendship Centre

2355 Parkcrest Avenue Kamloops, BC

Join them for six Healthy Cooking Sessions

(Child Minding Available)

Eating healthy can be confusing. Come and learn how to prepare tasty meals using fresh whole foods. Meet new friends, see others you know and have fun in the kitchen!
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Sharing Ideas from Nova Scotia....

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The City of Kamloops is looking for established fruit trees (preferably saskatoon berry, bosc pear, plum) that property owners may be interested in getting rid of. Trees are for a small public orchard planned for Riverside Park. We would like to have

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Second page to previous post on Education in Agriculture Course!



First Nations Careers in Agriculture & Agri-food Industry Program

Food will always be needed. Get involved in an industry that continues to grow and for First Nations, is a way to re-connect with the land and keep our cultures alive.

This training program prepares you to enter a career or start a business in horticulture, or the agriculture, agri food and agri tourism industries.

You will gain industry recognized certification in the food industry, tourism, and horticulture through 6-weeks of in class training followed by 10 weeks working in agricultural, agri food or agri tourism related employment.

COURSE OUTLINE*

Weeks 1-6: In-class Courses

- ▷ Introduction to Culinary Arts - exposure to commercial kitchens
- ▷ Agriculture Introduction/Field Trips
- ▷ Computer training
- ▷ Career exploration
- ▷ Speakers - agriculture, horticulture, culinary arts and tourism
- ▷ Certificate Courses
 - Food Safe
 - Serving & Hygiene
 - First Aid

TYPES OF CAREERS IN HORTICULTURE

- Plant Health
- Urban Ecosystems
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Greenhouse & Nursery Production
- Landscape Design

*20 seats available

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Happy New Year to all of our faithful followers from the City of Kamloops Agriculture Planning team! Stay tuned for news on the Agriculture Area Plan's development progress in the coming weeks....

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Growing Forward 2 --

Federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) Ministers of Agriculture have reached agreement on the five-year Growing Forward 2 policy framework. The new agreement represents a \$3 billion... See More

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A little information from the Ministry of Agriculture about Ranching in BC...

some established trees in addition to the small, new plantings that will be put in this year.

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If you know of anyone who is looking to get rid of one or more fruit trees, please let me know!

Thank you for your help!

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- ▷ nurseries
- ▷ landscaping
- ▷ restaurants
- ▷ tourism
- ▷ hotels
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Kamloops Local AAFC/AAC program coordinator

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TRU Funding - Contact Venture Kamloops!

This is just a quick e-mail to tell you about an opportunity to work with Thompson Rivers University (TRU).

TRU recently created internal grants for their faculty to undertake small research projects. In a recent meeting with the TRU Research Office, VK was asked to tell our network that the TRU faculty were actively looking for small research projects to ... See More

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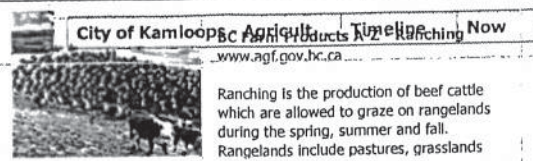


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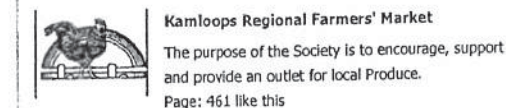
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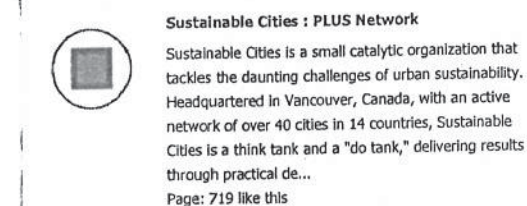
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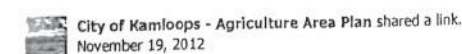
More info. on available FUNDING FOR BC LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVE! Please spread the word and get your applications for Kamloops and region in soon!!!
http://iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/buylocal/default.htm



The Government of BC is providing a one-time contribution to help BC's agricultural and agri-products sector increase local presence and consumption of BC agrifoods by expanding or launching their own

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The Harper Government is helping the agricultural sector to foster a new generation of farm leaders. Too bad all the money is going to Ontario! A step in the right direction none-the-less!

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Everything you ever needed to know about growing fruit and vegetables in BCI
<http://productionguide.agrifoodbc.ca/>



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The Lower Mainland Horticulture Improvement Association (LMHIA) in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the BC Ministry of

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Christmas Is Coming! Support your local markets!

A note from Thistle Farm in Kamloops...

"Just a reminder of our Christmas market this Sunday at Thistle Farm from 11:00-5:00. We have 9 vendors this Sunday so it would be nice to see support for all these local people who are bringing you delicious home made items, whether it be food, crafts, or artwork. Come enjoy the country atmosphere, we are only 5 minutes past the Dunes. Come visit and have a cup of hot chocolate or hot apple cider and enjoy the warm bonfire. Hope to see you here on Sunday.
Thanks"

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BC food producers welcome \$2-million "buy local" campaign
<http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2012/08/bc-food-producers-welcome-2-million-buy-local-campaign.html>



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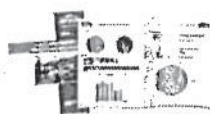
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Staff are currently busy completing the background report for the Agriculture Area Plan and preparing for the first public consultation phase for the Plan. Public consultation is anticipated to begin in January of 2013. Details on public consultation to come on the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan webpage. <http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-agricultureplan.shtml>



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Excellent, comprehensive resource on developing Regional Food Hubs!

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Happy Hallowe'en! Have you visited the Tranquille on the Lake Farm and Corn Maze yet???? A great family experience!!!

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December 8, 2012 at 7:00pm

TRU Culinary arts building



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<http://blog.dongenova.com/2012/09/farm-to-fork-eating-in-the-north-thompson.html>



Farm To Fork Eating in the North Thompson | Don Genova's Blog
blog.dongenova.com

'Farm to Fork'. It's a catchy phrase we're hearing a lot this days when it comes to talking about a sustainable agriculture

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The BC Association of Farmers Markets (BCAFM) is offering 100 bursaries of \$50 each to BCAFm member market vendors, board members and staff to enroll in MarketSafe workshops. Follow the link to learn more and apply!

<http://www.bcfarmersmarket.org/ind/workshops.htm#marketsafe>

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A New Public Market

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Experiments and results are the standard algorithms of most graph methods in GEC. The paper discusses a number of a prominent feature. It provides a detailed description of the algorithm and its results. The paper also discusses the results of the experiments and the results of the experiments.

The *Top Gun* movie was particularly smart to feature a young man named "Miles Teller," played by the actor of the same name (Teller himself is, of course, "Miles"). The naming is obviously a reference to the famous line "Miles is the name of the son of a gun."

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A local dinner expressed its support for the project, including a market in the neighborhood and a presentation at the former site. The site is being prepared for the project.

“Because the [CIMA] has signed an agreement with [European] Regulators to exchange the market data, we will be able to provide information on ‘aggregating,’” declares Lutz. “This is a very important step.”

Received 21 March 2003; accepted 10 April 2003

The Investment Agriculture Foundation is funding the City's Agriculture Area Plan development with the City funding the remaining 50%. The Foundation is a great resource for municipal and non-profit funding for the agriculture industry. Visit their website to learn more!
http://www.lafbc.ca/funding_available/default.htm



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Balancing population growth and agricultural land preservation is a challenge for many Cities. Kamloops is no different. Yarrow Ecovillage is one example of how development and agriculture can co-exist. It also provides an opportunity for new farmers to get involved in farming without requiring a huge financial investment. Tell us what you think about this model!
<http://www.yarrowecovillage.ca/index.php?id=siteplan>



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Appendix 4: AAP Farm Tour Results



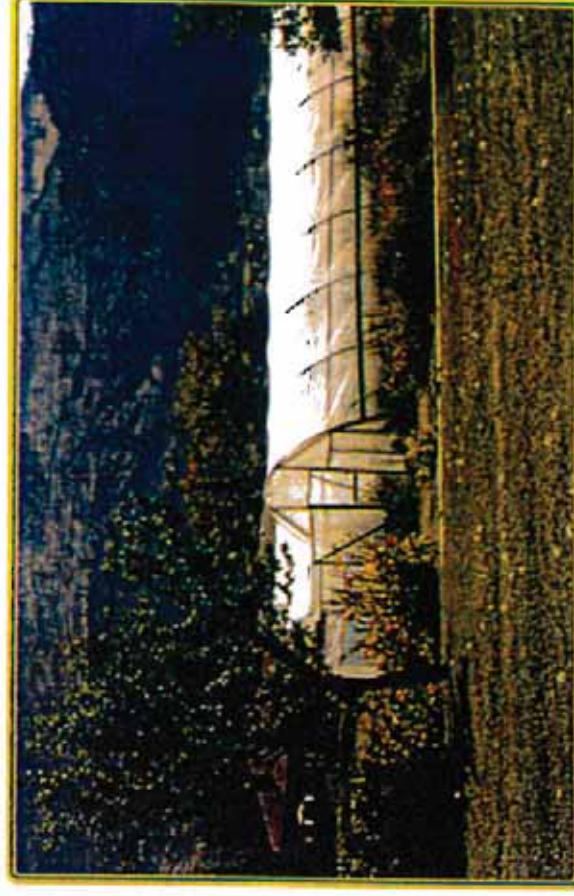
Results of the September 13, 2012, City Farm Tour and Exit Survey

Representation from many key agencies and organizations in the City including, but not limited to:

- Agri-foods and Olympic Legacies, Vancouver
- Interior Health
- First Nations Agricultural Association
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Local agricultural supply businesses
- Venture Kamloops
- Community Futures Thompson Country
- BC Assessment Authority
- City of Kamloops Council and staff
- Thompson Rivers University
- Fraser Basin Council
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)
- Kamloops Farmers' Market

Farms Toured:

- Dhaliwal Green Acres Vegetable Farm - Hefley Creek - wholesale commercial vegetable farm.
- Thistle Farm - Dairy Road - organic, diversified, small scale farming (direct marketing).
- Frolek Cattle Co. Ltd. - at Blackwell Dairy - beef cattle - wholesale to Alberta.
- Blackwell Dairy - wholesale milk and dairy products.
- Lunch - Terra Restaurant (David and Andrea Tombs) - restaurant that buys locally/regionally grown as available.



Exit Survey Feedback from the Event - 37 people completed the exit survey

The Positives:

- 100% of respondents indicated the tour was valuable to them and their respective agencies.
- Majority of respondents saw opportunities for industry expansion and diversification in Kamloops.
- Majority of respondents indicated that their agency could play a particular role in assisting to resolve some of the industry issues discussed on the tour.
- Many felt this tour hosted by the City was a long time coming and were pleased with the opportunity to talk about local agriculture.
- Range of knowledge levels in terms of the local agriculture industry. Many indicated they were somewhat familiar with local agriculture. Majority of respondents indicated that they were more familiar with local agriculture after the tour.
- 97.1% of respondents indicated a need to protect the resources (i.e. land and water, management skills, and people) that are important to sustain the local agriculture industry or expand it.



- Many commented that the tour was an excellent opportunity to network and discuss the issues and important in terms of listening to farmers and hearing the challenges they face with local government.
- Producers opening up their properties for tours were very pleased with the turnout and the opportunity to speak about their operations as well as issues and challenges.
- Good range of farms representing different sectors visited.
- Excellent discussion on the bus and good opportunity for networking.
- Many people not aware of the variety of crops/products grown/raised locally
- It was valuable to listen to farmers and hear the challenges they face with local government.
- Be nice to make this a regular event (perhaps yearly?).
- Range of farm type and size visited was great.
- Hearing from the experts of the agricultural industry themselves.
- Well organized tour.
- The bus was a "micro-community" of sorts.
- Cross section of people involved.
- Candidness of producers.

Lasting Impressions:

- Huge investments equal huge challenges.
- Lots of work
- Lack of labour and average farm age.
- Lots of issues/challenges for the industry.
- Appreciation for how hard farmers work.
- All are land resource stewards.
- The diversity and scale within a short distance of the City Centre without knowing they existed.
- Passion of producers involved.
- How difficult it would be to farm.
- Technology and innovation.
- Many important points raised.
- Lots of potential.
- Need to support the industry.
- Need to bring producers together for more collaboration.
- Results of this planning process and plan can only be positive to the industry.
- Several respondents identified that they would not have changed anything about the tour.

The Negatives:

- Some felt that it would have been good if more of their staff could have attended or if the MP and MLAs could have made it (they were contacted but had other engagements).
- More time needed on each farm.
- It was difficult to hear conversations in the back of the bus.
- More City Councillors should have attended.
- More actual tours like the one at Blackwell Dairy.

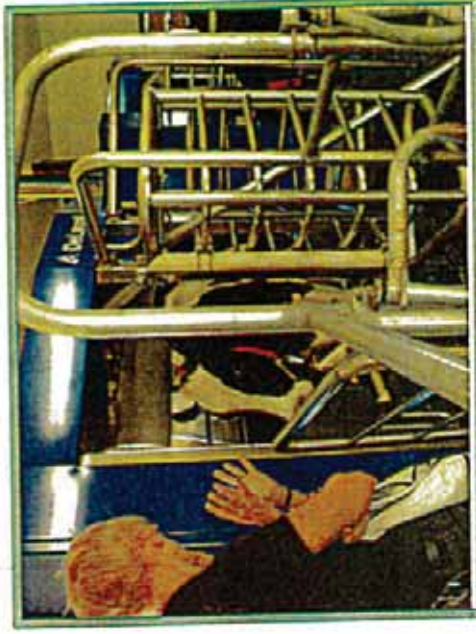


Opportunities for Industry Expansion/ Diversification:

- Year round farmers' market with City support.
- Partnerships for more agriculturally productive land with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Ttes).
- More value-added opportunities.
- Agri-tourism.
- Institutional purchasing.
- A lot of agricultural land not currently under production that could be.
- Huge potential for value-added products.
- Urban agriculture.
- Educating the public.
- Diversification of horticultural crop expansion.
- Farmers willing to expand if assistance is given.

Some of the issues from producers included:

- Property access issues, neighbour-to-neighbour issues (e.g. dust from farm machinery and weeds).
- Water. Without irrigation, we could not grow anything here.
- Aging farmers:
- No one to buy their land and keep as farmland;
- Pressure to develop; and
- Need to research creative ways to allow farmers to retire gracefully, but ensure their agricultural land, if good for agricultural purposes, remains in production.
- Getting people to buy/appreciate local products.
- Backwards distribution system (i.e. beef to Alberta and labelled as Alberta beef, but most likely BC raised and potatoes shipped to Vancouver for distribution and then back to Kamloops into the stores).
- Kamloops Farmers' Market - a lot of people attending, but not a lot of purchasing.
- City of Kamloops and other institutions need to lead by example. Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) makes it difficult for BC municipalities to develop local procurement policies but it can be done.



- Lack of skilled professionals to support local agriculture industry.
- Regulations should be different for farms:
- More flexible (i.e. housing for workers and second dwellings, agri tourism and other businesses that help the farm survive).
- More opportunities for value-added products so that we can run a year round farmers' market, but no central processing, cold storage, or distribution facilities.
- Lack of awareness/education among the public regarding benefits of buying local and people are comfortable purchasing in the grocery stores because it is more affordable and convenient.
- Protect Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands, but ensure they are brought into productivity (there needs to be a balance).
- Support new farmers by connecting new farmers with land.

Those that felt their organization could play a particular role in resolving some issues said they could help through:

- Mapping.
- Distributing produce.
- Health protection.
- Coordinating with producers.
- Economic development and product development in the agriculture sector.
- How to provide value added products and help sell farms so they are not subdivided.
- Connecting farmers with other organizations that can help.
- The City has many opportunities to help promote agriculture.
- Restaurants can play an important role in education/promotion of the local food industry.
- Allowing second dwellings without requiring a rezoning.
- Provide meeting rooms for farm groups to encourage them to meet to formulate ideas.



Suggested solutions/actions/strategies for the City to consider in dealing with some of the issues:

- Raise awareness and continued public education. Public support is needed for a successful Agriculture Plan.
- Create a vision and direction.
- Celebrate Kamloops' agricultural history.
- Planning should include the TNRD region.
- Support development of a year round market.
- Explore the suggestions provided by producers – they know their challenges.
- Urban/rural buffers.
- Keep the discussion ongoing.
- Work with farmers.
- Focus residential and industrial development on non-ALR lands.
- Farmers should work together to solve their issues.
- Establish an ongoing Agricultural Advisory Committee to be the "local voice of agriculture".
- Water metering – food producers should be charged a lower rate than homeowners sprinkling lawns.

1. What organization/company do you represent?

Response
Count

36

answered question

36

skipped question

1

2. How familiar are you with the agriculture industry in Kamloops (before the tour)?

Response
Percent Response
Count

Not familiar



10.8%

4

Somewhat familiar



29.7%

11

Familiar



43.2%

16

Very Familiar



16.2%

6

Comments

16

answered question

37

skipped question

0

3. Was the tour today of value to you and your organization/company?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	36
No	0.0%	0
Not Sure	0.0%	0
Please explain your response		26

answered question 36

skipped question 1

4. What did you particularly like about the tour?

	Response Count
	37
answered question	37
skipped question	0

5. What did you dislike about the tour or what do you believe we could have done better?

	Response Count
	26
answered question	26
skipped question	11

6. What first or lasting impressions do you have about the farms visited today?

Response
Count

30

answered question

30

skipped question

7

7. What first or lasting impressions do you have about the presentations and discussions you heard today regarding the agriculture industry in Kamloops?

Response
Count

25

answered question

25

skipped question

12

8. Do you see opportunities for industry expansion and diversification in Kamloops?

Response
Percent Response
Count

Yes



82.4%

28

No

0.0%

0

Not Sure



17.6%

6

Please explain your answer

25

answered question

34

skipped question

3

9. A number of industry concerns and issues were presented today that will be captured in the City's Agriculture Area Plan. Do you see a particular role for your organization's involvement in resolving some of these issues?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	81.3%	26
No	0.0%	0
Not Sure 	18.8%	6
Please explain your answer		21
answered question		32
skipped question		5

10. Do you see a need to protect the resources (e.g. land and water) that are important to sustain the agriculture industry in Kamloops or possibly expand it?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	97.1%	34
No	0.0%	0
Not Sure 	2.9%	1
Please explain your answer		25
answered question		35
skipped question		2

11. Do you have any specific suggested solutions, actions, and/or strategies for the City to consider in dealing with some of the issues identified today?

Response
Count

25

answered question

25

skipped question

12

12. Do you feel more familiar with the agriculture industry in Kamloops after this tour?

Response
Percent Response
Count

Yes



97.1%

33

No



2.9%

1

Other (please specify)

7

answered question

34

skipped question

3

13. Please share any additional comments, concerns, suggestions or questions you have regarding the tour today and the City's Agriculture Area Plan.

Response
Count

16

answered question

16

skipped question

21

14. Please provide your name for follow-up (optional)

Response
Count

25

answered question

25

skipped question

12

Q1. What organization/company do you represent?

1	Kamloops Regional Farmers Market Society	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	Interior Health	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	City of Kamloops	Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM
4	Venture Kamloops	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
5	Venture Kamloops	Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM
6	City of Kamloops	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
7	Ministry of Environment	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
8	TRUE Consulting	Oct 4, 2012 11:36 AM
9	Community Futures TC	Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM
10	Conscientious Catering/ CK	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
11	Public representative for agriculture committee for the city. Local producer/farmers market	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
12	Dhaliwal Farms	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
13	COABC	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
14	Nu Leaf Produce Market/Heffley Farms	Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM
15	Frolek Cattle Co.	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
16	Ranching	Oct 2, 2012 2:06 PM
17	Interior Health	Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM
18	Laughing Swan Farm	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
19	Black Creek Ranch	Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM
20	Community Futures	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
21	Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Development (BC Government)	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
22	Fraser Basin Council	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
23	City of Kamloops	Sep 28, 2012 1:05 PM
24	TRU-Tourism Management Dep	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
25	City of Kamloops	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
26	BC Ministry of Agriculture	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
27	Ministry of Agriculture	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM

Q1. What organization/company do you represent?

28	BC Ministry of Agriculture	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
29	BC Ministry of Agriculture	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
30	Agriculture Canada	Sep 28, 2012 10:48 AM
31	From the Ground Up	Sep 28, 2012 10:45 AM
32	City of Kamloops	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
33	City of Kamloops	Sep 28, 2012 10:39 AM
34	City of Kamloops	Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM
35	City Councillor	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM
36	BC Assessment- Farm Section	Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q2. How familiar are you with the agriculture industry in Kamloops (before the tour)?

1	Have lived in this area all my life. Own/grew up on a farm. Shared a farm. Support a farm currently	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	I am part of Food policy council	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	was not aware of the number of variety of crops/animals raised	Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM
4	I didn't really know how much I didn't know regarding the issues. Eye opening	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
5	farm property owner and agricultural planner	Oct 4, 2012 11:36 AM
6	Grew up on Golden Ears Farm, near Chase BC. Have always attended the farmers market	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
7	The Dhaliwal farm amazed me as to the large scale of it's production so close to the city	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
8	Rather than just visiting vegetable farms, we were able to learn of the Beef and Dairy Industries	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
9	Have been involved in farming since 1980	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
10	10 years slave labor, 2 paid slave labor	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
11	Familiar with some areas less so with others as I am a small producer, a vendor at the Saturday Farmer's Market, and member of farm/chef collaborative	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
12	Grew up in and around Kamloops but left for 30 years	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
13	Working in partnership with Community Futures-Thompson Country and the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition on the Thompson Shuswap Food Connections Project	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
14	I was on the Sustainable Kamloops Committee, so I knew this was an important area of concern	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
15	Work as sector specialists so am less familiar with scope of sector around Kamloops	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
16	I approve many plans for market garden based farm applications. The need for mixed use agriculture has never been greater. Making the most of your land base is at the forefront of farm production	Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q3. Was the tour today of value to you and your organization/company?

1	will take info back to Farmers Market Board's' food rotary council	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	I work heavily in food security and a healthy local food industry is a critical appointment	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	I wish more of our staff could have attended. It gave us a chance to connect with the local producers and visit their operations	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
4	excellent to hear insights	Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM
5	I learned a lot	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
6	Networking	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
7	Amazing tour- so many opportunities to talk about	Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM
8	I really enjoyed tehe tours and the exposeure to local farming production	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
9	Yes, all residents of the city were able to see the perspective of the farmers	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
10	Any time to help promote inforation to peers about organic farming is time well spent	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
11	Meeting people from organizations that my assist me with our issues	Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM
12	Opportunity to voice challenges	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
13	Helped me to better understand food security issues/barriers and strenghts that exist in communities	Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM
14	Validated my decisions to be in a niche category and not have big infrastructure but mos of all have a better understanding of challenges of others	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
15	I have made some good business connection both for Black Creek and Heartland Quality Foods	Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM
16	great networking, info and discussions	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
17	Better understanding of Agriculture issues and needs for the future	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
18	Good to hear about challenges to farmers and opportunities to support the sector	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
19	It is important for me as an instructor to connect with the community	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
20	Educational/ Informative	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
21	Knowledge and linkages. Regional specifics. Valuable information	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
22	Good information, discussion and networking	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
23	Good information, discussion and networking	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
24	Better idea of what the issues and challenges are with local agriculture.	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM

Q3. Was the tour today of value to you and your organization/company?

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|----|---|-----------------------|
| 25 | The importance of listening to the farmers and hearing the challenges they face with local government | Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM |
| 26 | Seeing grassroots farming, and listening to the concerns of market garden operations. | Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM |

Q4. What did you particularly like about the tour?

- | | | |
|----|--|----------------------|
| 1 | actually getting to see some of the operations of the farm (Dhaliwal & Blackwell). I think we could have just seen a few photos and listened to Dieter's talk elsewhere, then we could have stopped at a backyard producer on the way through town. I feel that a small organic producer will have a much more significant role to play in the future as food process rise. So they should figure prominently in the AAP | Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM |
| 2 | range of farms toured | Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM |
| 3 | the cross section of people/organizations represented; like variety of farm operations, the candidness of those that spoke with challenges they face | Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM |
| 4 | On site visits. See how they work and issues | Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM |
| 5 | talks on the bus networking | Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM |
| 6 | The variety of businesses shown | Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM |
| 7 | Lunch | Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM |
| 8 | raising community awareness of the importance of agriculture in Kamloops
Informed discussion | Oct 4, 2012 11:36 AM |
| 9 | everything- seeing the farms, networking, meeting many new folks | Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM |
| 10 | Bringing all of the stakeholders together for a fun, relevant activity. | Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM |
| 11 | Everything! The best part for myself aside from the tours was talking to others on the tour. Discussing topics with experts in their field | Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM |
| 12 | The ability to physically see the farm operations and what the farms had to offer in aspects of production and growing | Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM |
| 13 | the networking | Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM |
| 14 | Listening to many issues that are affecting Agriculture producers to expand and compete with other markets | Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM |
| 15 | Chocolate Milk | Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM |
| 16 | Giving/ exchanging info | Oct 2, 2012 2:06 PM |
| 17 | understanding the issues and workings of a farmer. hearing farmers explain areas that could be worked on or barriers to be mitigated | Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM |
| 18 | Variety of sites, candid-ness of the owners, willingness to discuss their issues | Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM |
| 19 | I found the dairy farm the most interesting mostly because I haven't been to one before | Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM |
| 20 | networking opportunities and meeting the local ranchers/producers | Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM |
| 21 | Great selection of farms/speakers | Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM |

Q4. What did you particularly like about the tour?

22	the dialogue and potential ideas/solution	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
23	Variety, discussion, weather	Sep 28, 2012 1:05 PM
24	It was well organized	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
25	as above	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
26	Large scale farming and small scale (Thistle)	Sep 28, 2012 12:46 PM
27	The discussions that developed at several of the stops	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
28	Diversity of production. Diversity scale . Healthy sector needs large, med and small scale agriculture. Conventional and alternative production approaches	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
29	Well organized	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
30	Well organized	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
31	connections/network discussions farmer's point of view being showed	Sep 28, 2012 10:48 AM
32	Great mix of participants and good farm hosts. Well planned by all	Sep 28, 2012 10:45 AM
33	Seeing up close how things work.	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
34	Good variety of producers	Sep 28, 2012 10:39 AM
35	The cross section of all the people involved. The different farms visited	Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM
36	Variety of land use (dairy/organic/ etc). Very informative, great not walking	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM
37	Well organized and good speakers. Food was great. I really enjoyed the opportunity to sit with people/producers on the buss and discuss farm related issues within the context of the Kamloops Farming Community. The bus was a micro-community of sorts.	Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q5. What did you dislike about the tour or what do you believe we could have done better?

1	Should have included innovative enterprises like City Cycle Farmers- they too are attempting to make a living from producing food	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	met 'identified' participants before we boarded the bus	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	need more time on each farm	Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM
4	Tighter schedule and make sure those that participated could actually help the industry. We are all 'supporters of agriculture'	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
5	nothing	Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM
6	Nothing	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
7	Wished we could have seen more from Thistle Farms	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
8	nothing	Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM
9	Tour a specific region (ex. 3 farms bu in close proximity). (Dallas- Blackwell, Sun River Organics, Harper's Trail Winery. This was too much bus time	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
10	I would have liked to have moretime on tour of Thistle Farms. More time was spent on detours of the farms	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
11	Everything was done well for a first tour	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
12	Tour was great, well organized	Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM
13	Parking	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
14	very good	Oct 2, 2012 2:06 PM
15	Perhaps not enough time at each venue, but so much to fit into one day	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
16	I would ahve liked to have a tour of Thistle Farms	Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM
17	people being late	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
18	It was difficult to hear. I was in the back of the bus	Sep 28, 2012 1:05 PM
19	Bus noise- hard to hear speakers	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
20	Hire a coach so that speakers on the bus can be heard clearly (tranist busses are much nosier than coaches)	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
21	More councillors should have attended	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
22	More councillors should have attended	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
23	No complaints	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
24	I would have liked more actual 'tours' like the one at Blackwell	Sep 28, 2012 10:39 AM
25	Nothing. Fabulous	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM

Q5. What did you dislike about the tour or what do you believe we could have done better?

26 There may have been some safety issues standing on the CNR

Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q6. What first or lasting impressions do you have about the farms visited today?

1	same I had before- farmers/food producers work hard for relatively small return	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	challenges farmers face	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	not an easy profession to make a living at but also how much they love their profession	Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM
4	difficult issue with City. want support and food security but it is highest and best use of land	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
5	lot of issues	Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM
6	Lots of innovations/mechanisms	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
7	Diverse interests complete with accompanying problems/issues	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
8	big capital, lots of work so important to all of us	Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM
9	Farmers are passionate and committed to what they do.	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
10	The families running the farms. Their hardwork and dedication, very inspiring.	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
11	All farmers, although different, have similar obstacles and issues to deal with	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
12	a lot of work and love for the life style went into the operations	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
13	The level of sophistication in dairy farms	Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM
14	producers believe in their products work hard to succeed	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
15	all have the same problems cost of production people	Oct 2, 2012 2:06 PM
16	Huge investments (mostly) equal huge challenges. All so different	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
17	Lots of work	Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM
18	Kamloops and area has tremendous opportunity	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
19	Opportunities for collaboration and growth	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
20	Dhaliwal- logistic challenges of help, railways and equipment	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
21	Validated my support for local & organic producers	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
22	size of operations in Heffley Creek	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
23	Lack of labor, average farmer age	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
24	Businesses approach needed to be viable. But doing it because they are passionate about it. All are land resource stewards	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
25	Diversity and scale within short distance of city centre, yet didn't know about them	Sep 28, 2012 10:48 AM

Q6. What first or lasting impressions do you have about the farms visited today?

26	Diversity, passion of producers	Sep 28, 2012 10:45 AM
27	How difficult it would be to run one	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
28	All working for a common goal of providing product for local use	Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM
29	Different obstacles but, 'similar'	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM
30	Lunch at Blackwell Dairy was great. But the robotic cow milker was pretty much the best display of the day.	Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q7. What first or lasting impressions do you have about the presentations and discussions you heard today regarding the agriculture industry in Kamloops?

1	brought up many important points	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	many partners needed working together to solve solutions	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	Good choice of speakers, young, next generation	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
4	problems with succession	Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM
5	lots of challenges. Opportunities for Agriculture in Kamloops	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
6	Passion from producers	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
7	excellent all	Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM
8	The results of this planning processw and plan can only be positive to the industry	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
9	how important succession is to the agriculture future	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
10	Agriculture has the ability for growth in Kamloops if the right assistance is available	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
11	food for thought	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
12	There are many farmers dealing with the same problem in one way or another	Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM
13	The passion by the farmers. It's a thank-less job that is crucial to health and the economy	Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM
14	very diverse problems/issues not easily or quickly resolved by government agencies	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
15	need to bring producers together to create more collaboration	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
16	Need to address worker shortages and succession of aging farmers	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
17	lots of potential	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
18	the potential to produce food in the area	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
19	Lack of agricultural activities and education in our school and TRU	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
20	Need for support. Not necessarily money, but policy, regulations, land and access	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
21	Unintended consequences of regulations. Making 'simple' things 'difficult'	Sep 28, 2012 10:48 AM
22	There are lots of issues that need to be looked at moving forward	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
23	Seemed to focus a lot of negatives and financial problems. Would have liked some success stories	Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM
24	Well presented	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM

Q7. What first or lasting impressions do you have about the presentations and discussions you heard today regarding the agriculture industry in Kamloops?

25 I think it is very interesting how we look at the various sectors and how each contributes to food production in Kamloops. Organic farming vs conventional methods and how the whole idea of balancing the issues of competition and commerce.

Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q8. Do you see opportunities for industry expansion and diversification in Kamloops?

- | | | |
|----|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | only if people begin to realize that it is worth it to pay more for local food in order to further food security. If they don't recognize that, the small percentage of their incomes that they currently pay for food is well below the world average and the amount needed for sustainable agriculture, local producers will not be able to make a living | Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM |
| 2 | urban agriculture; sustainable food system | Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM |
| 3 | Agriculturalism; value added products, kitchens to make finished products for sale on site or restaurants; more local restaurants using local food | Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM |
| 4 | we would like to work with those companies to assist them or better keep them in mind | Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM |
| 5 | Outside my expertise | Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM |
| 6 | There is huge potential for 'value added' agriculture products | Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM |
| 7 | yes- because of people's mind frames towards organic produce no one can afford to start farming without financial support not without funding and not with the high cost of land | Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM |
| 8 | There is a lot of agricultural land not under production that can be utilized in the future | Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM |
| 9 | co operatives | Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM |
| 10 | Farmers willing to expand, if assistance is given | Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM |
| 11 | land base expansion-no value added expansion- yes | Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM |
| 12 | urban agriculture | Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM |
| 13 | distribution, new crops, value added | Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM |
| 14 | I think if we educate the public we can expand the agricultural industry | Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM |
| 15 | agri-tourism, producers collaboration | Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM |
| 16 | More value added food production opportunities will lead to more employment/diversification | Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM |
| 17 | value added, food security | Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM |
| 18 | value added product more agritourism | Sep 28, 2012 1:05 PM |
| 19 | we have the potential to focus on allocation land and human resources toward food security | Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM |
| 20 | Of course. Value added and institutional purchasing (i.e. RHH) of local produce | Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM |
| 21 | Diversification, horticultural crop expansion. Micro processing to support raw production into added value products | Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM |

Q8. Do you see opportunities for industry expansion and diversification in Kamloops?

22	There are some areas that could support different products	Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM
23	Increase crops, and value added	Sep 28, 2012 10:48 AM
24	Year round farmers market. City support	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM
25	Partnership with KIB. We should work at partnerships to move forward with putting lands near the city into higher production. This reduces the carbon footprint as well	Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q9. A number of industry concerns and issues were presented today that will be captured in the City's Agriculture Area Plan. Do you see a particular role for your organization's involvement in resolving some of these issues?

1	more discussions between the Farmer's Market Board, and the City would be beneficial	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	Allowing second dwellings for farm help without having to go through rezoning; providing venue (meeting rooms) to farm groups to encourage them to meet to formulate ideas on how to improve their profession	Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM
3	how to provide value added products, help sell farms so they are not subdivided, connect them with organizations that can help	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
4	The City has lots of opportunities to help promote agriculture	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
5	Environmental concerns not raised today with an exception of weeds	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
6	Restaurants can play very important roles in education/promotion of the local food industry	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
7	Help others in agriculture industry to further their growth	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
8	willing to distribute produce	Oct 2, 2012 4:06 PM
9	health protection	Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM
10	have a background in value added farm production strong interest in diversification	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
11	Our organization is owned by First Nations Agr and I see where we could help in many areas	Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM
12	we can assist with coordinating with producers and have an ag plan project underway	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
13	economic development and product development in the agriculture sector	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
14	we could facilitate dialogue with all the parties whether agriculture procedures for ideas or TIB and land owners what land for agriculture production	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
15	developing agritourism opportunities	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
16	Irrigation water issues	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
17	Already involved via Jim Forbes as the regional Agrologists	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
18	Involvement is issue dependent- availability of staff/skill set within mandate No need to duplicate resources if other are better suited	Sep 28, 2012 10:48 AM
19	I will be directly involved (GIS)	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
20	Most of them	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM
21	As we move into a more data oriented society we may lose track of the successes of others and how personal networking helps support farming. Help	Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM

Q9. A number of industry concerns and issues were presented today that will be captured in the City's Agriculture Area Plan. Do you see a particular role for your organization's involvement in resolving some of these issues?

support owners that wish to network with like minded farmers. The assessment office can sometimes give some insight into production.

Q10. Do you see a need to protect the resources (e.g. land and water) that are important to sustain the agriculture industry in Kamloops or possibly expand it?

1	absolutely essential	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	doesn't support ALR exclusion applications where lands have good soils	Oct 4, 2012 3:08 PM
3	it contributes not only to industry but quality of life	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
4	Encourage healthy lifestyle choices, which in return will reduce health care costs	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
5	Yes- keep ALR boundaries in tact	Oct 4, 2012 11:36 AM
6	maybe capital increast to \$150,000	Oct 4, 2012 9:35 AM
7	access to water	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
8	reserving viable land (ALR) out of the hands of developers and urban sprawl	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
9	expanding agriculture land in and out of the city limits near Kamloops and encourage more farming on these lands based on the crops to grow on this land	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
10	increase irrigation water	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
11	land and water= food=quality of life	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
12	water is very important	Oct 2, 2012 2:06 PM
13	Agriculture land cannot be replaced or moved. once gone, it's really gone	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
14	If we don't protect things like land and water, there will not be any farming in Kamloops	Oct 2, 2012 1:48 PM
15	with out regulations, we will loose land and could end up with polluted water	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
16	property planning/zoning is critical conservation measures (especially water) and water shortage is needed	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
17	work with promise to support water security for agriculture	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
18	Land- ALR Water- MOE	Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM
19	Question unclear. Expanding protection of resources? Base protection is one thing sustainable use should be our goal	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
20	Points raised on the tour address this	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM
21	All resources including managment skills, people	Sep 28, 2012 10:45 AM
22	There needs to be a balance	Sep 28, 2012 10:41 AM
23	Pretty simple. We need food, we'll always need food. Let's find better ways to produce and use locally	Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM
24	Will follow up at a meeting	Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM

Q10. Do you see a need to protect the resources (e.g. land and water) that are important to sustain the agriculture industry in Kamloops or possibly expand it?

- 25 Water, subdivisions make sure we facilitate farming. So that the overall land base supports local production. ALR will always be an issue as well as water use.

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Q11. Do you have any specific suggested solutions, actions, and/or strategies for the City to consider in dealing with some of the issues identified today?

1	Farmers Market-follow up on July 25 noting complete with Farmers Market-ensure that suggestions made there to facilitate markets are acted on	Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM
2	awareness raising, edible landscaping, increasing pilot projects which profile agriculture i.e. spin gardening	Oct 4, 2012 3:13 PM
3	keep the information sessions- discussions going	Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM
4	round table organized discussion	Oct 4, 2012 1:24 PM
5	no	Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM
6	continued public education	Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM
7	celebrate the communities history in Agriculture with a focus on educating the public about the benefits of buying local, fresh products	Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM
8	change in policy regarding using more local foods in food events the city puts on, putting pressure on food companies like Armark & Sysco to use local produce	Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM
9	the city needs to continue working with farmers in making sure issues do not deter farmers to expand	Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM
10	focus groups in the different areas of the city/Westsyde	Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM
11	urban/rural buffers	Oct 2, 2012 3:38 PM
12	to create a vision and direction	Oct 2, 2012 2:06 PM
13	assist farmers with value added initiatives so less produce goes to water. Subsidize/partnerships	Oct 2, 2012 2:04 PM
14	not right at this moment on the bus, returning to town in the space allowed, but yes	Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM
15	land that is agricultural needs to be preserved and if the city can or will implement the action plan to preserve land and water and farmers	Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM
16	survey farmers-which ones are poised to retire and do not have a succession plan market opportunities	Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM
17	agriculture doesn't stop as the city, district do a plan with TNRD for the whole region	Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM
18	I would need to know more about specific issues. However, I do feel that a review of policies at the municipal/provincial level is needed. As mentioned, use Arts & Culture to raise awareness of our agricultural past (i.e. a mural downtown)	Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM
19	Listen to the agriculture people and have an open mind.	Sep 28, 2012 12:46 PM
20	supporting the development of a year round market	Sep 28, 2012 11:21 AM
21	Explore the suggestions provided by the producers. They know their challenges	Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM

Q11. Do you have any specific suggested solutions, actions, and/or strategies for the City to consider in dealing with some of the issues identified today?

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|----|--|-----------------------|
| 22 | Focus residential and industrial development on non-ALR lands | Sep 28, 2012 10:49 AM |
| 23 | The Agricultural community has to create an organization that can bring specific issue to the table. These issues should accompany solutions. | Sep 28, 2012 10:38 AM |
| 24 | Look into how TOL could play a role in year round market | Sep 28, 2012 10:35 AM |
| 25 | I believe the city should not treat farming any different than any other business in Kamloops. There appears to be a view that the city should be more proactive in support. I think farmers should work together to solve their issues. | Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM |

Q12. Do you feel more familiar with the agriculture industry in Kamloops after this tour?

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|---|--|----------------------|
| 1 | I like how it covers diverse areas of the industry. Next time grapes please. Growing in the area | Oct 4, 2012 2:15 PM |
| 2 | lots of challenges I was unaware of | Oct 4, 2012 1:22 PM |
| 3 | we can do a lot more | Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM |
| 4 | of course | Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM |
| 5 | I have a better sense of how much agriculture is still in the city limits | Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM |
| 6 | Better understanding of challenges/opportunities in the sector | Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM |
| 7 | I am more familiar with the market garden group than I was before. | Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM |

Q13. Please share any additional comments, concerns, suggestions or questions you have regarding the tour today and the City's Agriculture Area Plan.

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|----|--|-----------------------|
| 1 | AAP should have section related to water metering i.e. food producers should be charged a lower rate than homeowners sprinkling lawns | Oct 4, 2012 3:31 PM |
| 2 | Would appreciate Plan updates | Oct 4, 2012 1:20 PM |
| 3 | -establish an ongoing Agricultural Advisory Committee-local voice for agriculture - year round farmers market with options for expanding market and processing opportunities - need mechanisms in place to manage irrigation and protect access to water for farm properties. Subdivision of farmland increases the complexity of the management and distribution of water -urban farming will be discouraged by introduction of water meters. Need system to subsidize water used to grow food -develop policy to support local food component for purchasing -is there an opportunity to engage TRU in educational programs for farming? Can we build an educated, new generation of farmers? -love the urban garden @ city hall | Oct 4, 2012 11:36 AM |
| 4 | Perhaps give out a cucumber to everyone instead of bottled water | Oct 3, 2012 4:19 PM |
| 5 | Thank you Maren, the City of Kamloops and all the farmers for an excellent tour. I can't wait for the next one. I thought this tour was very educational. | Oct 3, 2012 3:21 PM |
| 6 | As mentioned before, for a first agricultural tour, it worked out very well as an introduction to what farms in Kamloops are actually capable of | Oct 3, 2012 8:56 AM |
| 7 | September 20 meeting | Oct 3, 2012 8:36 AM |
| 8 | Am very interested in contributing as a team player | Oct 2, 2012 1:57 PM |
| 9 | Great job Maren. I think you opened some eyes with the tour | Oct 2, 2012 1:45 PM |
| 10 | Great ywa to get the city agriculture plan going | Oct 2, 2012 1:21 PM |
| 11 | expand to outside the city- TNRD, TIB | Sep 28, 2012 1:12 PM |
| 12 | I think the Kamloops food policy council needs to be included in the discussion of an agricultural plan | Sep 28, 2012 1:03 PM |
| 13 | use tour bus next time enjoyed the day | Sep 28, 2012 12:58 PM |
| 14 | To have a successful Agriculture plan, we need public support. City needs to reconsider bylaws that work against urban agriculture. Too many city road blocks to urban agriculture. And will water meters limit small scale urban agriculture? | Sep 28, 2012 12:46 PM |
| 15 | Consumer awareness seems to be critical. Urban populations increasingly divorced from agriculture and other resource management. Thus critical from an understanding perspective plus social value/respect for production. | Sep 28, 2012 11:15 AM |
| 16 | Visits to farms that have made a substantial investment to adapt to changing markets are a great way to see real change in Agriculture | Sep 27, 2012 2:36 PM |



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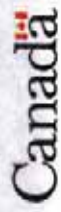
Appendix 5: AAP Roadshow Presentation



Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan (AAP)

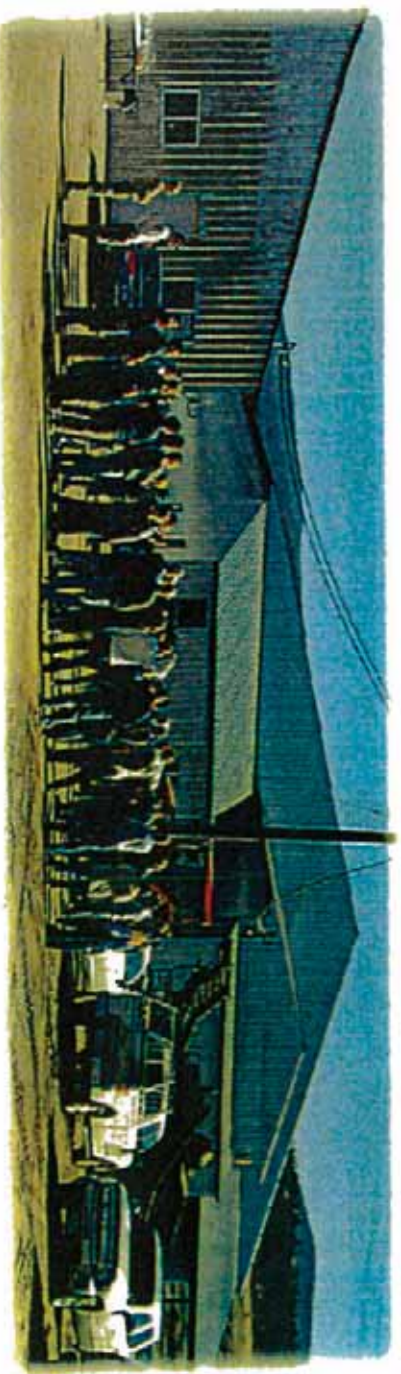
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Purpose

- What is an AAP?
- Process
- Vision/Mission
- Agriculture -History
- Agriculture -Today
- Why an AAP?
- Issues
- Options/programs/policies
- How to get involved/learn more



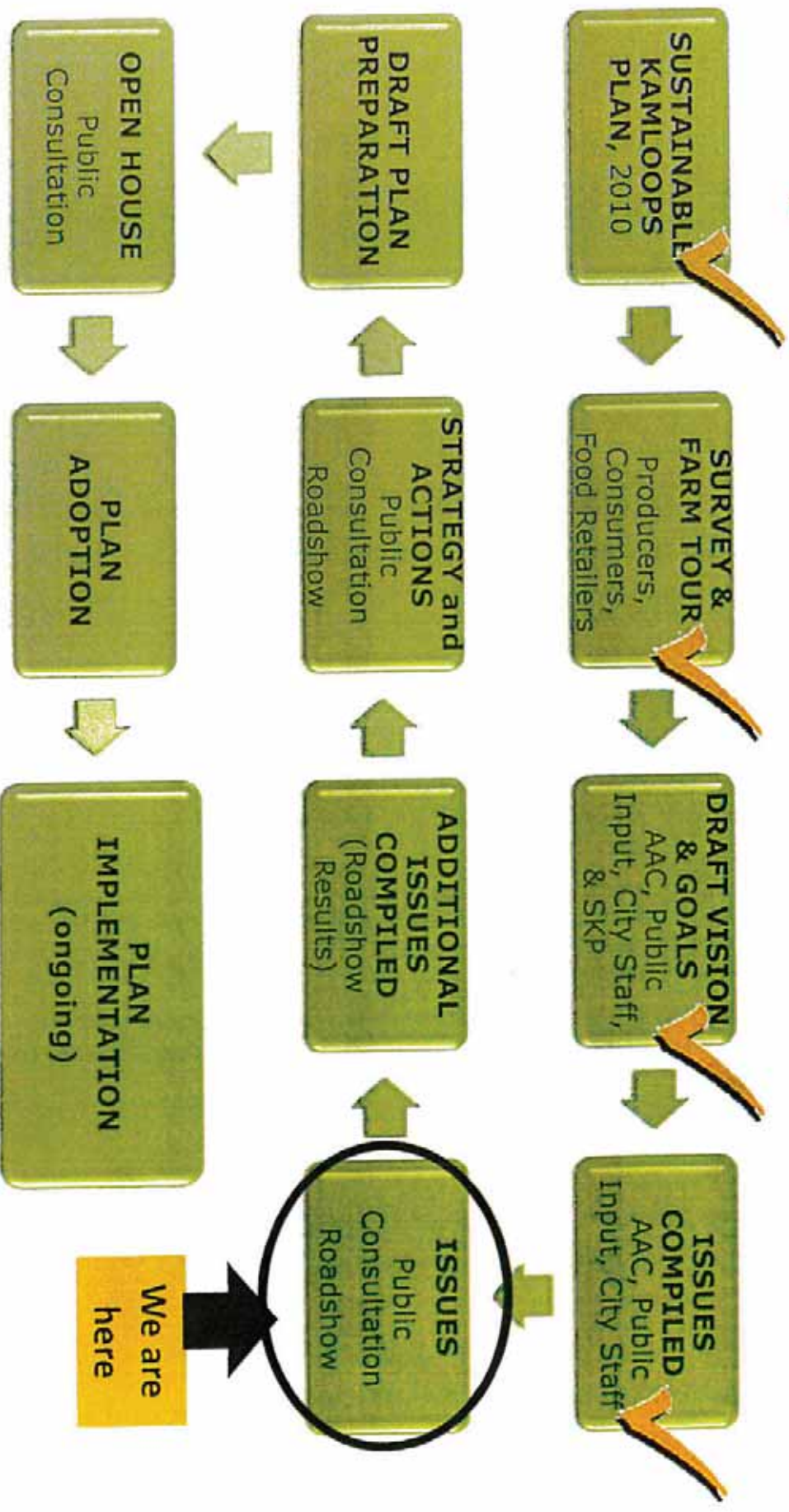


What is an Agriculture Area Plan?

Planning for . . .

- Long-term stability of agriculture sector
- Growth/diversity of local sector
- Policies to protect/promote commercial agriculture and address pressures to agricultural resources
- Encouragement of sustainable commercial agricultural practices

The process:



Plan Vision

"Continued support and encouragement of an economically, environmentally and socially viable local agricultural sector."



Agriculture in Kamloops - Historically

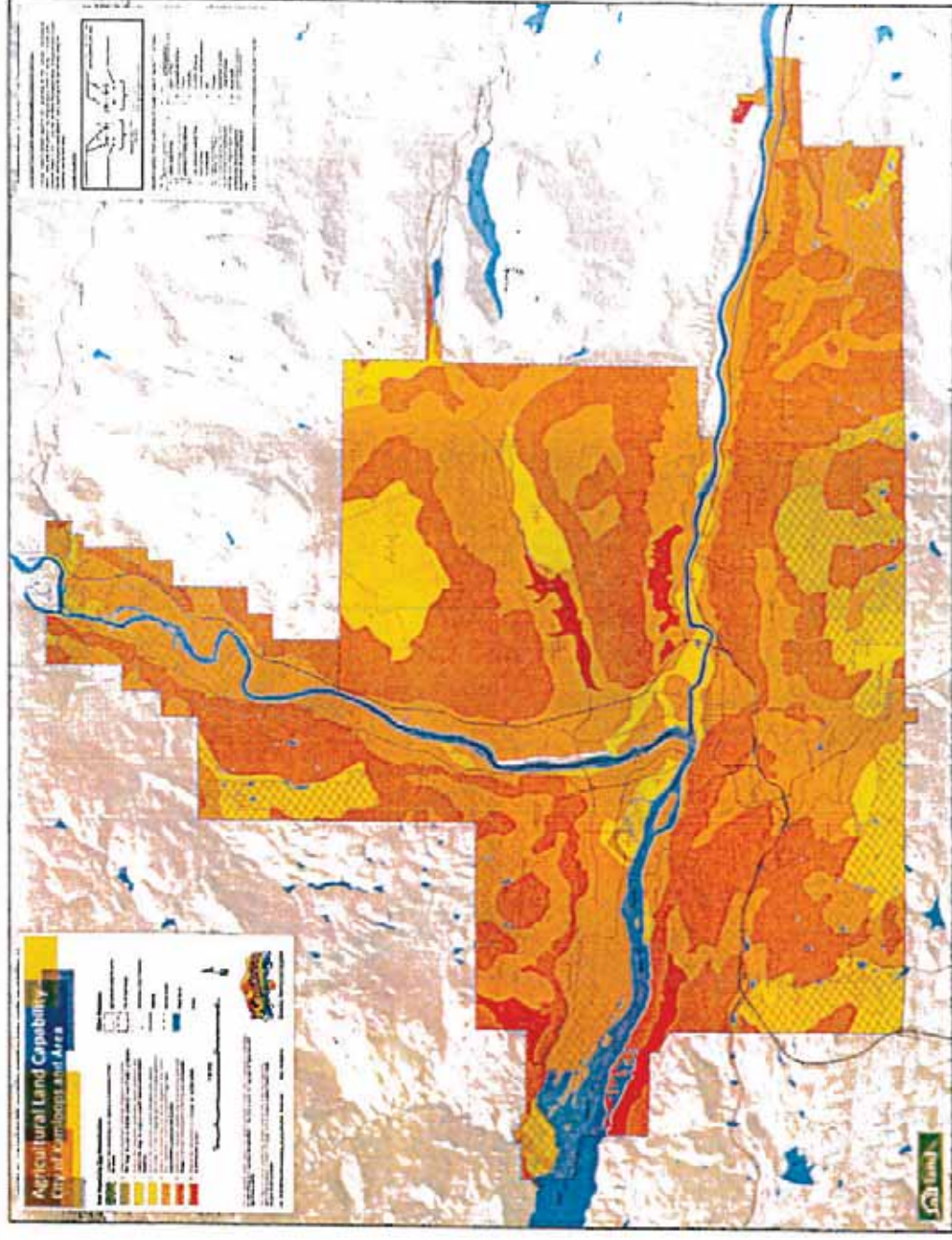
- "Agricultural Eden"
- Important livelihood and economic sector since 1880s and pre-contact
- What was here: Tomatoes, orchards, ranching, processing, exhibitions, fairs, producer associations
- Cattle and range
- 1950s – industry decline from weather, consolidation, economic times
- Review the '**History of Agriculture in Kamloops and Region**' (on the website)

An industry with a rich history and a promising future...



Agriculture in Kamloops - Today

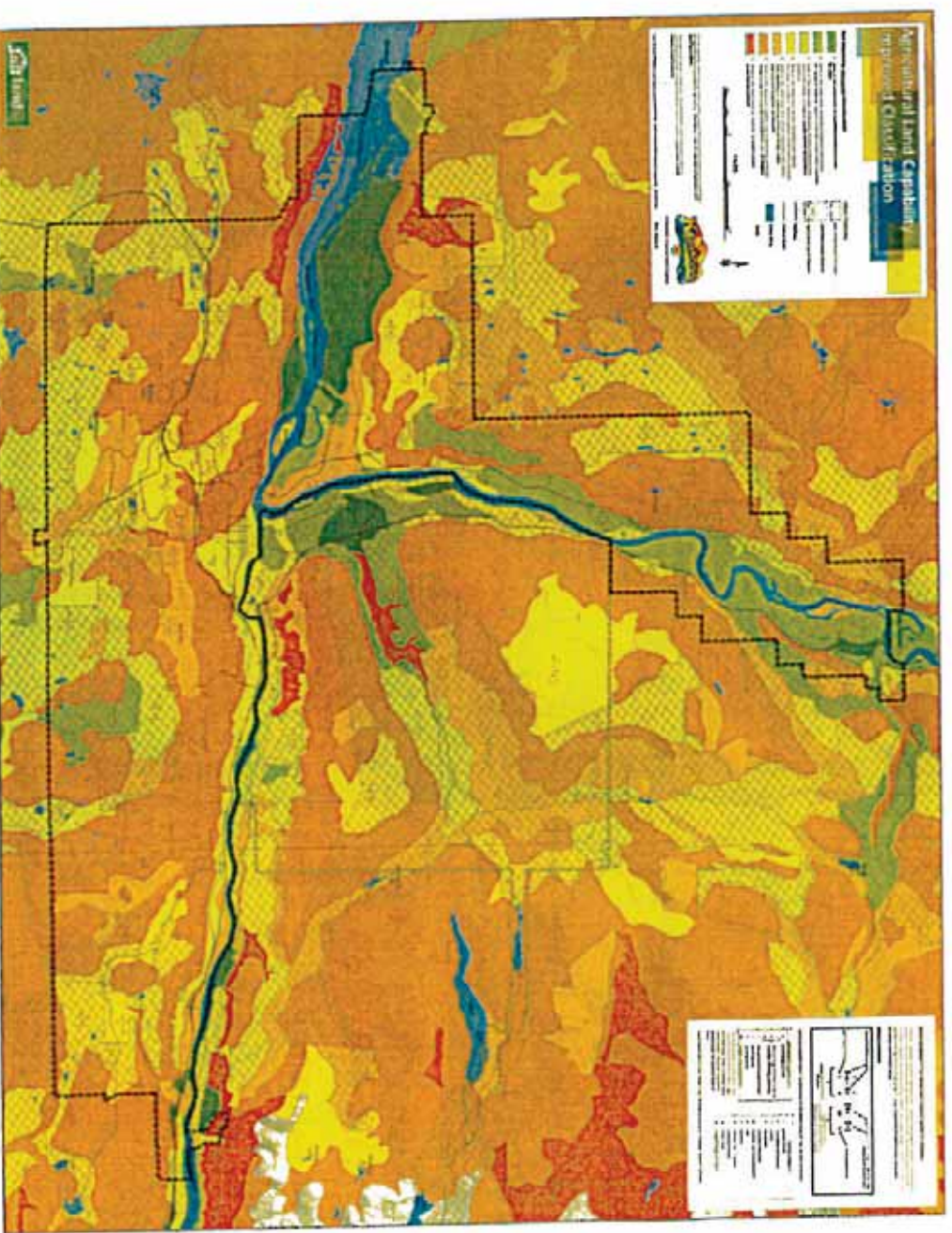
- Without water we can grow very little food
- Very little class 1 and 2 prime agricultural land (green)
- Much of the land is class 4-7 = ideal for ranching but not for irrigated crops



An Agriculture history ready to be rediscovered...

Irrigated Agriculture Land Capability in Kamloops

- With supplemental water Kamloops' agricultural soils are more productive...
- more class 1 and 2 prime agricultural land exists



An Agriculture history ready to be rediscovered...



Agriculture Today – Active and Potential

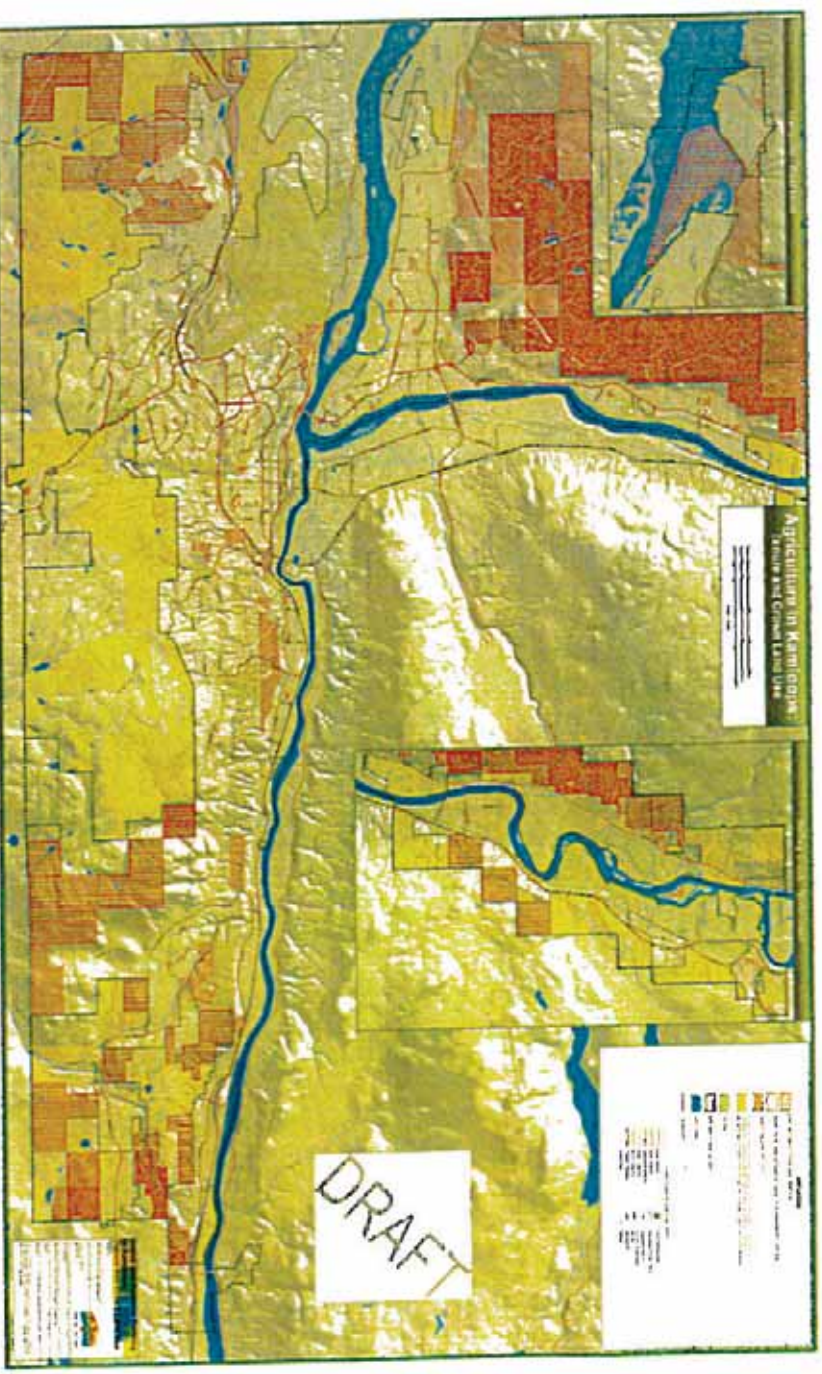
2,400 ha
Actively Farmed
213 ha
Irrigation Source Nearby
785 ha
Irrigation Infrastructure
Needed
1681 ha
Dryland Production
capability



Arable Land Use

Agriculture Today – Active and Potential

2,598 ha
Grazing Lease
3,855 ha
Grazing Tenure
4,271 ha
Vacant Crown Land
4,798 ha
Dryland Production
capability



Tenure & Crown Land Use
Ranching & Dryland Production



Agriculture Today – Farm Properties per BC Assessment

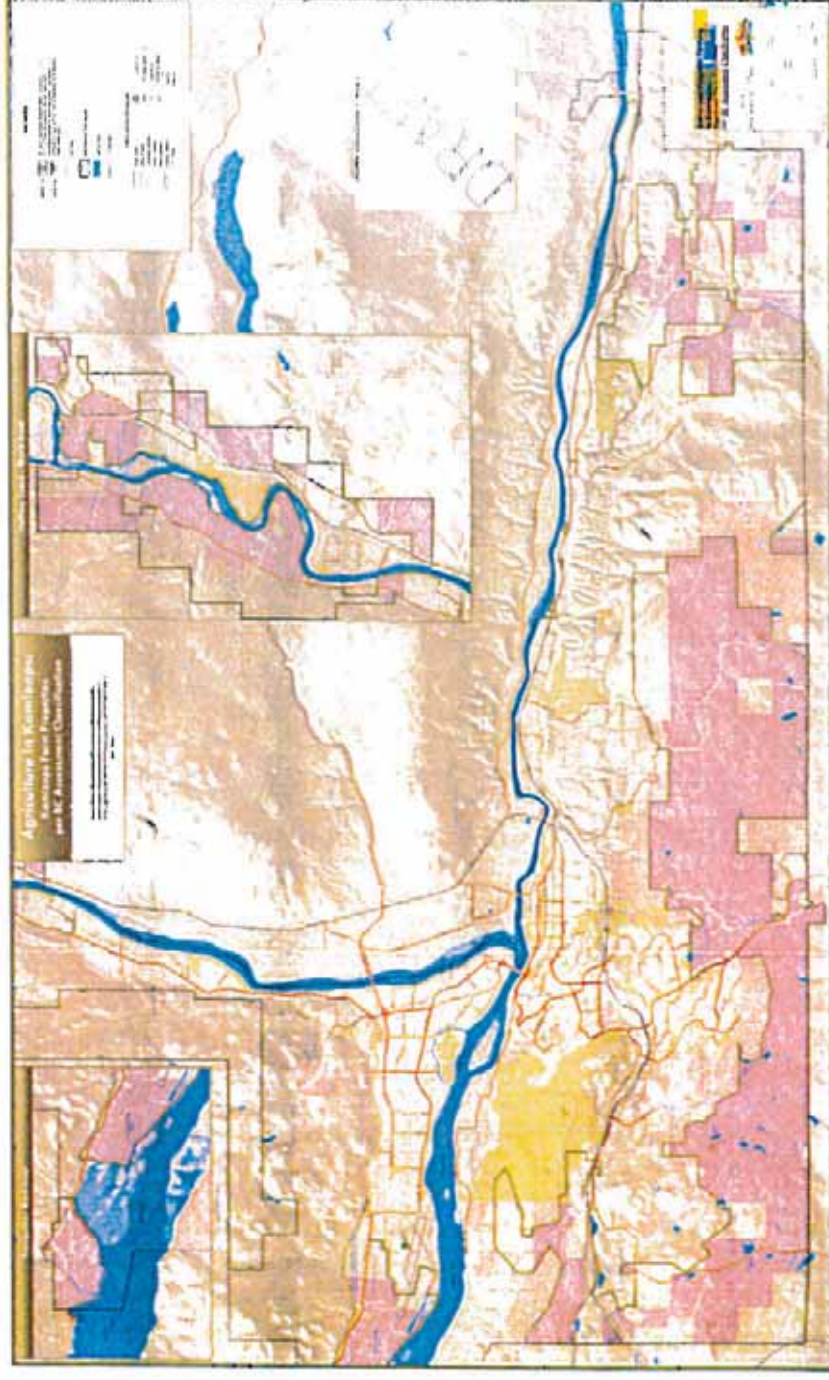
309 Farm Properties
(2013):

241

Within ALR

68

Outside ALR



Class 9 Farm Property: (BC Assessment) the land must produce a prescribed amount of qualifying primary agricultural products for sale, (i.e. crops, livestock). Just because a property is classified by BC Assessment as a 'farm' does not mean it is exempt from meeting local/provincial regulations.

Why develop an Agriculture Area Plan?

- Sustainable Kamloops Plan 2010 = high priority item
- Ensure land is preserved and brought into productivity for agriculture/food
- Improve income from farming
- Increase community awareness, support, involvement

*A healthy agricultural sector
helps diversify the local
economy*



Why develop an Agriculture Area Plan?

- Encourage a co-operative working environment
- Create a local government policy framework that supports and welcomes increased agricultural production, encourages land improvements, helps provide access to resources
- Provide Council with a policy framework to address pressures on agricultural lands
- Local food production reduces dependence on imports and associated costs/impacts

Over \$115 million is spent at BC's farmers markets annually

Issues Considered



Deemed High Priority

INDUSTRY VIABILITY	INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION	AG. RESOURCE PROTECTION	SECURE FOOD SUPPLY, PUBLIC AWARENESS
Aging farmers	Limited meat processing facilities	Security of land and water	Distribution system
Taxes and regulatory costs	Crop and livestock diversity	Population growth versus agricultural land preservation ★	Future of local farmers' markets
Zoning and by-laws ★	Non-farm opportunities	Loss of large ranch properties to multiple titles	Industry recognition
Loss of agricultural researchers	Limited value-added processing opportunities	Growth of mining industry	Education and support for new farmers
No municipally-designated agricultural support ★		Environmental sustainability ★	Improving the urban agriculture interface ★

For more detailed information on food security and urban agriculture, please refer to the [Kamloops Social Plan](#). (review and update in 2013 through 2014)



Plan Options/Programs/Policies to Consider

- Bylaw/regulations (ie. 2nd dwellings, buffers, seasonal housing, *agri-tourism*)
- Corporate purchasing policy supporting local producers
- Partnerships for farm land leasing/purchase opportunities
- Permanent Agriculture Advisory Committee
- Mapping the value of different agricultural lands in the City (*underway*)
- Kamloops Centre for Agriculture (ie. *Value-added processing, cold storage, distribution*)

How can you get involved?

- **Public presentations** – Agricultural issues determined/reviewed (March/April 2013)
- **Take our survey** - available online (<http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml>) or complete here
- **Provide feedback** on the "[*History of Agriculture in Kamloops and Region*](#)"
- **Public Presentations** - help identify actions to address issues (May/June 2013)
- **Open House** - for public to review/comment on draft Agriculture Area Plan (July/Aug. 2013)



How can you learn more and provide feedback?

- Visit our website: <http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-agricultureplan.shtml>
- Read the "**Planting the Seeds for a Sustainable Future**" background document (<http://www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml>)
- Email me: mluciani@kamloops.ca to join our stakeholder group
- "**Like**"  the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan Facebook page



Thank you for your time!

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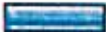
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Appendix 6: AAP Roadshow Exit Survey Results

1. In which neighbourhood do you live?

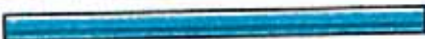
	Response Percent	Response Count
City Centre (south shore) 	13.6%	9
Sahali 	18.2%	12
Aberdeen 	15.2%	10
Valleyview	0.0%	0
Juniper	0.0%	0
North Shore 	10.6%	7
Brocklehurst 	3.0%	2
Rose Hill 	3.0%	2
Dallas 	3.0%	2
Barnhartvale 	3.0%	2
Campbell Creek	0.0%	0
Knutsford 	3.0%	2
Pine View/Mount Dufferin 	3.0%	2
Guerin Creek 	3.0%	2
Tranquille	0.0%	0
Batchelor Heights 	1.5%	1
Westsyde 	13.6%	9
Noble Creek 	3.0%	2
Rayleigh 	1.5%	1
Heffley Creek 	1.5%	1
Kamloops Indian Band Land	0.0%	0

Other (please specify)	9
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answered question	66
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skipped question	11
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2. Prior to this presentation, were you aware an Agriculture Area Plan was being developed for Kamloops?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		67.1%	51
No		32.9%	25

If yes, where did you hear about it?	47
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answered question	76
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skipped question	1
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3. Did you understand the information presented today, as part of the development of the Agriculture Area Plan?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		98.6%	73
No		1.4%	1

Comments	28
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answered question	74
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skipped question	3
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4. After attending the presentation, do you feel informed about the issues the City is considering for the Agriculture Area Plan?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.7%	66
No		8.3%	6
If no, what other information would you like to have?			20
answered question			72
skipped question			5

5. Are you familiar with other issues facing the local agricultural sector that were not covered today?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		38.0%	27
No		36.6%	26
Not Sure		25.4%	18
If you answered 'yes', please identify the other issues known to you			35
answered question			71
skipped question			6

6. Issues have been prioritized in order of their importance and ability to be dealt with from a municipal perspective. Do you agree with the issues identified as high priorities by the Agriculture Advisory Committee?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		65.2%	43
No		16.7%	11
Unsure		18.2%	12
If you answered 'no', please identify those agricultural sector issues that are of greatest importance to you			30
answered question			66
skipped question			11

7. Do you wish to be more involved in this Agriculture Area Plan process (i.e. upcoming public consultation opportunities)? If yes, please provide your email address (or telephone number if you do not have access to the internet).

	Response Count
	33
answered question	33
skipped question	44

Q1. In which neighbourhood do you live?

1	Sagebrush	Apr 19, 2013 11:12 AM
2	Sagebrush area (not exactly downtown)	Apr 10, 2013 1:13 PM
3	Cache Creek	Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM
4	Spences Bridge	Apr 10, 2013 10:57 AM
5	Pinantan Lake	Apr 8, 2013 9:55 AM
6	Cherry Creek	Mar 20, 2013 11:12 AM
7	Cherry Creek	Mar 19, 2013 12:32 PM
8	Stump Lake	Mar 19, 2013 12:29 PM
9	Tk'emlups te Secwepemc land	Feb 21, 2013 3:32 PM

Q2. Prior to this presentation, were you aware an Agriculture Area Plan was being developed for Kamloops?

1	City of Kamloops	Apr 30, 2013 4:06 PM
2	Website	Apr 19, 2013 11:13 AM
3	KFPC	Apr 19, 2013 11:12 AM
4	Dieter Dudy	Apr 17, 2013 2:30 PM
5	Newspaper	Apr 17, 2013 2:25 PM
6	at workshop with Rose at Smorgasbord	Apr 15, 2013 10:12 AM
7	from a farmer	Apr 14, 2013 12:01 PM
8	Food Policy Council member	Apr 13, 2013 1:04 PM
9	media, conversation	Apr 13, 2013 10:22 AM
10	Food Policy Council, emails	Apr 10, 2013 1:13 PM
11	Honey Bees Assoc.	Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM
12	Radio	Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM
13	local personalities	Apr 10, 2013 10:59 AM
14	FBC	Apr 10, 2013 10:55 AM
15	Master Gardeners	Apr 8, 2013 10:11 AM
16	through other Master Gardeners	Apr 8, 2013 10:09 AM
17	Newspaper	Apr 8, 2013 10:09 AM
18	Master Gardner's Association	Apr 8, 2013 9:42 AM
19	through Master Gardner emails	Apr 8, 2013 9:39 AM
20	KFPC	Apr 8, 2013 9:38 AM
21	From Nancy Beppe	Apr 2, 2013 2:41 PM
22	KFPC	Apr 2, 2013 2:39 PM
23	City council meeting	Apr 2, 2013 2:38 PM
24	Emails from City	Apr 2, 2013 2:36 PM
25	Sustainable Kamloops Plan	Apr 1, 2013 10:58 AM
26	City of Kamloops	Mar 22, 2013 3:02 PM
27	Earlier lectures in Ag. Science class	Mar 20, 2013 11:12 AM

Q2. Prior to this presentation, were you aware an Agriculture Area Plan was being developed for Kamloops?

28	Agricultural Sciences @ TRU	Mar 20, 2013 11:11 AM
29	From class	Mar 20, 2013 11:10 AM
30	TRU course AGSC	Mar 20, 2013 11:09 AM
31	In class	Mar 20, 2013 11:09 AM
32	In class	Mar 20, 2013 11:07 AM
33	AGSCI lectures	Mar 19, 2013 1:04 PM
34	Word on the street	Mar 19, 2013 12:31 PM
35	Wendy Gardner	Mar 19, 2013 12:29 PM
36	School	Mar 19, 2013 11:05 AM
37	Committee	Feb 26, 2013 12:52 PM
38	KFPC, Kamloops Plan, Parks Plan	Feb 21, 2013 4:54 PM
39	Friend	Feb 21, 2013 4:52 PM
40	KFPC	Feb 21, 2013 4:43 PM
41	mentioned by friends	Feb 21, 2013 3:47 PM
42	on city website, Facebook, KFPC	Feb 21, 2013 3:46 PM
43	in class at TRU	Feb 21, 2013 3:44 PM
44	Kamloops Food Policy Council	Feb 21, 2013 3:31 PM
45	friends/neighbours	Feb 21, 2013 3:30 PM
46	KFPC	Feb 21, 2013 3:27 PM
47	C. Hebden	Feb 21, 2013 2:19 PM

Q3. Did you understand the information presented today, as part of the development of the Agriculture Area Plan?

1	It is nice to know this is being considered, especially since there is an awesome history of agriculture	Apr 30, 2013 4:08 PM
2	The information was comprehensive and well presented	Apr 30, 2013 4:07 PM
3	No real direction o the meeting most areas covered were in general terms	Apr 28, 2013 8:00 AM
4	Well presented	Apr 19, 2013 11:13 AM
5	Some confusion on overlapping jurisdictions i.e. which rules take precedence, ALC or City?	Apr 17, 2013 2:30 PM
6	Not really sure of the end plan. Is this another waste of tax payers money?	Apr 17, 2013 2:26 PM
7	It is far too late for preservation (30 years). Prime land has been developed. Dictorial approach to area's now deemed 'Agriculture'	Apr 17, 2013 2:25 PM
8	not at the presentaion	Apr 14, 2013 12:01 PM
9	Presenter was knowledgeable and very clear. Easy to understand	Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM
10	great info. school integration would be wonderful. Will contact for Ag. plan info	Apr 10, 2013 10:57 AM
11	This was a very interesting presentation. We need more support for all types of gardening and farming practices	Apr 8, 2013 9:55 AM
12	Excellent presentation- very informative	Apr 8, 2013 9:42 AM
13	Excellent presentation Maren	Apr 8, 2013 9:38 AM
14	Too much printing on overheads. Can't read it at all. Pictures and graphs would be better	Apr 2, 2013 2:38 PM
15	Though there is a lot to digest	Mar 31, 2013 8:49 PM
16	Very good plan, definitely an area that needs policy development regarding current Ag. Issues	Mar 20, 2013 11:12 AM
17	Very well communicated. Tough policies and procedures broken down nicely.	Mar 20, 2013 11:09 AM
18	visually appealing (graphincally easy to understand)	Mar 20, 2013 11:09 AM
19	I feel like it is put together very well and that it is an exceptional presentation	Mar 20, 2013 11:08 AM
20	Good Presentation	Mar 19, 2013 12:31 PM
21	Super Clear	Mar 19, 2013 12:29 PM
22	Excellent presentation. Surprised at some stats (especially water licences) that shows 198 for all Kamloops	Feb 26, 2013 12:52 PM
23	but if talking about sustainability the information should be more related to enrich our soils instead been depleted with toxics and herbicides	Feb 21, 2013 4:50 PM

Q3. Did you understand the information presented today, as part of the development of the Agriculture Area Plan?

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| 24 | good information. Thank you. Glad it is being considered by our City | Feb 21, 2013 4:45 PM |
| 25 | good overview | Feb 21, 2013 3:48 PM |
| 26 | Positive plans in this presentation, glad to hear about this | Feb 21, 2013 3:32 PM |
| 27 | if you are truly serious about supporting farms (economically, environmentally and socially) then as a small farmer-increasing my production because of agritourism, then I am all for it | Feb 21, 2013 3:30 PM |
| 28 | Appropriate considerations for conventional agriculture. Needs more emphasis on Urban, yards, parks etc. Rooftops | Feb 21, 2013 3:27 PM |

Q4. After attending the presentation, do you feel informed about the issues the City is considering for the Agriculture Area Plan?

1	How to address Urban Agriculture and management of livestock etc. i.e Chickens	Apr 30, 2013 4:07 PM
2	Not enough information given on future zone changes and development of land	Apr 28, 2013 8:00 AM
3	Where local products can be purchased	Apr 19, 2013 11:12 AM
4	It is easy to fix this problem, but it will not be addressed in a serious way	Apr 17, 2013 2:26 PM
5	I feel there is another agenda below the surface	Apr 17, 2013 2:25 PM
6	I did not unfortunately attend a presentation - I viewed the info online. I thought the info provided was well done but I would have liked to have attended a presentation to hear the emphasis.	Apr 14, 2013 7:54 AM
7	Plans to preserve pollinators like bees Pesticide use Need for natural areas to preserve abundant and useful native food and medicine species like saskatoon, onion and mullen.	Apr 13, 2013 1:04 PM
8	The city needs to commit to protecting agricultural land from industry and increase their support for the people in the food producing sector.	Apr 13, 2013 10:22 AM
9	I would like to hear more about the negative effects from Ajax.	Apr 13, 2013 10:01 AM
10	If the city buys land for parks, why don't they buy land for Agriculture?	Apr 9, 2013 10:53 AM
11	More on how to tap into funding to start up the land you wish to farm	Apr 8, 2013 9:55 AM
12	Geothermal/solar energy to assist local farming community to reduce growing costs-green energy	Apr 8, 2013 9:42 AM
13	I'd like the city to model how and when to water. They city creates rivers on asphalt during the day in the heat	Apr 2, 2013 2:38 PM
14	I'd like to know about opportunities and limitations (regulations, permits) for small plot urban farmers.	Mar 31, 2013 8:49 PM
15	All work is very positive for Agriculture to coincide with local developments. Public education on how local farms incorporate to the community. General views- presentation was very well put together. Excellent job	Feb 26, 2013 12:52 PM
16	More consideration for real food security- environmental protection	Feb 21, 2013 4:54 PM
17	I would like more specifics, but I realize that you can not do that yet	Feb 21, 2013 4:43 PM
18	Some were a little vague. What they mean by 'support' and 'encourage' in the mission statement. How does one measure/quantify those terms?	Feb 21, 2013 3:44 PM
19	Dates of meetings	Feb 21, 2013 3:30 PM
20	Organic farming, pesticide free zone	Feb 21, 2013 2:19 PM

Q5. Are you familiar with other issues facing the local agricultural sector that were not covered today?

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| 1 | I am curious to fruit growing opportunities and keeping growth local and affordable | Apr 30, 2013 4:07 PM |
| 2 | Urban Agriculture | Apr 19, 2013 11:13 AM |
| 3 | Noble Creek irrigation system. Additional tax rate (mill rate) for large parcels of land allowed to lie fallow (thus not qualify for farm status) to let current older owners remain on their property | Apr 17, 2013 2:30 PM |
| 4 | Water | Apr 17, 2013 2:26 PM |
| 5 | Too much diversification e.g Agri-tourism. Add value industry. Water issues (cost), sustainability of water by the city | Apr 17, 2013 2:25 PM |
| 6 | soil, water and air contamination for residents in Kamloops who want to grow their own food | Apr 14, 2013 12:01 PM |
| 7 | What about the Singh St. Bridge, the various Kamplans, CPR yard "covered like Calgary" BC Mine Tenure Act update I | Apr 13, 2013 9:24 PM |
| 8 | The Ajax mine and how it is going to pollute the agricultural area around it. | Apr 13, 2013 10:01 AM |
| 9 | Several important issues have been left out: GMOs--after further research (I understand that there has been little discussion and a lack of information about this topic) this topic should be addressed in the AAP as there is likely to be a huge impact in the future.. Those of us who are concerned about food security and food sovereignty feel that the City of Kamloops should join other municipalities and areas of BC, Canada and other countries, in declaring our City to be a GMO-free zone. http://www.gmo-free-regions.org/gmo-free-regions/germany.html has links to various lists of areas & municipalities that are declared GMO-free zones
http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2012/052212_minutes.htm discussion and motion passed at Richmond City Council meeting As growing medical marijuana would be an economically viable diversification for local farmers, the City should NOT be passing zoning laws that would only allow this crop to be grown in industrial areas in artificial growing conditions by large corporations. Plots of land that are not currently being used to their potential to grow food should be reserved for future small farms (eg., schoolgrounds of schools that have been closed--until there are sufficient farmers to produce food, these lands should continue to be used for community purposes such as sports, but they should never be used for residential purposes. | Apr 10, 2013 1:13 PM |
| 10 | Everything is covered under major headings, but issues are detailed and need to be dealt with at detailed level | Apr 10, 2013 11:06 AM |
| 11 | TNRD does not have a AAC. It is a credit to Kamloops City | Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM |
| 12 | Ag. facilities for convention fairs, shows etc. to promote public awareness | Apr 10, 2013 10:59 AM |
| 13 | water licence/abuse, availability | Apr 10, 2013 10:57 AM |
| 14 | crop insurance. greenhouses on ALR instead of non Ag. land | Apr 10, 2013 10:56 AM |
| 15 | boat wake erosion on farm lands and GMO invasive plants limited water supply | Apr 10, 2013 10:55 AM |

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	from streams at winter and summer low flow may be exasperated by city assiting with folks getting off city water. apply for provincial licence. impacts fish	
16	leasing land, where is the most fertile land	Apr 8, 2013 10:11 AM
17	increase ability for year round hot house growing in order to compete with American big box producers	Apr 8, 2013 9:42 AM
18	Tranquille on the Lake-working farm educational facility development	Apr 8, 2013 9:38 AM
19	provide incentives to buying locally produced food	Apr 2, 2013 2:41 PM
20	Water issues we talked about	Apr 2, 2013 2:39 PM
21	please speak up about the proposed Ajax mine and it's detrimental plan on Kamloops water and land	Apr 2, 2013 2:38 PM
22	Cost of ag land for new farmers and alternative opportunities to lease and farm other people's properties. ALR protecting prime ag land. I realize you noted food security and urban agriculture is in the Social Plan's jurisdiction but I hope there is a strong linkage as I see the issues as intertwined.	Mar 22, 2013 3:02 PM
23	High seasonal work turnovers	Mar 20, 2013 11:12 AM
24	Desertification/degradation of land, how to improve nutrient quality, reduce pesticide/poison leaching. Also dual or triple piping for drinking water, graywater, organic waste in order to reduce purification lost, recycle waste water heat/nutrients	Mar 19, 2013 12:31 PM
25	Many issues have been discussed in committee. I'm not sure they need to be addressed or should be addressed in the plan, i.e. taxes on farm buildings etc.	Feb 26, 2013 12:52 PM
26	GE test trials. Use of GMO commercial crops	Feb 21, 2013 4:54 PM
27	some of the issues brought by the audience- pollinators, pesticides, GMO's- also backyard chickens, bees. Urban Agriculture should be included in the AAP	Feb 21, 2013 4:52 PM
28	The use of pesticides, herbisides and other toxic chemicals. What about the contamination of GMO (GE) crops and the impact with the bees	Feb 21, 2013 4:50 PM
29	water avallability	Feb 21, 2013 4:46 PM
30	issue of pollinators, use of pesticides, loss of habitat	Feb 21, 2013 4:43 PM
31	implications of the Ajax mine. Local GMO activity	Feb 21, 2013 3:47 PM
32	organic certification and other environmentally sustainable practices-how do we protect water sources. Pollinators should be addressed. GMO's- do we want to allow them? become a GMO free zone?	Feb 21, 2013 3:44 PM
33	pollinators	Feb 21, 2013 3:30 PM
34	more provisions for urban farmers	Feb 21, 2013 3:27 PM

Q5. Are you familiar with other issues facing the local agricultural sector that were not covered today?

35 GMO's being grown in Agr by Bayer Crop Science

Feb 21, 2013 2:19 PM

Q6. Issues have been prioritized in order of their importance and ability to be dealt with from a municipal perspective. Do you agree with the issues identified as high priorities by the Agriculture Advisory Committee?

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| 1 | Not enough information given out at the meeting | Apr 28, 2013 8:00 AM |
| 2 | Bylaws definately need to be changed regarding additional businesses operated on farm land i.e. mechanical, agri tourism, secondary residence3s. Make it more likely that farmers will stay on their land | Apr 17, 2013 2:30 PM |
| 3 | Abuse of tax system re: secondary income/businesses, multiple housing using farm tax base | Apr 17, 2013 2:25 PM |
| 4 | The proposed Ajax mine has enormous potential to contaminate our soil through toxic dust settling on gardens. It should be top priority! | Apr 15, 2013 10:12 AM |
| 5 | I in my opnlion, security of land and water should be high on the list of municipal priorities, even if the city has limited control over agricultural lands. It demonstrates vision, realization of risks of loss, and philosophical bias. Given the very real threat to land, water, and air pollution posed by the Ajax mine proposal, and knowing that there are other proposals on the sideline - "growth of mining industry" should be a priority. The impact that the Ajax mine will have on the southwest region in particular, but ultimately on the entire area from an agricultural standpoint, is immense. | Apr 14, 2013 7:54 AM |
| 6 | the poisoning of the surrounding ground water and grasslands that has happened just about every where a mine has been. Giant, Faro, who's paying for the 7 billion + cleanup ? | Apr 13, 2013 9:24 PM |
| 7 | Included with maintaining a healthy ecosystem within our city boundaries, we should be liaising with our neighbouring districts and cities to ensure abundant clean water supplies upstream and downstream and air as free as possible from particulate matter, metals, acids, and other 'dust' components that not only settle on crops, but also contaminate the soil beneath them. | Apr 13, 2013 1:04 PM |
| 8 | AJAX MINE should be a top issue | Apr 13, 2013 10:01 AM |
| 9 | Mining and meat processing should have higher priority...I want to be able to buy locally grown and processed meat. Mining growth would take huge pieces of land out of the ALR far faster than urban growth, though we should pay attention to both areas. | Apr 13, 2013 9:41 AM |
| 10 | Urban sprawl along river | Apr 12, 2013 3:45 PM |
| 11 | The issues seem rather vague, and/or somewhat overlapping, eg. does "No municipally designated agricultural support" actually mean "Provide municipally designated agricultural support"? Neither "Aging farmers" nor "Education and support for new farmers" are prioritized -- this seems to be one of the most important issues. While "Environmental sustainability" is prioritized, what does it mean? This is where I believe that the City should be encouraging organic farming specifically and restricting the use of GMOs. Improving the urban agriculture interface" is prioritized, but have there actually been many cases of incidents between farmers and nearby residents? My choices for prioritizing would be Security of land and water -- prioritizing this would cover both "Zoning and by-laws" and "Population growth versus agricultural land preservation" Support for new farmers (not so much education as making land available) | Apr 10, 2013 1:13 PM |

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"Growth of mining industry"--a concern both from the point of view of contamination of land and water outside the mine area, and of actual use of land that was former ranchland. The AAP could strongly advise against mining in close proximity to agricultural (and small garden) land--this would be another encouragement for City Council to speak against encouraging the mining industry to locate near the City.

12	loss of ranch properties to multiple sites is more major than it seems. Sites need to work with ALR on this one if land is to be kept in real production. Why sell a 1/4 section to fund farming losses thus changing productive capacity, when 5 acres or less would bring similar revenue. The solution is easy but counter-intuitive.	Apr 10, 2013 11:06 AM
13	Perhaps a joint AAC would make effective improved understanding	Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM
14	New urban farmer support	Apr 8, 2013 10:09 AM
15	urban agriculture. backyard gardening support- water cost, chickens in the city , bee keeping	Apr 8, 2013 9:42 AM
16	Include more emphasis on education and support for new farmers/food producers	Apr 8, 2013 9:38 AM
17	there are many ways the city could promote local food production and also modelling proper watering.	Apr 2, 2013 2:41 PM
18	water issues is there a second or third source of water as the current system in the lowest point of the river	Apr 2, 2013 2:39 PM
19	Disappearing agricultural land used for developing residential areas	Apr 2, 2013 2:38 PM
20	I am not a farmer or knowledgeable about what issues farmers face which are within domain of municipality.	Mar 22, 2013 3:02 PM
21	Industrial Agriculture is a zoning problem	Mar 19, 2013 12:29 PM
22	We live in a desert. Water and its value cannot be over explained.	Feb 26, 2013 12:52 PM
23	Bylaws are important, but sustainability, human health and land stewardship should trump as priorities	Feb 21, 2013 4:54 PM
24	go 100% organic (no gmo, no pesticides, no herbicides)	Feb 21, 2013 4:50 PM
25	pesticides used in the Municipal jurisdiction	Feb 21, 2013 4:46 PM
26	love the fact you are looking at corporate purchase policies and urban agriculture interface. more support to farmers	Feb 21, 2013 3:48 PM
27	GMP policies. Pollinator protection planning. Ajax mine	Feb 21, 2013 3:46 PM
28	In general yes, but I was surprised that nothing under industry diversification was prioritized	Feb 21, 2013 3:31 PM

Q6. Issues have been prioritized in order of their importance and ability to be dealt with from a municipal perspective. Do you agree with the issues identified as high priorities by the Agriculture Advisory Committee?

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| 29 | many people interested in supporting Urban Ag will leave Kamloops if Ajax mine is approved | Feb 21, 2013 3:27 PM |
| 30 | Organic- Chemical free food | Feb 21, 2013 2:19 PM |

Q7. Do you wish to be more involved in this Agriculture Area Plan process (i.e. upcoming public consultation opportunities)? If yes, please provide your email address (or telephone number if you do not have access to the internet).

1	Yes, patsbarr@yahoo.ca (250-579-9088)	Apr 28, 2013 8:00 AM
2	2watsonhall@gmail.com	Apr 17, 2013 2:30 PM
3	pdessau@yahoo.com	Apr 17, 2013 2:25 PM
4	pgabriel@telus.net	Apr 14, 2013 12:01 PM
5	ottembomb@gmail.com	Apr 14, 2013 7:54 AM
6	billhadgkiss@gmail.com	Apr 13, 2013 9:24 PM
7	juniper.west92@gmail.com	Apr 13, 2013 1:04 PM
8	helpbug@gmail.com	Apr 13, 2013 10:01 AM
9	anncegrube@gmail.com	Apr 10, 2013 1:13 PM
10	ravem_ame@hotmail.com 250-318-3120	Apr 10, 2013 11:02 AM
11	pauldevick@hotmail.com	Apr 10, 2013 10:59 AM
12	steverice53@msn.com	Apr 10, 2013 10:57 AM
13	jhoefner@live.com	Apr 8, 2013 9:55 AM
14	Jenjimw@telus.net	Apr 8, 2013 9:42 AM
15	edenquest@me.com	Apr 8, 2013 9:38 AM
16	publicproduceproject@gmail.com	Apr 2, 2013 2:39 PM
17	Cherylkb@shaw.ca	Apr 1, 2013 10:58 AM
18	ttjstemarie@hotmail.com	Mar 31, 2013 8:49 PM
19	Will be attending presentation at Smorg on March 25	Mar 22, 2013 3:02 PM
20	schefflerj@hotmail.com	Mar 19, 2013 1:04 PM
21	laiandurrell@gmail.com	Mar 19, 2013 12:29 PM
22	Wish I had time	Mar 19, 2013 11:05 AM
23	edenquest@me.com 250-852-0681 (Shelaigh)	Feb 21, 2013 4:54 PM
24	claudiahermay@hotmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 4:50 PM
25	sharonschaffhauser@hotmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 4:46 PM
26	david.hoar@opendoorgroup.org	Feb 21, 2013 4:45 PM

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27	laurakaline@telus.net	Feb 21, 2013 3:48 PM
28	kintor@hotmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 3:47 PM
29	bklahn@gmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 3:46 PM
30	addie_houlberg@hotmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 3:44 PM
31	iamsilverwillow@hotmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 3:32 PM
32	info@rainbowsroost.com	Feb 21, 2013 3:30 PM
33	grtt1c2@gmail.com	Feb 21, 2013 3:27 PM



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Appendix 7: AAP Newspaper Coverage (Four included)

June 29, 2012

Kamloops releases Public Input Report on local agriculture

Kamloops, B.C. - The results of a public survey conducted earlier this year aimed at Kamloops residents, food retailers and producers are now available in the form of a Public Input Report.

Recognizing the importance of gaining preliminary input from the people of Kamloops toward the development of a City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan, City staff, with the support of the Agriculture Advisory Committee, polled the public to solicit feedback on local agriculture issues, successes and food buying patterns.

The overall goal of the Agriculture Area Plan is to build strong, positive relationships between the City, local agricultural community and the Agricultural Land Commission in order to work toward sustainability and promotion of local agriculture.

"The local producer survey response rate was overwhelming," said Maren Luciani, staff lead for the development of the Agriculture Area Plan. "Not only do the responses point to several key issues and challenges faced by producers, but the survey responses more generally suggest that agriculture planning is overdue and an issue the people of Kamloops are passionate about."

82 local producers, 298 consumers and 31 retailers completed the targeted surveys bringing the total to 411 surveys. The Agriculture Advisory Committee, City staff and consultants will be able to use the information collected from the surveys to support policy and program development pertaining to agriculture, both at the local level and with senior levels of government. The report can be used to support local producers and retailers in determining needs and demands for future marketing initiatives and to provide direction on future research required to meet public demand.

According to Randy Lambright, Planning & Development Manager for the City, some of the more common themes extracted from the surveys which will be considered as potential policies for the Agriculture Area Plan include: the potential need for a centralized, year-round, diversified farmers market facility that includes local processing, cold storage and distribution capacity; local programming and business planning for new farmers; the need for a farm bylaw that supports local farming; more flexibility of use of land within the ALR; educational programming and marketing for local food; and the potential for a permanent City of Kamloops Agriculture Advisory Committee.

The Public Input Report is [available online](#) and in hard copy. A Public Consultation Plan is in the works to identify further opportunities for public input and feedback as the planning process moves forward. All future opportunities for public input will be posted on the City's website and printed in the local papers.

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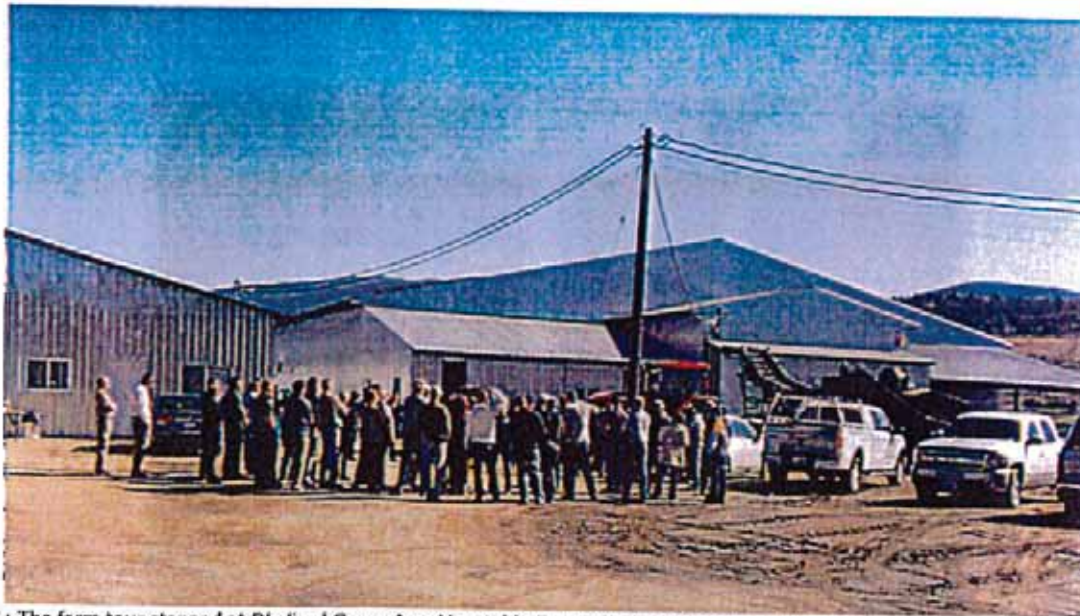
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Agriculture Farm Tour builds awareness of local farming

Kamloops, BC – On Thursday, September 13th, the Kamloops Agriculture Advisory Committee hosted a Kamloops Farm Tour in order to facilitate a better understanding of the local commercial agriculture industry in order to help guide the development of a City Agriculture Area Plan. This community engagement event is one of several more to come that will be included as part of Agriculture Area Plan Development Process.

The tour, of approximately 60 people representing various agencies including, but not limited to, Interior Health, the First Nations Agricultural Association, the Ministry of Agriculture, Venture Kamloops, Community Futures, TNRD, City staff and Council, Thompson Rivers University and Agri-Foods and Olympic Legacies, aimed to educate participants on the challenges and opportunities of local commercial farming operations, trends of the industry, and the successes and failures of different sectors of Kamloops agriculture. The tour included presentations by Dhaliwal Green Acres Vegetable Farm, Thistle Farm, Frolek Cattle Company and Blackwell Dairy. Lunch was provided by Terra Restaurant, a Kamloops eatery that uses locally or regionally grown products as available, funded by Community Futures Thompson Country.



1: The farm tour stopped at Dhaliwal Green Acre Vegetable Farm, the largest onion producer in BC and one of the largest potato producers in BC.

Gary Rolston, Professional Agrologist, of 'From the Ground Up' in Courtenay noted that, according to a model developed by the BC Ministry of Agriculture, it takes 0.524 hectares to feed one person, of which 10% must be irrigated. "Kamloops needs close to 45,000 hectares of land to be fully food self-sufficient. There isn't that much land available within the boundaries of the City. This is why Kamloops should be looking to support and encourage agricultural development in the larger region."



2: Dieter Dudy of Thistle Farms speaks to the group about organic farming and diversification

In addition, the average age of BC farmers continues to climb, and without new generations stepping in to take over, this poses a very real threat to local farming enterprises. More and more produce is transported from the US and Mexico. While farmers markets provide a great opportunity to source local products and raise awareness about local food, the distribution and wholesale processes in the province leave costly inefficiencies. "We need to be able to sell our produce in local stores. Local produce is shipped to large central warehouses at the coast and then shipped back to the large stores in Kamloops", said one local farmer. The first step to dealing with these issues is awareness, and the tour helped to generate this, as well as potential future partnerships for local agricultural support.



3: Councillor Tina Lange learns about Blackwell Dairy's robotic milking system

Participants left the tour with a better understanding of the industry, and recognized the need to protect the area's resources, such as land and water, and to sustain and expand the local agriculture industry.



4: Laura Hunter, Barn Manager for Blackwell Dairy Farm Talks with the group about Dairy Farming in the BC Interior during lunch, provided by Terra Restaurant

"Although we will always have to bring in food from around the world, local food supplies provide the consumer a healthy "ripened-on-the-vine" alternative," said Jeremy Cooke, of AC Eagle Enterprises, a local consulting firm.



5: Darren Dempsey of Frolek Cattle Company speaks about cattle ranching

"This tour helped us to raise awareness and educate people about local food sustainability issues, which will be reflected in our Agriculture Area Plan process as we move forward", said City Planner,

Maren Luciani. "We are hearing loud and clear that there needs to be more flexibility in terms of regulations for bonafide farmers and a better municipal support system for the industry. This tour not only helped to flush out the issues facing farmers but also generate discussion surrounding some of the potential solutions to these issues."

"We can easily transition some of our agricultural lands back into horticultural production. We have the soil and climate to grow food crops instead of just hay," stated Robson Rogan, Professional Agrologist for Purity Feeds, a local agricultural supply company that caters to both local and regional farmers.

Councillor Nelly Dever concluded, "We need to build partnerships between the City and the agricultural community in order to help mitigate the challenges facing the industry."

To stay connected with the Agriculture Area Plan visit the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan webpage at www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-agricultureplan.shtml

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Agricultural area plan road show is available

Got a beef with agriculture in the city or a seed of an idea you'd like to see sprout?

The City's agricultural advisory committee is at a stage of offering road show presentations to interested community groups about the agricultural area plan.

City planner Maren Luciani said the committee has heard so far that the agricultural area plan has been a long time coming and that the City isn't as supportive toward the agricultural industry as it was two or three decades ago.

"People are pleased we're starting to build those relationships again and how local food can be part of the local fabric," she said.

"We're hearing things like better access and affordability to local food, and an overall need for year round farmers' market has been a big one to come out of this."

The plan deals with commercial agriculture, not personal or home-based efforts such as urban chickens or bees.

Groups interested in a presentation can sign up by contacted Luciani at 250-828-3568, or email her at mluciani@kamloops.ca. Presentations are being done between now and the first week of May.

The City also has documents available on its web site to provide more information and background, including [Planting the Seeds for a Sustainable Future](#) Background Report: Food, Farming, and the Agriculture Area Plan.

The road show presentation, a local historical timeline of agricultural events and a road show exit survey are also available at www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml, or can be made available in hard copy by contacting the City.

All feedback will be compiled, reviewed and considered in the development of the agriculture area plan.

"We're soliciting input for the plan. This one is to look at issues that have been compiled from surveys we sent out in 2012 from a farm tour with local officials and producers, and conversations with the agricultural advisory committee," said Luciani.

There will be another public consultation phase for potential strategies and actions for the plan in early summer 2013. The plan is anticipated to go to Council for adoption later this fall.

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New farming options considered for agricultural plan

By Jason Hewlett Daily News Staff Reporter

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A partnership between new and old farmers is just one facet of the City's agriculture area plan, regional directors learned.

City planner Maren Luciani provided an update on the plan to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District board Thursday afternoon.

The plan looks at ways to improve the community's support for the agricultural industry, which has waned during the last two or three decades, she said.

"This has been identified as a high-priority through the Sustainable Kamloops Plan," Luciani told regional directors. "Additionally, we want to ensure that land is preserved and brought into productivity for agriculture and, more importantly, for food."

An aspect the regional district can become involved in is creating leasing opportunities for farmers, she said. Farmers across Canada are aging, and new farmers aren't coming up the chain to replace them.

Luciani would like to see a partnership where new farmers, who often can't afford to buy a big plot of land, are connected to existing farm properties that aren't being used.

She said farmers on the verge of retirement might also be convinced to rent out a portion of their land to a new farmer.

"Whether it be a whole chunk or, in theory, dividing it up into pieces and having a new farmer come in to utilize the land," she said after the presentation.

"Twenty years from now, if we're not growing new farmers, who is going to grow our food?"

An open house will take place some time in July or August, with residents from rural communities invited to learn more about the plan. Luciani said the dates will be advertised and reported in the media.

The plan will be presented to City council early in the fall, she said.

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Appendix 8: Open House Advertisement



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**We're coming...
to a neighbourhood near you!**

The City of Kamloops Agriculture Advisory Committee and Development and Engineering Services staff are pleased to present the draft Agriculture Area Plan for review and comment.

The Committee would like to invite residents of Kamloops to attend one of several Open House events to review strategies and actions proposed in the plan and provide feedback before the plan is presented to City Council.

The Open House dates are as follows:

Oct 3, 2013	Bert Edwards Elementary School ~ 711 Windsor Drive 6:30 pm – 8 pm
Oct 21, 2013	Tournament Capital Ranch (plaza) ~5375 Yellowhead Hwy 6 pm – 7:30 pm
Oct 23, 2013	Interior Savings Centre: Parkside Lounge ~ 300 Lorne St 12 pm – 1:30 pm & 6 pm – 7:30 pm
Oct 24, 2013	Barnhartvale Community Hall ~ 7370 Barnhartvale Road 6 pm – 7:30 pm

The Open Houses are drop-in events. Light refreshments will be served.

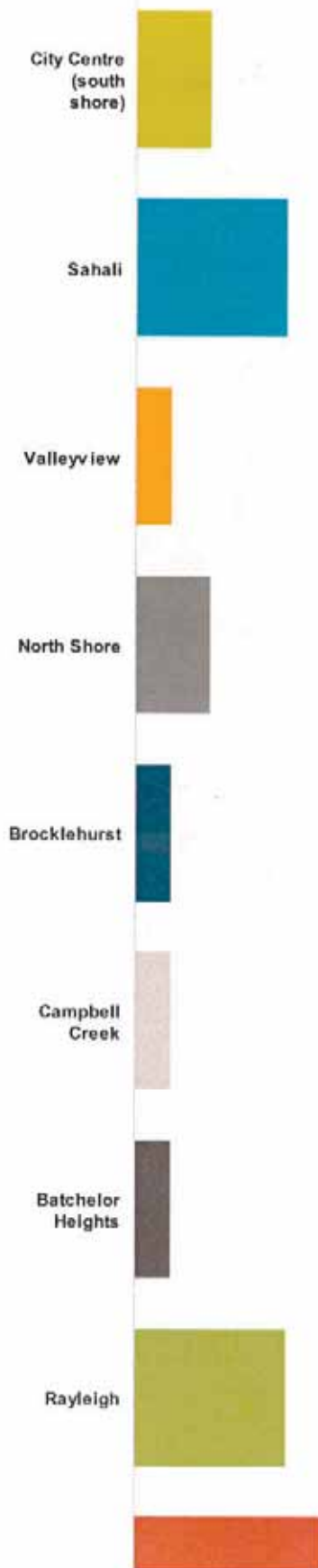
For those not able to attend an Open House, all documents available at the events will also be posted at www.kamloops.ca/environment/land-publicparticipation.shtml.

For more information on the Agriculture Area Plan or to provide feedback in lieu of attending an Open House, please call 250-828-3568 or email mluciani@kamloops.ca.

Appendix 9: AAP Open House Exit Survey Results

Q1 In which neighbourhood do you live?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 1



AAP Open House Exit Survey

Heffley Creek



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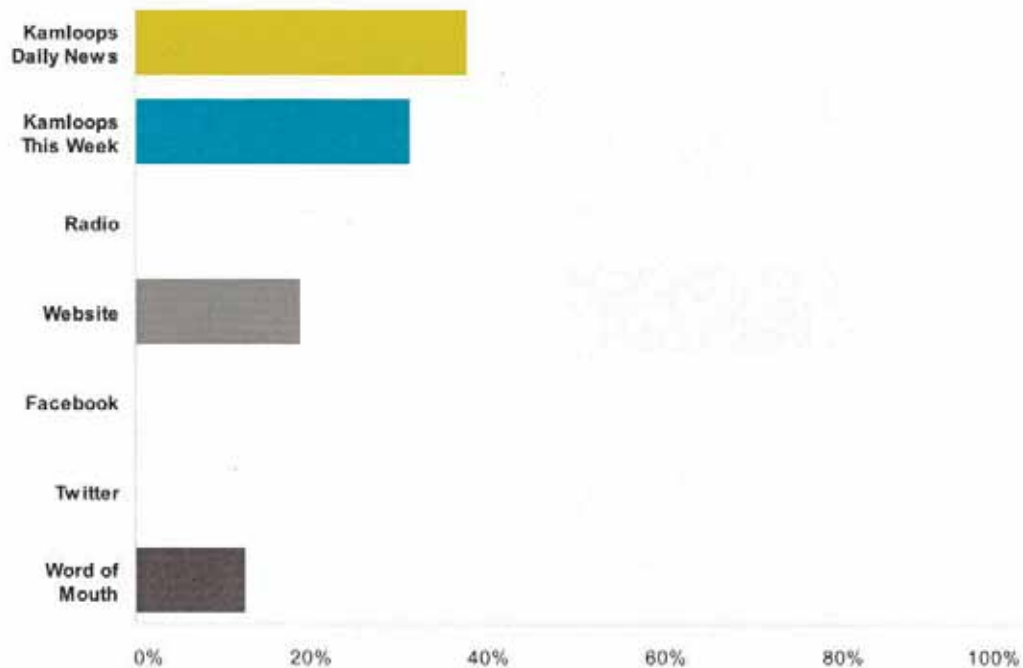
Answer Choices	Responses
City Centre (south shore)	9.52% 2
Sahali	19.05% 4
Valleyview	4.76% 1
North Shore	9.52% 2
Brockhurst	4.76% 1
Campbell Creek	4.76% 1
Batchelor Heights	4.76% 1
Rayleigh	19.05% 4
Heffley Creek	23.81% 5
Total	21

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Monte Creek	10/24/2013 11:31 AM

AAP Open House Exit Survey

Q2 Where did you find out about this Open House?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 6



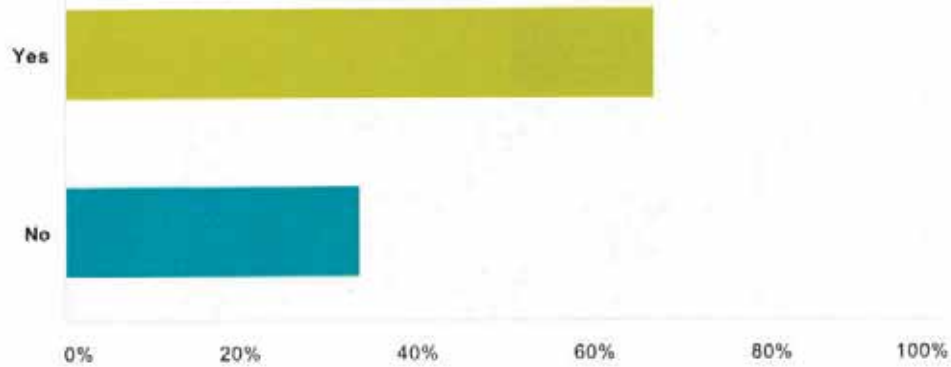
Answer Choices	Responses	
Kamloops Daily News	37.50%	6
Kamloops This Week	31.25%	5
Radio	0%	0
Website	18.75%	3
Facebook	0%	0
Twitter	0%	0
Word of Mouth	12.50%	2
Total		16

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Email	10/24/2013 11:30 AM
2	Email	10/24/2013 11:29 AM
3	Working at FSC	10/24/2013 11:16 AM
4	AAP Email list	10/24/2013 11:15 AM
5	email from Quinn	10/23/2013 9:28 AM
6	email from city	10/22/2013 9:35 AM

AAP Open House Exit Survey

Q3 Prior to this Open House, were you aware an Agriculture Area Plan was being developed for Kamloops?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 1

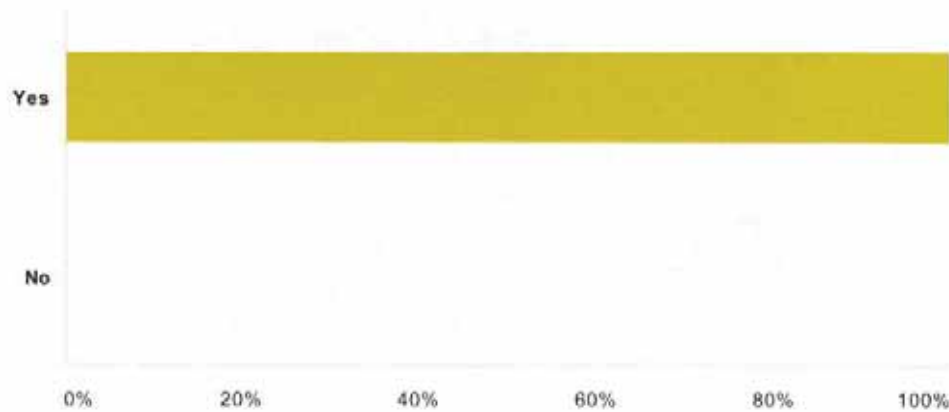


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	66.67%	14
No	33.33%	7
Total		21

#	If yes, where did you hear about it?	Date
1	City website	10/24/2013 11:31 AM
2	Staff	10/24/2013 11:30 AM
3	From friends	10/24/2013 11:20 AM
4	Sustainable groups	10/24/2013 11:20 AM
5	Road show	10/24/2013 11:15 AM
6	KFPC Meeting	10/23/2013 9:25 AM
7	Friends	10/22/2013 9:52 AM
8	Through Ted Moore and previous input into this plan	10/22/2013 9:43 AM
9	Completed an initial survey of ag producers	10/22/2013 9:41 AM
10	public consultation meetings	10/22/2013 9:35 AM

Q4 Did you understand the information presented today, as part of the development of the Agriculture Area Plan?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 3



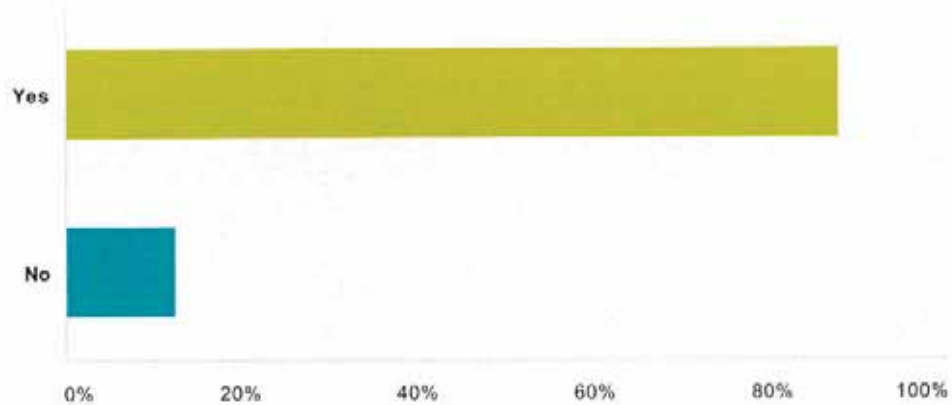
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100% 19
No	0% 0
Total	19

#	Comments	Date
1	Maybe a bit hard to read, given the lighting	10/24/2013 11:29 AM
2	I will wait and see how many comments are integrated into the plan. I think this process would have better served the development of the AAP earlier in the process.	10/24/2013 11:27 AM
3	Yes as far as it was within the city's jurisdiction	10/24/2013 11:25 AM
4	Very well laid out	10/24/2013 11:21 AM
5	There is a lot of information to take in	10/24/2013 11:20 AM
6	Mostly anything I didn't understand and wanted to was sufficiently explained	10/24/2013 11:18 AM
7	The one item on restoration of land after a mine to grow crops, animals and fish that are safe to eat. Where is the science saying they are all safe to eat	10/23/2013 9:28 AM
8	Some of the strategies contain items that I don't quite understand or don't know enough about to agree or disagree with	10/23/2013 9:25 AM
9	A large number of the goals seem to be 'obvious' and I would have thought a 'given'	10/22/2013 9:43 AM
10	Good start as an overview. Will take time to develop specific policies that will benefit agriculture	10/22/2013 9:41 AM
11	lots of work represented here	10/22/2013 9:35 AM
12	Mostly, I did not find the time to read the booklet beforehand (student/worker)	10/22/2013 9:34 AM

AAP Open House Exit Survey

Q5 Did you feel that staff were able to adequately answer your questions today?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 6



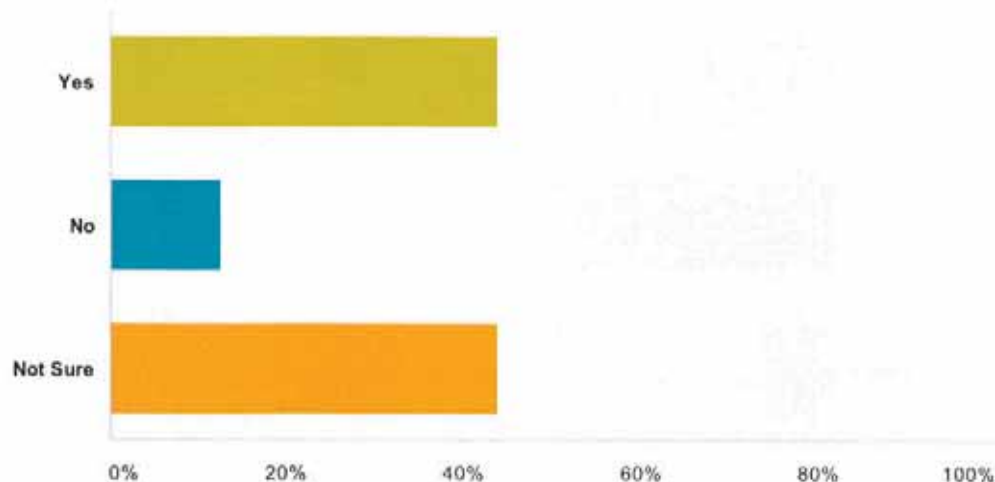
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	87.50%	14
No	12.50%	2
Total		16

#	If no, what other information would you like to have?	Date
	There are no responses.	

AAP Open House Exit Survey

Q6 Do you feel that strategies and actions presented today are adequate in building a better support system for the local agriculture industry?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 6



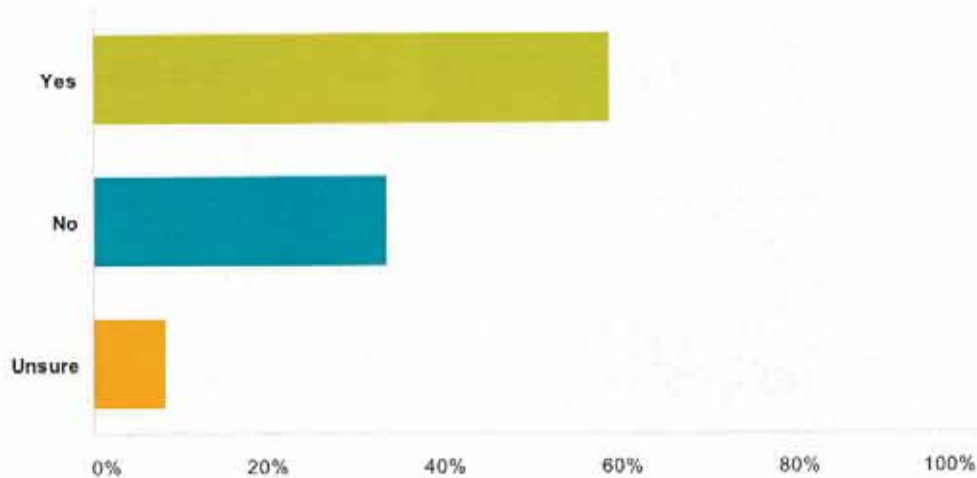
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	43.75% 7
No	12.50% 2
Not Sure	43.75% 7
Total	16

#	If you answered 'no', please tell us why.	Date
1	Public awareness of agriculture and ALR is well covered, assistance to new farmers and irrigation potential, but little on the marketing of the product	10/25/2013 9:45 AM
2	A step in the right direction. Economics of agriculture is still difficult to address with land so expensive within the city and southern BC	10/24/2013 11:31 AM
3	Many are- although some seem bureaucratic and possibly 'prescriptive'?	10/24/2013 11:29 AM
4	I think there should be more explicit statements about supporting local organic farmers. The basis of the plan would also be better established in the support and growth of the Kamloops Regional Farmers Market	10/24/2013 11:27 AM
5	Really need urban agriculture plan	10/24/2013 11:21 AM
6	The ALC should be pushing for keeping our land safe to grow crops by getting the Mineral Tenure Act improved	10/23/2013 9:28 AM
7	I don't really know enough about it	10/23/2013 9:25 AM
8	A beginning but I was expecting something more definitive	10/22/2013 9:43 AM
9	see #4	10/22/2013 9:41 AM
10	a good beginning	10/22/2013 9:35 AM
11	Many if not most are. But instead of focusing so much on current agricultural practices & economic viability, we should be focusing on sustainable agriculture. Urban Farming/organically grown etc.	10/22/2013 9:34 AM

AAP Open House Exit Survey

Q7 Do you have suggestions of other action items for the Plan that you feel staff and the Agriculture Advisory Committee have overlooked?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	58.33% 7
No	33.33% 4
Unsure	8.33% 1
Total	12

#	If you answered 'yes', please share your ideas.	Date
1	Yes, as (6) above- the marketing of product- The Farmers Market- are important but rather than one store dedicated to local, as in one strategy, to normalize local distribution as well as to external markets	10/25/2013 9:45 AM
2	See above point. AAP lacks mention of organic and how producers would be supported in terms of the economic viability of their businesses (KRFM and local grocer)	10/24/2013 11:27 AM
3	But consider the unique area and climate	10/24/2013 11:25 AM
4	pollinators, local food security	10/24/2013 11:21 AM
5	Greywater recovery systems so clean water is used for crops, not washing cars and cisterns for preserving rainfall	10/24/2013 11:20 AM
6	Thank you for including urban agriculture	10/24/2013 11:15 AM
7	Research	10/23/2013 9:28 AM
8	Have more agrologists involved	10/22/2013 9:52 AM
9	Planning for the development of the lands attached to the TCR	10/22/2013 9:43 AM
10	Ensure bylaws & bylaw enforcement understands agriculture and are practical	10/22/2013 9:41 AM
11	Is the KXA site still active? Will there be a public meeting about the development of an Ag. facility at the TCR? I am most interested in the development of the southend of the TCR as an equestrian facility, riding ring, agri-multi-plex, roping etc. I would to see an equine gate so that we could have easier access to ride here. A lot of us walk dogs here and cross country ski. It would be good to see more locals using the property, although it is getting more use lately.	10/22/2013 9:39 AM

AAP Open House Exit Survey

12	More incentives for urban farming. We need a publically run education centre pioneering sustainable practices in the Secwepemc region	10/22/2013 9:34 AM
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AAP Open House Exit Survey

Q8 Do you have any last comments, thoughts or ideas you would like to share with regard to the City of Kamloops Agriculture Area Plan?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 8

#	Responses	Date
1	I'm impressed by the extent of work already in the plan. I appreciate the staff explaining that there's a separate local food security plan to address more or less commercial food growth. That gives me a fuller picture of where the AAP fits in the larger food security picture. Thank you	10/25/2013 9:45 AM
2	Would have been worthwhile for some committee members to be present	10/24/2013 11:31 AM
3	Support all actions with green dots	10/24/2013 11:30 AM
4	Do not destroy what you can never reclaim. Thank you for letting us have a look at your suggestions	10/24/2013 11:25 AM
5	Yes, please add a provision banning GE/GMO food production as it is not healthy, sustainable or local. Thank you	10/24/2013 11:20 AM
6	Could you please change the comment #58 on page 62 that needs 'support the development of fact sheets for farmers and the community that answer difficult questions (e.g. genetically modified organisms (GMO) vs (GE).....' perhaps the wording could be ; '.....answer difficult questions such as whether GE/GMOs are safe for sustainable farming and human consumption'	10/24/2013 11:18 AM
7	Please also include AAC, PWU and SKP in the acronym list before the actions.	10/24/2013 11:15 AM
8	Please get the science data as it is better to use properly our land than to try to clean it up later. Where has this reclamation worked?	10/23/2013 9:28 AM
9	Most of the Ag land in Kamloops is already taken up by residential buildings. It is important to encourage 'growing your own food' as well by reconsidering landscaping standards, allowing chickens, bees etc. in backyards and supporting and promoting community gardens.	10/23/2013 9:25 AM
10	what is happening to the 'abandoned' equestrian & rodeo equipment rotting at the TCR site?	10/22/2013 9:54 AM
11	is there a plan for an equestrian park at the TCR? If so, when? where? how?	10/22/2013 9:53 AM
12	use land at TCR for agricultural uses	10/22/2013 9:52 AM
13	Be more definitive. Provide planning for access to the TCR, for example a walking and biking path from the City. Develop the RV park at the TCR	10/22/2013 9:43 AM
14	Locally grown food is an incredibly important issue. But if we're about to invite Monsanto and other agribusinesses giants into our community, I want no part in it. The same thing for feed lots. Outreach- Why not send this stuff to the TRU Sociology, Science, Natural Resource Sciences departments? Put this stuff up on the boards in the halls there. Maybe a professor would look at this as part of the curriculum	10/22/2013 9:34 AM

Appendix 10: AAP Draft Strategies and Actions

SECTION 4: STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

Several strategies have been identified through extensive public consultation and technical review to achieve the AAP goals. They are identified and described in this section.

Each of the strategies contains a number of policy recommendations that can be implemented over time to create support for and consideration of the needs of the local agricultural industry.

The AAP includes a number of actions for achieving the goals identified earlier for the preservation, growth, and diversification of the local agricultural sector. Strategies and actions were developed based on public feedback from surveys; the farm tour; road show presentations and an open house; input from the AAC, the stakeholder group and City staff; and review of plans developed by other BC communities. The next section describes these actions, implementation timelines, and the party(ies) responsible for implementing each one.

Each action has been assigned a priority level depending on the ease of which it can be implemented, its associated cost as well as the length of time required to implement the action. Priority levels are identified as:

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| L | Low priority (implementation is difficult, costly, and lengthy, 10+ years). |
| M | Medium priority (implementation can be done with a low level of difficulty, with some financial implications, within ten years). |
| H | High priority (implementation can be done with ease, with minimal financial implications, within five years). |
| I | Immediate priority (action item to be included in the 2014 Budget and Corporate Strategic Plan). |
| O | Ongoing priority |



The following acronyms have been used to identify the department(s) and organization(s) responsible for implementing each action:

AAFC	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
ALC	Agricultural Land Commission
ALR	Agricultural Land Reserve
BCA	BC Assessment
BCS	Business and Client Services Division
BCAFM	British Columbia Association of Farmers' Markets
CSCS	Corporate Services and Community Safety
CFTC	Community Futures Thompson Country
DES	Development and Engineering Services Department
FPPA	Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act
F2C	Farm2Chefs (formerly: Thompson Shuswap Chef Farmer Collaborative)
FIN	Finance Department
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
KFPC	Kamloops Food Policy Council
LAI	Local Agriculture Industry
LS	Legislative Services
AGRI	Ministry of Agriculture
MFLNRO	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
MOTI	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
PRCS	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department
PWU	Public Works and Utilities Department
SD73	School District No. 73
SKP	Sustainable Kamloops Plan
TNRD	Thompson-Nicola Regional District
TteS	Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
TRU	Thompson Rivers University
VK	Venture Kamloops



STRATEGY 1: MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN LOCAL AGRICULTURE, PRESERVATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND PROMOTION THROUGH LAND USE PLANNING, BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
			POLICIES	
1.	Review Permitted Uses under Division 5, A-1 (Agricultural) of the Zoning Bylaw and revise for consistency with ALC policies.	5	Ensure permitted uses are consistent with those permitted outright by the ALC. Examples of permitted uses: • "Farm Operations"¹ as defined by the <i>Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act</i> (FFPA); • Boarders or lodgers to a maximum of two persons; • Large animal veterinary clinics; • Single-family residential, including premanufactured homes and modular homes; • Aquaculture; • Greenhouses and plant nurseries; • Intensive agriculture; • Utility services, minor impact; • Municipal facilities, including but not limited to, fire stations, public parks, and cemeteries; • Recreation facilities (outdoor); • Wildlife and waterfowl reserves; and • Farm stands.	DES ALC I

¹ See Appendix 1 for "Farm Operation" definition.

Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
1.	(continued)	5	Add a section for permitted accessory uses (secondary to the existing farming operation). These would be permitted on a case by case basis and regulated through the Zoning Bylaw. *remove outdoor recreation* Examples: "Accessory Uses" may be permitted in this zone as follows (subject to ALC approval): operation must have farm status and be in compliant with all ALC regulations and minimum parcel size of 8 ha • Additional residences for farm use (in accordance with ALC definition); • Agri-tourism (in accordance with ALC definition); • Bed and breakfast homes*; • Forestry; • Home-based businesses (rural); • Kennels and stables; • Secondary suite for farm help/family member; and • Wineries and cideries. *Agri-tourist accommodation (camping, hotels, motels, etc.) other than bed and breakfast homes is not permitted. Criteria for regulating permitted ALC uses (i.e. parking, landscaping and buffering, maintaining farm status, active farm ongoing, seasonal, etc. Size of property) indicates size/type of activity that may be permitted).	DES ALC	I



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
2.	Develop and implement an OCP policy for agri-tourism.	5, 10, 21	ALR legislation explicitly designates agri-tourism as a farm use, subject to certain limitations under the legislation, regulations, and local government bylaws. Local governments may regulate or prohibit agri-tourism accommodation but may only regulate other agri-tourism activities if they meet ALC criteria. ALR, subdivision, and procedure regulations permits, and temporary and seasonal agri-tourism activities in the ALR provided that land is assessed as farm under the <i>Assessment Act</i>, that the agri-tourism activity is an accessory use but related to the farm or ranch, and provided that the activity promotes or markets farm products produced on that farm. Refer to http://wcel.org/agri-tourism for support in developing an agri-tourism policy. Too much of a good thing like agri-tourism may undermine the business of agriculture and farming communities. If too much of a farming area or parcel is paved over to accommodate agri-tourism uses, the agricultural potential of the community may be undermined. Likewise, if agri-tourism activities drain community resources, such as water, roadway capacity, and stormwater management capacity, farming may become uneconomical. Definitions for "seasonal" and "temporary" must be developed as part of this action item.	DES ALC	I



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead / Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
3.	Develop an Urban Agriculture Plan/Community-wide Food Strategy	21	A separate advisory committee will be established to support the development of this action item. Investigate food security policies such as, but not limited to: • Urban hens; • Urban bee keeping; • Spin farming; • Community gardens; • Public produce; • Consider Temporary Use Permits for underutilized or vacant property for urban agriculture (e.g. if your lot has been unused for more than two years, encourage its availability to community groups for urban agriculture projects like neighbourhood pocket markets, community gardens, and public produce until it is development ready. • Edible street trees This plan/strategy is to be a stand-alone document that supports the food security component of SKP.	PRCS DES AAC	I



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead / Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
3.	(continued)	21	A separate advisory committee will be established to support the development of this action item. Investigate food security policies such as, but not limited to: • Urban hens; • Urban bee keeping; • Spin farming; • Community gardens; • Public produce; • Consider Temporary Use Permits for underutilized or vacant property for urban agriculture (e.g. if your lot has been unused for more than two years, encourage its availability to community groups for urban agriculture projects like neighbourhood pocket markets, community gardens, and public produce until it is development ready. • Edible street trees This plan/strategy is to be a stand-alone document that supports the food security component of SKP.	PRCS DES AAC I



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
4.	Develop an internal policy for consistency in processing ALC applications.	5	To provide a consistent approach to dealing with public inquiries related to applications for exclusions, subdivision, and non-farm use within the ALR, as well as ALC applications submitted to the City for review and approval. This standardized procedure would be an effort to create a more efficient internal review/approval process for the applicant and staff involved and a better partnership with the ALC.	DES ALC	I
5.	Continue to explore and promote land use patterns through the OCP that protect the integrity of prime agricultural land in the City.	5, 12	Creative solutions like cluster/conservation design development equals higher density on a smaller portion of a parcel where the least impact to agriculture can be achieved	DES	O
6.	Encourage farmers' markets on public property (case-by-case basis) provided they meet the British Columbia Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) definition of farmers' market and are a registered member of BCAFM.	5, 12, 17, 21	Allow farmers' markets as a permitted use on public land (case-by-case basis). Definition: a "farmers' market" is a market comprised exclusively of vendors who make, bake, grow, or raise the products they sell, of which a majority of the vendors are selling farm products of BC origin. These markets must be BC non-profit organizations, whether incorporated or not, with at least six vendors, that operate for two or more hours per day for a minimum of four markets in a year.	PRCS DES	O

Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead / Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
6.	(continued)	5, 12, 17, 21	In addition, encourage private land owners with underutilized properties to make their land available for neighbourhood pocket markets on a temporary basis until such time as the land is ready for development. Refer to the following link for more information on pocket markets: http://foodroots.ca/pmttoolkit_index.htm	DES PRCS	O
7.	Support the ALR boundary and ALR land base in Kamloops.	12, 16	Support changes to the ALR boundary, individual property boundaries, or a loss of ALR land only if: • There is a net benefit to agriculture; • Land is considered by the ALC as not capable for agricultural production; and • The agricultural stakeholders are fully consulted. Continue to monitor activity within the ALR for consistency with municipal and ALC policies.	CoK ALC	O



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
8.	Work with ALC to support initiatives, which: • Ensure that farming is the primary use of ALR land; • Ensure all existing and any proposed non-farm uses of ALR land support agricultural viability and do not interfere with normal farm practices; • Direct proposed non-farm uses of ALR land to non-ALR land wherever possible; and • Ensure that any non-farm uses of ALR land occur in designated and/or minimal impact areas on the ALR parcel and with minimal negative impacts on farming.	12, 16	Despite land being within the ALR, farming may not occur on it; however, farming is the priority use for ALR land and all non-farm uses must be carefully reviewed and considered for its impacts on agriculture and its ability to contribute net benefits to enhance agriculture. It is important that the entire community understand that the agricultural area is a "working farm" landscape. Staff to continue to advise residents as to appropriate zones for conducting different types of business so as not to lose business opportunities, but to ensure that only those businesses that are supportive to active farms are considered on agricultural land.	DES ALC O



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead / Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
9.	Work with the agricultural, equestrian, and recreational communities to ensure that recreational uses adjacent to or within the ALR are compatible with farm uses and have a positive or neutral benefit to farming.	16, 21		PRCS DES ALC	O
10.	Consider developing an OCP 5, 15 policy on ecovillages as part of the OCP review and update process	5, 15	Ecovillages are sustainable communities and neighbourhoods, urban and rural, committed to living in an ecologically, economically, culturally, and spiritually sound way. The physical and living arrangements vary widely, from loosely strung networks to much more cooperative or communal agreements. Many offer fascinating opportunities for visitors, volunteers, and interns (e.g. Yarrow Ecovillage in Chilliwack, BC, has a community farming component). If a farm is proposed as part of an ecovillage development, restrictions should be put in place as to what can be done so it does not become just a horse farm.	DES	H



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
11.	Examine the City's Corporate Purchasing Policy (FIN-5-1) to determine if there are opportunities to better support local producers/local food suppliers without compromising the intergovernmental agreement on internal trade requirements.	5	The municipal government should lead by example supporting local agricultural businesses for food and nursery stock purchases. If local production can be supported through local procurement policies, more farm activity within the province might rekindle the businesses that service farms. Agricultural supply businesses have to have a certain threshold of business in order to make it worthwhile to invest in locally-produced farm products and services. Goals of a corporate food procurement policy that supports local producers: • Raise production and process standards; • Increase tenders from small and local producers; • Increase consumption of healthy and nutritious food; • Reduce adverse environmental impacts of production and supply; and • Increase capacity of small and local suppliers to meet demand.	FIN CSCS DES H



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
11.	(continued)	5	The University of Victoria is one of many institutions to successfully implement a corporate local food procurement policy (60% local sourcing requirement). Refer to the following report for information on corporate local food procurement policies at http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:c_O2IITCWwJ:www.phabc.org/userfiles/file/LocalfoodrecommendationsinBCPublicInstitutions-final.pdf+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=dnk&gl=ca	CSCS DES	H
BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS					
12.	Update agricultural definitions in Zoning Bylaw No. 5-1-2001 for consistency with ALC FPPA definitions.	5	Definitions to review, revise, or add include, but are not limited to: • Agricultural use; • Farm operation; and • Agri-tourism (e.g. a tourist-oriented activity, service and/or facility, ancillary to the farm operation, promoting products grown, raised, and/or processed on the same farm operation upon which they are grown, raised, and/or processed and occurring on land classified as farm under the <i>Assessment Act</i>. The activity is permitted in A-1 zones if it is temporary and seasonal. Agri-tourism-related structures/facilities shall cover no more than 10% of the lot on which they are located).	DES ALC	I



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
13.	Revise the definition of "Working Cattle Ranch or Farm" per Animal Control Bylaw No. 34-11 for consistency with Zoning Bylaw No. 5-1-2001.	5	Currently the Animal Control Bylaw refers to a "Working Cattle Ranch or Farm" as a commercial agricultural enterprise operating on not less than 8 ha (19,768 ac.) wholly or partly within the City boundaries and depending on cultivating or pasturing the land. The new definition should be consistent with the new Zoning Bylaw definition for "Farm Operation" and should not specify a size requirement.	DES	I
14.	Explore the rezoning of selected non-ALR land to provide for the inclusion of greenhouses as a use and to encourage greenhouse development on non-ALR land wherever possible.	5	City to support agricultural businesses by ensuring there is enough industrial land available to house infrastructure businesses. Making land available will require the cooperation of the ALC to remove poor quality land from the ALR.	DES	H
15.	Develop and implement zoning regulations for food trucks and roadside stands.	5, 12, 21	Make more spaces available around the community for producers to sell their product Roadside stands permitted provided that the operation is clearly ancillary to a permitted agricultural use and is appropriately set back from the road right-of-way. See Appendix 2 for sample regulations for roadside stands Currently roadside stands are permitted in the C-3 (Highway Commercial) zone in Kamloops. Roadside stands along corridor entrances to the City may be an opportunity to attract tourists	DES PRCS	H



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
16.	Review and update the City's Landscape Design Guidelines.	5, 21	Include a greater focus on edible plantings in landscape plans for proposed developments where appropriate.	DES PRCS	H
17.	Enforce business licensing for value-added farm operations.	5, 10	Business Licences are not required for primary farming operations but are for value-added opportunities on farmland such as agri-tourism, retail outlets, etc. Ensuring each accessory operation has a Business Licence will help the City curb potential abuse to agricultural land and help determine where the gaps are in terms of what the agricultural economy needs.	DES	H
18.	Review/revise Home-based Businesses Policy for agriculture and rural properties.	5, 10	Add text for home-based businesses (rural). The business must be accessory to a farm operation that has maintained farm status with BC Assessment but may have a maximum of 100 m ² of floor area. A rural home-based business shall not involve the sale or display of any goods on site other than those constituting the finished principal product of the home based business.	DES	H



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
19.	Ensure that farm vehicles can adequately move between agricultural areas.	18, 21	Farmers who must move farm equipment and other vehicles between and among different agricultural areas in the City must use City roads. This use may result in increased travel time for farmers because non-farm vehicles also use the roads a great deal. Road use by non-farm vehicles, joined with farm vehicle use, causes frustration for both the agricultural and non-agricultural communities. Review and designate "farm travel" routes for travel between agricultural areas: a) Use recognizable signage to endorse these routes for farm vehicles; b) Review the wording of "Respect Slow Moving Farm Vehicles" signs and consider "Yield to Farm Vehicles"; c) Develop new road design guidelines to ensure that the outermost lane and shoulder in combination have a minimum of 4.3 m (14 ft.) in lateral clearance to accommodate the width of farm vehicles; and d) Review options to minimize the impact of farm traffic on non-farm traffic by providing safe turn-offs for farm vehicles on identified agricultural corridors carrying high volumes of traffic.	DES Bylaw Enforcement M



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead / Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
19.	(continued)	18, 21	*Sign on roads that enter agriculture zoned areas to read: Kamloops Supports Agriculture. You are entering an area zoned for agricultural use. Under provincial and municipal laws, agricultural uses have priority. You may experience dust, odour, noise, slow-moving vehicles, etc. if living or travelling in this zone.	DES Bylaw Enforcement M



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
HUMAN CAPITAL					
20.	Designate an existing City staff person as an agricultural liaison within the Planning and Development Section.	7	- Have the agricultural liaison play a key support role in the implementation of the AAP and supporting the AAC; and - Publicize the agricultural liaison as the person to assist the agricultural sector to access information about City bylaws, operations, and services; address agricultural issues and concerns; and contribute to various agricultural projects.	DES	O
21.	The City will continue to support the Kamloops Farmers' Market through representation on the KFPC.	17		PRCS	O
22.	Work with the ALC to ensure that agricultural land utilized for resource extraction is restored to its pre-extraction state or better for agricultural purposes	14, 16		ALC DES	H/O

Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
23.	Appoint a permanent Kamloops AAC that could support the following types of tasks as they pertain to local agriculture: • Implementation/policy development of AAP; • OCP amendment reviews; • Zoning Bylaw changes or rezoning application reviews; • ALR application reviews; • Urban agriculture/food security reviews; • Agricultural awareness, including farm tours.	7	Require all City departments to seek input from the AAC when major departmental initiatives are proposed as part of its planning strategy where agriculture is affected. Develop a terms of reference for the permanent committee based on Council policy. The Committee could consist of: a) Nine voting members appointed by Council, including: • Five farming representatives, defined as a farmer who derives a majority of his/her income from farming; • Two farming representatives from the general agricultural community (nursery, livestock, equestrian, greenhouses, crops, etc.); • Two representatives from the community at large; b) Four non-voting members, including: • City staff liaison; • Council representative; • ALC representative; and • AGRI representative. <i>Two-year terms for committee members should be indicated in the AAC Terms of Reference</i>	DES	H



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
24.	Develop and implement criteria (Agricultural Impact Assessment [AIA]) for the permanent AAC to follow in reviewing ALC applications submitted to the City.	7	The AIA will help assess the potential impact of a development proposal on the agricultural land/sector. This process is recommended to ensure that future development, and other initiatives will not have negative impacts on the capacity to farm in Kamloops. Ensure that a least disruption to farmers policy exists to protect farmers from the impacts of recreational and non-farm uses by: a) Requiring the proposed AIA be completed for newly proposed recreational uses or non-farm uses and that appropriate steps be taken to mitigate potential conflicts; b) Use the AIA for all proposed projects involving land use changes or development: i) within the ALR; ii) for projects immediately abutting the ALR which may have an impact on agriculture, such as transportation corridors, recreational trails, new residential developments, and others; and c) Develop criteria (e.g. drainage/irrigation implications, air quality, noise, transportation and traffic, and others) for the AIA in conjunction with AGRI, the ALC, the proposed AAC, and others as appropriate.	DES ALC H



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I, O)
SERVICING/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS					
25.	Ensure that drainage, servicing and infrastructure changes are considered in a sustainable and comprehensive manner so that the quality of air, land, and water is maintained for agricultural viability.	12		DES PWU	O
26.	Investigate cost-effective, sustainable ways to manage the Noble Creek Irrigation system moving forward.	12	- Explore future management of the Noble Creek system; - Explore the potential to expand the system to support additional farmers in the area; and - Public consultation of existing and potential users to be included prior to strategy development.	PWU DES	H/O
27.	Investigate the issue of irrigation sustainability and farmers using City water for irrigation.	12	The investigation should include an analysis of irrigation rates across the province to determine if the cost of irrigation in the City is comparable to that in other regions of the province.	PWU DES	M



STRATEGY 2: AGRICULTURAL EDGE STRATEGY

The rural-urban edge is often identified as an area of conflict that may create an overall negative impact on farming. An agricultural edge plan, geared to individual rural-urban edges, can be a valuable tool for mitigating potential and existing conflicts and for maintaining the stability of the agricultural edge.

Although the agricultural edge has the potential for many conflicts, a positive side effect for agriculture may be better access to urban markets. Pilot projects involving less intensive agricultural activities (e.g. small-lot agriculture, U-pick operations, farm direct marketing, agri-tourism, organic and ecological farming, and allotment gardens) may identify useful applications along an agricultural edge.

Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
28.	Develop and implement comprehensive mapping identifying areas that may require buffering from ALR land.	21	Consult with the ALC and AGRI and review relevant resources such as the AGRI Guide to Edge Planning at http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:GRAItb5kXzgJ:www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resgmt/sf/publicatio ns/823100-2_Guide_to_Edge_Planning.pdf+&cd=1&hl=e n&ct=clnk&gl=ca To mitigate any conflicts while an agricultural edge plan is being developed or where buffering is not in place. See Appendix 3 for work in progress.	DES GIS H



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
29.	For new, non-farm development within or directly abutting ALR land require the preparation of an agricultural edge plan, including buffering on the non-farm side.	21	Regulations/guidelines for new developments that about ALR land shall be developed in accordance with Appendix No. 1: Policy Guidelines in these documents: http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:LpCN8oycPQsJ:www.alc.gov.bc.ca/publications/Community_Planning_Guidelinescolour.pdf+alr+and+community+planning+guidelines&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=ca http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/publications/82310-0-2_Guide_to_Edge_Planning.pdf Registration of restrictive covenants will be required to: a) Inform prospective buyers of residential properties of the occurrence of wild animal control practices on adjacent farmland (e.g. spraying, noise, odours, dust, pesticide application, burning, etc.); and b) Minimize urban-rural conflicts.	DES M/H



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
30.	Direct compatible land uses (e.g. industrial) to land adjacent to the ALR in lieu of incompatible uses (e.g. residential and schools).	12, 21	To avoid potential land use conflicts.	DES O



STRATEGY 3: ENCOURAGE POLICY CHANGES WITHIN SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO BETTER SUPPORT AGRICULTURE IN BC AND COLLABORATE WITH REGIONAL PARTNERS FOR PROJECTS WITH REGIONAL BENEFITS

Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
31.	Encourage the provincial government to develop a provincial climate and food planning framework.	15	A top priority is a rethink of BC's food system to be more just, resilient to climate impacts, and sustainable in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. The framework should build on food planning initiatives underway throughout BC and should set targets and timelines for local self-reliance, food system GHG emissions, hunger, and nutrition (policyalternatives.ca/everybitecounts).	CoK	O
32.	Encourage senior government to pursue supportive economic policies toward improving the financial viability of the agriculture industry.	1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13,		CoK	O



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
33.	Encourage the provincial government to develop a BC local food policy.	15, 18, 21	Similar to the <i>Ontario Local Food Act</i>, 2013, found at http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:bW8nG5nHmpkJ:www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/891ModelLocalFoodBill_0.pdf+%&cd=3&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=ca The Act's purpose would be to improve BC local food systems by: 1. Improving knowledge of the benefits of local food; 2. Strengthening BC's local food economy; 3. Promoting environmentally-friendly farming, production, and processing practices; 4. Improving local food distribution; 5. Increasing public procurement of local food; and 6. Inter-governmental coordination and public participation in local food planning and decision-making.	CoK O
34.	Encourage the provincial government to revisit requirements for Farm Tax Status.	2, 3, 16	The minimum requirements to obtain farm status through BC Assessment are low, which leaves the system open to abuse. Changes to the system are needed to encourage people to increase the productivity of their farmland and to develop viable farm businesses.	CoK H



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
35.	Encourage senior levels of government to consider the establishment of an agricultural enhancement fund.	8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21	To ensure that if development is approved on agricultural land, there is a direct benefit to the agricultural industry in the form of dollars, provision of agricultural infrastructure or the like.		M/H
36.	Encourage the TNRD to develop a Regional Agriculture Plan	5, 18, 21		CoK TNRD DES	M
37.	Work with regional government partners, the agricultural community, and AGRI to develop regional branding for a TNRD food system.	18	Develop a "Taste of Kamloops" or "Taste of the Thompson" logo or symbol to appear on all agricultural communications and signs, which could also be used by growers to label their products.	CFTC TNRD DES PRCS	M



STRATEGY 4: RECRUITING NEW FARMERS TO SUPPORT SUCCESSION PLANNING

Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
38.	Develop and implement agricultural opportunities at the Rayleigh Tournament Capital Ranch.	12, 20	Consult the local agricultural community in the land use planning process and consider "Agricultural Centre of Excellence" as the development theme for the site.	PRCS DES	I
39.	Continue to encourage the leasing of City-owned land for farming.	12		PRCS DES	O
40.	Develop a City-based agricultural land registry to assist farmers in finding agricultural land available for leasing/purchase.	1, 19	Encourage partnerships with TteS as well as farmers for long-term land leasing opportunities for farming. Work with existing aging farmers and other owners of agricultural property that are looking to make their land available for farming but are not able and/or willing to farm it themselves. Use: http://www.bcfarmandranch.com/ as a resource in developing a local registry.	VK	H



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
41.	Work with AGRI and local agriculture interest groups to develop local programming to support entry into the farming/agricultural profession as well as business planning for existing farmers.	19		AGRI VK CFTC DES H
42.	Utilize existing public land for a farm business incubator farm.	12, 18, 19	Partner with a local non-profit organization that will develop/manage the farm business incubator program. Community Futures Thompson Country has shown interest in this opportunity. Refer to Appendix 4. An incubator farm facilitates the creation of new farm businesses by providing participants with land, equipment, and infrastructure at an affordable price. Incubators usually arise out of partnerships between non-profit groups, communities, municipalities, and agricultural colleges. Incubators also provide community and mentorship to those with limited ties to Canadian farming culture. Refer to Appendix 5 for program outline.	DES CFTC PRCS H



STRATEGY 5: EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR PRODUCERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRY AWARENESS

Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
43.	Continue to update the interactive active/potential farming map of Kamloops for public, Council, staff, AAC, and new farmer use.	18	Inclusive of all agricultural products produced locally.	GIS DES CFTC O
44.	Ensure that residents who live within or adjacent to the ALR are aware of normal farm practices and the FPPA.	18, 21	Develop appropriate materials to share with all residents (e.g. publications and via the City website) to provide them with information about agricultural activity in their area, including: • The type of farming in the area; • Examples of normal farm practices they may experience; • A copy of the AGRI publication "The Countryside and You"; • A list of appropriate people to direct questions and concerns, such as the proposed SAL, ALC, AGRI, AAFC, and others; • A "Rural User Code" to identify appropriate behaviour in agricultural areas.	AGRI DES O

Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
45.	Develop an agricultural signage program.	18, 21	a) Place signs along roads used by farm vehicles, along recreational trails, and incorporate signs into agricultural edge planning; b) Ensure that signage focuses on "positive wording" as opposed to "directives", such as the following: - In areas where farm vehicles may be traveling, "Kamloops farmers with slow moving vehicles use these roads too. Support your local farm community."; - Where vandalism and trespassing issues occur, "This crop was planted by a member of your local farm community. Please respect the farmer's livelihood."; c) Ensure that all signs are visibly similar and incorporate a recommended "logo" or visual symbol; and d) Sign program shall also include a section for promotional signage for self-guided agricultural routes/trails within the City.	DES PWU AGRI MOTI M



Recommended Actions

Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
45.	(continued)	18, 21	Signs on roads that enter agricultural zoned areas to say "Kamloops Supports Agriculture; you are entering an area zoned for agricultural use. Under provincial and municipal laws, agricultural uses have priority. You may experience dust, odour, noise, slow-moving vehicles, etc. if living or travelling in this zone".	DES PWU AGRI MOTI	O
46.	Include an ALR information sheet with the yearly tax notices.	18		DES	O
47.	Continue to build on the Agricultural History Timeline celebrating the community's agricultural history.	18	End result to be showcased at museum and as a digital, user-friendly timeline on website. Continue to solicit support from the community to fill in important dates/events in the timeline.	Museum DES	O
48.	Continue to support public produce projects on municipal property.	21	Consider implementing yearly harvest festivals, parades, and other social events to celebrate local food.	PRCS DES	O



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
49.	Continue to create opportunities for Council, City staff, food retailers, and others to tour the agricultural lands and learn about the role agriculture plays in the City.	18, 21	The proposed AAC may help facilitate this activity model the tours after the September 2012 farm tour for the AAP.	DES CFTC	O
50.	Encourage the farming community to pursue crop specialization and value added products to increase farm viability.	9		AGRI	O
51.	Support development and implementation of a regional agriculture/food forum.	18, 21	To celebrate and promote the local/regional agriculture industry.	CFTC DES PRCS	H



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
52.	Develop an information package for farmers about City agricultural policies and bylaws.	18, 19	Make this package available in hard copy and on the City website. Support the development of fact sheets for farmers and the community that answer difficult questions (e.g. genetically modified organism [GMO] versus genetically engineered [GE], significance of "grown regionally" versus "buy regionally", understanding labels, and the term "local").	DES	M
53.	Investigate and publish options for new farmers to obtain management skills training from local educational institutions and private trainers.	18, 19	To assist young people in finding job opportunities in agriculture where possible, including co-operative education opportunities with area educational institutions such as Kwantlen Polytechnic University, University of British Columbia (UBC), First Nations Agricultural Association, and area secondary schools.	VK	M
54.	Create an agricultural business profile.	1, 18, 19	To provide information on agriculture as a business opportunity.	VK	M



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
55.	Provide information to farmers related to best management practices and encourage them to adopt beneficial environmental guidelines.	15, 18, 19	Encourage farm planning through the BC Environmental Farm Plan Program.	AGRI PRCS	M
56.	Create a municipal program to celebrate important food events.	18, 21	Including Canada Food Day in August and World Food Day in October, an annual harvest festival making use of the new public orchard and harvest table at Riverside Park.	PRCS CFTC PRCS DES	M
57.	Develop a promotional video to raise awareness about and promote local growers and their products.	18, 21	A marketing campaign to change attitudes/perceptions of the agricultural industry and agricultural employment.	DES BCS CFTC F2C	M



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
58.	Develop and implement a buy local challenge program.	15, 18, 21	Continue to implement and build upon educational programming to support local food. Develop and implement a buy-local challenge to encourage and promote sales of locally-grown products. • Eat at least one home-cooked meal per week using mainly local ingredients; • Incorporate at least one never before tried local ingredient into their diet; • "Brown-bag" at least one meal per week that is primarily made of local ingredients; • Talk to at least one food retailer and one food producer about local food choices; • Complete a Kamloops buy-local challenge survey; and • Choose local food products whenever possible. Prizes and recognition for winners with fun events, etc. as the challenge moves along.	DES PRCS M
59.	Develop and implement a water usage/irrigation sustainability educational program.	12, 15	This program is aimed at the general public as well as agricultural producers, including rain barrel demonstration and free/subsidized barrels for the public. Base this educational program on AAC presentations by City Utility Engineers, Ministry of Sustainable Agriculture Management Branch, and MFLNRO Water Stewardship Division.	PRCS DES MFLNRO AGRI M



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
60.	Encourage recruitment of a local food grocery chain to town.	18		VK	L
61.	Encourage and support development of a farm to plate educational program for school children.	18, 19, 21	Refer to "A Guide to BCs Agricultural Resources: Agriculture in the Classroom" found at http://www.aitc.ca/en/bc.html .	PRCS SD73	L



STRATEGY 6: FACILITATE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TO ACHIEVE AGRICULTURE AREA PLAN GOALS

The challenge in monitoring policy objectives is in knowing what is most appropriate to monitor and how to use that data strategically once it is acquired. An increased effort to conduct agricultural research will help determine the continued validity of the plan and allow for revisions to the Plan as needed.

Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
62.	Work with local partners to ensure the Ord Road Federal Agriculture Research Station is maintained for local/regional agricultural initiatives.	6, 11, 12, 18	Develop a local task force to lead this charge.	Council Task Force Community Partners I/O
63.	Support research on greenhouse gas mitigation through alternative agricultural practices.	15	Research specific to the BC context, is needed (e.g. UBC Farm). There are also opportunities to pioneer clean energy alternatives to fossil fuels in agricultural buildings, machinery, and equipment.	PRCS O



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
64.	Continue to work with the Senior Manager, Business Services at Olympic Legacy Division Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Investment, BC.	18, 19	To support development of the export training program for local/regional agricultural businesses to bring them up to export capability and ability to go on trade missions to meet inbound trade missions with confidence for familiarity with the export business and making deals.	VK CFTC	O
65.	Work with AGRI to monitor changes in the agricultural sector to determine issues of concern and changes in overall viability.	7	Use the following possible indicators: a) Indicators that track land use and land availability: • Hectares (or acres) of ALR land in Kamloops; • Hectares (or acres) of ALR land that is farm class; • Hectares (or acres) of ALR land available for sale or lease. b) Indicators that track farm viability and the overall health of the agricultural sector: • Annual number of applications, approvals, and rejections for exclusion of land from the ALR; • Annual number of applications, approvals, and rejections for non-farm use and subdivision in the ALR; • Net returns from agriculture; and • Economic Diversity Index.	AGRI DES	O



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead / Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
66.	Investigate the availability of funding opportunities for irrigation.	12	Irrigation in areas that have none to increase agricultural productivity of land.	PRCS DES PWU	O/L
67.	Continue to support senior government or university level research that promotes the development of one or more businesses that use specified risk material in a legitimate way.	8, 18	Specified risk material is the part of the animal carcass that must be disposed of in a special and very expensive way because there are a handful of animals in the Canadian cow herd with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The cost to kill, hang, cut, and wrap an animal is expensive. If a business were developed that would take specified risk material and find something constructive to do with it, which would cut down the cost of slaughtering animals, it would help the locally-raised beef initiative.	PWU	L/O



Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support
68.	Investigate the Canadian Immigration Provincial Nominee Program and other government programs to determine how Kamloops and the region can support recruitment of new farmers to this area.	1, 19	The Provincial Nominee Program has a focus on investment attraction, immigrants who essentially buy their way in by investing in new or existing businesses, which will provide new jobs. While the specific focus of the program is not recruitment of young farmers, it has successfully been employed to do just this. http://www.welcomebc.ca/pnp	VK CFTC
69.	Investigate rainwater retention opportunities for agricultural operations.	12, 15		PRCS PWU
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Recommended Actions				
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/Support Priority (L, M, H, I)
70.	Conduct agriculture water demand modelling for Kamloops.	12, 15	The model will help understand current agricultural water use and help to fulfil BC's commitment under the Living Water Strategy to reserve water for agricultural lands. The model is used to establish agricultural water reserves throughout the various watersheds in BC. Partner with AGRI to run the provincial Agriculture Water Demand Model for Kamloops, example: http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/500Series/500300-6_Agric_Water_Demand_Model-Similkameen_Report.pdf Funding required for this project is in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000 per AGRI.	AGRI DES M
71.	Work with AGRI to conduct a study to determine an irrigation scheme or schemes that is/are able to meet the needs of the agricultural community in Kamloops while being financially feasible and environmentally sound.	12, 15	See Niagara Region, Ontario example: http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/ap/pdf/RWIFA_Phase2_Project-Report.pdf.	AGRI DES L/M



Recommended Actions					
Action No.	Action	Issue No.	Description	Responsible Party Lead/ Support	Priority (L, M, H, I)
72.	Conduct a targeted review of all ALR and agriculture-zoned lands in Kamloops to determine their individual capability for agriculture/food production.	12, 16	Focus on which lands are within the ALR that should not be and which are outside the ALR that should potentially be included. The ALC has identified that it will be working with regional districts and municipalities on targeted ALR boundaries reviews and adjustments. This review would ensure that all existing land within the ALR is suitable for agriculture and would potentially remove land that is not. Lands outside the ALR that should be included in the ALR that are not presently within will also likely be added. Municipalities that are able to support financial support and human resources toward this initiative will likely be prioritized.	ALC DES	L/M

