

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_Oct20\_2020**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **Transportation and Agriculture Services- Department Business Plan Fall Update**

##### **Report Purpose**

To provide Priorities Committee with an update on the progress of the 2019 – 2022 Department Business Plan for Transportation and Agriculture Services.

##### **Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

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

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

Goal 9 - Continuously improving the way we work, as one organization, in an agile and sustainable manner

##### **Report**

Transportation and Agriculture Services (TAS) mission is to “Inspire community by enabling safe travel and agriculture.” The department is committed to supporting our residents and other levels of government through the delivery of programs and services in the areas of public works, winter maintenance, right-of-way management and agriculture. Across all department programs, we provide the essential infrastructure and services that contribute to a high standard of quality of life for residents throughout urban and rural Strathcona County. Enabling safe travel speaks to the function of the department to ensure residents can move safely throughout our network of roads and walkways in every season. The work we do to enable agriculture involves the protection of soil and water, pest and vegetation control, along with education and awareness to ensure a strong rural community lifestyle.

Department core business functions include:

- Public works – urban and rural
  - Road maintenance
  - Trail maintenance
  - Parking lot maintenance
  - Sidewalk and curb repair
  - Traffic signal maintenance
  - Streetlight maintenance
  - Sign installation (new) and maintenance (existing)
  - Railway crossing maintenance
  - Airport management
  - Airport maintenance
  - Drainage and ditches
  - Asset management
  - Street sweeping
- Winter maintenance
  - Snow removal/ice control – Urban roads
  - Snow removal/ice control – Rural roads
  - Snow removal/ice control – Residential roads
  - Snow removal/ice control – Trails

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- Traffic management
  - Traffic data counts / studies
  - Access approach approvals
  - Right-of-way construction activity permitting / temporary traffic control
  - Road use agreements
- Agriculture
  - Vegetation control
  - Pest control
  - Weed inspection and enforcement
  - Soil and water conservation
  - Brushing
  - Agriculture development and strategic planning

Department capital program initiatives include:

- Annual Rural Road Rehabilitation Program
- Annual Urban Road Rehabilitation Program
- Annual Bridge Replacement Program
- Annual Asphalt Trails Rehabilitation Program
- Annual Parking Lot Rehabilitation Program

Department in-flight initiatives include:

- Sustainable Rural Roads Master Plan (SRRMP)
- TAS Customer Service and Culture Strategy
- Rural Road Gravel Rehabilitation
- Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility

### **Council and Committee History**

May 12, 2020      TAS – Department Business Plan Update

September 24, 2019      TAS – Department Business Plan Update

December 6, 2018      Council approved 2019-2022 Corporate Business Plan and 2019 Budget

### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** N/A

**Legislative/Legal:** N/A

**Interdepartmental:** Facilities, Transportation Planning and Engineering, Human Resources, Communications

**Master Plan/Framework:** Agriculture Master Plan, Sustainable Rural Roads Master Plan (2010)

### **Enclosure**

1      Department Business Plan Update – Transportation and Agriculture Services