



M. D. OF GREENVIEW NO. 16
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Section:
AGRICULTURE

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POLICY TITLE: AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

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PURPOSE

The Municipal District of Greenview recognizes the important role that agricultural producers play in the prosperity of the municipality. The Municipal District has therefore exercised their option under the *Agricultural Service Board Act* of Alberta (RSA 2000, Chapter A-10) to establish an Agricultural Service Board jointly comprised of local producers and appointed council members, whose role is to advise the Municipal Council on matters and concerns facing the agricultural community.

POLICY:

1. Including any amendments or successor legislation thereto Municipal District of Greenview Council will, during their organizational meeting, appoint a Chairman and Agricultural Service Board members to act as an advisory body to Council, and exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred on it by Municipal Council with respect to agricultural matters.

The Agricultural Service Board will, schedule monthly meetings and members will attend all scheduled meetings or notify M.D. Administration in advance of an anticipated absence.

2. The Agricultural Service Board will advise on and provide direction to Administration with respect to programs related to weed and pest control, soil and water conservation, and the control of animal disease, under the various legislations supporting the *Agricultural Service Board Act* (*Weed Control Act*, *Agricultural Pests Act*, *Soil Conservation Act*, and *Animal Health Act*) including any amendments or successor legislation thereto.
3. The Agricultural Service Board will support activities and programs to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture, with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer and protection of the natural environment.
4. The Agricultural Service Board will promote and develop practical and sustainable agricultural policies to meet the needs of the agricultural community and the municipality as a whole.
5. Attached "Schedule A" contains the Agricultural Service Board Mission Statement and will be considered part of this Policy.

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AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The focus of the Municipal District of Greenview Agricultural Service Board is to advise Municipal Council and assist local landowners with innovative, environmentally responsible, and economically sustainable agricultural policies, programs and services which are compatible with the needs of landowners in the Municipal District of Greenview, and delivered in a cost effective manner.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide unbiased recommendations to Municipal Council, which are in the best interests of agricultural producers, rural residents, and municipal ratepayers.
2. To administer, and adhere to, mandated Provincial legislations for which the Agricultural Service Board is responsible; namely, the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, the *Weed Control Act*, the *Agricultural Pests Act*, the *Soil Conservation Act*, and the *Animal Health Act*.
3. To recommend to Municipal Council, agricultural programs and policies designed to comply with provincial legislations and meet the needs of landowners within the Municipal District.
4. To provide and promote Agricultural Service Board programming designed to improve the economic viability of individual producers and the agriculture industry as a whole.
5. To establish and implement programs and policies which accomplish the stated mission.
6. To develop and implement programs to address the changing needs of agricultural producers, and remain within budgetary guidelines.
7. To ensure that all Agricultural Service Board program activities are conducted with due consideration for minimizing the negative impact on the natural environment.
8. To promote public awareness of Agricultural Service Board policies and programs and those involved in their implementation.
9. To promote public awareness that Agricultural Service Board programs are environmentally responsible, and conducted in a manner that is compliant with existing legislation.
10. To promote public awareness of the Agricultural Service Board as receptive, responsive, and concerned regarding issues that affect agriculture.
11. To promote public awareness of the Agricultural Service Board as a valuable and worthwhile entity.
12. To ensure the Agricultural Service Board interacts with Municipal Council positively and productively.
13. To utilize available funding to accomplish established goals in a fiscally responsible manner.

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