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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE****Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan Update****Report Purpose**

To provide Priorities Committee with the strategic direction that Administration will continue to pursue in regards to the Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

**Report**

In 2004, Strathcona County purchased the Bremner Heritage Site with the intent to develop a historical and educational resource. To further this goal, the Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan was developed and accepted by Council in 2009. The purpose of this Master Plan was to provide guidance for the development of the Heritage Site by identifying key elements and themes to outline potential programming, activities and uses for the site. The plan highlighted the potential to become a Legacy Site, with a focus on agricultural heritage and growing into a community gathering space.

The development of this plan involved public engagement which included:

- Interviews and a workshop with key stakeholders
- Formal meetings/presentations

Following the acceptance of the Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan, implementation proceeded slowly. Primarily, work was done to restore the outside of the main house which was completed in 2012.

In 2014, the Agriculture Services branch moved to the property and reinvigorated the site, following the Master Plan's guidance on landscaping and designing open outdoor space.

In 2015, Council directed the Agricultural Service Board to take over the stewardship of the Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan.

In 2016, Council chose the Bremner Heritage Site and adjacent lands as the location for the Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility. The vision of the Multi-Purpose Agriculture Facility purposefully includes the original intent of the Bremner Heritage Site, with agricultural heritage as one of the guiding principles for the project.

The Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan is now ten years old and needs to be revisited. Working from the approved key elements and themes that already exist within the Master Plan, recommendations out of a Revised Master Plan will seek to identify synergies and a single, cooperative path forward between the Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility and the Bremner Heritage Site.

The Agricultural Service Board supports this approach and passed a motion at the January 16, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting, *THAT the Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan continue to maintain agricultural education heritage as its focus*. As the Agricultural Service

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Board is the advising body for the Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan, a Project Advisory Committee reporting to the Agricultural Service Board will be set up to help inform the process.

**Council and Committee History**

Nov 13, 2018	THAT item 5.12 from the November 13, 2018 Priorities Committee meeting, Friends of Strathcona County Heritage Village, be referred to Administration to prepare a report by the end of the second quarter of 2019 on possible options for supporting the development of a Strathcona County Heritage Village.
October 25, 2016	THAT the Regional Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility concept, as outlined in Enclosure 2 of the October 25, 2016 Transportation and Agriculture report, be approved and that the site chosen be of adequate size to allow opportunity for growth.
November 24, 2015	THAT Administration continue implementation of the plan approved by Council in December 2013; and that Agriculture Services Board investigate the development of a Friends of Bremner House Society as defined in the development strategies of the Bremner House Master Plan.
	THAT Administration work with the Agricultural Services Board to provide an annual update to Council on the Bremner House Master Plan.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** Transportation and Agriculture Services; Recreation, Parks and Culture  
**Master Plan/Framework:** Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan

**Communication Plan**

A detailed communication plan will be created for this project.

**Enclosure**

1	Bremner Heritage Site Master Plan presentation
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