

# Wheatland County

## Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

August 18, 2020

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### Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution

#### Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council approve the submission of the Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution to the Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta – District 2 Fall General Meeting for endorsement consideration.

#### Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

#### Report

Division: N/A

At the January 15, 2020 ASB Meeting Stan Carscallen, lawyer, rancher, and co-founder of Alberta Farmland Trust, delivered a presentation to the Agricultural Service Board describing challenges in the use of agricultural conservation easements. The Board was inspired to undertake advocacy efforts in support of the protection, conservation, and enhancement of agricultural lands in Alberta. At the February 4, 2020 Council meeting a resolution was passed for administration to draft a resolution on the topic for Council review prior to submitting to the South Region Agricultural Service Board conference and Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta – District 2 Fall General Meeting for endorsement consideration. At the July 8, 2020 ASB meeting, the ASB approved the submission of the attached resolution to the South Region Agricultural Service Board conference for endorsement consideration, and resolved to forward the Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution to Council to approve for submission to the Central RMA – District 2 Fall General Meeting.

#### Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Alberta Land Stewardship Act SA 2009, c A-26.8; South Saskatchewan Regional Plan 2014-2024: Amended 2018

#### Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Protection and conservation of agricultural land is a priority under regional planning initiatives and is referenced within Wheatland County's Regional Growth Management Strategy and Municipal Development Plan.

#### Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

## **Implications of Recommendation**

### **General**

N/A

### **Organizational**

N/A

### **Financial**

N/A

### **Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety**

N/A

## **Follow-up Action / Communications**

If approved, the attached resolution will be submitted to the Central RMA – District 2 Fall General Meeting by the appropriate deadline.

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution.docx
Attachments:	- Support for Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution FINAL.docx - Farmland Trust Carscallen Paper.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jul 30, 2020

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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