Sturgeon County
Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force
Minutes

November 2, 2021 6:00 p.m.
At Morinville Community Cultural Centre

Attendees: (P = Present, R= Regrets)

Task Force		Consultants		Administration	
Cathy Gilbert – Chair	P	Pearce Shewchuk	P	Travis Peter	P
Councillor Deanna Stang – Vice Chair	P	Hawley Campbell		Tyler Westover	P
Councillor Matthew McLennan (phone)	P	Courtney Laurence (phone)	P	Bonnie McInnis	P
Mayor Alanna Hnatiw (ex-officio)	P	Constance Gourley	P	Jackie Sargent	P
Tam Andersen	P	Darrell Toma	R		
David Benjestorf	P				
Richard Boissonneault	P			**Members of Public**	
Mark Chuiko	P			Via phone: Fred	
Deb Foisy	P				
Andrew Rosychuk	P				

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

   - Chair called meeting to order at 6:10pm.
   - Introductions of new Council members appointed to Task Force.

2. **Meeting Minutes and agenda approvals/corrections**

   - Adoption of the Agenda – Chair
     - D. Benjestorf moved the agenda, R. Boissonneault seconded motion.
   - Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Chair
     - Minutes not distributed, motion to postpone adoption to next meeting.
     - A. Rosychuk moved the motion, D. Benjestorf seconded motion.
   - Motion to include addition to agenda, discussion point on BC Tourism document by T. Andersen.
     - Motion seconded by D. Benjestorf.

3. **Legislative Items– Chair**

   - Election of new Vice-Chair

- Councillor Deanna Stang nominated by R. Boissonneault.
- Nomination Seconded by T. Andersen.

4. AARTF Workplan Update: Nichols/ISL, Sturgeon County Administration

- P. Shewchuk provided a Project Recap presentation.
- T. Peter provided presentation on revised timeline and approach
    - Included group discussion on regulatory needs, impacts of agribusiness and agritourism on the region, economic opportunities, project timeline adjustment, input from adjacent landowners to agribusiness / agritourism operations and process/ format, confirmation of where survey is available, provincial land management,
- Chair put motion on the floor: to invite adjacent landowners of agribusinesses and agritourism operations and business owners to come and do a presentation at the task force for the committee. Presentation format to be a specific time, focus on the issues at hand and the Task Force will be allowed to ask questions.
    - D. Stang- moved motion, D. Benjestorf seconded motion.
    - All In favor- one opposed- A. Rosychuk
- Chair placed motion on floor to extend meeting to conduct the rest of the agenda
- R. Boissonneault moved motion, D. Benjestorf seconded motion.

5. Comments on Key Review Elements (30 minutes) – County

- T. Peter provided a recap stating the balance between opportunity and County interest. Highlighted the need for a new format in the form of workshops, discussion on regulatory guidelines.
- B. McInnis provided presentation: Agritourism and Events Venue Uses
- Group discussion on Land Use Bylaw districts, municipal improvement processes, agritourism definition, impacts of agritourism and agribusiness operations.

6. Addition to Agenda by T. Andersen: "Farm Diversification Through Agri-Tourism" – British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture

- Document is valuable and has the ability to inform the Task Force.
- T. Andersen placed motion on the floor to include this document the supporting and guiding document for the task force.
- In favour- T. Andersen, A. Rosychuk
- Motion defeated.
- Discussion on accepting document for information and resume discussion next meeting.

7. **Best Practice Review (10 minutes) – Nichols/ISL**

    - Presentation of comparator jurisdictions
    - Debate on the comparator jurisdiction
    - D. Benjestorf motioned to accept the Comparator Jurisdictions as presented, R. Boissonneault seconded motion.

8. **Next Steps**

- The Chair put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm.
    - Adjournment motion moved by D. Benjestorf, seconded by Andrew Rosychuk.

9. **Next Meeting – Chair**

- The next Task Force meetings will take place on November 30th and December 2nd, 2021, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm (location TBD).