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# Agricultural Service Board

Report to County Council  
December 11, 2018

# ASB Mandate (as per Council Motion 086/17)

## Purpose

- ▶ The Board serves as an advisory body to Council on agriculture-related matters with a goal to promote, enhance, and protect the viability of the agricultural industry in Sturgeon County

## Duties and Responsibilities

- ▶ Address and formulate a recommendation for Council on any items referred to the Committee in accordance with the Public Engagement Spectrum;
- ▶ Review and provide recommendations to council on county agriculture-related policies;
- ▶ Determine strategic outcomes of the Board, and set goals to achieve desired outcomes;
- ▶ Recommend and participate in the development of programs that align with the strategic outcomes and goals established by the Board;
- ▶ Review applications and approve recipients of the 100 Year Farm Family Award;
- ▶ Submit and evaluate nominations for the Excellence in Agriculture Award and select an annual award recipient;

# ASB Mandate

Duties and Responsibilities continued..

- ▶ Review the Sturgeon County Strategic and Corporate Business Plans on an annual basis and recommend policies that support agricultural initiatives for Council's consideration
- ▶ Review reports prepared by administration on the activities of the Agriculture Services department;
- ▶ Review and discuss Provincial Agricultural Service Board resolutions and their benefit or detriment to the county agricultural industry;
- ▶ Draft resolutions when policy or legislation changes are desired at the provincial and federal level;
- ▶ Attend Regional and Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conferences and vote on resolutions;
- ▶ Participate in the planning of the annual Sturgeon County Agricultural Service Board Tour;
- ▶ Hear notice appeals in accordance with the requirements outlined in the *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*, and the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*; and
- ▶ Hear notice appeals in accordance with the requirements outlined in the *Alberta Weed Control Act* (public members only).

# Board Members

- ▶ Jacob Middelkamp - Farm Member (Chair)
- ▶ Victor Majeau - Farm Member (Vice Chair)
  
- ▶ Janet Anderson- Farm Member
- ▶ Al Montpellier- Farm Member
- ▶ Jenay Visscher - Student Member
  
- ▶ Karen Shaw - Council Member
- ▶ Patrick Tighe- Council Member

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2017

Accomplishments	Date	Action
Letter to Ag Minister Regarding Bill 17	June 2017	RFD Brought to Council for Approval; Letter sent
Provincial ASB Summer Tour	July 2017	2 ASB Members Attended
Local ASB Tour	August 2017	152 Attendees
ASB Field Report/ Audit Results	August 2017	Results of ASB Audit conducted by province provided to board

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2017

Accomplishments	Date	Action
Road Use Agreements	November 2017	Input provided to SC Transportation Dept.
Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)	November 2017	Presentation Received; Feasibility Discussed

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2018

Accomplishments	Date	Action
Highway Signs- Subject to Funding	January 2018	Recommended Signage and Advertising to notify residents of Slow Moving Equipment
ASB Terms of Reference	January 2018	No Changes Requested
Appointment of Student Member	January 2018	Jenay Visscher appointed for 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 year Term
Alberta Seed Processors Conference/AGM	January 2018	ASB member attended and provided report to Board

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2018

Accomplishments	Date	Action
100 Year Farm Family Award	February 2018	Krauskopf Family application accepted
Alberta Farm Safety Centre Program Support	February 2018	\$1,708.00 contribution approved (council approved in Ag Op Budget) to support programming provided to Sturgeon County students



# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2018

Accomplishments	Date	Action
Excellence in Ag Award Nominations	March 2018	Nominees/ winners: Reden Farms Kampjes Farms Lakeside Dairy Ment 2-B Agribusiness
Sturgeon Proud Awards Dinner	April 2018	Awards presented: 100 Year Farm Family (1) Excellence in Ag (4)

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2018

Accomplishments	Date	Action
Northlands Farm Family Award	June 2018	Approved nomination of Phil Soetaert & Sons for the award
Provincial ASB Tour	July 2018	Strathcona County 2 Board Reps Attended
Local ASB Tour	August 2018	133 attendees

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2018

Accomplishments	Date	Action
New Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Key Contact	August 2018	Krista Zuzak introduced to board and provided update
NW Region ASB Conference	August 2018	Event Planning/ Speaker Selection
Strychnine Registration Evaluation	August 2018	Letter sent on behalf of board advocating for registration/ use of more elaborate risk mitigation strategies

# Agricultural Service Board Highlights 2018

Accomplishments	Date	Action
Agricultural Condition Statement	November 2018	Reviewed AFSC Crop Report and assessed impacts of weather on harvest
Infrastructure Master Plan	November 2018	Presentation; ASB members provided feedback
RAMP Task Force Meeting (Calahoo Community Hall)	November 2018	ASB members attended

# Regional Agriculture Master Plan & Sturgeon County Agricultural Planning

- ▶ August 2017
  - ▶ Introduced to RAMP (Regional Ag Master Plan) Process
- ▶ February 2018- current
  - ▶ Received updates on Agricultural Engagement Strategy and RAMP Process at each regular meeting
  - ▶ Provided input at various states to support both processes
  - ▶ Will continue to support RAMP and Ag Support Strategy as required

# 2018 Provincial ASB Conference

## Highlights - Resolutions

Ref #	Title	Outcome
1-18	Environmental Stream Funding of the Agricultural Service Board Grant	PASSED
2-18	Appeals to the Minister under the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act	PASSED
3-18	Requirement to Report Certain Pests to the Local Authority	DEFEATED
4-18	Weed Control on Alberta Vacant Public Lands Within Green Areas	PASSED
5-18	Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement	PASSED
6-18	Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Crop Insurance Program	PASSED

# 2018 Provincial ASB Conference

## Highlights - Resolutions

Ref #	Title	Outcome
7-18	Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers	PASSED
8-18	Increasing Limits for Farm Direct Marketing of Chickens for All Farm Direct Producers	DEFEATED
9-18	Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products Using Eggs	PASSED
10-18	Proposed Federal Tax Changes	PASSED
11-18	Organic Food Testing and Labeling	PASSED
12-18	Chemical Control of Wireworms	DEFEATED

# 2018 NW Region ASB Conference

- ▶ Sturgeon County ASB hosted this event on October 18, 2018 at the Calahoo Community Hall
- ▶ 6 Speakers on ag-related updates and topics
- ▶ 1 Resolution Brought Forward and Carried:
  - ▶ **Multi-Stakeholder Committee to Work at Reducing the Use of Fresh Water by the Oil and Gas Industry in Alberta**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee request the Government of Alberta to immediately strike a multi-stakeholder committee to work at reducing the use of fresh water by the oil and gas industry in Alberta.



# Upcoming Activities

- ▶ 1 New Public Member Appointment- effective January 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ 1 Student Member Appointment- effective January 9<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Alberta Seed Processors Conference - Edmonton, AB, January 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Provincial ASB Conference- Calgary, AB, January 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Questions?