

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

~~An Agricultural Service Board has and shall~~To exercise on behalf of ~~the County Council all the powers and perform~~ all the duties ~~and powers~~ that are conferred on ~~or exercised the Agricultural Service Board by a council~~Council, under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, RSA 2000, c. A-10, ~~as amended~~, or any other ~~Act~~enactment, with respect to agricultural matters, ~~except the powers to borrow money, to pass a bylaw, to do any other things that by bylaw are reserved to the Council, and to do any other things specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.~~

### II. COMPOSITION ~~OF COMMITTEE~~

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. ~~Pursuant to~~To perform the ~~duties of an agricultural service board set out in the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, RSA 2000, c. A-10, as amended, the matters which the Board may address are~~including:

1. to act as an advisory body and to assist ~~the~~ Council and the Minister ~~of Agriculture~~responsible for the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, in matters of mutual concern~~;~~,
2. to advise on ~~the organizing and directing of~~to help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs~~;~~,
3. to assist in the control of ~~livestock~~animal disease under the ~~Livestock Diseases Act;~~*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~~;~~, and
5. to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality~~;~~, and

6. Pursuant 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 PestPests Act*, RSA 2000, c A-8, and the *Weed Control Act*.

B.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 W-5, 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 as the Appeal Committee 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**

Frequency of meetings shall be as determined by the Board.

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**

Provincial Department of Agriculture and Food and other *Agricultural Service Boards* in the Province of Alberta.

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.

**~~VI.~~VII. FUNDING**

As authorized by Council during the annual budget cycle.

