Sturgeon County
Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force
Minutes
March 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Morinville Cultural Community Center

Attendees: (P = Present, R= Regrets)

Task Force		Public		Administration	
Cathy Gilbert – Chair	P			Travis Peter	P
Cllr. Deanna Stang – Vice-Chair	P			Tyler Westover	P
Mayor Alanna Hnatiw (ex-officio)	P			Bonnie McInnis	P
Tam Andersen	P			Leanne McBean	P
David Benjestorf	P			Jackie Sargent	P
Richard Boissonnault	P			Jonathan Heemskerk	P
Andrew Rosychuk	P				
Mark Chuiko	P				
Deb Foisy	P				

1. Call to Order – Cathy Gilbert, Chair

- Chair called the meeting to order at 5:21pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes – Cathy Gilbert, Chair

- R. Boissonnault moved the February 1, 2022, minutes as amended to change Richard Boissonnault's status to present, A. Hnatiw seconded the motion. *Carried.*
- R. Boissonnault moved the agenda, T. Anderson seconded the motion. *Carried.*

3. Meeting Overview – Cathy Gilbert, Chair

- Discussion of the meeting goals and objectives:
    - Review the three options presented by administration and discuss as a group.
    - To reach a final decision on recommendations to Council.
    - Review and provide feedback on the draft recommendation report.

4. Administration Presentation – Bonnie McInnis, Sturgeon County

- Operator and resident feedback takeaways.
- Task force decisions to date.
- Presentation of three options:
    - Blended diversified agriculture & agritourism use
    - Separate diversified agriculture & agritourism uses
    - New land use district – "Agriculture 2"
- Definition of event venue & general use definition and terminology.
- Other suggested Land Use Bylaw Changes.
- Development permit and rezoning process explanation.

5. Workshop – Cathy Gilbert, Chair & Sturgeon County Administration

- Group discussion on the following topics:
    - Event venue use and terminology
    - Option 1: Blended diversified agriculture & agritourism use
    - Option 2: Separate diversified agriculture & agritourism uses
    - Option 3: New land use district – "Agriculture 2"
    - Intensity Matrix – permitted vs. discretionary uses

- D. Benjestorf moved that the AARTF support the proposed definition of the Event Venue use and updated terminology definition, R. Boissonnault seconded the motion. *Carried.*
- M. Chuiko moved that the AARTF recommend option 1 (blended diversified agriculture & agritourism use) and option 3 (new land use district – "Agriculture 2") to Sturgeon County Council subject to review and consensus on the intensity matrix, R. Boissonnault seconded the motion. *Carried.*

6. Refresher Committee Code of Conduct – Jackie Sargent, Sturgeon County

- Presentation given by Jackie Sargent on the committee code of conduct.
    - The Task Force Chair is the spokesperson for the Task Force. Media questions must be directed through the Chair.
    - Members are free to express their opinions as long as they accurately state the Task Force's decisions and acknowledge that decision-making rests with the Task Force as a whole.
    - Members must not divulge information that was provided in closed session (in private) at a Task Force meeting until the information is made public.
    - Once the Task Force is dissolved, those who served on the Task Force are not restricted from participating in future steps of the process.
        - Any Land Use Bylaw amendment would require a Public Hearing.
        - Former Task Force members would be permitted to participate in this process as a private citizen, ensuring that they do not identify themself as a representative of the Task Force.

7. Meeting Recap/Outcomes – Cathy Gilbert, Chair & Sturgeon County Administration

- Presentation given by Tyler Westover on Opportunities Moving Forward with respect to Economic Development.

8. Next Steps – Cathy Gilbert, Chair & Sturgeon County Administration

- Notice of next meeting date & objectives
    - Task force members to submit feedback on changes to the intensity matrix.
    - Amendments for the matrix through discussion with the task force.
    - Approach for the recommendation and presentation to Council.
- Motion to Adjourn – Chair at 9:04pm – D. Benjestorf moved for adjournment; R. Boissonnault seconded the motion. *Carried.*