

**Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)
Parkland County Pilot Project
Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) Terms of Reference**

Purpose

The ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) will guide the ALUS Pilot Project in Parkland County. PAC members will provide advice and community input into the decision-making process that shapes how ALUS is delivered in Parkland County.

Issues requiring oversight and guidance by the PAC will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Reviewing and deciding on potential agricultural producer / landowner projects based on ALUS principles.
2. Establishing payment structure/amounts for each agricultural producer / landowner project.
3. Monitoring demonstration parcels to ensure continued conformance with landowner agreements.
4. Deciding on the participation of external organizations, businesses and other individuals.
5. Communicating with external organizations.
6. Acting as a liaison between Parkland County Administration, Council, and the producer community.
7. Promoting ALUS in Parkland County.
8. Hearing, collecting, recording and acting on public feedback where and when appropriate.
9. Attracting in kind contributions and grants to support the Pilot Project.

Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) Membership

The PAC will be a standing committee of Parkland County and Delta Waterfowl, the lead partners for the ALUS pilot as identified in the ALUS Memo of Understanding. As ALUS is a community-led and agricultural producer / landowner-delivered project, there will be strong representation of local agricultural producers and landowners, with the remainder of the PAC to be made up of partners contributing significant knowledge and resources to the Pilot Project. Parkland County will appoint one Council member and one alternate Council member.

The PAC will include voting representation from the following stakeholders:

- 1 Parkland County Councillor (1 alternate Parkland County Councillor)
- 1 Delta Waterfowl
- 3 – 4 Partner producers / Landowners
- 1 Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society “Cows and Fish” program
- 1 Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
- 1 – 2 Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
- 1 Alberta Conservation Association
- 1 Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta
- 1 – 2 Parkland County Agriculture and Rural Life Advisory Committee

Terms of Member Appointments

Committee members will be appointed by Parkland County Council for a three (3) year term. Members are eligible to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. Extensions may be considered by Council for agency representatives providing resource services to the PAC.

Support Resources

The PAC will be supported by a Project Coordinator provided by Delta Waterfowl and Parkland County resource staff as required. Parkland County will provide financial administration of revenues and expenditures for the PAC and disbursements to the agricultural producer / landowner partner projects. From time to time, representatives of interested groups will be invited to attend meetings as non-voting guests and provide input.

PAC Chair

PAC members shall elect a Chair on an annual basis from among their number. The Chair's duties will include:

1. Preside at meetings, maintain order and keeps the meeting moving;
2. Work closely with the Project Coordinator to prepare the agenda;
3. Start and adjourn meetings on time;
4. Prioritize agenda items, schedule them accordingly and adhere to the agenda, accepting only discussion on the agenda topic from the floor
5. Know and follow the rules of meeting procedure (including parliamentary procedure);
6. Vote when decisions are to be decided by a vote, and second vote in event of a tie, to break the tie.

Decision Making

Decisions of the PAC will be reached by consensus as much as possible, where consensus is defined as "close enough to agreement that there is no formal objection." The PAC works primarily to advise and direct the general direction of ALUS within the community. If necessary, formal votes will be called and the majority shall rule. Each member casts one vote, with the exception for the chair noted above. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the PAC.

Minutes

Minutes will be taken at each meeting and circulated to all PAC members soon after each meeting. Other members of the community expressing interest and support in ALUS may receive approved minutes circulated upon request to the Chair. Approved minutes may also be posted on the County, ALUS and Delta Waterfowl websites.

Administration

Volunteer producer and landowner members of the PAC, who are not government or non-profit agency employees assigned to participate, will be paid per diem and mileage rates established by Parkland County for public committee members.

Meeting Frequency

Meetings will be held a minimum of four (4) times and a maximum of 10 times per year.

Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

Committee members will sign and follow the Parkland County Oath and Acknowledgement of Terms of Appointment which limit disclosure of confidential or personal information accessed as a committee member. It requires that Committee members declare any conflict of interest, and refrain from discussing or voting on any matter before the Committee that the member has a pecuniary interest or conflict of interest.

Sub-Committees

The PAC may strike sub-committees as appropriate. Such committees must be chaired by a PAC member, but may include members of the community who are supportive of the ALUS concept. Proposed actions by committees must be approved by consensus or by a quorum of the PAC prior to implementation.

Dissolution

The PAC will exist as long as the ALUS Memorandum of Understanding between Parkland County and Delta Waterfowl remains in force. Dissolution of the PAC will occur if either Delta Waterfowl or Parkland County decides to end their participation in the Parkland County ALUS Pilot Project, pursuant to the dissolution clauses contained in the Memorandum of Understanding. Should dissolution of the PAC occur as a result of the above, each member will be provided with written notification thirty (30) days in advance of the dissolution of the PAC. Upon receipt of the notice of dissolution, the Chair of the PAC may call for a final “wrap-up” meeting to resolve any outstanding business that may exist.