

**Sturgeon County  
Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force  
Minutes**

**March 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.  
Sturgeon County 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			Amy Oshanyk	P
Mark Chuiko	P				
Deb Foisy	P				

**1. Call to Order – Cathy Gilbert, Chair**

- Chair called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

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

- A. Hnatiw moved the March 1, 2022, minutes as presented, M. Chuiko seconded the motion. *Carried.*
- A. Hnatiw moved the agenda, D. Stang seconded the motion. *Carried.*

**3. Meeting Overview – Cathy Gilbert, Chair**

- Discussion of the meeting goals and objectives:
  - Work through the amended impact matrix to determine a best course of action.
  - Review the draft report to Council and provide feedback to administration.

**4. Remaining Workshop Matters – All (Administration Support)**

- Updated the impact matrix model for the Land Use Bylaw. Discussion on the viability of the matrix prior to an adequate testing period.
- Decision was made to trial the impact matrix over the course of 12-24 months to determine the appropriate thresholds to include and furthermore determine the applicability of a matrix-based intensity system.
- Vote taken to allow for “Diversified Agriculture” as a permitted or discretionary use in each of the AG Major, AG Minor, and AG Residential parcels.
  - Majority voted to allowed “Diversified Agriculture” as a permitted use in each of the AG Major, AG Minor, and AG Residential parcels. *Carried.*

- As a permitted use, members of the taskforce would strongly encourage adjacent landowner input prior to approval of a permit. This would be through the means of administration sending notice of a potential permit to landowners and asking if there are concerns and providing the list of standard conditions for feedback.
- Finalization of the recommendations report. Amendments/ topics of discussion include:
  - Commitment should be made to marketing and education for the public on the Diversified Agriculture use.
  - Stakeholder engagement being a crucial factor throughout the process.
  - Members of the task force voted to support waiving fees (recommendation #3) to address legacy issues existing in Sturgeon County, majority received. *Carried.*
- Presentation approach to Council was finalized through group discussion.

#### **5. Recap and Next Steps - Cathy Gilbert, Chair**

- Sturgeon County administration will create a conclusion for the final recommendations report and submit it to the task force for final review.
- Once the final document has received confirmation from all members of the task force, the document will be circulated for electronic signatures.
- Administration will work with the task force chair to complete administrative work and support the presentation of material to Sturgeon County Council.

#### **6. Adjournment - Cathy Gilbert, Chair**

- Motion to Adjourn – Chair at 8:16pm – A. Rosychuk moved for adjournment; D. Stang seconded the motion. *Carried.*