# Future of Agriculture Study

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## Background and Purpose

- May 2015: Project start date.
- September 15, 2015: Committee of the Whole Phase I



#### Process

- Completed in 2 phases.
  - Phase 1 "Situation Report" (complete).
  - Phase 2 Future of Agriculture Study (underway).
- February 2016 Project completion.
- Attachment 2 Phase 2 Scope of Work.



## Process (2)

- October & November 2015: Open houses draft vision and principles.
- Revisions based on feedback.



#### **Draft Vision Statement**

A vibrant agriculture and food community characterized by its diversity, creativity and entrepreneurship, focused on sustainability as well as new opportunities in the Capital Region.



## **Draft Principles**

Principle 1: Integrated approach

Principle 2: Supportive land use policies

Principle 3: Entrepreneurial Culture

Principle 4: Fostering local leadership

Attachment 4 – public feedback



### Public Feedback

	Tomahawk		Blueberry		Woodbend		Total		WEIGHTED: Points: 2 for first, 1 for second
	First	Second	First	Second	First	Second	First	Second	
Principle 1 Integrated Approach	0	2	0	4	7	6	7	12	26
Principle 2 Supportive Land Use Policies	4	0	7	0	6	6	17	6	40
Principle 3 Entrepreneuria 1 Culture	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Principle 4 Fostering Local Leadership	0	2	0	3	1	4	3	7	13



## Next Steps

- Completion of Phase 2 work.
- Early 2016: Public consultation. Alignment with Draft Public Consultation Policy.
- First quarter of 2016: Presentation to Council.



## Questions