



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee
DATE: February 25, 2021 **DIVISION:** All
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: 2020 Approved Projects Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an overview of the projects that were approved by the PAC in 2020.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the 2020 Approved Projects Update be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The Alternative Land Use Services program (ALUS) is a community developed, farmer delivered program that gives Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in building a healthier environment by providing support to farmers and ranchers to enhance and maintain ecosystem services. ALUS has a simple goal: create a healthy working landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians.

Farmers and ranchers can submit applications for projects which enhance or conserve ecosystem services on their farm or ranch. The Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) reviews these applications and a select few are implemented in the corresponding year.

DISCUSSION:

The majority of the projects approved by the PAC in 2020 were completed and implemented. One exception was a tree planting project that was in partnership with AWES (Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society of Alberta). AWES withdrew the contract for this project due to funding difficulties; they will reassess for the future if the ALUS PAC decides to move forward in the future. A final update on all these projects will be provided.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1 THAT the 2020 Approved Projects Update be received as information.
Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

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