Sturgeon County
Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force
Minutes
September 14, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Through Electronic Communications

Task Force members in attendance:
Councillor Patrick D. Tighe, **David Benjestorf, Richard Boissonneault, Deb Foisy, Cathy Gilbert (Chair), Mayor Alanna Hnatiw (ex-officio).**

Unable to attend:
Andrew Rosychuk; Mark Chuiko; Tam Andersen; Councillor Wayne Bokenfohr (V. Chair).

Sturgeon County Administration in attendance:
Natasha De Sandi, Planning and Engagement Officer; Jackie Sargent, Senior Communications Officer, Corporate Communications, Leanne McBean, Business Retention Expansion Lead.

Consultants in attendance:
Courtney Laurence, Community Planner / Engagement Strategist, ISL Engineering; Hawley Campbell, Senior Consultant, Nichols Applied Management Inc.; Pearce Shewchuk, Principal, Nichols Applied Management Inc.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   - Chair called meeting order at 6:10 pm.
   - Chair placed a motion on the floor to adopt the agenda. D. Benjestorf moved the agenda and D. Foisy seconded that motion.
   - Chair placed a motion on the floor to adopt the minutes from previous meeting. D. Benjestorf moved the agenda and R. Boissonneault seconded that motion.

2. **AARTF Process Update**
   - H. Campbell provided an update on work completed thus far by the consultant.
   - Includes technical overview of agribusiness agritourism in the county, and regulatory review
   - Draft survey for public engagement to review

3. **Current State Assessment**
   - H. Campbell provided draft technical overview for the current State Assessment
     - Defining Agribusiness and Agritourism
     - Current State of Agribusiness and Agritourism in Sturgeon County
     - Market Trends
     - Stakeholder Interviews
   - General discussion on influence of market trends on local businesses

   - C. Laurence provided an update on Current Policy and Regulation Review
     - EMR Growth Plan

- Regional Agricultural Master Plan (RAMP)
- Municipal Development Plan (MDP)
- Land Use Bylaw (LUB)
- Community Standards Bylaw

4. Public Engagement Survey

- C. Laurence provided overview of draft survey
  - Task Force members were able to take an initial review of the questions with more detailed comments to follow.
  - C. Laurence will provide the survey via email to Task Force members for comment. Comments will be required back to the consultants within a weeks' time.

C. Gilbert put forward a motion to adjourn 7:39. David Benjestorf *moved that motion and Richard* Boissonneault*. seconded the motion.*