

BYLAW 28-2016

A BYLAW OF STRATHCONA COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BYLAW 46-2015, AS AMENDED, BEING THE STRATHCONA COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BYLAW.

WHEREAS Council adopted Bylaw 46-2015 to establish certain committees of Council and delegate to such committees certain duties and powers imposed and conferred upon a Council by the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to further amend Bylaw 46-2015 to amend the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Service Board.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Strathcona County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, and pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended, enacts as follows:

1. THAT page 8 of Bylaw 46-2015, being the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Service Board, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
2. THAT this Bylaw comes into effect on the date it is passed.

Read a first time this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Read a second time this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Read a third time this _____ day of _____, 2016.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor

Director, Legislative and Legal Services

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To exercise on behalf of Council all the powers and perform all the duties that are conferred on the Agricultural Service Board by Council, under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, RSA 2000, c A-10, or any other enactment, with respect to agricultural matters.

II. COMPOSITION

- A. Councillors: Three (3) – *non voting members*
- B. Members at Large: Five (5) – *voting members*

The above described composition of the Agricultural Service Board will include persons who are familiar with agricultural concerns and issues and who are qualified to develop policies consistent with the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, RSA 2000, c A-10.

III. DUTIES AND POWERS

- A. To perform the duties of an agricultural service board set out in the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, RSA 2000, c A-10, including:
1. to act as an advisory body and to assist Council and the Minister responsible for the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, in matters of mutual concern,
 2. to advise on and to help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs,
 3. to assist in the control of animal disease under the *Animal Health Act*, SA 2007, c A-40.2,
 4. to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer,
 5. to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality, and
 6. to promote the local food sector in Strathcona County.
- B. To be the appeal panel to determine appeals of inspector's notices, local authority's notices and debt recovery notices, and perform the duties of an appeal panel set out in the *Weed Control Act*, SA 2008, c W-5.1.

- C. To be the committee to hear and determine appeals, and perform the duties of a committee set out in the *Agricultural Pests Act*, RSA 2000, c A-8.
- D. To be the appeal committee and to perform the duties of an appeal committee set out in the *Soil Conservation Act*, RSA 2000, c S-15. When the Agricultural Service Board is acting as an appeal committee pursuant to the *Soil Conservation Act*, RSA 2000, c S-15, the Councillors appointed to the Agricultural Service Board shall vote and shall have the same rights and entitlements as Members at Large.
- E. For clarity, despite the duties and powers set out above, the Agricultural Service Board does not have the power to borrow money, to pass a bylaw, or to do any other things that by bylaw are reserved to Council.

IV. MEETINGS

The number of meetings of the Agricultural Service Board each year shall be determined by the Agricultural Service Board. The Agricultural Service Board shall hold a sufficient number of meetings each year to fulfill and perform its statement of purpose, duties and powers as set out above.

V. MINISTER'S REPRESENTATIVE / LIAISON

In accordance with section 6 of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, RSA 2000, c A-10, the Minister responsible for the *Agricultural Service Board Act* may designate a representative to (a) advise the Agricultural Service Board on government programs, agricultural problems and needs of the County, and (b) to assist to the Agricultural Service Board, on the request of the Agricultural Service Board, in the discharge of its duties.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

The Administrative Representative to be appointed by the Chief Commissioner to the Agricultural Service Board shall be from the Transportation and Agriculture Services department.

VII. FUNDING

As authorized by Council during the annual budget cycle.

