

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_Nov26\_2024**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **Agriculture Master Plan transition to Agricultural Framework**

##### **Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update regarding the current review and closure of the Agriculture Master Plan and the proposal to move towards a more collaborative Agricultural Framework.

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

Goal 4 - Municipal Excellence

Goal 1 - Economic Prosperity

Goal 4 Priority - Optimal use of resources that meets the community's needs

Goal 1 Priority - Promotion of a diverse agricultural market that supports the local economy

##### **Report**

The Agriculture Master Plan (AMP) is now 10 years old and requires a review, as outlined within the AMP Implementation Strategy.

With the completion of the Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy, the AMP areas of action have been implemented. Namely: urban agriculture, agricultural land use and development, governance, agriculture and food sector development and agritourism. Administration is currently summarizing the work that has been completed addressing the actions outlined in the AMP, along with other associated work.

An agriculture collaboration team has worked together to capture the efforts across the organization that have been or will be completed. This cross-departmental group will continue to work together across professions, departments and disciplines to support agriculture. Ensuring programs, activities, and collaborative initiatives are documented to contribute to a more holistic picture of our agricultural support as an organization. This team will steward the ongoing success of agriculture in our organization.

Our organization continues to be empowered to support agriculture at all levels. To capture these actions and successes more broadly, we are proposing an Agricultural Framework to replace the AMP. This proposed framework will change our language to better align with the documents purpose and contribute to the strategic goals in a more direct way. Mirroring the success we have had with the Environmental Framework; we will look to create themes that will reflect the work done to support agriculture.

The AMP review and closure will be documented within the proposed Agricultural Framework, along with a series of new objectives and strategic initiatives to consider that are informed by the combined AMP public engagement.

##### **Council and Committee History**

June 13, 2023      Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the work done to date on the Agriculture Master Plan.

June 8, 2021      Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the implementation of the Agriculture Master Plan and its associated strategies

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September 29, 2015      Priorities Committee was provided the Implementation Strategy for the Agriculture Master Plan

June 23, 2015      THAT Council approve the Agriculture Master Plan

### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Financial/Budget:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** Regional Agriculture Master Plan

**Interdepartmental:** Multiple departments across the organization will contribute to the proposed new Agricultural Framework

**Master Plan/Framework:** Environmental Framework, Agriculture Master Plan

### **Enclosure**

- 1      Agriculture Master Plan transition to Agricultural Framework presentation