

Request for Decision

Title	Agribusiness and Agritourism Review – Final Report Status Update
Proposed Motion	That Council accept the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force final report status update as information.
Administrative Recommendation	That Council accept this status update as information in anticipation of receiving the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force’s final report at the April 12, 2022 Council meeting.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<p><u>September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 454/21: That Council approve the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force Public Engagement and Communication Plan as presented.</p> <p><u>March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 118/21: That Council initiate an agribusiness and agritourism review, supported by a community-based Task Force as defined in proposed Bylaw 1538/21.</p> <p>Motion 122/21: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1538/21.</p> <p>Motion 123/21: That Council direct Administration to commence recruitment for public members for the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 9, 2021, Council passed Bylaw 1538/21, which supported the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review through the creation of a community-based Task Force. This Task Force was designed to support Council in evaluating and considering recommendations related to economic opportunities, regulatory requirements, landowner perspectives, and overall best practices. The mandate of the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force is to “make policy recommendations to Council that meet the needs and expectations of local business and landowners in consideration of agribusiness and agritourism regulatory best practices.” The scope of the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review has been to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the current state of agribusiness and agritourism in Sturgeon County, including economic impact; any real or perceived

	<p>barriers to agribusiness or agritourism growth and success; and identify the needs and expectations of Sturgeon County's businesses and landowners.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Review local, provincial, and national agribusiness and agritourism regulatory best practices 3. Investigate and recommend appropriate licensing requirements or regulations related to hosting of events on agricultural parcels 4. Evaluate the real or perceived impacts (positive and negative) that agribusiness and agritourism operations of different types and sizes have on surrounding landowners. 5. Recommend and undertake an engagement and communication strategy with key stakeholders. 6. Produce a "What We Heard" report summarizing the consultation feedback and comments. 7. Present a Final Report containing the Task Force findings and recommendations on potential regulations and policy for Council consideration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Task Forces are intended to be temporary, Section 10.1. of Bylaw 1538/21 states: "the Task Force expires on Council's acceptance of the Task Force's Final Report. If the Final Report is not accepted by April 1, 2022, Administration shall bring the Bylaw to Council for review." • The Task Force's final report will be presented to Council at the April 12, 2022 Council meeting. As the April 1, 2022 date specified in the Bylaw will not be met, Administration is providing this update for information and transparency purposes only. <p><u>External Communication</u> None.</p> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaw 1538/21 – Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force Bylaw
Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u> None.</p>
Alternatives Considered	None.
Implications of Alternatives	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u> None.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u> None.</p>

	<u>Financial:</u> None.
Follow up Action	1. Present the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force Recommendation Report at the April 12, 2022 Council meeting (Planning & Development Services / Economic Development & Ecosystem Services, April 2022).
Attachment(s)	1. Attachment 1: Bylaw 1538/21
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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: *Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.*

Guiding Principles: Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
Planned Growth			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern broadband and digital capabilities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thriving Communities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Governance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>