

Title: AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

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Purpose: Greenview recognizes the important role that agricultural producers play in the prosperity of the municipality. Greenview 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 Greenview Council on matters and concerns facing the agricultural community.

POLICY

1. During the annual Agricultural Service Board organizational meeting, the members shall appoint the Chair of the Board by a majority vote.
2. Once the chairman has been selected, the Agricultural Service Board members shall appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Board by a majority vote.
3. Including any amendments or successor legislation thereto Greenview Council shall select and appoint members, to the Agricultural Service Board 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. Members at Large will be appointed to the following terms (Three members for two year terms, and two members for three year terms), for a transitional period to allow for overlap in the length of terms to prevent all of the ASB coming due on the same date. Council Members will be appointed annually at the Organizational Meeting.
4. Agricultural Service Board Members are expected to attend at a minimum two external events annually, and report back to the ASB what they have learned.

Procedure

1. The Agricultural Service Board shall, schedule monthly meetings and members shall attend all scheduled meetings or notify Greenview 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.