

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Bylaw 1601/22 – Amendment to Bylaw 1515/20 - Agricultural Service Board Bylaw – Three Readings</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1601/22.</li> <li>2. That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1601/22.</li> <li>3. That Council consider third reading of Bylaw 1601/22.</li> <li>4. That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1601/22.</li> </ol>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Council give three readings of Bylaw 1601/22 to amend Bylaw 1515/20, the Agricultural Service Board Bylaw.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	<p><u>July 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 293/22: That Council direct Administration to bring forward amendments to Bylaw 1515/20 - Agricultural Service Board Bylaw as recommended by the Agricultural Service Board.</p> <p><u>November 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 513/20: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1515/20.</p>
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) serves as an advisory body and assists Council in promoting, enhancing, and protecting viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of producers within the County.</li> <li>• On March 9, 2022, the ASB passed Motion 028/22 recommending the following amendments to Bylaw 1515/20 for Council's consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Section 5.1: increase the number of public members on the Board from four to six;</li> <li>▪ Section 5.5: increase the Junior member term from a 1-year term to a 2-year term;</li> <li>▪ Section 5.6: remove the exception for the Junior member appointment term to align with the appointment term of all members from January 1 to December 31;</li> <li>▪ Section 5.7: remove in its entirety;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Section 9.4: change the word “hearing” to “meeting”; and</li> <li>▪ Section 10.2: remove exception for Junior Member remuneration.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agricultural Service Board recommends expansion of its public membership from four to six members to maximize representation of the diverse agricultural sector in Sturgeon County.</li> <li>• The recommended adjustments pertaining to the Junior Member position are intended to streamline the recruitment process and allow for recruitment to coincide with that of other public members. These changes ensure appointment is effective January 1 of the calendar year and support consistent remuneration among all non-Council members. Additionally, the Board recommends that the Junior Member term be extended from 1 to 2 years, maximizing the ability of that member to learn the functions of the Agricultural Service Board and contribute to the Board’s activities within their appointment term.</li> <li>• All changes would come into effect on January 1, 2023.</li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two additional public member positions would be promoted during the fall 2022 Council Board and Committee member recruitment process.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaw 1515/20 - Agricultural Service Board Bylaw</li> <li>• <i>Agricultural Service Board Act</i></li> </ul>
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p>Acceptance of the Agricultural Service Board’s recommendations is aligned with multiple Strategic Priorities, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Collaborative Governance</b> - demonstrates Council’s commitment to ongoing community consultation and engagement through its appointed Committees.</li> <li>➤ <b>Planned Growth</b> - ensures adequate supports and advocacy is in place to support a thriving agricultural sector.</li> <li>➤ <b>Environmental Stewardship</b> - encourages discussion and collaboration to enhance the environmental footprint of the agricultural industry.</li> <li>➤ <b>Operational Excellence</b> - supports engaged Council Committee members and provides an opportunity for them to advise Council on matters within an area of their expertise.</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Increased membership of the Agricultural Service Board by two non-Council members would have a financial impact of approximately \$5,000 (primarily honorariums and mileage), which would be included in the proposed 2023 Operating Budget.</p>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	<p>Council could decide not to pass Bylaw 1601/22 at the September 13, 2022 Council meeting.</p>

<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u> None.</p> <p><u>Organizational</u> If all motions are not passed at the September 13, 2022 Council meeting, there may be impacts to the advertising of Board and Committee vacancies as part of the 2023 Board and Committee public member recruitment process.</p> <p><u>Financial</u> None.</p>
<b>Follow up Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain Mayor and CAO signatures on the Bylaw (Legislative Services, September 2022).</li> <li>2. Consolidate Bylaw 1515/20 - Agricultural Service Board Bylaw (Legislative Services, January 2023).</li> <li>3. Provide a copy of consolidated Bylaw 1515/20 to Agricultural Service Board members (Agriculture Services, September 2022)</li> <li>4. Recruit additional non-Council members and Junior Member (Legislative Services, September 2022)</li> </ol>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attachment 1: Bylaw 1515/20</li> <li>2. Attachment 2: Bylaw 1601/22</li> </ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p>Angela Veenstra, Manager, Agriculture Services</p> <p>Scott MacDougall, Chief Operating Officer – COO</p> <p>Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

## 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
<b>Planned Growth</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern broadband and digital capabilities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thriving Communities</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces &amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Collaborative Governance</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>