

**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.*