

Priorities Committee Meeting_Apr19_2016

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility Functional Plan Development****Report Purpose**

To update the Priorities Committee on the development of the functional plan for the Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility.

Council History

January 20, 2015 - Council accepted the *Strathcona County Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility Feasibility Study*

May 12, 2015 - Council directed administration to take the next steps as outlined in the study, and solicit potential partnership for facility development and/or operations

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: Municipal Infrastructure which will diversify agricultural business

Governance: The development and maintenance of relationships with stakeholder groups may be a means to provide infrastructure, programs and services

Social: Incorporates indoor and outdoor community amenities, programs, and services to support the diverse needs of our residents

Culture: Focuses on our agricultural heritage

Environment: Incorporates the natural environment and efficiently uses resources

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Planning and Development Services; Economic Development and Tourism; Transportation and Agriculture Services; Recreation, Parks and Culture; Facility Services

Summary

The Expression of Interest (EOI) to identify potential partners was completed in February, with the identification of four parties who are interested in the project from an awareness or use perspective. The next step is to continue with the development of a functional plan. The functional plan would include all of the necessary information to move forward with the development of a facility.

To develop a detailed functional plan, it will be important to focus on the type of facility that Strathcona County sees providing the greatest benefit to our residents, and the parameters under which it must operate. It will be necessary to retain a consultant who can compile the various needs and costs associated with the levels of the proposed facility, including design, programming and planning.

The scope of the functional plan will include, but not be limited to:

1. Operating Model
 - Confirmation of users
 - Who will operate the facility
 - When will it operate
 - Cost to operate
 - User fees
2. Confirmation of needs
 - Validate feasibility study
3. Review alternatives
 - Options/models to meet the “need”
4. Identify phasing opportunities
5. Develop building options
 - Detailed cost evaluation and summary
 - Sketches, design concepts, schematic designs
 - Code and structural review
 - Value added considerations
6. Preliminary review of funding options
7. Narrowing of site location options

The intent of the functional plan is to establish the conceptual design, scale and relationship among the components of the project, as seen above in numbers one through five. The objective is to arrive at a clearly defined, feasible concept while exploring the most promising alternative design solutions. As there has been no formal decision for the level of construction of the facility, the information presented in the functional plan may not encompass all information required for the final cost of the facility.

Work on the functional plan will begin between April and September. We will complete the first step of the process which includes: gathering detailed information which considers facility costs, operating model, confirmation of needs, and a review of alternatives. Administration will return to Council in September for approval on options to move forward with the preliminary engineering designs and site servicing.