

# AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**TO:** ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee

DATE: March 31, 2021 DIVISION: All

FILE: N/A

**SUBJECT:** Coordinator Update

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides updates from the ALUS Program Coordinator since the last update provided on February 25, 2021.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Coordinator Update Report 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.

The ALUS Program Coordinator coordinates implementation of the ALUS Program in Rocky View County. The Program Coordinator is responsible for the delivery and extensions of the ALUS program for conservation on private agricultural lands; developing and maintaining a good working relationship with Rocky View County's agricultural community; providing administrative support to the project and the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC); and continuing ALUS communications initiatives.

# **DISCUSSION:**

- 1. ALUS Canada Allocation
  - ALUS Canada has provided Rocky View County with an initial allocation of \$31,120 for projects in 2021. An overview of the contributors, funding amounts and associated deliverables will be discussed.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

No budget implications.

<b>OPTIONS:</b>
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Option #1	THAT the Coordinator Update Report be received as information.
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Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,	Concurrence,
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