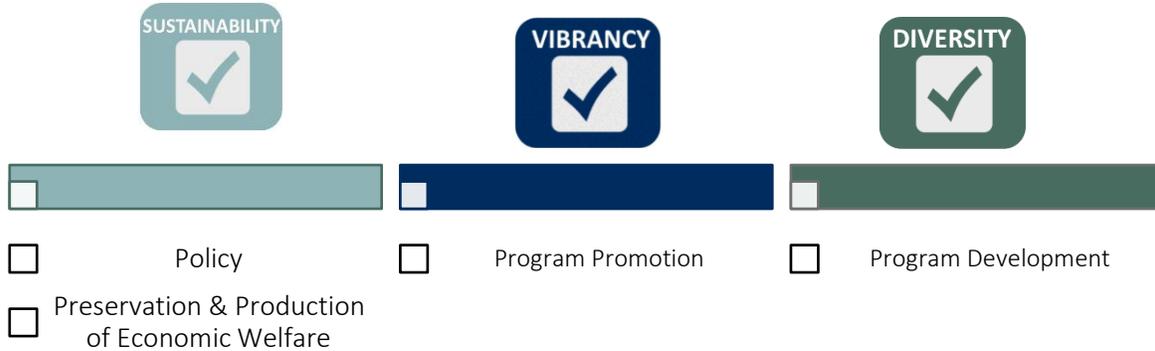


AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD (ASB) - General

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS?

Key Strategies

STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION
Policy & Administration	Advocate on development of external policy; develop & promote internal agricultural policy; enforce provincial legislation
Program Development & Review	Identify local requirements for agricultural programs; set program objectives; review and evaluate programs
Program Promotion & Advertising	Promote agricultural programs to the public
Preservation & Production of Economic Welfare	Preserve and improve agricultural production via communication with local organizations; encourage good farming practices & farm safety; remain accountable to ratepayers

WHEN & HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

Actions/Initiatives

ACTION	EXPLANATION	ACHIEVEMENT DEADLINE
Policy & Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Agricultural Service Board to be an advisory to Council in the development and promotion of agricultural policies that meet the need of the municipality. *Be an advocate to advise Ministers of Agriculture, Environment etc. on the development and review of external policy. *Administer and enforce provincial agricultural related acts such as the <i>Weed Control Act</i>, <i>Agricultural Pests Act</i>, and the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i>. *Assist with the enforcement of the <i>Animal Health Act</i>. *Participate in ASB meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed. *Prepare and present annual ASB budgets, financial statements, and related progress reports in accordance with the ASB business plan. *Apply for grants on behalf of the ASB. *Organize field trips, courses, public meetings and demonstrations. *Appoint an ASB Appeal Committee annually or as required. Ensure ASB Appeal Committee receives training in responsibilities and requirements. 	Ongoing

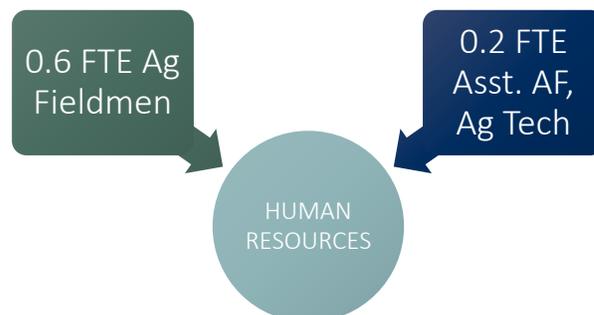
Program Development & Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Identify local requirements for agricultural programs. *Set program objectives, introduce new programs, and encourage participation of those who benefit from the program. *Review and evaluate established programs on an annual basis. *Be involved with educational programs. 	Ongoing
Program Promotion & Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Responsible for promoting agricultural programs through the use of a newsletter, participation at trade shows and other public forums where agricultural producers are in attendance. *Prepare and release timely and related news articles using available media resources. 	Ongoing
<u>Agriculture Community Engagement</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>*Use annual awards to recognize and celebrate the achievements, milestones and great things being done by those who live and work in the County of Vermilion River.</u> <u>*Partner with other departments to host a Community Celebration event annually to celebrate successes, build community and share accomplishments of residents.</u> 	<u>Ongoing</u>
Preservation & Production of Economic Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Preservation and improvement of agricultural production via coordinated efforts and frequent communication between the Agricultural Service Board, local institutions and organizations. *Encourage good farming practices and farm safety. *Remain accountable to the ratepayers. *Keep up with the latest technology in weed control, pest control, soil conservation etc. *Develop and implement a coordinated education and outreach program addressing sustainable (economic, agronomic and environment) farm management options. *Develop and implement a County of Vermilion River Recognition and Awards program and support an annual awards event. 	Ongoing

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHED ACTIONS/INITIATIVES FROM LAST YEAR

- *Supported Environmental Farm Plans and Growing Forward/Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) Programs
- *Appointed an ASB Appeal Committee (2 public members and 3 council members)

*Participated in / Supported Agri-Visions, Harvest Festival, Vermilion Ag Society Fair, Hay Clandonald, [Crop Rotation Producer Workshop](#), [Succession Planning Workshop](#), [Ecobuffer Planting workshop](#), and produced a [Grain Bag Recycling Program video](#). ~~[Growing Industrial Hemp Workshop](#), [Cover Crop/Soil Health Workshops](#), [Working Well Workshops](#), [On Farm Solar Energy Workshop](#).~~

HUMAN RESOURCES



FINANCIAL RESOURCES



DETAILS	
REVENUE	-Annual ASB Grant; Extension Grant; ALUS Canada; private weed control; sales of strychnine
EXPENSES	-Weed control chemical, pest control toxicants, explosives, extension program, ALUS payments, wages -2019 ASB Operating Budget
CAPITAL	-Vehicles, mowing & spraying equipment, explosives magazine -2019 ASB Capital Budget

REGULATIONS/POLICIES

- A) Agriculture Service Board Act.
- B) Agricultural Pests Act.
- C) Soil Conservation Act.
- D) Weed Control Act.
- E) Alberta Animal Health Act
- F) Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
- G) Industrial Vegetation Management Guidelines.
- H) Provincial Wild Boar Policy
- I) AG Policies/Management Plans (AG001 – AG016).

MEASUREMENTS

CATEGORY	MEASUREMENT	GOAL
FINANCIAL	Budget	Operate within budget
ORGANIZATIONAL	Timeframes	Complete actions in allotted time frame
CUSTOMER CARE	Awareness	Improved general awareness of ASB activities and responsibilities
VISION	Diversity	New program development

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

- Has been well recognized for innovative programs and services related to agriculture