

# Appendix A

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PRIORITIES

The information gathered in the community consultations was analyzed, categorized and then formed the basis of the Recommendations. The top five priorities identified in each of the community meetings are listed below. The aggregated priorities are based on a compilation of data from all the community meetings across the RDCK. Following the aggregated priorities are the priorities by Electoral Area and Municipality, based on a data analysis of the community meetings in the respective area. More information on the community meeting outcomes can be found in the Background Report.

### Aggregated Priorities

1. Agricultural Infrastructure
2. Public education
3. Scaling Up Production
4. Farmers Information Service
5. Economic Tools

### Creston / Electoral Areas A, B & C

1. Agricultural Infrastructure
2. Farmer Information Service
3. Public Education
4. Scaling Up Production
5. Land Use Planning

### Kaslo / Electoral Area D

1. Land Use Planning
2. Maintain farmland and the ALR
3. Scaling Up Production
4. Economic Tools
5. Public Education

### Argenta / Electoral Area D

1. Scaling Up Production
2. Public Education
3. Agricultural Infrastructure
4. Farmer Information Service
5. Regulatory Framework

Nelson / Electoral Area E & F

1. Urban Agriculture
2. Municipalities Role in Food Systems
3. Public Education
4. Maintain farmland and the ALR
5. General Comments

Salmo / Electoral Area G

1. Big Picture Market Constraints
2. Public Education
3. Farmer Information Service
4. Agricultural Infrastructure
5. Scaling Up Production

Winlaw / Electoral Area H

1. Agricultural Infrastructure
2. Farmer Information Service
3. Scaling Up Production
4. Land Availability / New Farmer Access
5. Regulatory Framework

New Denver / Electoral Area H

1. Public Education
2. Agricultural Infrastructure
3. Scaling Up Production
4. General Comments
5. Farmer Information Service

Castlegar / Electoral Area I & J

1. Scaling Up Production
2. Economic Tools
3. Land Use Planning
4. Big Picture Market Constraints
5. Public Education

Nakusp / Electoral Area K

1. Agricultural Infrastructure
2. Scaling Up Production
3. Farmer Information Service
4. Public Education
5. General Comments

**Definitions** (as derived from the substance of the community consultations)

**Agricultural Infrastructure:** the physical and other support mechanisms that enable agricultural production.

**Big Picture Market Constraints:** commercial, economic and regulatory realities beyond the purview of the RDCK that limit options for farmers and consumers.

**Economic Tools:** incentives and support programs to build economic viability and knowledge for new and established farmers.

**Farmers Information Service:** a research and educational program to help farmers and ranchers improve productivity through resource management, controlling crop pests, soil testing, livestock production practices, and marketing.

**General Comments:** general support for planning for agriculture and food systems.

**Land Availability / New Farmer Access:** challenges for start-up farmers based on high costs of land and the difficulty of deriving a living solely from the land.

**Land Use Planning:** using the tools available to the RDCK to protect and promote farm land and farming.

**Maintain farmland and the Agricultural Land Reserve:** prioritizing the preservation of farmland in and outside of the ALR.

**Municipal Role in Food Systems:** identification of the integral role that municipalities play in the food system, where critical mass of people purchase, consume and dispose of the waste streams associated with food.

**Public education:** educating the public about food systems and farming in the RDCK and around the world.

**Regulatory Framework:** regulations and government policy at all levels that impact and restrict farming and food systems.

**Scaling Up Production:** creating support mechanisms to enable those already farming to increase their production and to increase new production.

**Urban Agriculture:** promotion of and support for food production for personal consumption and commercial trade within municipal boundaries.