



Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force

Friday November 23, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sturgeon County – Calahoo Community Hall
9, 54500, Range Rd 275 – Calahoo, AB

Members:

Rod Shaigec, *Parkland County (Chair)*
Michael Walters, *City of Edmonton (Vice Chair)*
Kathy Barnhart, *Town of Beaumont*
Nicole Boutestein, *Town of Morinville (Alternate)*
Tanni Doblanko, *Leduc County*
Alanna Hnatiw, *Sturgeon County*
Paul Smith, *Strathcona County*
Larry Wanchuk, *Leduc County (Alternate)*

Technical Members:

Garett Broadbent, *Leduc County*
Joel Gould, *Strathcona County*
Darren Haarsma, *Parkland County*
Michael Klassen, *Sturgeon County*
John Knapp, *Parkland County*
Hani Quan, *City of Edmonton*
Karen Sundquist, *Government of Alberta*
Candace Vanin, *Government of Canada*

EMRB Staff:

Karen Wichuk, *CEO*
Sharon Shuya, *Director, Regional Growth
Planning*
Loreen Lennon, *Communications Manager*
Stephanie Chai, *Project Manager*
Taylor Varro, *Project Manager*
Brandt Denham, *GIS & IT Coordinator*
Joseana Lara, *Municipal Planning Intern*
Carol Moreno, *Project Coordinator*

Consultants

Bob Burden, *Serecon*
Jerry Bouma, *Toma & Bouma*
John Steil, *Stantec*

Guests:

A. Azad, *Town of Morinville*
Teaka Broughm, *Town of Beaumont*
Lindsey Butterfield, *City of Edmonton*
Leslie Chivers, *Sturgeon County*
Neal Comeau, *Sturgeon County*
Charleen Currie, *City of Edmonton*
Gibby Davis, *City of Edmonton*
Linton Delaine, *Strathcona County*
Trevor Duley, *City of St. Albert*
Jordan Evans, *Leduc County*
Susan Evans, *Sturgeon County*
Lyndsay Francis, *City of St. Albert*
Wayne Groot, *Interested Public*
Ryan Hall, *Strathcona County*
Larissa Hepp, *Sturgeon County*
Greg Hofmann, *City of Edmonton*
Cory Labrecque, *City of Leduc*
Nancy Lyzaniwski, *Strathcona County*
Ann Manson, *Interested Public*
Reegan McCullough, *Sturgeon County*
T. McNab, *Town of Morinville*
Jacob Middelkamp, *ASB Sturgeon County*
Al Montpellier, *ASB Sturgeon County*
Robert Parks, *Strathcona County*
Peter Reeson, *UDI*
Shree Shinde, *City of Fort Saskatchewan*
Collin Steffes, *Sturgeon County*

1. Opening

1.1 Quorum

Quorum achieved.

1.2 Call to Order

Chair Shaigec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.3 Chair Opening Remarks

Chair Shaigec and Mayor Hnatiw welcomed the members of the Task Force and other guests.

2. Approval of Agenda

RAMP18-39

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force approve the Agenda of November 23, 2018 as amended.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

RAMP18-40

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force approve the Minutes of September 21, 2018.

Moved by: Mayor Hnatiw

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

8. Edmonton Metropolitan Growth Plan – Policy Directions

Ms. Shuya led the Task Force in a review of the Growth Plan and its policy directions as valuable background information for the work of the Regional Agriculture Master Plan project. Members shared their comments and asked clarifying questions around the Growth Plan's process and targets.

Councillor Walters stepped out of the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

RAMP18-41

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the EMRB GP Policy Directions presentation as information.

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously



9. A Framework for Regional Agriculture Planning

9.1. Refining the Ag Boundary Discussion

Ms. Shuya communicated that the project team will continue their discussions in order to provide a recommendation to the Task Force.

RAMP18-42

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force direct the working group to continue to refine the Agriculture Boundary based on the direction provided.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

4. LESA Regional Workshops

Mr. Bouma reported on the regional workshops to engage and gather feedback from municipal staff on the development of a LESA tool. Discussion followed around the need for clear policy objectives in order to apply the LESA tool. Mr. Steil offered some comments about establishing agricultural boundaries.

Councillor Walters rejoined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Break from 10:51 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

4.1.

RAMP18-43

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the LESA Regional Workshop update as information.

Moved by: Councillor Walters

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

4.2.

RAMP18-44

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force direct the Working Group to apply the Planning Framework as approved September 21, 2018.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

7. Interactive LESA Tool Demonstration

Mr. Bouma provided an overview of the structure and scoring mechanism employed by the LESA tool and indicated work will continue in January to refine the tool based on clear policy direction.

RAMP18-45

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the Interactive LESA Tool Demonstration as information.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

5. RAMP October 11, 2018 Luncheon

Ms. Shuya provided a summary of the salient points from the conversations between Task Force members and urban municipalities.

RAMP18-46

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the RAMP Conversation with Urban Municipalities update as information.

Moved by: Councillor Barnhart

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

6. Regional Agriculture Master Plan

6.1. Vision for Agriculture

Mr. Bouma introduced the revised vision statement.

RAMP18-47

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force endorse and recommend the Vision Statement for Agriculture to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board for approval as amended.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: 6 votes in favour and 1 opposed. Carried.

Mayor Doblanko left the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and was replaced by Councillor Larry Wanchuk.

6.2. Guiding Principles

Mr. Bouma introduced the revised Guiding Principles.

RAMP18-48

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force endorse and recommend the Guiding Principles to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board for approval.

Moved by: Mayor Hnatiw

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

Break – 12:09 – 1:08 p.m.

Councillor Walters left the meeting during the lunch break.

10. Discussion from Audience

The Task Force received strong support and endorsement for the approved Vision Statement.

11. RAMP Communications Plan Update

Ms. Lennon provided an update on RAMP Communication initiatives and next steps. Chair Shaigec shared details on Parkland County's ACP grant application to fund agriculture communications.

RAMP18-49

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the RAMP Communications Plan update as information.

Moved by: Mayor Hnatiw

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

12. 2019 RAMP Task Force Meeting Schedule

Ms. Shuya presented the proposed meeting dates. Chair Shaigec took the opportunity to thank our meeting host team from Sturgeon County and the catering staff.

RAMP18-50

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the 2019 RAMP Task Force Meeting Schedule as information.

Moved by: Mayor Hnatiw

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

13. Next Steps

Ms. Shuya said the focus of the Working Group will be continuing to define the Agriculture Boundary and that the work will begin by examining Rural Fragmentation and Conversion.

Next Meeting

February 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Host municipality to be determined.

14. Adjournment

Chair Shaigec declared the Task Force meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Task Force Chair, Rod Shaigec