



**Agricultural Fieldman Appointment**

Electoral Division: All

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Presenter:	Byron Riemann, Interim CAO		
Department:	CAO Office		
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**REPORT SUMMARY**

The Agricultural Fieldman is a position under the *Agricultural Service Board Act* required if a municipality has an Agricultural Service Board and subsequent Agricultural Service Board grant agreement in place between itself and the Province. In the past, the incumbent to the Agricultural and Environmental Services Manager position has been appointed by Council to the Agricultural Fieldman role.

**ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council appoint Kristyn Lines as the Agricultural Fieldman for Rocky View County in accordance with Section 8(1) of the *Agricultural Services Board Act*.

**BACKGROUND**

In compliance with the *Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act*, Section 8 and subsection (1), (2), & (3) below, the Agricultural Fieldman must be made a Designated Officer through Council.

- 8(1) If a council has established a board, the council, in consultation with the board, must appoint a qualified person as Agricultural Fieldman to implement agricultural policies and programs and to manage the agricultural resources of the municipality.
- (2) The Agricultural Fieldman shall act as a designated officer of the municipality
  - (a) in carrying out the functions, duties and powers of the municipality under any Act relating to agriculture, and
  - (b) in implementing projects respecting agriculture agreed on between the council and the Minister.
- (3) An Agricultural Fieldman is, in the municipality employing that fieldman,
  - (a) a municipal inspector under the *Weed Control Act*,
  - (b) an inspector of the municipality under the *Agricultural Pests Act*, and
  - (c) a soil conservation officer of the municipality under the *Soil Conservation Act*.

**ANALYSIS**

Agricultural Fieldmen are designated municipal inspectors under the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* and *Alberta Soil Conservation Act* which are in place to protect the agricultural industry from the detrimental effects of weeds, pests, and soil erosion. Failure to appoint an Agricultural Fieldmen may result in failure to uphold the functions, duties, and powers of the municipality under the acts noted above.

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Rocky View County also receives Agricultural Service Board grant funds from the Government of Alberta to assist with the costs to operate eligible Agricultural Service Board Programs, under the condition that the County adheres to all requirements under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*.

### COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

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No communication or engagement is required.

### IMPLICATIONS

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#### Financial

No financial implications.

### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

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Section 8(1) of the *Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act* requires that Councils must appoint a qualified person as Agricultural Fieldman to implement policies and programs and to manage the agricultural resources of the municipality.

### ALTERNATE DIRECTION

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Administration does not have an alternate direction for Council's consideration.

### ATTACHMENTS

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There are no attachments.