

## **Topic: New Committees**

### **Introduction**

Section 145 of the *Municipal Government Act* allows Council, by bylaw, to establish council committees and other bodies and their function. The intention of the New Committee Task Force initiative was to propose a new structure for certain Council committees to:

- 1) support implementation of the Strategic Plan;
- 2) provide community input into Council decision making process;
- 3) provide business/industry expertise; and
- 4) ensure appropriate governance.

### **Background Information**

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Council reviewed potential Council committee structures. Administration's understanding from this review was that Council wished to implement what was referred to at the time as, *Model 2: Support Achievements of Long Term Strategic Plan*.

### **Analysis**

Subsequent to the discussion on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Administration further analyzed *Model 2: Support Achievements of Long Term Strategic Plan* from a committee structure and implementation perspective. Administration now proposes the committee structure listed below:

#### **Advisory Committees:**

1. Economic Diversification Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to consider Agriculture and Economic Diversity matters, their alignment with the Strategic Goals set out in the Strategic Plan, and advise Council of its recommendations.

2. Community Sustainability Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to consider matters relating to Healthy Communities and Environment, their alignment with the Strategic Goals set out in the Strategic Plan, and advise Council of its recommendations.

### **Committee with Advisory and Regulatory Roles:**

3. Agricultural Service Board

In addition to the duties imposed by the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, it will hear appeals arising from the:

- a. *Weed Act*;
- b. *Soil Conservation Act*;
- c. *Agricultural Pests Act*,
- d. *Parkland County General Traffic Bylaw No. 46-2006 section 37 (Haul Agreement Appeals)*

Three statutory committees remain in effect:

1. Assessment Review Board
2. Municipal Library Board
3. Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

The following 6 committees are to be dissolved:

1. Acheson Industrial Park Transit Implementation Committee
2. Agriculture and Rural Life Advisory Committee
3. Art Advisory Committee
4. Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee
5. Environmental Advisory Committee
6. Gravel Advisory Committee

### **Conclusion/Summary**

Administration recommendations that Council pass bylaw 2016-XX to implement the new committee structure.

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