



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016

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2	Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Connecting Consumers and Producers Project Update	Receive
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	



**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
SUPPLEMENTARY MEMO
Agriculture Committee
July 21, 2016**

To: Chair Parker and the Agriculture Committee
 From: Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
 Date: July 19, 2016
 Regarding: Connecting Consumers and Producers Project Update

To date eight applications have been received which meet the criteria for community events. They are as follows,

- Smithers / Electoral Area 'A' (Smithers Rural)
 - Applicant: Bulkley Valley Exhibition
Event: Bulkley Acres demonstration garden and educational information
 - Applicant: Smithers Community Radio
Event: Agricultural focused podcasts and appreciation dinner
- Houston
 - Applicant: Houston Link to Learning
Event: Houston Harvest Festival - local and multicultural food samples and farmers market
- Electoral Area 'B' (Burns Lake Rural)
 - Applicant: Lakes District Fall Fair
Event: Taste the Local Harvest- taste testing of local produce and educational information
- Electoral Area 'E' (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
 - Applicant: Grassy Plains Community Hall
Event: Harvest Supper and Dance – locally produced food will be served and educational information provided
- Fraser Lake
 - Applicant: Fraser Lake Community Garden
Event: Food For All Lunch – garden tour, lunch prepared with locally produced food, producer market and informational posters
- Vanderhoof / Electoral Area 'F' (Vanderhoof Rural)
 - Applicant: Nechako Valley Exhibition Society
Event: Farmers market at the Fall Fair and promotion of local producers
 - Applicant: Nechako Valley Food Network
Event: 2016 Harvest Celebration - Dinner with locally produced food will be served and a farmers market available

Staff are promoting the event funding to those communities that are currently not receiving a grant to hold an event. The application period will remain open until August 15.

The Connecting Consumers and Producers, A Guide to Eating Local in Bulkley-Nechako was updated in-house and reviewed by a representative of the Nechako Valley Food Network, Smithers Farmers Institute, and Lakes District 4-H Senior Council. Currently the brochure is being printed. The updated brochure has been posted on the website at opportunities.rdbn.bc.ca/agriculture.

Local promotional items have been sourced and this year honey and beef jerky samples will be provided at the events.

Recommendation:	(All/Directors/Majority)
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