




Request for Decision

Title	AAMDC Climate Change Advisory Committee
Proposed Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council recommend to the AAMDC that [<i>selected member of Council</i>] be appointed to the AAMDC Climate Change Advisory Committee. 2. That Council authorize the per diem costs to be covered by the FCM/AAMDC Committee Appointment Service Enhancement Fund approved within Council’s 2017 Budget, to a maximum of \$1,300. 3. That Council direct Administration to prepare a letter of support and application package for the AAMDC Climate Change Advisory Committee on behalf of [<i>selected member of Council</i>].
Administrative Recommendation	<p>That Council select and recommend one (1) member of Sturgeon County Council to sit on the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Climate Change Advisory Committee.</p> <p>That Council direct Administration to coordinate the application package accordingly, to ensure the application deadline of January 13, 2017 is met.</p>
Previous Council Direction	<p>December 13, 2016 – Motion 455/16</p> <p>That Council approve the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget as presented in the 2017 Budget Document.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given both the Federal and Provincial Government’s intent to move forward with various legislation and practices pertaining to climate change, the AAMDC Board of Directors is looking to establish a Climate Change Advisory Committee. • The Committee will advise the Board of rural Albertan perspectives in order to inform Board advocacy efforts regarding federal and provincial legislation and policies related to climate change. • The Committee will be comprised of one (1) representative from each AAMDC District, and will be Chaired by an AAMDC Board member. Sturgeon County is a member of the Pembina River District. • Given the level and scope of current and planned industrial activity within Sturgeon County, Administration believes Council would find value in participating on this Committee. • Should Council recommend a member of Council be considered for the posting and that member be successfully appointed by the AAMDC, the AAMDC will cover travel and meal expenses for Committee meetings, but will not provide a per diem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given that the term is one calendar year, and that the Committee is likely to meet every two months, an estimated cost of \$1,080 can be absorbed through Council's approved 2017 budget. The application deadline is January 13, 2017. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <p>Alberta Climate Leadership Plan</p> <p>Sturgeon County Council Remuneration and Expense Policy-ADM-REM-1</p>
<p>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – Active participation on this AAMDC Committee will provide Council with the opportunity to provide a Sturgeon County perspective on climate change issues, while collaborating with AAMDC, provincial and federal partners.</p> <p>Respect the Natural Environment – Council's Strategic Plan indicates that the County will comply with Federal and Provincial environmental legislation. This Committee is an opportunity to provide input into current and future environmental legislation that impacts rural municipalities, as it pertains to climate change.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Some minor staff time may be required to coordinate the submission process and to provide the appointed member of Council with briefing notes and advice regarding Committee agenda topics.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Sturgeon County Council Remuneration and Expense Policy (ADM-REM-1) provides a per diem of \$180 per day for Council approved activities.</p> <p>If there are six meetings held over the next calendar year (the Terms of Reference mentions meeting once every two months, or as needed), this could potentially represent a cost of \$1,080, plus 20% contingency would represent an approved maximum of \$1,300.</p> <p>A Service Enhancement of \$10,000 was approved as part of the 2017 Budget specifically for FCM/AAMDC Committee participation.</p>
<p>Alternatives Considered</p>	<p>Council may choose to forego authorizing a per diem for this Committee.</p>
<p>Implications of Alternatives</p>	<p><u>Financial:</u></p>

	Should Council choose to forego the per diem, no additional financial cost will be absorbed by the County, should a Council member be appointed by the AAMDC.
Follow up Action	1. Administration will work with the selected member of Council to submit an application package prior to the January 13 deadline.
Attachment(s)	1. December 21, 2016 AAMDC Member Bulletin 2. Climate Change Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>