



Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force

Friday, March 22, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

City of Beaumont – Beaumont Community Centre
5204 50 Avenue – Beaumont, AB

Members:

Rod Shaigec, *Parkland County (Chair)*
Michael Walters, *City of Edmonton (Vice Chair)*
Kathy Barnhart, *City of Beaumont*
Tanni Doblanko, *Leduc County*
Alanna Hnatiw, *Sturgeon County*
Robert Parks, *Strathcona County (Alternate)*
Barry Turner, *Town of Morinville*

Technical Members:

Garett Broadbent, *Leduc County*
Darren Haarsma, *Parkland County*
Diana Wahlstrom, *Strathcona County*
John Knapp, *Parkland County*
Hani Quan, *City of Edmonton*
Angela Veenstra, *Sturgeon County*

EMRB Staff:

Karen Wichuk, *CEO*
Sharon Shuya, *Director, Regional Growth
Planning*
Debra Irving, *Project Manager*
Taylor Varro, *Project Manager*
Brandt Denham, *GIS & IT Coordinator*
Carol Moreno, *Project Coordinator*

Consultants

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

Guests:

Abul Azad, *Town of Morinville*
Teaka Broughm, *City of Beaumont*
Neal Comeau, *Sturgeon County*
Charleen Currie, *City of Edmonton*
Gibby Davis, *City of Edmonton*
Linton Delainey, *Strathcona County*
Trevor Duley, *City of St. Albert*
Jordan Evans, *Leduc County*
Susan Evans, *Sturgeon County*
Lyndsay Francis, *City of St. Albert*
Larissa Hepp, *Sturgeon County*
Laurie Johnson, *Leduc County*
Kari Jones, *City of Leduc*
Avril McCalla, *City of Edmonton*
Reegan McCullough, *Sturgeon County*
Peter Reeson, *UDI*
Don Rigney, *Sturgeon County Resident*
Shree Shinde, *City of Fort Saskatchewan*
Robert Stephenson, *Strathcona County*
Emily Strach, *Parkland County*
John Stewart, *City of Beaumont*
Patrick Tighe, *Sturgeon County*
Jason Unger, *Environmental Law Centre*
Larry Wanchuk, *Leduc County*

1. Opening

1.1 Quorum

Quorum achieved; 7 of 7 voting members present.

1.2 Call to Order

Chair Shaigec called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1.3 Chair Opening Remarks

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

2. Approval of Agenda

RAMP19-01

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force approve the March 22, 2019 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

The agenda was amended to move In-Camera items 8 and 10 to the end of the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

RAMP19-02

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force approve the November 23, 2018 meeting minutes.

Moved by: Councillor Barnhart

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

4. RAMP Planning Process Update

Ms. Shuya described an updated project timeline, the efforts of the last four Working Group meetings and expected meeting outcomes with respect to the Task Force's direction. The Task Force discussed the relationship between building regional policy and developing an agricultural boundary.

5. RAMP Refresher

Mr. Bouma offered a brief overview of the Situation Analysis from the previous phase of the RAMP project, as well as the Vision and Guiding Principles approved by the Task Force in Fall 2018.



6. RAMP Working Definitions

Mr. Bouma and Mr. Steil led the Task Force through the working definitions proposed by the Working Group in order to inform the development of regional policy. The Task Force discussed the implications of the Metropolitan Area Tier line on the RAMP planning process.

RAMP19-03

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force approve the working definitions to inform the work of developing a Regional Agriculture Master Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Walters

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

Break from 10:30 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.

7. Rural Fragmentation

Mr. Bouma summarized the Working Group's presentations and observations related to fragmentation. Mr. Burden described the process used to project further fragmentation in the counties. The Task Force discussed the types of fragmentation and constraint assumptions. The Task Force discussion questions were moved to be addressed in camera.

RAMP19-04

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the presentation on fragmentation as information.

Moved by: Mayor Hnatiw

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

9. Rural Conversion

Mr. Bouma summarized the Working Group's presentations and observations related to conversion. The Task Force discussed the topics of secondary agriculture support services, possible country residential and rural industrial land. The Task Force discussion questions were moved to be addressed in camera.

RAMP19-05

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the presentation on conversion as information.

Moved by: Mayor Turner

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

11. Lunch

Break from 11:43 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

12. Urban Growth Plans & Perspectives

Mr. Bouma summarized the Working Group's presentations and observations related to plans for urban growth. The Task Force discussed urban agriculture strategies and agriculture service strategies in transition lands. The Task Force discussion questions were moved to be addressed in camera.

Councillor Barnhart rejoined the meeting following lunch at 12:28 p.m.

RAMP19-06

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force accept the presentation on urban growth plans as information.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

13. RAMP Policy Framework

Mr. Steil led the Task Force in reviewing the draft RAMP policy framework for large holdings, mixed agriculture/environmental, small holdings, and transition lands. The Task Force discussed coordination with the Working Group and the proposed application of the LESA tool. The Task Force discussion questions were moved to be addressed in camera.

14. RAMP – Draft Policy Framework - Task Force Direction

Mr. Bouma described the planning assumptions and invited discussion around Task Force direction to the Working Group. The Task Force discussion questions were moved to be addressed in camera.

15. RAMP – Economic Development and Diversification

Mr. Bouma described the next steps planned to address the third objective of the RAMP. The project team proposed connecting with municipal administration, local industry experts and Edmonton Global. The Task Force discussion questions were moved to be addressed in camera.

RAMP19-07

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force table agenda items 16 (Communications), 17 (Engagement Plan) and 18 (Next Steps & Meeting Date) until the next scheduled Task Force meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Parks

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

Chair Shaigec thanked the host municipality, the City of Beaumont, for their hospitality and expressed gratitude to members of the RAMP Working Group for their hard work. Councillor Barnhart invited attendees to accept a gift bag on behalf of the City of Beaumont.

16. RAMP – Communications

This item was deferred to the next scheduled Task Force meeting.

17. RAMP – Engagement Plan

This item was deferred to the next scheduled Task Force meeting.

18. Next Steps & Meeting Date

This item was deferred to the next scheduled Task Force meeting.

8. In Camera

RAMP19-08

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force move in-camera, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) R.S.A. 2000,c.F-25.

Moved by: Mayor Hnatiw

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

In Camera Participants:

Mayor Rod Shaigec, *Parkland County*
Councillor Michael Walters, *City of Edmonton*
Councillor Kathy Barnhart, *City of Beaumont*
Mayor Tanni Doblanko, *Leduc County*
Mayor Alanna Hnatiw, *Sturgeon County*
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Emily Strach, *Parkland County*
Angela Veenstra, *Sturgeon County*
Karen Wichuk, *EMRB CEO*
Sharon Shuya, *EMRB*

RAMP19-09

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force move out of camera.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

Mayor Turner left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.



RAMP19-10

Motion: That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Task Force direct the Working Group to inform the development of the RAMP Draft Policies in sub-areas based on the current commuter shed boundary as a potential agriculture boundary and to include a map.

Moved by: Mayor Doblanko

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

19. Adjournment

Chair Shaigec declared the Task Force meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Task Force Chair, Rod Shaigec