

Councillor Request Inquiry #10-2020

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Please provide any information that has been gathered on the compatibility of having an agricultural facility, such as the Multi-Purpose Agriculture Facility, next to an urban area.

Good morning Council,

Transportation and Agriculture Services would like to provide the following response regarding information that has been gathered on the compatibility of having an agricultural facility, such as the Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility, next to an urban area.

Information Request

Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility next to urban area

Request by: Mayor, R. Frank

Department: Transportation and Agriculture Services

Due: May 27, 2020

Although there has been no specific research or information gathered on the compatibility of having an agricultural facility next to an urban area, what we do know from the site selection detailed ranking criteria (attached) found in the *Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility Feasibility Study*, is that a site close to an urban setting with access to hotels and restaurants was highly desirable.

In discussions with facilities like Northlands, Westerner Park, and events such as the Calgary Stampede; we learned that there has been little impact but strong economic spin off to the region by having animals brought in for an event and then hauled away again. If the animals were housed onsite for long periods of time (like a feedlot) there is indication that there would be a different reaction from the urban neighbors.

Should you have any questions please contact David Churchill at 780-417-7130 or David.Churchill@strathcona.ca.

Thank you and stay well,

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Detailed Ranking Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Accessibility to Major Transportation Routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access to major routes such as HWY 21, or HWY 16 • Ability to have easy entry to facility • Ability to have proper roads and intersections for access 	18%
Future Expansion Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site allows for possible future expansion of facility • Site could accommodate future addition of outdoor amenities 	4%
Site Ownership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Owned • Privately Owned 	12%
Site Servicing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to services • Cost to access and add services • Site topography 	12%
Proximity to Urban Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to restaurants • Proximity to other services 	18%
Economic Benefit to Strathcona County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic benefit remains in Strathcona County • Proximity to accommodations 	18%
Proximity to complimentary facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Facilities • Agricultural Facilities/ Activities 	6%
Land Use Compatibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use • Location Types of neighbouring properties	12%
Total	100%

Criteria as refined from the *Multi-Purpose Feasibility Study*