

2018 Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Workshop (Interior)

Tuesday February 27, 2018 – from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Coast Capri Hotel - Horizon Room, Kelowna BC

Participant Agenda - DRAFT

THIS YEAR'S THEME: AAC roles and responsibilities - from the ground up!

- 9:00am** **Registration and morning refreshments**
- 9:30am** **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Ministry of Agriculture
- 9:40am** **Topic 1: How your AAC can strengthen farming in your community**
Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI) staff presentation with Q + A on AAC roles, responsibilities and jurisdiction
- 10:45am** **Nutrition Break**
- 11:00am** **Topic 2: ALR Revitalization**
Presentation and Q + A session
- 12:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm** **Discussion Session 1: Sharing stories of AAC successes and challenges**
This will be a facilitated discussion to explore examples from across B.C. of successful and challenging AAC initiatives.
- Topics may include: Ag Area Plans, economic development strategies for agriculture, barriers for farmers/communities to access resources and funding, and/or ALC application referrals
- 2:15pm** **Nutrition break**
- 2:30pm** **Discussion Session 2: Agricultural topics of AAC importance**
This will be a facilitated discussion to explore agricultural topics of AAC significance.
- Topics may include: soil and fill, large-scale farming operations, non-farm uses in the ALR, and/or residential size and siting in the ALR
- 3:30pm** **Panel Session: 'playing your role' on the AAC**
Representation may include local government elected officials, ALC staff, planners, agrologists and farmer/growers to explore successful mechanisms to make your AAC more effective for local government.
- 4:15pm** **Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks** – Ministry of Agriculture
- 4:30 pm** **ADJOURN**