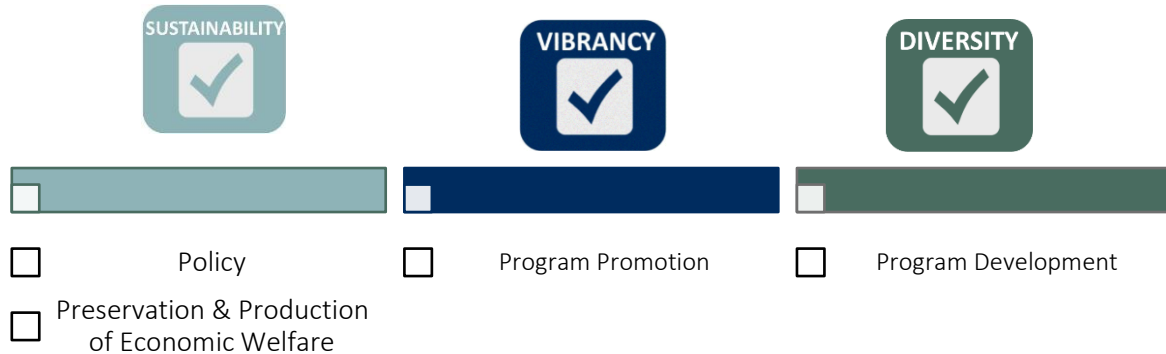


## AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD (ASB) - General

### 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"><li>*Agricultural Service Board to be an advisory to Council in the development and promotion of agricultural policies that meet the need of the municipality.</li><li>*Be an advocate to advise Ministers of Agriculture, Environment etc. on the development and review of external policy.</li><li>*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>.</li><li>*Assist with the enforcement of the <i>Animal Health Act</i>.</li><li>*Participate in ASB meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed.</li><li>*Prepare and present annual ASB budgets, financial statements, and related progress reports in accordance with the ASB business plan.</li><li>*Apply for grants on behalf of the ASB.</li><li>*Organize field trips, courses, public meetings and demonstrations.</li><li>*Appoint an ASB Appeal Committee annually or as required. Ensure ASB Appeal Committee receives training in responsibilities and requirements.</li></ul>	Ongoing

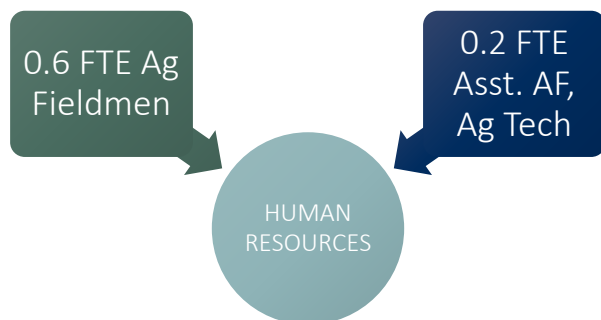
<b>Program Development &amp; Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Identify local requirements for agricultural programs.</li> <li>*Set program objectives, introduce new programs, and encourage participation of those who benefit from the program.</li> <li>*Review and evaluate established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

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHED ACTIONS/INITIATIVES FROM LAST YEAR

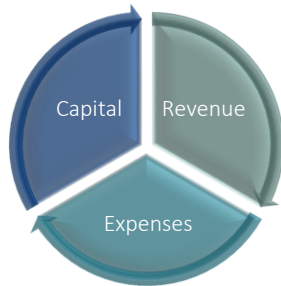
- \*Supported Environmental Farm Plans and Growing Forward/Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) Programs
- \*Appointed an ASB Appeal Committee (2 public members and 3 council members)

\*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	
<b>REVENUE</b>	-Annual ASB Grant; Extension Grant; ALUS Canada; private weed control; sales of strychnine
<b>EXPENSES</b>	-Weed control chemical, pest control toxicants, explosives, extension program, ALUS payments, wages -2019 ASB Operating Budget
<b>CAPITAL</b>	-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
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	Budget	Operate within budget
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL</b>	Timeframes	Complete actions in allotted time frame
<b>CUSTOMER CARE</b>	Awareness	Improved general awareness of ASB activities and responsibilities
<b>VISION</b>	Diversity	New program development

## HISTORY/BACKGROUND

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