

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2024

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**2**
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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

PRESENT

Jason Ruecker Deputy Chair
 Ron Jensen Member
 Garry Candy Member
 Julie Watchorn Member
 Baldur Ruecker Member

ABSENT

Julie Lemoine Member
 David Janzen Chairman

ATTENDING

Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
 Terry Shewchuk Public Works Manager
 Natasha Gillett Community Services Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chair Ruecker called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

AGENDA

AG76-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Board adopts the agenda governing the September 17, 2024, Agricultural Service Board meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG77-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Board adopts the minutes of the July 16, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG78-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Board accepts the September 17, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.

Board Reports

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

AG79-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Board accepts the Agricultural Service Board members' verbal and written reports of September 17, 2024, for information. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Services Policy Review

The Board is presented with the neighboring municipalities that rental equipment agreement for clarification on the recommended maximum distance rental equipment may be transported without the use of a hauling trailer.

AG80-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to bring back the Neighboring Municipalities Rental Equipment Agreement, as well as the Rental Equipment Rates and Policy to the October 15, 2024 Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

Deputy Chair Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:16 a.m.
Deputy Chair Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

2025-2029 ASB
Business Plan

The Board is presented with the 2025-2029 draft Agricultural Service Board (ASB) business plan.

AG81-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy to accept the 2025-2029 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) business plan, as amended. CARRIED.

Livestock Handling
Workshop

The Board is presented with information regarding hosting a livestock handling workshop presented by Kobe Fehr of RCK Cowdogs.

AG82-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to research hosting a Livestock Handling Demonstration presented by Kobe Fehr of RCK Cowdogs in 2025. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with a list of upcoming agricultural related events for their information.

AG83-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Fall Grazing Tour on October 4, 2024 at the Peace Region Living Lab site near Baytree, AB. CARRIED.

AG84-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the 2024 Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on October 21, 2024, in La Crete, AB. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

AG85-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Board accepts the September 17, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG86-24(09/17/24)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the September 17, 2024, information and correspondence, as presented. CARRIED.

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

ROUND TABLE:

Members had a chance to have a round table discussion regarding topics of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Chair Ruecker adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

DATE

CHAIR

DATE

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ACTIVITY REPORT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Activity report is helpful to administration and the board for tracking the status of resolutions and directions from the board. Items will stay on the report until they are completed. Items that are shaded indicate that they are completed and will be removed from the list once presented at the current Agricultural Service Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 15, 2024, Board Activity Report, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**

AgFieldman:



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Budget Items: Completed Items:
 CAO = Chief Administrative Officer AF = Ag. Fieldman
 CSC = Community Services Coordinator

MOTION DATE DESCRIPTION DEPT STATUS

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
		February 6, 2024		
AG06-24	(02/06/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board provide a summary of Agricultural Service Board events and reports to be showcased in the Clear Hills County monthly newsletter. CARRIED.	CC	Continuous
		May 21, 2024		
AG35-24	(05/21/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine to advertise the 2025 Alberta Open Farm Days on the County Facebook page, website, and newsletter. CARRIED.		Advertise in Fall 2024
		June 18, 2024		
AG47-24	(06/18/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to accept the discussion regarding the 2025-2029 draft Agricultural Service Board business plan, as presented, and to bring the draft business plan back to a future Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.		September 17 ASB Meeting
		July 16, 2024		
AG67-24	(07/16/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy to approve the summer local business tour of the Bear Canyon Colony and Cleardale Colony feedlots for August 7, 2024. CARRIED.		Postponed
AG72-24	(07/16/24)	RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen to bring back information on a livestock handling workshop within the County, to the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.		September 17 ASB meeting
		September 17, 2024		
AG80-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to bring back the Neighboring Municipalities Rental Equipment Agreement, as well as the Rental Equipment Rates and Policy to the October 15, 2024 Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.		October 15 ASB meeting
AG81-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy to accept the 2025-2029 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) business plan, as amended. CARRIED.		
AG82-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to research hosting a Livestock Handling Demonstration presented by Kobe Fehr of RCK Cowdogs in 2025. CARRIED.		2025
AG83-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Fall Grazing		October 4



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Budget Items:

Completed Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CSC = Community Services Coordinator

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
		Tour on October 4, 2024 at the Peace Region Living Lab site near Baytree, AB. CARRIED.		
AG84-24	(09/17/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the 2024 Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on October 21, 2024, in La Crete, AB. CARRIED.		October 21

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

Member Candy's Board Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of October 15, 2024, for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**

AgFieldman: 

Cattle Marketing
September 6, 2024
Rycroft, Alberta

Garry Candy

Mary Ellen Buhler and Patricia Woronuk – AFSC

- Spoke about several new loan plans and insurance coverage. The loans are streamlined to producers needs and are somewhat individually tailored.
- Focus is on start-up loans.

Evan Lowe – Veterinarian from Beaverlodge

- Has a clinic on Emerson Trail
- Works 2 days a week in Fairview area
- Spoke mainly about vaccines and vaccinations
 - BR, BVD, BRSV, PI 3
- Blackleg is in the soil in freshly exposed dirt from tillage, gas line digging or water receding shore lines and can be a cause of exposure to cattle
- Timing of vaccinations vary because of owners' programs but calves should be 30 to 60 days old
- Calves receive immunity coverage from their mothers for 30 to 60 days
- Vaccine types are modified live and killed virus
- With modified life, you have to mix but do not have to mix if it is the killed virus type; he feels calves should receive the modified type

Keynote Speaker – Breanna Grant from Southwestern Saskatchewan

- Educated at University of Saskatchewan and Montana State University
- Utilized graphs to indicate trends due to drought conditions worldwide along with beef demands
- Feels feed prices in Alberta are too high compare to Montana and other USA states
- For feeder, price of barley has fallen to below 4.00

- Total cattle in Canada is down to 290,000 head mainly due to selling heifers to feedlots – retention of heifers is vital
- 1st step to rebuilding and stabilizing overall herd strength is to slaughter less cows
- With higher than average prices USA feeders are feeding about a month longer, resulting in about 40 lbs. more on average
- Stated cattle markets run in 7 year cycles: 7 up and 7 down
- Predicts a 3% decrease in prices by fall 2024
- Stated her reality check tells her that 5\$ lb. calves is unrealistic

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Low Stress Livestock Handling
September 13, 2024
Teepee Creek, Alberta

Garry Candy

Kobe Fehr

- Working cowboy at a large Feedlot in Coronation
- 9000 head – 75% of herds are cull cows
- Brought in, fed for 100 days then sent for slaughter
- Have grass cows and yearlings throughout the summer season
- Works with his horse and up to 5 dogs
- Claims use of dogs cuts staff needed from 3 to 1
- Attributes his success in cattle handling to old school values combined with modern technology, horses and dogs
- Low stress animal handling results in
 - Less injury to animals and handlers
 - Less facility damage
- Animals (horses) can read other animals better than a human on a quad
- Type of food can greatly affect animal behavior
- Demonstrated his work using his horse and 2 dogs - Lory and Rip
 - Placed heifers and 1 bull in a pen
 - Separated them, placing the bull in the pen

This was not exactly what I class as “low stress” handling but it was a good demonstration

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Conference
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

Machenzie County Agricultural Service Board is hosting the 2024 Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Conference at the La Crete Heritage Centre in the Hamlet of La Crete, AB on October 21, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Only two appointed Agricultural Service Board members can vote on resolutions at the regional conference. As decided in the organizational meeting, the voting members are Chairman Janzen and Member Watchorn, with Member Jensen as the alternate.

ATTACHMENTS:

2023 ASB Regional Conference Agenda
Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolutions

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding the 2024 Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 
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Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Conference
Monday, October 21, 2024
La Crete Heritage Centre, Mackenzie County

Time	Event	Speaker
9:30 a.m.	Registration/Coffee	
10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks	Mackenzie County ASB Chair Ernie Peters
10:05 a.m.	ASB Program Updates	Kerriane Koehler-Munro, AAI Khalil Ahmed, AAI
10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break	
11:00 a.m.	S-CAP Funding Update	Khalil Ahmed, AAI
11:30 a.m.	Frontier Seed Cleaning Plant	Ken Wiebe & Simon Peters
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Regional Conference Resolution Meeting	
3:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	

**Minutes of the Peace Region A.S.B. Conference
Resolutions Session
held at the
Brownvale Community Hall, Brownvale, AB
October 26th, 2023**

Present:

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION	MACAULAY, Doug	Director, Crop Assurance Programs
	KOEHLER-MUNRO, Kerriane	ASB Program Manager
	SIEUSAHAI, Gayah	Pest Regulatory Officer
	ULRICH, Giselle	Grant Program Specialist
ALBERTA FORESTRY AND PARKS	LYNCH, Todd	Wildfire Prevention Officer
NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNIC	HONING, Kristy	Chairperson, Animal Health Technology
STELLAR AG CROP STRATEGIES	SKARBERG, Karen	Professional Agrologist
BIG LAKES COUNTY	MENEICE, Doug	Chair Ag Advisory Committee
	NICHOLS, Duane	Member
	FATH, Dylan	Ag Fieldman
	HENKEL, Shelley	Assistant Ag Fieldman
	AIRTH, Tyler	Reeve
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY	POETKER, Albert	Reeve
	WENDLAND, Deanne	Deputy Reeve
	JOUDREY, Denise	Councillor
	MANZULENKO, Gerald	Councillor
	LIZOTTE, Jenifer	Director of Agriculture
	PORTELANCE, Karen	Councillor
	DUVALL, Mel	Councillor
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	RUECKER, Baulder	Clear Hills ASB Member
	JANZEN, David	Deputy Reeve
	CANDY, Garry	Clear Hills ASB Member
	RUECKER, Jason	Councillor
	LEMOINE, Julie	Clear Hills ASB Member

	COON, Greg WATCHORN, Julie	Ag Fieldman Clear Hills ASB Deputy Chair
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE	CHRENEK, Bob LANGLOIS, Kathrin BEAUPRE, Leanne JUNEAU, Merlin RAVEN, Sonja ZIMMERMAN, Steve	Councillor Assistant Ag Fieldman Councillor Member Ag Fieldman Councillor
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS	GAUGLER, Blake YASKINSKI, Brenda THESE, Gary UNGARIAN, Terry	Ag Fieldman Deputy Reeve Councillor Reeve
MACKENZIE COUNTY	SMITH, Caitlin SARAPUK, Colleen	Director of Planning & Agriculture Admin Officer
MD OF FAIRVIEW #136	MCLACHLAN, Kaitlin MOSKALYK, Kent KOLODYCHUK, Phil	Director of Agriculture & Parks Member Reeve
MD OF GREENVIEW #16	BERRY, Dave MCMILLAN, Josh CAIRNS, Sarah	Councillor Member Landscape Coordinator
MD OF PEACE #135	FRIESEN, Christi REYDA, Janice BOWCOTT, Judy KINNEE, Lori IQBAL, Nasar KEILLOR, Rick WILLING, Robert EASTMAN, Sandra SATCHELL, Sandra	Peace Region Provincial ASB Rep Member Member Councillor Member Manager of Agricultural Services Member Reeve Councillor Member & ASB Chairman Administrative Assistant
MD OF SMOKY RIVER #130	BLANCHETTE, Alain TRUDEAU, Andre ROY, Gilles GUINDON, Paula BROCHU, Robert STEFFEN, Shayne	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Reeve Ag Fieldman
MD OF SPIRIT RIVER #133	WALLIN, Larry	Member

	VAN ROOTSELAAR, Nick AMTING, Simon	Councillor Member & Chairman Ag Fieldman
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	BUTZ, Clynton WILLIAMS, Corinna FISCHER, Farrah Bartman, Katie ALLARD, Megan KOLEBABA, Carolyn LAVOIE, Simon SOUCY, Stephanie KELLER, Trent	Member ASB Vice Chair Vegetation Management Coordinator Environmental Program Coordinator Member Councillor Member Weed Program Coordinator Ag Fieldman
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	FITZPATRICK, Adam SAUDER, Brett THOMI, Bruce BOURASSA, Dan ARMAGOST, Ed EARL, Jace SMITH, Kristen RICHARD, Shanelle MCNAUGHT, Taryn	ASB Chair Agricultural Foreman Member Member Councillor Vice Chair Deputy Reeve Member Agricultural Coordinator

Christi Friesen, the Chairman of the Regional Resolutions Committee and the Peace Region A.S.B. Committee Representative from MD of Peace No. 135 opened the session at 2:01 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Sandra Eastman of MD of Peace No. 135 made a motion to appoint Sandra Satchell as recording secretary. Deanna Wendland of Birch Hills County seconded the motion.

CARRIED

UPDATES FROM ASB COMMITTEE MEMBER

Christi updated the delegates on the past year's activities of the Provincial A.S.B. Committee, highlights were:

- Assistant Deputy Minister Town Halls
- RDAR Extension Task Force Webinar – ASB feedback
- 2 Minister meetings in person – Nate Horner

- ASBPC created an ASB Extension Committee to determine the ASB position on Ag Extension and participate in stakeholder engagements and held 4 Extension Committee meetings
- ASB position statement was published and communicated
- 3 RALP Discussions and coordination
- AB Veterinarian Medicine Association
- Alberta Beekeeper Commission
- Provincial Policy Recommendations – Simpson Centre UofC
- Provided Resolution Highlights for 2022 and 2023; and expiring resolutions from 2019, 2020 and 2021
- AG Plastics Recycle tour
- ASB Orientation for Special Areas
- 2023 Ag Disaster Update – 21 of the 69 ASB declared an Agricultural Disaster

Corinna Williams of Northern Sunrise County made the motion to accept the information given by Christi on ASB activities earlier in the session as information.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF THE ASB PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2024-2025

- Doug Macaulay (AAI representative) called for nominations for the ASB Provincial Committee representative. Carolyn Kolebaba from Northern Sunrise County nominated Bob Chrenek from the County of Grande Prairie. Bob accepted the nomination. Leanne Beaupre moved nominations to cease. Bob Chrenek was elected by acclamation.
- Doug called for nominations for an alternate on the Provincial Committee. Simon Lavoie from Northern Sunrise County nominated Corinna Williams from Northern Sunrise County. Corinna accepted the nomination. Simon Lavoie moved to cease nominations. Corinna Williams was elected by acclamation.

REVIEW RULES OF PROCEDURE

Christi Friesen reviewed the Regional A.S.B. Rules of Procedure. Edward Armagost of Saddle Hills County moved to accept the Rules of Procedure as presented. Seconded by Tyler Airth of Big Lakes County

CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORDER OF RESOLUTIONS

Christi Friesen requested a motion to accept the order of resolutions presented. Lori Kinnee of MD of Peace made Motion to accept the order of resolutions. Seconded by Alain Blanchette of MD of Smoky River.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 1 – SUPPORTING A COMPENSATION MULTIPLIER

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards request that the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and Environment and Protected Areas work with the Alberta Beef Producers to adopt their proposed compensation multiplier to address direct and indirect losses from predation.

Moved by Terry Ungarian of the County of Northern Lights. Seconded by Tyler Airth of Big Lakes County. A vote on the resolution was held, with 24 being in favour and two in opposition.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2 – CREATION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INSURANCE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards request that the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation work with AFSC and consult stakeholder groups in the livestock sector to develop a new Livestock Production Insurance Program or other suitable program.

Moved by Gary These of County of Northern Lights and seconded by Rick Keillor of MD of Peace. A vote was held, with 21 being in favour and five in opposition.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 3 – COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards request that the Federal and Provincial governments develop and implement immediately a “good actor” compensation mechanism for producers performing ecosystem services beneficial for society.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards request the Federal and Provincial governments investigate creating an exchange to trade Carbon and other ecological services for compensation at the minimum rate already determined by the Federal Government.

The resolution was moved by Terry Ungarian of the County of Northern Lights and seconded by Phil Kolodychuk of MD of Fairview. A vote on the resolution was held, with 22 in favour and four in opposition.

CARRIED

3:10 p.m. – Christi Friesen announced that MacKenzie County will host the 2024 Regional ASB Conference. The date and place were yet to be determined.

3:13 p.m. – Rick Keillor of MD of Peace moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 1

Central Contact for the *Weed Control and Agricultural Pest Acts*

- WHEREAS:** The lack of centralized point of contact can lead to delays in addressing weed and pest issues, resulting in possible environmental and economic impacts;
- WHEREAS:** There are thousands of oil and gas wells, including abandoned wells, across Alberta where site maintenance following the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act* must be followed;
- WHEREAS:** Challenges often stem from incorrect contact information and changes in leaseholders that are not consistently updated, hindering communication and compliance;
- WHEREAS:** Government agencies have multiple offices throughout the province, and ministry changes cause difficulties providing the information to the appropriate contact;
- WHEREAS:** Municipalities face significant challenges in enforcing the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act* due to difficulties in establishing and maintaining contact with landholders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that a central person for point of contact be established for ease of communication to industry and government agencies for matters related to the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act*. This would involve municipalities sending notices and other communications regarding the Acts to a central government contact, who would then distribute the information to the respective landholders.

Sponsored by: Northern Sunrise County
Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____
Carried: _____
Defeated: _____
Status: Provincial

Department: Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation

Background:

Effective control of weeds & pests is critical for maintaining the ecological balance and agricultural productivity of a region. Inspectors play a key role in this effort by enforcing the *Weed Control Act* & *Agricultural Pests Act* by issuing notices. This act requires landholders to manage and control the spread of weeds & pests on their properties. When landholders fail to comply, municipalities are allowed to enforce these notices.

However, the enforcement of these notices faces significant challenges, one being the difficulty in contacting the owners of oil and gas well sites. Multiple changes in leaseholders can cause inaccurate contact information leading to frustration and inefficiencies for municipal inspectors. This lack of reliable contact information results in many notices of non-compliance remaining unresolved, as the inspectors are unable to reach the responsible parties.

Government changes throughout the years along with multiple offices have led to land information being addressed to various locations and often mis-directed which results in mail being returned to sender causing further delays. Ministry changes have also compounded this issue. Certain municipalities must deal with multiple local government jurisdictions which further fragments communication.

With accurate and accessible contact details, the process of enforcing notices would become more efficient, reducing the number of unresolved cases and improving overall compliance with the *Acts*. To address this issue, the implementation of a central contact is proposed. This would involve municipalities sending communications regarding the *Acts* to a central government contact, who would then accurately distribute the information to the respective agencies.

RESOLUTION 2

COYOTES ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION

- WHEREAS** Coyotes are currently listed as a nuisance under the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation pertaining to the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta;
- WHEREAS** Coyotes are an adaptable, relentless and reproductive predator with most producers having faced economic loss due to their predation;
- WHEREAS** Wild Boar are listed as a pest under similar legislation and the Province has a proactive coordinated approach to eliminating the threat of invasive wild boar, involving compensation for eligible damages to unharvested crops, stacked hay, stacked greenfeed, as well as silage and haylage in pits and tubes through AFSC's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program;
- WHEREAS** the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is cost shared between the federal and provincial governments; producers pay no premium or administration cost;
- WHEREAS** other neighboring Provinces pay compensation for coyote predation and even bounties that are funded in a similar manner;
- WHEREAS** it is our determination that because the Province does not proactively mitigate coyote predation, producers are entitled to fair compensation arising from damages caused by predation of livestock.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation under Section 3 of the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta establish a Federal-Provincial cost shared program to mitigate and compensate producers for confirmed coyote predation on livestock, work with the Ministries of Forestry and Parks and Environment and Protected Areas to utilize Fish and Wildlife staff to confirm the predation and submit confirmation forms to AFSC for payment administration.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Forestry and Parks, and Environment and Protected Areas consult with Alberta Lamb Producers and Alberta Beef Producers to adopt their proposed changes to the current Wildlife Predator Compensation Program to provide more fair compensation when predation occurs.

SPONSORED BY: County of Northern Lights

Moved BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture and Irrigation, Forestry and Parks, Environment and Protected Areas

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Summary Points:

- Alberta does not pay for coyote kills but other Western provinces do. They utilize cost share funding with the Federal government for wildlife compensation.
- Saskatchewan paid nearly \$2.3M on the 5 year avg for confirmed coyote predation. That is a huge amount to ask producers in Alberta to cover, this still does not take into account missing livestock.
- Alberta's current Wildlife Compensation Program has an approximate 10 yr avg payout of \$391,000.00 Alberta wide, which is much lower than Saskatchewan and we have more livestock.
- Predation has both direct and indirect costs. Lots of predation is not reported or never found.
- Direct costs are losses from found confirmed kills.
- Indirect losses can be, but not limited to decreased gain, lower conception, missing animals, wounded animals, discounts at market, stress, mental health, and increased time surveilling.
- Agriculture and Irrigation in conjunction with the federal government, Alberta Pork and AFSC administer compensation arising from Wild Boar damages and a trapping program. Both are listed in similar legislation, why can livestock producers not get a similar program for coyotes?

Currently coyotes are listed under the Agricultural Pest Act which offers producers assistance through Form 7 and 8 under the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation, creating a compensation program would allow livestock producers to seek out compensation for death or injury to livestock caused by coyotes similar to how crop and pasture producers can apply for compensation for damages to their business.

Alberta is the only Western province to not include coyotes as part of the predatory compensation program. The report "Impact of Wildlife to Beef Producers in Alberta", by the Miistakis Institute in 2015, showed that 65% of Alberta beef producers are impacted by coyote predation. We lack hard relevant data in Alberta and rely on producer surveys or old 40+ year old data. Currently Fish and Wildlife is doing most the verification on confirmed kills, but doesn't seem to keep or provide data on species that are not listed as eligible species for compensation under the current Wildlife Predator Compensation Program. Please see below the 1975-1981 data from the 1982 Compensation For Vertebrate Pest Damage at the Vertebrate Pest Conference.

Table 1a-c offers a look at predator claims from 1975-1981^{1,2} and Table 2: Predators Compensation Programs in Western Canada offers a comparison between Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Table 1a. Damage claims for predator inflicted losses of Alberta livestock.

Species	1975**	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	TOTAL
Coyote	221	160	198	274	214	315	295	1677
Wolf	106	79	139	94	91	93	86	688
Bear	79	42	90	56	59	40	63	429
Others*	35	48	40	40	52	58	62	335

¹ Gurba, Joseph. Compensation for Vertebrate Pest Damage. 1982 <<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/vpc10/18/>>

² It is estimated that several times the amount of predator loss of livestock goes undetected or cannot be proven and validated to the satisfaction of government officers (Gurba, 93))

TOTAL	441	329	467	464	416	506	506	3129
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* Includes feral dogs, cougar, mink, weasel, hawks, owls, etc.

** Includes retroactive claims for 1973 and 1974.

Table 1b. Alberta predator loss indemnity program 1973-80.**

Species	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Swine	Poultry	TOTAL
Coyotes	66	795	8,142	86	4,213	13,302
Bears	371	1,026	165	158	283	2,003
Wolves	689	1,277	188	28	62	2,244
Others*	51	113	462	39	8,383	9,048
TOTAL	1,177	3,211	8,957	311	12,941	26,597

* Includes feral dogs, cougar, mink, weasel, hawks, owls, etc.

** Includes only those losses validated by Gov't investigators.

Table 1c. Compensation for predator inflicted livestock losses (\$,000) in Alberta

Species	1975**	1976	1977	1978	1979***	1980	1981	TOTAL
Coyote	39.5	36.9	41.2	80	107.3	138.3	123.4	566.6
Wolf	43.3	29.8	45.2	52.4	85.1	49.1	56.7	361.6
Bear	24.4	25.3	44.4	32.1	58.2	40.7	43.4	268.5
Others*	6	5	8.2	13	20.1	32.3	28.7	113.3
TOTAL	113.2	97	139	177.5	270.7	260.4	252.2	1,310.00

* Includes feral dogs, cougar, mink, weasel, hawks, owls, etc.

** Includes retroactive payment for 1973 and 1974 loss claims.

*** Adjustment for increased livestock market values.

A comparison of the predator compensation programs in Western Canada best attributed from information obtained online or over the phone.

Table 2: Comparison of Predator Compensation Programs

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	Saskatchewan
Who runs the program	F&W, Environment and Protected Areas	BC Cattlemen's	Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporation	Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
Funding	Alberta Conservation Association through a levy on hunting and angling licenses	60% Federal Government, 40% Provincial Government	60% Federal Government, 40% Provincial Government, up to 80% of livestock value. Beyond 80% is covered by the province.	60% Federal Government, 40% Provincial Government, up to 80% of livestock value. Beyond 80% is covered by the province.
Compensation for livestock predation	100% value of the market value	80% of market value	90% value	100% value (minimum for cattle of \$400) 1.5x on purebreds
Compensation for suspected	50% value	None	45% value	50% value

predation				
Compensation for livestock injury	100% animal value for veterinary costs	Vet costs covered up to the value of animal, if the animal dies they pay the difference.	Losses also include all reasonable veterinary and medical expenses incurred to treat injured livestock (up to the value of the animal).	80% animal value for veterinary costs
Value based on	Highest of the Can Fax price for the week before, the week of, and week after the loss. For calves producers can choose to wait for the Can Fax October price for fall weight 550 lbs.	The compensation rates are set usually in April or May and they use the WLPIP to set a price for the year.	Commercial market prices are derived from either the CanFax Weekly Summary or a price list. Purebred are valued at double. Capped at \$3000.00 per animal.	Highest of the market sales for the week before, the week of, and week after the loss (minimum for calf in 2024 is \$2136).
Eligible livestock	Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, bison	Cattle and sheep	Cattle, horse, sheep, hogs, wild boars, goats, elk, fallow deer, bison, llamas, donkeys, ostriches, emus and other ratites	Cattle, sheep, goats, bison, horses, hogs (excluding wild boar), elk, fallow deer, llamas, donkey, ostrich, emu, ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys
Eligible predator	Bear, cougar, eagle, wolf	Wolves, coyotes, bears, cougars, ravens and eagles	Bear, cougar, coyote, fox, wolf	Coyote, cougar, lynx, fox, wolf, eagle, birds of prey, scavenging birds, raccoon, skunk, badger, mink, weasel, any other wild animal that causes injury or death to eligible livestock.

Table 3: Saskatchewan Predator Compensation 5 yr payouts and the percent compensation due to coyotes.

	Coyote			
	Number of Animals Lost	Percent of total losses	Compensation	Percent of Total Compensation
2019	2,092	72%	\$ 1,682,868.37	74%

2020	2,420	72%	\$	1,924,885.61	73%
2021	2,005	74%	\$	1,757,466.37	73%
2022	2,512	78%	\$	2,536,660.52	77%
2023	2,812	79%	\$	3,569,653.11	75%
Average	3,368		\$	2,294,306.80	

Please see attached pdf regarding **2024 Alberta Livestock Inventory Estimates**. Alberta has the most rangeland livestock of any province or territory in Canada and Alberta pays out the least amount of financial compensation in the event of predation in Western Provinces. Is it fair to require our producers to eat the cost of feeding the Crowns animals when other provinces are compensating more?

Proposed changes producer groups are requesting to existing Wildlife Compensation include:

- Move to compensate at a rate of 2.5x on confirmed kills
- Compensate probable kills at 100%, rather than 50%
- Eliminate the current requirement of a second kill by the same predator species within 10 km and 90 days, in order to pay on a probable
- Compensate at 1.5x when the producer can verify that the animal in question was a purebred (this could also be determined by evaluating the market price for breeding stock)
- Compensate for livestock guard animals killed by predators
- Compensate for bulls at 1.75x canfax cull price (market price will likely dictate price of bulls)
- Compensate for breeding cows and heifers using the following formula:
 - 1.75 x 1400 lb. x D1/D2 price (same as above comments for breeding stock)
- For feeder yearlings, give producers the option of receiving value at time of death or Canfax fall average at 950 lb. (similar to option on calves)
- Certify producers and other government staff in the verification of predator kills



January 1, 2024 livestock inventory estimates – Alberta/Canada highlights

Agri-food statistics update: Issue LS24-1

Release information

On February 23, Statistics Canada released the livestock inventory estimates for cattle, hogs and sheep on farms in Canada and Provinces (as of January 1, 2024). Detailed data is available on [Statistics Canada](#) in:

- table 32-10-0130-01 (cattle and calves)
- table 32-10-0160-01 (hogs)
- table 32-10-0129-01 (sheep and lambs).

Highlights

- As of January 1, 2024, total cattle and calf, and sheep and lamb inventories on Alberta farms were down, compared to January 1, 2023, while hog inventories were unchanged.
- Nationally, cattle and calves, hogs, and sheep and lamb inventories were down compared to a year previous.
- Currently, Alberta accounts for 43.3 per cent of the national cattle and calf inventory (11.1 million head), 11.1 per cent of hogs (13.8 million head) and 20.5 per cent of sheep and lambs (828,300 million head).
- Alberta continues to lead the nation in cattle and calf inventories, followed by Saskatchewan and Ontario. The province ranks second in sheep and lamb inventories, behind Ontario, and fourth in hog inventories after Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.
- Cattle and calves on Alberta farms totaled 4.8 million head, down 1.7 per cent from the same period the previous year, marking the second consecutive annual decline. The drop in inventories primarily stemmed from declines across all cattle categories, except for bulls, dairy replacement heifers and steers which grew. The cattle industry continues to be impacted by limited cattle supplies, dry conditions, tight feed availability and record cattle prices.
- The provincial beef breeding herd fell 1.2 per cent year-over-year to 1.8 million head.
- The dairy herd totalled 120,800 head, down 0.2 per cent from January 1, 2023.
- Total provincial hog inventories remained flat at 1.5 million head as of January 1, 2024, compared to a year previous.
- Alberta sheep and lamb inventories fell year-over-year, following three years of consecutive growth. The provincial

flock was 170,100 head, down 2.0 per cent from the same period a year ago.

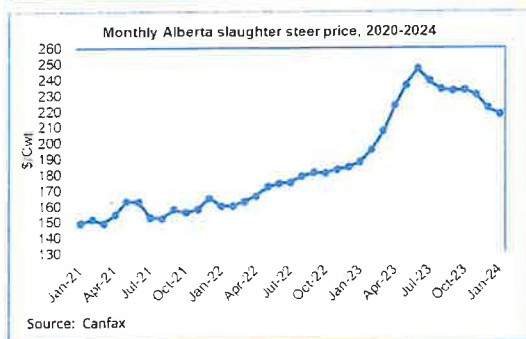
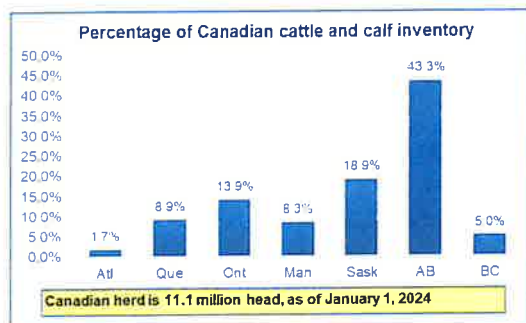
Cattle and calves

- Cattle and calves on Alberta farms totalled 4.8 million head, down 1.7 per cent from January 1, 2023. The decrease in inventories was largely due to a decline across all cattle categories, except for bulls, dairy replacement heifers and steers which grew. The cattle sector continues to grapple with issues stemming from reduced cattle numbers, drought conditions, limited feed resources and record cattle prices.
- Factors contributing to the declining inventories include lower beginning inventories, which were down 2.0 per cent as July 1, 2023, a significant decrease in international imports of cattle in the second of 2023 (down 29.5 per cent), and an increase in interprovincial and international exports of cattle (up 22.6 per cent and 3.1 per cent respectively).
- Alberta beef producers retained less breeding stock due to increased marketings spurred by tight feed supplies, drought conditions as well as record cattle prices. The number of animals for breeding on farms fell by 1.2 per cent year over year to 1.8 million head. More specifically, beef replacement heifers decreased by 7.8 per cent to 235,200 head, while beef cows dropped marginally by 0.1 per cent to 1.6 million head.
- Dairy producers retained less breeding stock as a decline in dairy cow numbers more than offset a slight increase in dairy replacement heifers. The dairy herd on farms totalled 120,800 head, down 0.2 per cent from January 1, 2023.
- There were 11.1 million head of cattle and calves on Canadian farms, down 2.1 per cent from January 1, 2023. Inventories fell across all provinces with the exception of Newfoundland and Labrador and New Brunswick where they grew.
- Alberta continues to lead the nation in cattle and calf inventories (4.8 million head), followed by Saskatchewan (2.1 million head) and Ontario (1.5 million head).
- Currently, Alberta accounts for 57.3 per cent of the total Western Canadian herd (8.3 million head), and 43.3 per cent of the national herd (11.1 million head).

Selected livestock on Alberta farms, as of January 1, 2020-2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023r	2024p	% Change (*24/'23)	% of West. Cda	% of Canada
	(Head)							
Total Cattle and Calves	4,905,000	4,870,000	4,995,000	4,870,000	4,785,000	-1.7	57.3	43.3
Bulls, 1 year plus	95,200	97,800	97,800	94,000	94,500	0.5	51.9	45.6
Beef Cows	1,570,200	1,607,100	1,635,800	1,557,500	1,555,600	-0.1	50.2	44.9
Milk Cows	79,900	80,400	79,000	81,000	80,700	-0.4	34.4	8.4
Heifers: dairy replacement	39,400	39,500	39,500	40,000	40,100	0.3	37.4	9.8
Heifers: beef replacement	240,200	251,900	271,900	255,000	235,200	-7.8	50.3	45.3
Heifers: slaughter	450,600	442,100	480,000	485,000	483,600	-0.3	81.7	65.8
Steers, 1 year plus	694,300	699,300	711,600	736,400	743,000	0.9	82.0	60.3
Calves, under 1 year	1,735,200	1,651,900	1,679,400	1,621,100	1,552,300	-4.2	56.3	44.0
Total Pigs	1,570,000	1,560,000	1,570,000	1,530,000	1,530,000	0.0	25.9	11.1
Breeding Stock	130,400	128,400	128,700	124,800	116,700	-6.5	19.6	9.6
Boars, 6 months plus	4,400	4,200	4,200	3,900	3,600	-7.7	39.6	23.2
Sows & Bred Gilts	126,000	124,200	124,500	120,900	113,100	-6.5	19.3	9.4
All Other Pigs	1,439,600	1,431,600	1,441,300	1,405,200	1,413,300	0.6	26.6	11.3
Under 23 kg	547,100	537,800	575,800	551,400	549,500	-0.3	23.1	10.7
23 - 53 kg	257,500	287,800	273,000	283,200	278,600	-1.6	29.6	11.6
54 - 80 kg	295,600	287,800	284,600	262,600	273,700	4.2	26.6	11.4
Over 81 kg	339,400	318,200	307,900	308,000	311,500	1.1	32.2	11.8
Total Sheep and Lambs	136,500	146,300	158,800	173,500	170,100	-2.0	46.7	20.5
Rams	4,600	4,800	5,100	5,300	5,200	-1.9	48.6	22.1
Ewes	89,200	96,500	98,500	100,500	98,700	-1.8	49.1	20.4
Replacement Lambs	14,600	15,500	22,200	22,100	21,500	-2.7	47.8	23.6
Market Lambs	28,100	29,500	33,000	45,600	44,700	-2.0	41.5	19.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Tables 32-10-0130-01 (cattle and calves); 32-10-0160-01 (hogs); and 32-10-0129-01 (sheep and lambs)
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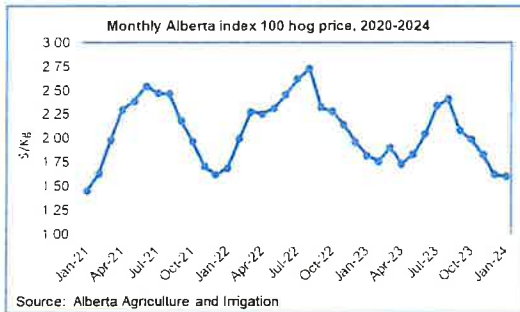
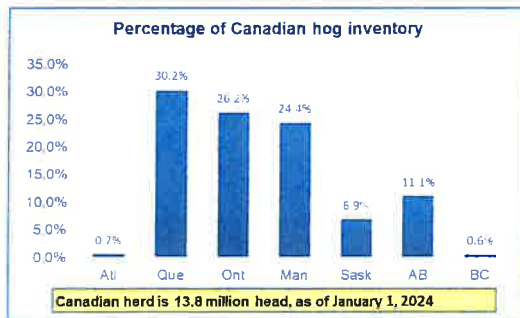
Hogs

- Total provincial hog inventories remained flat at 1.5 million head as of January 1, 2024, compared to a year previous. A decline in most of the animal classes was cancelled out by an increase in market hogs in the 54 to 80 kg and Over 81 kg categories. Declining market hog prices as well as the decision by Olymel to close five sow units in Alberta had significant impacts on inventories.
- The total market hog inventory rose 0.6 per cent to 1.4 million head.
- Hogs in the under "23 kilograms" class fell 0.3 per cent to 549,500 head.
- Hogs in the "23 to 53 kilograms" class dropped 1.6 per cent to 278,600 head.
- Hogs in the "54 to 80 kilograms" class grew 4.2 per cent to 273,700 head.
- Hogs in the "Over 81 kilograms" class went up 1.1 per cent to 311,500 head.
- The estimated breeding inventory, comprising boars, sows and bred gilts, was down 6.5 per cent from January 1, 2023, to 116,700 head. Sows and bred gilts decreased 6.5 per cent to 113,100 head, while boars fell 7.7 per cent to 3,600 head.



Canadian producers had 13.8 million head of hogs on farms, down one per cent compared to January 1, 2023. Hog inventories declined in all Canadian provinces except New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba where they grew, and Alberta where they were unchanged.

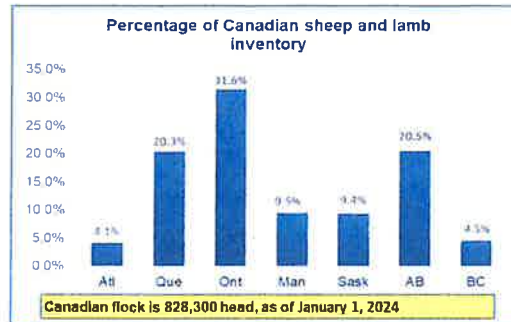
- Across Canada, Alberta currently ranks fourth in hog inventories (1.5 million head), behind Quebec (4.2 million head), Ontario (3.6 million head) and Manitoba (3.4 million head).
- Alberta represented 25.9 per cent of the Western Canadian hog population of 5.9 million head, and 11.1 per cent of the national total of 13.8 million head.



Sheep and lambs

- Alberta sheep and lamb inventories fell year-over-year, following three consecutive years of growth. As of January 1, 2024, the provincial flock was 170,100 head, down 2.0 per cent from the same period a year ago. Inventories decreased for all classes of animals. A drop in market prices as well as increased feed costs contributed to the decline of inventories in this sector.
- The sheep breeding herd decreased 2.0 per cent year-over-year to 125,400 head.
- Ewes fell 1.8 per cent to 98,700 head.
- Replacement lambs declined 2.7 per cent to 21,500 head.
- Rams dropped 1.9 per cent to 5,200 head.
- Market lambs decreased by 2.0 per cent to 44,700 head.
- Nationally, the sheep and lamb flock went down 2.2 per cent to 828,300 head. Inventories declined across all provinces with the exception of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where they grew.
- Alberta ranks second in Canada for sheep and lamb inventories after Ontario with 261,400 head.

- Alberta currently accounts for 46.7 per cent of the total Western Canadian sheep and lamb flock of 364,300 head, and 20.5 per cent of the national total of 828,300 head.



For more information, read [The Agri-Food Statistics Update](#) or contact:

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**RESOLUTION 3
DROUGHT AND LIVESTOCK AGRISTABILITY**

WHEREAS over the last ten years, four of the ten most extreme and expensive weather-related disasters in Canada have occurred in Alberta, and federal modelling for Western Canada projects increasing changes and weather extremes;

WHEREAS the current federal drought monitoring system aggregates weather data, including precipitation received on forested crown land that is not available to privately held agricultural lands in its assessment, and this data was the deciding criteria in selecting areas for participation in the Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance program and the 2023 Livestock Tax Deferral;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has forecast the continued extreme weather impacts on the agricultural industry through modelling and federal business risk management, programs are in place to safeguard producer's financial resiliency from impacts including AgriStability;

WHEREAS the Office of Audit and Evaluation of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) conducted an evaluation of AgriStability to assess relevance, design, delivery, efficiency and effectiveness and found that federally supported risk management programming help to protect Canada's agriculture sector against severe income losses due to a wide array of risks and while AgriStability has the potential to meet this need, it is not fully doing so;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) re-evaluate the current weather mapping program and the Drought Monitoring System to include and more heavily weigh data from weather stations within agricultural lands, better acknowledging municipalities straddling the transition from agricultural white zone into forested Crown green zone, coupled with making efforts to capture in these maps the extreme weather events that are now a reality.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED

that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) ensure the recommended improvements to AgriStability as identified by the Office of Audit and Evaluation of

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) were put in place, by April of 2024; 1: Identify ways to simplify AgriStability to reduce producer administrative burden, 2: Find ways to make interim and final payments more predictable and to improve the timeliness of final payments, 3: develop and implement a means to increase access to AgriStability by underrepresented populations.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2023, the impacts of drought within Alberta were far reaching and in response to the situation, Canada and Alberta partnered on a one-time funding initiative called the Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance initiative. On October 20th, 2023, the Alberta Government announced the inclusion of 41 rural municipalities in the program, leaving a further 28-member rural municipalities out of the program. On January 25th, a further 20 rural municipalities were announced as additions to the funding. Oddly, Kananaskis, Calgary and Edmonton were included in the January 25th announcement. This left 8 rural municipalities out of the funding program. Letters were sent to the federal and provincial governments asking for explanation and the response provided was that these municipalities had received average to above average precipitation over the course of the 2023 growing season.

A review of the Canadian Drought Monitor revealed that these municipalities are comprised of large areas of forested crown lands with relatively small zones of privately held agricultural lands. Further analysis suggested that while these agricultural areas experienced significant drought impacts, when balanced against moisture in the crown lands, the municipalities appeared to receive adequate moisture. GIS mapping proved more definitive when the map of crown lands were excluded.

Precipitation patterns are highly variable between white and green zones. If entire areas are being aggregated in the Canadian Drought Monitor assessments, it is not a fair reflection of what is being experienced by producers in white zones that are adjacent to green zones. Aggregate weather data loses the nuance of seasonal variation and other contributing factors. Moisture that falls within forested crown lands does not address moisture deficits experienced in privately held agricultural lands.

[Evaluation of AgriStability - agriculture.canada.ca](https://agriculture.canada.ca)
[Canadian Drought Monitor - agriculture.canada.ca](https://agriculture.canada.ca)

[Locations of weather stations in Alberta https://acis.alberta.ca/weather-data-viewer.jsp](https://acis.alberta.ca/weather-data-viewer.jsp)

RESOLUTION 4

Increasing Landowners' Rights for Renewable Energy Projects

- Whereas:** Landowners surrounding renewable energy developments often face significant impacts, including changes to land value, reduced crop yields, proliferation of weeds, and potential irreversible damage to the land;
- Whereas:** Landowners are exposed to great risk as it relates to the determination and structure of compensation, recovery for unpaid rentals, off lease damages, and potential long-term impacts;
- Whereas:** The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) regulates renewable energy projects, but the regulatory framework for protecting landowners in renewable energy cases is less detailed compared to the Oil and Gas Industry;
- Whereas:** The Oil & Gas Industry has legal protections under the Surface Rights Act, including compulsory access rights, standardized compensation structures, and formal dispute resolution mechanisms via the Surface Rights Board;
- Whereas:** Landowners facing renewable energy project proposals must negotiate directly with developers to establish their own terms, with the potential for costly legal counsel and limited government support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AUC provide landowners with access to legal frameworks, such as the Surface Rights Act, which includes compensation guidelines, environmental protection measures, and land reclamation requirements supported by strong enforcement mechanisms.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AUC create an independent tribunal to oversee regulatory compliance and handle disputes related to Renewable Energy projects.

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Status:	Provincial
Department:	Ministry of Affordability and Utilities Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas

Background:

AUC inquiry update: Alberta to declare no-build zones and mandatory reclamation security requirements for renewable energy projects

AUC's Module A Report was released on January 31, 2024. The report is an inquiry into the ongoing economic, orderly and efficient development of electricity generation in Alberta, but does not address landowner compensation. The report only indicates that some energy proponents are offering neighborhood agreements or "community benefit funds", however there is no official requirement or regulation being implemented for energy developers to offer this.

Under the *Surface Rights Act*, landowners are entitled to several protections when it comes to oil and gas leases. For example, compensation must be reviewed every 5 years throughout the life of the oil well.¹ If an energy company fails to make its annual lease rental payments, a landowner has the right to apply to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal to recover those payments. Additionally, if any off-site damage occurs – such as loss or damage to livestock or personal property – or if any time is spent recovering property, landowners may apply to the Tribunal for compensation up to \$50,000.²

There are some studies that have been done regarding the impact on property values due to renewable energy projects. The bulk of the existing studies focus on wind power plants. Overall, some studies found a statistically significant and negative impact; other studies found no material impact.³ Further research is needed to better quantify the impact they would have on property values in close proximity to solar panels and windmills.

AUC inquiry update: Alberta to declare no-build zones and mandatory reclamation security requirements for renewable energy projects, by [Osler](#).

On February 28, 2024, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith and Minister of Affordability and Utilities Nathan Neudorf [announced](#) the intended policy, legislative and regulatory changes following the conclusion of Module A of the Alberta Utilities Commission's (AUC) inquiry into the ongoing economic, orderly and efficient development of electricity generation in the province.

We have previously reported on the AUC's inquiry regarding electricity generation in prior Updates on [August 3](#), [September 8](#), [September 13, 2023](#), and [January 30, 2024](#).

The AUC established two separate modules for its consideration of the issues identified by the Alberta government in their Order in Council: [Module A](#) and [Module B](#).

Module A considered the following factors:

1. the development of power plants on specific types or classes of agricultural or environmental land
2. the impact of power plant development on Alberta's viewscales
3. the implementation of mandatory reclamation security requirements for power plants
4. the development of power plants on lands held by the Crown in right of Alberta

This culminated with the AUC delivering its Module A Report to the Minister of Affordability and Utilities on January 31, 2024.

¹ Section 27 of *Surface Rights Act*

² Section 30(2) of *Surface Rights Act*

³ "Impact of Power Plant Development on Viewscales" Report by Nichols Applied Management Inc. for the AUC

Module B is ongoing. In this proceeding, the AUC is considering the impact that increasing growth of renewables has on both the generation supply mix and electric system reliability. The AUC will deliver the Module B Report to the Minister of Affordability and Utilities no later than March 29, 2024.

The AUC has [continued to process applications](#) [PDF] up to the decision stage for new power plants that produce renewable electricity while the approval pause period has been in effect.

With the pause lifting as the [Generation Approvals Pause Regulation](#) expired on February 29, 2024, the Minister of Affordability and Utilities [issued a letter to the AUC](#) [PDF] to provide policy guidance regarding the issues considered in Module A along with the following policy, legislative and regulatory changes.

1. An 'agriculture first' approach

The Alberta government will direct the AUC to take an "agriculture first" approach to the approval of future renewable electricity generation projects with the goal of ensuring Alberta's that native grasslands, irrigable and productive lands continue to be available for agricultural production. Enhanced standards will be introduced for project development on Class 1 and Class 2 agricultural lands, as classified by the [Alberta Land Suitability Rating System](#) (LSRS). Alberta does not have any LSRS Class 1 agricultural lands, but LSRS Class 2 agricultural lands account for approximately 25% of the land in what is known as the White Area¹¹ of Alberta.

If a project is proposed to be located on Class 1 or Class 2 agricultural lands, proponents must demonstrate the ability for both crops and/or livestock to coexist with the renewable generation project. Examples could include a demonstrated plan for agrivoltaics or sheep grazing alongside solar projects, or clearly demonstrating that continuing crop growth and livestock grazing is possible following the implementation of a wind project. The scope and scale of any such required agricultural integration and coexistence is currently unspecified.

The AUC will begin taking into consideration this "agriculture first" approach on March 1, 2024, and has indicated that this approach will not be applied retroactively.

2. Reclamation securities for future development

The Government of Alberta will develop and implement the necessary policy and legislative tools to ensure that developers are responsible for reclamation costs through bond or security requirements, with appropriate security amounts and timing to be determined by Environment and Protected Areas in consultation with Affordability and Utilities. Developers will be responsible for reclamation costs, which will be either paid directly to the Government of Alberta or negotiated with landowners if sufficient evidence is provided to the AUC.

In addition, the AUC will require more details in terms of reclamation commitments as part of the application process and will also be actively engaging in a process to determine the appropriate level of reclamation security on a project-by-project basis. In the government's press conference on February 28, 2024, Premier Smith suggested that a reclamation trust structure where developers contributed amounts over time could be a sensible outcome. A gradual contribution to the reclamation security would be a better outcome for renewables developers than some alternatives, such as a requirement to post 100% of the reclamation security prior to the commencement of construction (which has associated costs).

The new requirements will apply to all AUC approvals issued on or after March 1, 2024.

3. Buffer zones surrounding protected areas and 'pristine viewscales'

The Government of Alberta will develop and implement the necessary policy and legislative tools to establish buffer zones, of a minimum of 35 kilometres, around protected areas or other "pristine viewscales." The scope of this exclusion zone is not clear, but has the potential to be extensive as there are 464 protected areas within Alberta that amount to 4,551,912.39 hectares of land.^[2]

New wind projects will no longer be permitted within these exclusion zones and other proposed developments located within such buffer zones may be subject to a visual impact assessment before approval.

The AUC will also be required to perform site visits in order to determine impacts on viewscales as part of the approval process. The province has yet to provide a definition for the term "pristine viewscales" and has indicated that it will work alongside the Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas, Ministry of Forestry and Parks and Ministry of Tourism and Sport to identify areas that would be considered "pristine viewscales."

Of the announcements, this likely creates the most uncertainty and is likely to be the most challenging for wind developers. Given the significant upfront time and cost for wind project development, it is important that developers know on day one whether the options to lease or other land agreements they are entering into are or are not in an area with pristine viewscales. It will be important that the Government of Alberta provide additional certainty over this rule sooner rather than later so that development of new wind projects can continue.

The government indicated that this policy change will not be applied retroactively to approved projects and will only impact project approvals issued on or after March 1, 2024.

4. Crown land

The Government of Alberta will develop and implement the necessary policy and legislative tools to enable the development of renewable generation on Crown lands on a case-by-case basis. Development on Crown lands will be supported by a new policy that will require meaningful engagement, including with Indigenous communities, before any policy changes are implemented. Overall this is a positive development for renewables developers, as to date there was no policy in place permitting the granting of land rights for renewable energy projects on Alberta Crown Lands, and this opens up to an additional 60% of Alberta to renewables development.^[3]

This government's intention is to have such policy and legislative changes developed and implemented by late 2025.

5. Consideration of appropriate setbacks

The Minister's letter to the AUC states that the AUC will conduct a proceeding or other process to consider appropriate setbacks of renewable infrastructure from neighbouring residences and other important infrastructure.

No timeline is provided for this policy change.

6. Municipal participation

The AUC will automatically grant municipalities the right to participate in AUC hearings and the permitting process. This will include the opportunity for municipalities to seek participant funding to engage in the AUC processes and expanding eligibility for cost recovery to municipalities to reduce barriers for participation in circumstances where they intend to file expert evidence or arguments that will assist the AUC.

The AUC has also committed to allowing municipalities to review rules related to municipal submission requirements while clarifying consultation requirements. No timeline is provided for this policy change.

7. Upcoming Transmission Regulation changes

The Minister of Affordability and Utilities advised that future changes would occur to Alberta's *Transmission Regulation (Alta. Reg. 86/2007)* originating from the [Transmission Green Paper](#) [PDF]. These changes are expected in the coming months and renewable projects should expect changes to the allocation of transmission costs.

We summarized the [recommendations in the Green Paper](#) in our Update in late January. Whether and to what extent any such changes could allocate these costs to existing (or in-construction) renewable projects was not specified in the Minister's announcement and remains a key concern for industry.

Impact to projects

The Minister stated that these new policies will only be applied to renewable project approvals going forward, not retroactively to existing projects, though their application to amendments to existing approvals is unconfirmed. Nonetheless, considerable uncertainty remains for renewable energy developers in the province.

While the details of these policy changes have not yet been developed, the Minister's announcement introduces potentially significant siting restrictions on renewable generation facilities. Furthermore, with the quantum and framework for reclamation security still under development and uncertainty as to the allocation of transmission costs, the implications for the economics of proposed renewable generation projects remains unclear.

Following the government's announcement, the AUC issued Bulletin 2024-03, providing an update on its application review process to facilitate the March 1, 2024, recommencement of approvals being issued. Power plants' applications affected by the pause will be assessed based on their individual merits. Depending on the circumstances of each application and the adequacy of the existing evidence, additional steps may be necessary for applications that are currently under review by the AUC. The AUC will communicate with the parties involved in each existing application to provide details on the next actions to be taken in the process.

Bulletin 2024-03 also indicates that the AUC will initiate a stakeholder consultation to discuss specific subjects within [Rule 007](#).¹⁴¹ These topics will include matters that were addressed during Module A of the inquiry, as well as topics that are the focus of the Alberta government's proposed policy, legislative and regulatory changes, among other items. In September 2023, the AUC issued [interim Rule 007 information requirements](#) [PDF] for new power plant applications related to agricultural land, viewsapes, reclamation security and land use planning. These interim information requirements will continue to be in effect for all current and prospective applications following the end of the pause, and the AUC will evaluate whether these interim information requirements should be permanently incorporated into Rule 007 through its consultation. The AUC will provide additional details regarding the Rule 007 consultation process in due course.

[1] The White Area (settled portion) consists of the populated central, southern and Peace River areas of the province. The Green Area (forested portion) includes most of northern Alberta as well as the mountain and foothills areas along the province's western boundary. Source: Government of Alberta, "[Sustainable Forest Management: 2015 Facts & Statistics](#)," 2017.

[2] See the registry of protected areas compiled in the [Land Reference Manual](#). Source: Alberta Parks, "[Land Reference Manual](#)," May 25, 2023.

[3] Government of Alberta, "[Alberta Crown Land Vision](#)" January 15, 2021.

[4] Alberta Utilities Commission, "[Rule 007: Applications for Power Plants, Substations, Transmission Lines, Industrial System Designations, Hydro Developments and Gas Utility Pipelines](#)," March 18, 2022.

**RESOLUTION 5
NON-MATCHING FUNDING FOR AGKNOW**

- WHEREAS** The farming population is at a high risk of mental illness when compared to the general population;
- WHEREAS** Studies and surveys have shown that farmers are less likely to seek mental health care due to associated costs, lack of time during the day, and counselors lacking an understanding of agriculture;
- WHEREAS** The AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Initiative was established in 2022 with the intent to provide Alberta's farming population with agriculturally-informed mental health supports;
- WHEREAS** AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network has received grants for project-based services through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, which has 50% matching funds requirement;
- WHEREAS** AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network faces funding gaps and restricted operating funds, leading to jeopardization of high-demand mental health programming and support services currently being delivered to Alberta's farming population;

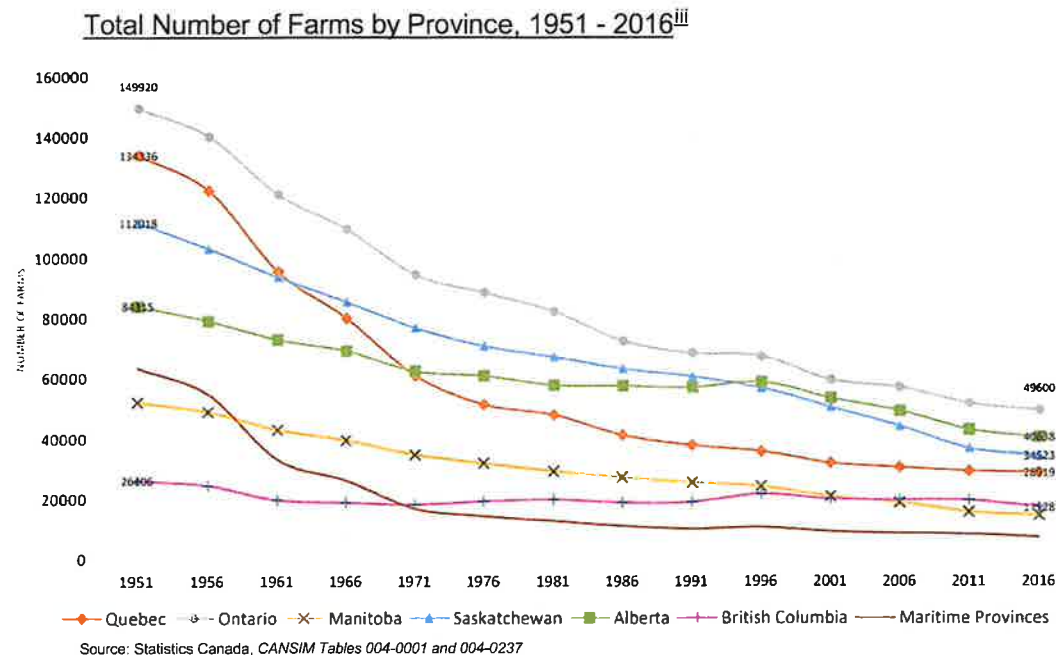
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation to temporarily waive the matching funding requirement through Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to support AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network to ensure that the Farm-Informed Therapy Program for agricultural producers continues to grow and is free of charge in Alberta.

SPONSORED BY: Municipal District of Fairview No. 136
MOVED BY: _____
SECONDED BY: _____
CARRIED: _____
DEFEATED: _____
STATUS: Provincial
DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Agriculture is one of the most important industries to Alberta's economy. Alberta is one of the most productive agricultural economies in the world, employing approximately 69,000 people and contributing \$10.3 billion to the provincial economy in 2022. ⁱ Alberta is home to 41,505 farms according to the 2021 Census, which was a 2.1% increase over the 2016 Census. ⁱⁱ This is an interesting finding given that the historically, farm numbers across Canada have declined year over year as illustrated below.



This increase in farm numbers shows that farming and ranching remains an important way of life for Albertans.

Preliminary results from a 2023 survey conducted by Dr. Rebecca Purc-Stephenson of the University of Alberta regarding stress, mental outcomes and coping strategies of Alberta farmers had some interesting results. The survey found that 66.7% of Alberta farmers experienced depression, 78.5% experienced anxiety, and higher than average rates of burnout characterized by exhaustion, cynicism, and low self-esteem. ^{iv}

Farmers are less likely to seek help for their mental health when compared to the general population. A 2021 study from the University of Guelph evaluated barriers and motivations for seeking mental health support with a group of 75 Ontario farmers. The main barriers to seeking mental health support were as follows:

- Lack of accessible mental health supports;
- Lack of anonymity in seeking mental health support;
- Stigma about mental health in the agricultural community; and
- Feeling that healthcare providers don't understand the "culture of farming". ^v

Due to the economic importance of the agricultural sector, and the growing number of the population entering the industry, the susceptibility of farmers suffering from mental health struggles, and the overall reluctance for farmers to engage with current mental health supports, it is imperative that the Province support appropriate mental health care to ensure the long-term success and survival of the agricultural industry.

At the 2019 Provincial ASB Conference, Resolution E1-19: Access to Agriculture Specific Mental Health Resources was passed. The resolution asked for the Province to provide a 24/7 crisis line providing the farming population with access to agriculturally-informed professionals and resources.

**EMERGENT RESOLUTION E1-19
ACCESS TO AGRICULTURE-SPECIFIC MENTAL
HEALTH RESOURCES**

- WHEREAS** Agriculture is economically essential, both provincially and federally, and agriculture needs healthy farmers to function;
- WHEREAS** Agriculture is a stressful occupation, which has become especially clear with three consecutive years of poor harvests, livestock feed shortages and other effects of climate change;
- WHEREAS** Despite mental illness diagnoses increasing, a large stigma exists around mental illness and asking for help which is especially prominent in industries like agriculture where members are isolated and have a distinct workplace culture of not requesting help;
- WHEREAS** Alberta does not have an agriculture-specific mental health crisis line, although neighbouring provinces do (e.g. Saskatchewan);
- WHEREAS** 310-FARM is a well-known and commonly utilized number that can direct callers to an abundance of resources, but only offers agronomic information during office hours;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Provincial Government of Alberta facilitates the formation of a free, year-round, all hours, mental health crisis hotline, dedicated to the agriculture industry, providing farmers with direct access to uniquely qualified professionals and resources, whom have both an understanding of mental health issues and agriculture-specific stresses.

**FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Provincial Government of Alberta secure long term, sustainable funding for the operation and maintenance of this mental health crisis hotline.

- SPONSORED BY:** Lac Ste. Anne County
- MOVED BY:** _____
- SECONDED BY:** _____
- CARRIED:** _____
- DEFEATED:** _____
- STATUS:** Provincial
- DEPARTMENT:** Agriculture and Forestry

Additionally, at the 2023 ASB Provincial Conference, another resolution was passed,

Resolution E2-23, Stable Funding for Farm Mental Health. This resolution focused on the need for stable, 5-year funding for AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network so that they could continue to grow their reach and programing. The resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION E2-23
STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH**

WHEREAS Canadian research shows that farmers currently have 20% more moderate and severe anxiety and depression than the general population, and 1 in 4 farmers had suicidal thoughts in the past 12 months;

WHEREAS An Alberta white paper released in spring of 2022 recommends the creation of a farm mental health network to create specific mental health resources and service accessible to farm families;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has supported the above recommendation by providing a one off grant for the development of the AgKnow initiative in November 2022 which expires in March 2023;

WHEREAS The Alberta Farm Mental Health Network (AgKnow) is looking for operational funding to continue to pilot the free counselling session and other initiatives that make supports affordable and accessible to farm families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation provides stable 5 year funding support to the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network to hire and maintain staff and cover operational costs to continue the support and services offered through AgKnow.ca.

SPONSORED BY: _____ MD Peace _____

CARRIED

STATUS: _____ Provincial _____

DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation,

AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network was established in 2022 as an initiative of the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) in response to Emergent Resolution E1-19. ARECA was provided a one-off \$524,500 grant through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) for the development of AgKnow and farm mental health supports. This funding helped achieve the following: hiring of team members, research contracts, launch the AgKnow.ca website, a platform to connect farmers with agriculturally-informed therapists, and launch the Livestock Depopulation Support Program.

During late 2023 and early 2024, AgKnow conducted a survey with the goal of gathering insights to shape the development of mental health initiatives tailored to the needs of the Alberta agricultural community. Participants were asked about the importance of having access to farm-informed counselors. Preliminary results showed 70% found it important, 24% somewhat important, and 6% not important. The primary reasons for seeking or contemplating counselling services were family dynamics (such as relationships with spouses, children, and extended family members) and coping with mental illness (like depression, anxiety, or dementia). These were followed by challenges related to managing financial stress on the farm, navigating farm transition/succession, and seeking

grief support, respectively. Additionally, participants who had not sought counselling were asked to provide their reasons for not pursuing support. The top three reasons provided in the survey were cost, not having enough time during the day, and counselors lacking understanding of agriculture.^{vi}

AgKnow has developed a number of services that have garnered very positive results in a short period of time. The Farm-Informed Counselling Program is a particular program of importance. Participants can see each therapist bio, including their agricultural background, professional qualifications, specialties, and their availability for in-person, virtual, and after-hours service. Allowing participants to book with the therapist right for them. This program has engaged with 19 agriculturally-informed therapists who have provided 123 free therapy sessions as of June 2024. This program was piloted offering two free sessions per participant, and has tripled in participation since February 2024, clearly showing the high demand for the programming.

Currently, AgKnow can access project-based funding through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Program (SCAP) under the Resiliency and Public Trust stream. However, this funding has a 40% matching requirement and is only for project costs. The funding will not cover day-to-day operating expenses or staff salaries.

In June of 2024, AgKnow reached out to Alberta ASB's regarding a gap between grants, with an urgent ask for bridge funding to support and sustain the ongoing delivery of current services. As a result of this funding gap, the free access to the Farm-Informed Counselling Program was forced to pause. Producers can still access the service, however there is now a cost associated to the service. This is concerning as the top barrier to Alberta farmers accessing mental health support was the associated cost of accessing care.

In the brief time AgKnow has been delivering programming, it has made a significant impact on mental health support in Alberta's agricultural landscape. Many Alberta municipalities wished to answer the call to support AgKnow, however, many were unable to support due to budgetary constraints. Waiving of the matching requirements through SCAP until such time that the AgKnow initiative can amass appropriate sponsorship, corporate partnerships, and self-generating funds to offset funding granted through SCAP, would ensure that Alberta's farmers and ranchers are ensured access to free, agriculturally-informed mental health supports.

ⁱ Government of Alberta (2022). *Agri-Food Investment and Growth Strategy*. <https://www.alberta.ca/agri-food-investment-and-growth-strategy>

ⁱⁱ Statistics Canada (2021). *Canadian Agriculture at a Glance*. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/96-325-x/2021001/article/00009-eng.htm>

ⁱⁱⁱ Chen, H., Weersink, A., Beaulieu, M., Lee, Y. N., & Nagelschmitz, K. (2019). *A Historical Review of Changes in Farm Size in Canada*. University of Guelph, Institute for the Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy. Retrieved from <https://forecastinstitute.com/documents/Farm-Size-Historical-Review-2019-03.pdf>

^{iv} AgKnow Alberta Farm Mental Health Network (2024). *2024 Annual Report*. <https://www.agknow.ca/annual-report-2024>

^v Hagen, B. N. M., Sawatzky, A., Harper, S. L., O’Sullivan, T. L., & Jones-Bitton, A. (2021). “Farmers Aren’t into the Emotions and Things, Right?”: A Qualitative Exploration of Motivations and Barriers for Mental Health Help-Seeking among Canadian Farmers. *Journal of Agromedicine*, 27(2), 113–123. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1059924X.2021.1893884>

^{vi} AgKnow (2024). *Support for Farm Families Survey – An Alberta Approach to Mental Health*. <https://www.agknow.ca/latest-news/farm-family-research-survey-results>

RESOLUTION 6

Protection of Class 3 Soils in Alberta from Renewable Development

WHEREAS: 32,300 acres of Alberta farmland was lost between 2021-2022 with much of that due to renewable energy projects, such as solar power farms;

WHEREAS: The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Module A Report focuses only on protecting class 1 and 2 lands and leaves classes 3 to 7 unprotected, while soils in classes 1 to 3 are considered suitable for the sustained production of common field crops;

WHEREAS: Limiting protection to only classes 1 and 2 land leaves over 50 million acres of Alberta's agricultural land, or more than 80% of the total land, vulnerable to development;

WHEREAS: Increased regulation on class 2 land will most likely result in increased development on class 3 land;

WHEREAS: Food security is a growing global concern due to population growth, unpredictable crop yields, trade disruptions, and the impact of agricultural monopolies, all of which contribute to increasingly volatile conditions;

WHEREAS: The permanent placement of solar farms on productive land restricts crop rotation and the ability to return the land back to agricultural use;

WHEREAS: The AUC reported that the public prefers power plant development on industrial Crown land that's already been disturbed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that protection for agricultural lands be extended to include Class 3 lands, ensuring that these valuable agricultural areas are not left vulnerable to development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alberta Government continue to implement an "agriculture-first approach" by prioritizing the approval of renewable power plants on already disturbed sites located on Crown land before considering productive agricultural land.

Sponsored by: Northern Sunrise County

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Carried: _____

Defeated: _____

Status: Provincial

Department: Ministry of Affordability and Utilities
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation
Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas

Background:

The loss of agricultural land has been a significant concern for the Government of Alberta since the completion of the Land Use Framework Public Consultations in 2008, and it remains a priority as highlighted in the 2023 Annual Report on Land Use Changes.

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) released Module A Report on January 31, 2024. The report addresses issues related to the development of power plants, including the impact on specific classes of agricultural land, and the development of power plants on Alberta's crown lands. However, the AUC observed these issues without making any formal commitments.

Soil classes in Alberta are categorized under the Land Suitability Rating System (LSRS), based on the Canada Land Inventory. Generally, LSRS classes 1 to 3 are considered prime agricultural land, with approximately 40 percent of Alberta's total land in both the green and white zones falling into classes 2 and 3.

According to the 2017 Food Security in the Context of Agricultural Land Loss Report, around 18 percent, or 50.3 million acres, of class 2 and 3 land is either already being used for non-agricultural purposes or remains undeveloped.¹ While the Alberta government believes that the province likely does not have any class 1 land, they directed the AUC on March 1, 2024, to prohibit renewable power plants on class 1 or class 2 agricultural lands due to the potential negative impact on prime agricultural land. However, as outlined in the AUC Module A Report, there is currently no universal consensus on what constitutes 'prime agricultural land.' Some argue that classes 1 to 4 should be considered high-quality agricultural land, with irrigated land also deemed prime, while others suggest that classes 3 and 4 are "moderately productive".²

AUC commitments currently extend only to exploring requirements for proponents to provide soil field verification earlier in the application process. Regarding Crown land, the Module A Report indicates that the AUC is not making any commitments to prioritize the development of renewable energy projects on already disturbed sites, and any proposed projects on Crown land must be approved on a case-by-case basis.

The consequences of leaving class 3 land unprotected are substantial, as these lands encompass a significant portion of farmland that greatly contributes to Alberta's agricultural productivity. Northern Alberta, for example, is predominantly composed of class 3 land and already faces challenges due to a shorter growing season.

Over 60% of Alberta's land is Crown land. Thermal and hydro power plants, as well as transmission lines, and oil and gas facilities have already been constructed on Crown land. In most provinces where renewable energy developments are permitted on Crown land, the common approach is to make all Crown land available for consideration, but only grant a land disposition where it can be demonstrated that the land use is appropriate. Parks and protected areas, research locations, and areas with community infrastructure and recreation are typically not suitable.

¹ "Food Security in the Context of Agricultural Land Loss in Alberta", Government of Alberta, pg. 3

² Alberta's Utility Commission, Module A Report, An Inquiry into the Ongoing Economic, orderly, and efficient Development of Electricity Generation in Alberta, January 31, 2024, pg. 20.

RESOLUTION 7

RESOLUTION LOBBYING INCLUSION

WHEREAS the sponsoring municipality has a deep understanding and stake in lobbying the position of the resolution;

WHEREAS this knowledge is critical regarding the delivered intent;

WHEREAS the current approach potentially falls short in accurately conveying that intent and direction of the requested change.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That when specific resolutions secure lobbying opportunities for the ASBPC, they in turn invite or consult with the sponsoring municipality to verify the resolution is communicated accurately and effectively.

SPONSORED BY: County of Northern Lights

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The resolutions we draft take substantial time and commitment to develop. We feel that after a resolution passes the Provincial Conference, we should be extended the opportunity to be in the room when and if the time arises to discuss our resolutions with the various departments. We feel too often the intent of the resolution gets lost as the sponsoring municipality is not included in the lobbying process. Also, as the writers of the resolutions our input into the grading process should be weighted heavier as to whether we agree with the grade or not. It shouldn't necessarily be a simple majority for grade determination.

RESOLUTION 8
Roadkill Carcass Disposal

WHEREAS The Alberta Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors stated in a letter received on September 12, 2024, that Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) and Alberta Forestry and Parks (FP), the administrators of the Wildlife Act, do not currently “have formal guidance for the disposal of wildlife animal carcasses. However, both departments strongly recommend minimizing handling and transport of carcasses due to.... disease transmission,” further stating that any departure from these current disposal methods would require EPA and FP to issue permits under the Act for each carcass transported;

WHEREAS Highway Maintenance Contractors frequently transport carcasses to disposal and stockpiling sites that are easily accessible to the public and become utilized for the disposal of dead livestock and roadkill, through scavenger disposal;

WHEREAS the proximity of these disposal sites to active livestock production increases the impact of predators on livestock by providing a plentiful and easily accessible food source during winter scarcity;

WHEREAS this disposal method comes with a high probability of disease spread through the landscape, including but not limited to foot-and-mouth disease, which infects deer and would cost billions of dollars in lost markets to the province and the country, and chronic wasting disease, a prion disease that is resistant to environmental degradation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and Alberta Forestry and Parks to develop formal guidance on the disposal of wildlife carcasses hit by vehicles to minimize disease transmission vectors that may pose a serious economic threat to the livestock industry, such as foot-and-mouth disease.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST That Alberta Transportation amend the Standard Specification for Highway Maintenance to require contractors to maintain controlled access to carcass disposal sites, the composting of roadkill carcasses, and that the site be a minimum of 8 kilometers from an active livestock operation.

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Transportation, Alberta Agriculture, and Irrigation, Alberta Forestry and Parks, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since early 2023, Greenview has been in discussion with Alberta Transportation to address a roadkill carcass disposal site that has been identified as a contributor to predation of livestock in the vicinity of the site. While located on crown land, the site is adjacent to livestock operations and has no controlled access. The location is being utilized by the public for disposal of dead livestock, equine, as well as roadkill.

Through these discussions, we found that this is an acceptable disposal method for Alberta Transportation throughout the province, as Highway Maintenance Contractors seek roadkill carcass disposal sites that are central to their operations and low cost. Unfortunately, these sites are not controlled access and the challenges seen in Greenview are mirrored in other locations. We believe this is an oversight that we wish to bring to the attention of all identified ministries.

The municipal concern for this practice is threefold; Firstly, easily accessible food sources in harsh winter months artificially support predator populations, removing the population control factor of scarce food. Secondly, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a prion disease that is resistant to environmental degradation, is spreading throughout Alberta and represents a threat to Alberta Elk producers. Lastly, this biosecurity concern could extend to Foot and Mouth Disease, African Swine Fever, Porcine Endemic Diarrhea, and a host of other contagions, many of which could cost Alberta and the Country of Canada billions of dollars in lost markets. It is in the interest of the Provincial Government to address these biosecurity risks as a proactive way of preventing a costly livestock emergency, also representing a potential threat to the livelihoods of Alberta livestock producers.

RESOLUTION 9

Weed Control In Drainage Canals (Registered Drainage Ditches)

WHEREAS under the Weed Control Act of Alberta, Municipalities are tasked to Monitor and Enforce control of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds;

WHEREAS the Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides severely restricts the application of herbicides within 30 metres of a "drainage canal" and the amount of area that can be treated in a calendar year;

WHEREAS under a Special Use Approval to apply herbicides within 30 metres of an open body of water, the area allowed to be treated is still restricted;

WHEREAS a Notice to Remedy Weed Problem in a "drainage canal" cannot be fully acted upon due to the limitations of the area allowed to be treated under the Code of Practice allowing for the proliferation of the weeds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

The Government of Alberta - Environment and Protected Areas remove "drainage canal" from the definition of "open body of water" under the Pesticide Sales, Handling, Use and Application Regulation.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

to allow municipalities that have control over maintenance of drainage canals to treat invasive species listed in the Weed Control Act or those species elevated in the respective municipality, as they would control the same species in roadside ditches or under Notice to Remedy Weed Problem.

SPONSORED BY: Municipal District of Smoky River #130

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environment and Protected Areas

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Weed Control Act was enacted in 1907 and is in place to prevent the introduction and spread of weeds and to protect agricultural production and native vegetation from the detrimental effects of weed infestations.

The Province of Alberta previously had programs to develop drainage canals (also known as registered drainage ditches) to improve agricultural production in areas with poor drainage or subject to large overland flow. These drainage canals were subsequently turned over to the municipalities for care and maintenance. Part of care and maintenance is adhering to the Weed Control Act and controlling species listed in the regulation and any species that are elevated through municipal bylaw. Many times these canals transfer water in the spring or in heavy rain events and the remainder of the year are dry or have very little water in them similar to a roadside ditch.

The Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides regulates the application of herbicides within 30 metres of an open body of water, of which drainage canals are classified as. By following the code of practice municipalities are restricted to treating 10% of 100 square metres in a zone 1 - 5 metres from an open body of water with certain active ingredients, and up to 30% of an area from 5 - 30 metres from an open body of water with other active ingredients. This small area of application just allows weeds and deep-rooted perennial weeds such as Toadflax and Canada Thistle to proliferate uncontrolled thereby affecting native vegetation and encroaching into farmland. Under section 9(4)(b) of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act - Pesticide (Ministerial) Regulation "(b) a person using or applying pesticides on cultivated land." is exempt from a special use approval in the 30 metre zone to an open body of water. This is a two-tiered system which restricts municipalities from controlling weeds on lands they are in control of.

Resolution #6 in 1989 being *Problem Vegetation Control on Drainage Ditches* identified the issue of weed control in drainages. Weed control in drainage ditches is not a new or isolated issue.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that Alberta Environment draft a standard set of instructions and precautions and issue one permit to each Municipality which would cover all applications to any ditches within that Municipality in that year."

There is also a jurisdictional question between the Weed Control Act and the Environmental Code of Practice which poses the question as to which has paramountcy? Municipalities are charged with upholding the Weed Control Act but are hindered by the Act, Code and Regulation. Even under a Notice to Remedy Weed Problem for Prohibited Noxious where all growing parts of the plant are to be destroyed this is not likely to occur due to the restrictions in the Code of Practice as is seen in 11(A) in the Code of Practice for Control of Purple Loosestrife.

Pesticide Sales, Handling, Use and Application Regulation

- (1) “open body of water” means the bed and shore of an irrigation canal, drainage canal, reservoir, river, stream, creek, lake, marsh or other body of water, but does not include the following:
- (i) waterworks systems;
 - (ii) reservoirs, lakes, marshes or other bodies of water that are completely surrounded by private land, that have an area of less than 4 hectares and have no outflow of water beyond the private land;
 - (iii) reservoirs, lakes, marshes or other bodies of water that are located on public land, that have an area of less than 0.4 hectares, and have no outflow of water;
 - (iv) irrigation and drainage canals that are completely surrounded by private land and have no outflow beyond the private land;
 - (v) roadside ditches;
 - (vi) wastewater systems;
 - (vii) storm drainage systems;
 - (viii) dry streams having a bed and shore averaging 0.5 metres or less in width within the boundaries of the treatment area;
 - (ix) a constructed water hazard that is located on a golf course and has no outflow of water beyond the golf course boundary;

Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act - Pesticide (Ministerial) Regulation

Special use approval

- 9(1)** No person shall, unless the person holds a special use approval issued by the Director,
- (a) use or apply a pesticide in or on an open body of water,
 - (b) use or apply a pesticide listed in Schedule 1, 2 or 3 within a horizontal distance of 30 metres from an open body of water,
 - (c) store a pesticide within a horizontal distance of 30 metres from an open body of water, or
 - (d) wash equipment or vehicles used to apply pesticides within a horizontal distance of 30 metres from an open body of water.
- (2)** Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to a person using or applying a fish toxicant in accordance with a written authorization issued by the Director of Fisheries Management of the Department.
- (3)** Subsection (1)(a) and (1)(b) do not apply to a person using or applying a vertebrate toxicant bait in, on or within 30 horizontal metres of a frozen open body of water pursuant to a Government pest control program.
- (4)** Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to
- (a) an applicator using or applying pesticides in accordance with the latest edition of the *Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides* published by the Department, or

- (b) a person using or applying pesticides on cultivated land.

Application for special use approval

10 An applicant for a special use approval must submit an application in a form acceptable to the Director containing the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the applicant;
- (b) the location of the area to be treated;
- (c) the pest to be controlled;
- (d) the name of the pesticide to be used;
- (e) alternative pest management strategies that have been investigated;
- (f) any other information the Director may require.

Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides

Pesticide Application Within 30 Horizontal Metres of an Open Body of Water

- 16(1)** In this section "deposit" means depositing an amount that results in visible effects on vegetation or an amount that is likely to cause an adverse effect.
- (2)** All applications must be conducted or supervised by
 - (a) the holder of a certificate of qualification for pesticide application, or
 - (b) the holder of a certificate recognized by the Director.
 - (3)** Subsection (2)(b) does not apply to pesticide applications made under the provisions of subsections 16(12).
 - (4)** The application must not result in the deposit of pesticides into or onto any open body of water except in accordance with subsection 16(12).
 - (5)** Applications must not be made within 250 metres upstream of any surface water intake of a waterworks system.

- (6) Aerial applications of pesticides to land must not be conducted while flying directly over an open body of water.

Herbicide Applications - General

- (7) Herbicides must not be deposited within 30 horizontal metres of an open body of water unless the herbicide application is conducted by ground application equipment only.
- (8) Herbicides must not be deposited on areas that have slumped, been washed out or are subject to soil erosion into the water body.
- (9) Unless otherwise specified in the manufacturer's product label, applicators may apply the herbicides listed in Table 1 provided that
- (a) herbicides are not deposited closer than 1 horizontal metre from an open body of water;
 - (b) applications are conducted for
 - (i) the control of herbaceous plants classified as weeds named under the *Weed Control Act*; or
 - (ii) control of woody plants less than 1.5 metres in height, to areas where the woody plants interfere with forest generation or the safe operation, functioning, or maintenance of man-made structures such as dams, canals, drainage ditches, roads, industrial facilities, or utility or pipeline rights-of-way;
 - (c) applications are made selectively using
 - (i) a backpack sprayer,
 - (ii) a pump-sprayer,
 - (iii) a hand-gun sprayer, or
 - (iv) an application method that targets individual plants; and
 - (d) no more than 10 percent of any 100 square metres in the zone 1 - 5 metres from an open body of water receives treatment in any calendar year.

Table 1

- aminopyralid (when used up to a maximum application rate of 0.12 kg/ha)
- chlorsulfuron
- clopyralid

- glyphosate
- metsulfuron-methyl (when used up to a maximum application rate of 0.09 kg/ha)
- triclopyr (when used up to a maximum application rate of 1.92 kg ai/ha)

(10) Unless otherwise specified in the manufacturer's product label, applicators may apply the herbicides listed in Table 1 or Table 2 provided that

- (a) herbicides in Table 2 are not deposited closer than 5 horizontal metres from an open body of water;
- (b) applications are conducted for:
 - (i) the control of herbaceous plants classified as weeds named under the *Weed Control Act*; or
 - (ii) the control of woody plants to areas where the woody plants interfere with forest regeneration or the safe operation, functioning, or maintenance of man-made structures such as dams, canals, drainage ditches, roads, industrial facilities, or utility or pipeline rights-of-way; and
- (c) applications are made selectively using a backpack sprayer, a pump-sprayer, a hand-gun sprayer, a boom or boomless sprayer, or an application method that targets individual plants;
- (d) no more than 30 percent of any 100 square metres in the zone 5-30 metres from an open body of water receives treatment in any calendar year.

Table 2

- 2,4-D (when used up to a maximum application rate of 1.4 kg active ingredient per hectare).
- aminopyralid (when used up to a maximum application rate of 0.12 kg active ingredient per hectare)
- dicamba (when used up to a maximum application rate of 1.2 kg active ingredient per hectare)
- dichlorprop (when used up to a maximum application rate of 1.2 kg active ingredient per hectare)

- MCPA (when used up to a maximum application rate of 0.675 kg active ingredient per hectare)
- triclopyr

(11) Unless otherwise specified in the manufacturer's product label, applicators may apply herbicides for specific vegetation management situations as follows:

- (a) **Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)** may be treated with glyphosate or triclopyr, applied selectively by backpack or hand-pump sprayer to purple loosestrife growing on dry land provided that:
 - (i) no herbicide is deposited closer than 1 horizontal metre from standing water; and
 - (ii) no more than 10 percent of any 100 square metres of land closer than 1 metre from an open body of water receives treatment in any calendar year.
- (b) **Forest Regeneration Sites** may be treated with glyphosate applied selectively or non-selectively by aircraft or ground equipment provided that glyphosate is not deposited within 5 horizontal metres from an open body of water.
- (c) **Non-Vegetated Developed Areas** such as maintained trails, roads, vehicle parking lots, railway ballasts, shoreline rip-rap or armour, water management structures and industrial sites such as flare stacks, pump sites, equipment yards, and electrical substations may be treated with glyphosate selectively or non-selectively by ground application equipment over the entire area that is to be maintained non-vegetated.
- (d) **Railway Ballasts** may be treated with imazapyr provided that no herbicide is deposited within 15 horizontal metres of an open body of water.

RESOLUTION #6

PROBLEM VEGETATION CONTROL ON DRAINAGE DITCHES

- WHEREAS Drainage ditches are often infested with thistles and other noxious weeds; and
- WHEREAS Weed seeds produced in and adjacent to these ditches are often capable of moving over long distances when water flows in these ditches; and
- WHEREAS Weed problems are often not discovered until mid summer; and
- WHEREAS Delays of up to three months in receiving permits to apply herbicides mean that control cannot be achieved before seed set in that season; and
- WHEREAS Cultural control methods are most often expensive, time consuming and not effective in these situations; and
- WHEREAS Most permits issued contain virtually identical directions and precautions to be observed when applying herbicides,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Alberta Environment draft a standard set of instructions and precautions and issue one permit to each Municipality which would cover all applications to any ditches within that Municipality in that year.

Sponsored By: Improvement District #16

Status: Provincial Department: Alberta Environment

Branch: Pollution Control

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS

RESOLUTION #6

PROBLEM VEGETATION CONTROL ON DRAINAGE DITCHES

BE IT RESOLVED that Alberta Environment draft a standard set of instructions and precautions and issue one permit to each Municipality which would cover all applications to any ditches within that Municipality in that year.

Response

Alberta Environment:

Alberta Environment issues permits to apply pesticides on, in, or within 30 horizontal metres of drainage ditches. Permit applications are reviewed by Alberta Environment and Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife to assess potential environmental impacts and impart mitigating conditions to permits.

We recognize that in some instances the nature of a weed problem may be such that a municipality may not know precise spraying locations at the time when permits must be applied for. In these cases, we have worked with the municipalities involved and have developed a suitable system.

We accept permit applications where the municipality has identified the watercourses to be involved in the spray program. Specific areas to be sprayed along the watercourses need not be identified if they are not known at the time the permit application is made.

If permit applications are submitted well in advance of the spray season, municipalities will encounter no delays in implementing their spray programs in a timely manner.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Neighboring Municipalities Rental Equipment Agreement
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the neighboring municipalities that rental equipment agreement for clarification on the recommended maximum distance rental equipment may be transported without the use of a hauling trailer.

BACKGROUND:

The neighboring municipalities rental equipment agreement enables residents from Clear Hills County, MD of Fairview No. 136, and MD of Peace No. 135, to rent equipment from any rental equipment location within the boundaries of these three municipalities on an equal and cooperative basis.

At the July 16, 2024 Agricultural Service Board meeting the Board recommend that Council amend the neighboring municipalities rental equipment agreement to state that the residents of their respective municipalities have first priority to the rental equipment. As well as include a clause stating a maximum distance that rental equipment may be transported without the use of a hauling trailer.

AG80-24(09/17/24) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to bring back the Neighboring Municipalities Rental Equipment Agreement, as well as the Rental Equipment Rates and Policy to the October 15, 2024 Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.**

AG62-24(07/16/24) **RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen to recommend Council review Agreement 105, with the proposition of adding Clear Hills County residents have first priority to the use of rental equipment and having a maximum distance the equipment can be transported. CARRIED.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- Neighboring Municipalities Rental Equipment Agreement
- MD of Fairview No. 136 ASB Equipment Rental Schedule
- MD of Peace No. 135 Equipment Rental Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. to recommend Council amend the neighboring municipalities rental equipment agreement to add a clause stating that the residents of their respective municipalities have first priority to the rental equipment, as well as an additional clause stating... is the maximum distance one way that rental equipment may be transported without the use of a hauling trailer.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT MADE THIS DAY 12 OF June ,A.D., 2001.

BETWEEN: THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CLEAR HILLS NO. 21
BOX 240,
WORSLEY, ALBERTA
T0H 3W0

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136
BOX 189
FAIRVIEW, ALBERTA
T0H 1L0

OF THE SECOND PART

- and -

THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD OF
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO. 135
BOX 34
BERWYN, AB
T0H 0E0

OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS the Agricultural Service Boards of each above listed Municipality, hereby enter into an agreement for providing rental equipment services for their respective residents in their respective jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS the parties agree to provide rental equipment services to their respective residents, which would enable residents from either Municipality to rent equipment from any rental equipment location within the boundaries of the three Municipalities on an equal and cooperative basis.

THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree that:

1. All policies within each Municipality, regarding rental equipment services, shall remain in effect, and residents from either jurisdiction shall follow and agree to such policies when renting equipment from either Municipality's rental outlets.
2. All fees collected from providing such service to residents shall remain with the Municipality outlet providing such services.

3. A Schedule of Fees shall be attached to this Agreement, establishing fees for rental of equipment and applicable rates
4. Annually, or as required, the respective Agricultural Service Boards will review the Schedule of Fees for equipment that falls under their jurisdiction. The Schedule of Fees may be amended by resolution of the applicable Service Board and such amendments will be effective as of the date indicated in such motion.
5. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties hereto.
6. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party to the Agreement giving one (1) months notice in writing to the other of this intention to terminate the Agreement. This Agreement will terminate one (1) month after giving notice of intention to terminate.
7. For purposes of giving notice under this Agreement, the address shall be:

Agricultural Service Board – M.D. of Clear Hills No. 21
Box 240,
Worsley, Alberta
T0H 3W0

and

Agricultural Service Board – M.D. of Fairview No. 136
Box 189
Fairview, Alberta
T0H 1L0

and

Agricultural Service Board - M.D. of Peace No. 135
Box 34
Berwyn, AB
T0H 0E0

8. This Agreement will come into force and effect upon the signing thereof by all three Parties and will remain in effect until termination.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their hands and/or corporate seals this

12 day of June, 2001.

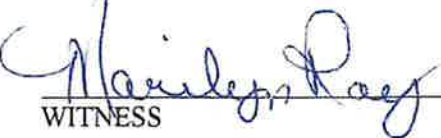
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for the Municipal District of Fairview No. 136:


CHAIRMAN


WITNESS

on behalf of the Agricultural Service Board
for the Municipal District of Clear Hills No. 21:

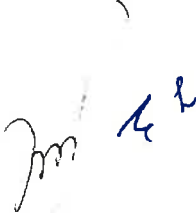

CHAIRMAN


WITNESS

On behalf of the Agricultural Service Board
for the Municipal District of Peace No. 135:


CHAIRMAN


WITNESS



Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	DEPOSIT	AG RATE	COMMERCIAL RATE	COMMUNITY RATE
<i>BBQ Trailer</i>	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Chem Wipe Applicators				
<i>Quad Mount</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Hand Held</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Roller Applicator</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Rotowiper</i>	\$150.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Corral Panels</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Eco Bran Applicator</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Extra Hose</i> (if rented by itself)	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
<i>Grain Bag Extractor</i>	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Grain Bag Roller</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<i>Grain Bagger</i>	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Grain Vac</i>	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Grills</i>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Land Leveller</i>	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Loading Chute</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Manure Spreader</i>	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Mulch Applicator</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<i>Post Pounder</i>	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge for 2 days
<i>Roller Mill</i>	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	No Charge 2 days
Scales				
<i>Bale Spear</i>	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge
<i>Signs</i>	\$60.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Sprayers				
<i>Backpack</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<i>Quad Mounted</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Quad Pull Type</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Skidmount</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Truck Mount</i>	\$200.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Steam Table</i>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Tables & Chairs</i>	\$50.00	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	No Charge 2 days
<i>Toilets</i>	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
Water Pumps				
<i>Summer (APR-SEPT)</i>	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Winter (OCT-MAR)</i>	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days

Round Plastic Tables: 12 Rectangle Plastic Tables: 22 Wooden Rectangular Tables: 31 Folding Chairs: 150
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Effective June 1, 2024

Equipment Description	Deposit	Fee	Fee including GST	Notes
Applause Wash Stations (2) <i>(Does not leave the MD)</i>	\$50	\$25.00 per sink/per day	\$26.25 per sink/per day	
Grass Seeders	\$30	\$15.00/day	\$15.75/day	12 volt, ATV mounted
Livestock Scale	\$70	\$35.00/day	\$36.75/day	2" ball required
Loading Chute + 2 Panels	\$70	\$35.00/day	\$36.75/day	2" ball required
Cattle Panels 20 panels	\$80	\$40.00/day	\$42.00/day	on a trailer, 2" ball required
Calf Tipping Table	\$50	\$25.00/day	\$26.25/day	Loads in pickup truck box
Portable Fencing Stapler	\$150	\$75.00/day for 1 CO2 + 500 staples OR \$150.00/day for 2 CO2 + 1000 staples	\$78.75/day for 1 CO2 + 500 staples OR \$157.50/day for 2 CO2 + 1000	Powered by a rechargeable battery plus CO2 Cartridges, (in old sign room)
Gallagher Tag Reader	\$50	\$25.00/day	\$26.25/day	Stored in old sign room
Cattle Squeeze	\$75	\$35.00/day	\$36.75/day	2" ball required
Sprayers <i>*Need 2.5" receiver hitch.*</i>	\$75	\$35.00/day	\$36.75/day	Sprayer No.4 – Skidmount, 60 gal, sprays 12' with boom & 24' boomless, with handgun. ATV/SKID Sprayer No. 5 – 100 gal, 30' boomless with handgun.
BBQ & Trailer <i>(Does not leave the MD of Fairview)</i>	\$200	\$100.00/day or \$150.00/Weekend	\$157.50/weekend	2" ball required Propane/utensils not included Griddle plates available on request.
Water Pump	\$200	\$100.00/day or \$150.00/weekend	\$105.00/day or \$157.50/weekend	5.5 HP 3" trash pump with 1500' of 4" discharge hose & 35' of 3" suction hose, 2" ball required. Pumps 266 gallons per minute.
Tree Planter	\$10	\$5.00/day	\$5.25/day	Seedling planter 3/4" drop pin required
Scare Canons (2)	\$20	\$10.00/day	\$10.50/day	Renter must supply propane bottle

NOTE: All equipment shall be rented for a maximum of 5 consecutive days or as approved by the Director, Agriculture and Parks.

Effective June 1, 2024, in accordance with Policy AG01, equipment rental fees collected will be based on the number of days the equipment is rented, as opposed to the number of days it was used.

ASB Other:	Fee	Fee including GST	Notes
"No Spray" signs	no charge	no charge	
Weed Control (as per ASB Policy)	cost recovery	cost recovery	additional fees set by ASB
Predator Control	no charge	no charge	
VSI Membership	no charge	no charge	

ITEM	DEPOSIT & CLEANING FEE	COST	NOTES
Cattle Chute + 6 panels	\$50.00 (separate cheq)	\$25.00/day + GST	
Cattle Tag Reader	No deposit	\$10.00/day + GST	Galliger
Corral Panels on Trailer	\$100.00 (separate cheq)	\$50.00/day + GST	Priority use for 4H - no charge 18 - 16 ft. panels, 2 gate panels, 20 posts, 1" pin, minimum 1 ton truck to tow trailer
Feed Probe	No deposit	No charge	
Food Dehydrator	No deposit	No charge	
Grain Bag Roller	\$200.00 (separate cheq)	\$50.00/day + GST	1" pin required for hitch
Grain Probe	No deposit	No charge	
Labor picking scentless chamomile		\$50/hour/person	
Magpie Traps	\$50.00 (separate cheq)	\$10/week + GST	Weight required to hold down trap in truck box
Post Pounder	\$50.00 (separate cheq)	\$25.00/day + GST	3/4" pin required – not PTO driven
Pressure Canner	No deposit	No charge	
Scare Cannon	\$50.00/day for each (separate cheq)	No charge	No more than 3 at a time Propane tanks not included
Sprayer – 25 gal	\$50.00 (separate cheq)	\$10/day + GST	Backpack (office or ASB Shop)
Surveyor's Level (Transit)	\$50.00 (separate cheq)	\$10/day + GST	Do not transport "level" in the back of pick-up
Tree Seedling Planter	No deposit	No charge	old - 2 seats, tongue hitch new - 2 seats, hydraulic hoses, pioneer ends. Tow from opposite end with 2" ball
Water Level Indicator Tape	No deposit	No charge	

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Rental Equipment Review
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the rental equipment policy and rates for review. Additionally, Council has requested that the Board have a discussion regarding the rental guidelines for the Grain Bagger.

BACKGROUND:

AG80-24(09/17/24) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to bring back the Neighboring Municipalities Rental Equipment Agreement, as well as the Rental Equipment Rates and Policy to the October 15, 2024 Agricultural Service Board Meeting.
CARRIED.

Flaman Equipment Rentals- Fairview, AB

Equipment	Rates			
	4 Hours	Daily	Weekly	Seasonally
Grain Bagger	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$12,000.00
Grain Bag Extractor	n/a	\$400.00	\$2,400.00	
Grain Vac	\$330.00	\$495.00	\$2,475.00	
Manure Spreader	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Loading Chute	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Post Pounder	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$ 975.00	

*The person who rents the Grain Bagger for the season has the option of putting \$10,000.00 of the rent paid towards the purchase of the machine.

ATTACHMENTS:

Policy 6310 Rental Equipment Policy
 Rental Equipment Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by..

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager:		AgFieldman:
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Clear Hills County

Effective Date: July 23, 2024	Policy Number 6310
Title: RENTAL EQUIPMENT POLICY	

1. Policy Statement:

1.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the value of utilizing tax dollars to provide equipment available for rent to County residents, land managers and agricultural producers.

2. Purpose:

2.1. To supply equipment for rent that are only required occasionally or would not be economically feasible for individual agricultural producers or land managers to purchase.

2.2. To provide innovative tools and equipment for local agricultural producers and land managers that promotes innovative agricultural management practices.

2.3. To provide tools and equipment that assist agricultural producers and land managers to comply with their legislative requirements under Alberta's Weed Control Act, Soil Conservation Act and Agricultural Pests Act.

3. Responsibilities

3.1. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council a list of rental equipment and a schedule of fees for equipment deposits and rental rates.

3.2. The Agricultural Service Board may recommend to Council to purchase, replace, or liquidate rental equipment based on the three purposes in section 2.

3.3. Agricultural Services will provide the Agricultural Service Board with a list of rental rates and deposits based on the following structure:

3.3.1. Equipment purchased to fulfil subsections 2.1 and 2.2 will have a rental rate to recover maintenance costs only.

3.3.2. Equipment purchased to fulfil subsection 2.3 will have a minimal rental rate to maximize the equipment use.

3.3.3. Deposits greater than the designated minimum amount will be double the rental rate of that equipment.

3.4. County staff will have knowledge of each piece of equipment and will inform the renter of proper operating procedures and safety precautions.

- 3.5. Agriculture Services will conduct pre- and post-rental inspections of all equipment to ensure equipment is in good condition, will operate properly and is safe to use.
- 3.6. Renters will sign a rental agreement form and assume responsibility for all costs associated with equipment returned damaged or not properly cleaned.
- 3.7. County staff will consider rental of equipment to other municipalities on a case by case basis.
- 3.8. County staff will refuse to rent out equipment that is unfit and/or unsafe for use.
- 3.9. Agricultural Services will provide an annual report to the Agricultural Service Board for a program review each year.

4. Reference to Legislation

- 4.1. Weed Control Act
- 4.2. Soil Conservation Act
- 4.3. Agricultural Pests Act

5. End of Policy

ADOPTED:

Resolution C170(02/22/10)

Date: February 22, 2011

AMENDED:

Resolution C422-18 (09/11/18)

Date: September 18, 2018

Resolution C433-19 (09/10/19)

Date: September 10, 2019

Resolution C487-20 (10/13/19)

Date: October 13, 2020

Resolution C414-24 (07/23/24)

Date: July 23, 2024

Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	DEPOSIT	AG RATE	COMMERCIAL RATE	COMMUNITY RATE
BBQ Trailer	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Chem Wipe Applicators				
<i>Quad Mount</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Hand Held</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Roller Applicator</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
<i>Rotowiper</i>	\$150.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
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<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge
<i>Signs</i>	\$60.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Sprayers				
<i>Backpack</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
<i>Quad Mounted</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Quad Pull Type</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Skidmount</i>	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Truck Mount</i>	\$200.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
<i>Steam Table</i>	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Tables & Chairs</i>	\$50.00	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	\$1.00/table & \$.50/Chair	No Charge 2 days
<i>Toilets</i>	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
Water Pumps				
<i>Summer (APR-SEPT)</i>	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Winter (OCT-MAR)</i>	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	No Charge 2 days
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	2025 Draft Budget
File:	63-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the draft 2025 Agricultural Service Board budget for discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft 2025 Agricultural Service Board Budget Working Papers

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to accept the draft 2025 Agricultural Service Board budget, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**

AgFieldman:



2-63-02-02-11*	Ag Svc - ASB - Wages	Add an Ag Asisstant/Extension Officer	Increases budget by \$26,150.00
2-63-10-10-11*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Wages	Add an Ag Asisstant/Extension Officer	Increases budget by \$4,000.00
2-63-10-20-13*	Ag Svc -Public Awareness - Wages	Add an Ag Asisstant/Extension Officer	Increases budget by \$26,000.00
2-63-10-20	Ag Svc - Public Awareness	Hold 10 Extension Events in the County Annually	Increases budget by \$23,700.00
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Wages	Hire 3 weed inspector/sprayer operators	Decreases budget by \$28,373.00

Expenditure Account	2022 Actual		2023 Actual		2024 Actual		2024 Budget		2024 Remaining		2025 Budget		2026 Budget		2027 Budget	
	2022-12-31	2023-12-31	2022-12-31	2023-12-31	2024-06-30											
FUNCIÓN	4,499	2,841	4,000	2,841	4,000		4,000	100%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Employer Contributions	515	341	600	341	600		600	100%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Employer Contributions	5,012	3,182	1,000	3,182	1,000		4,800	100%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Freight & Postage	574	379	315	379	315		710	71%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Other Contracted Service	1,100	1,085	1,320	1,085	1,320		350	47%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Licenses & Permits	137	110	1,800	110	1,800		192	11%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Insurance	1,978	2,046	3,533	2,046	3,533		1,767	33%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Other Miscellaneous Services	3,768	3,623	5,300	3,623	5,300		1,767	33%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Janitorial Supplies	24	27	100	27	100		100	100%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Safety Supplies	423	472	1,000	472	1,000		5,101	100%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Fuel	9,559	5,717	7,500	5,717	7,500		5,101	68%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Tires, Batteries and Acc	134	498	300	498	300		257	86%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Equipment, Machine and	10,152	6,723	8,900	6,723	8,900		6,431	7%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Other Equipment, Machi	(18,993)	(13,527)	(18,000)	(13,527)	(18,000)		(12,798)	68%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Charges, Penalties and	76,063	57,988	80,000	57,988	80,000		75,745	95%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Charges	9,086	7,497	10,100	7,497	10,100		9,430	93%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Charges	85,151	85,486	90,100	85,486	90,100		85,175	100%								
RENTAL EQUIPMENT - Freight & Postage	475	338	300	338	300		275	92%								
Roads - Mowing - Telephone	510	142,932	35,466	142,932	35,466		188,532	76%								
Roads - Mowing - Subscriptions & Publications	130,962	161,150	3,022	161,150	3,022		11,743	10%								
Roads - Mowing - Equipment Chargeback	18,399															
Roads - Mowing - Other Professional Services																
Roads - Mowing - Equipment, Machine and Vehi																
Roads - Mowing - Other Equipment, Machines and																
Roads - Mowing - Equipment RRM																
Roads - Mowing - Equipment & Furniture Rental																
Roads - Mowing - Damage Claims																
Contracted & General Services	150,545	156,419	40,544	156,419	40,544		120,561	75%								
Roads - Mowing - Safety Supplies	30	156	200	156	200		200	100%								
Roads - Mowing - Other General Goods & Supplie	212															
Roads - Mowing - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze	41															
Roads - Mowing - Equipment, Machine and Vehi	28															
Roads - Mowing - Consumable Tools	283	1,700	850	1,700	850		2,050	6%								
Roads - Mowing - Other Construction and Mainte	2,695	2,695	2,500	2,695	2,500		2,695	100%								
Roads - Mowing - Amort Exp - Mach & Equip	2,695	2,695	2,695	2,695	2,695		2,695	100%								
Roads - Mowing - Amort Exp - Vehicles	238,674	229,298	46,118	229,298	46,118		206,996	87%								
Annual/Monthly Expense																
Roads - Mowing	90,564	72,779	36,277	72,779	36,277		43,723	55%								
Al Svc - ASB - Employer Contributions	77,277	67,372	17,841	67,372	17,841		52,159	75%								
Al Svc - ASB - Training & Education	575		1,500		1,500		1,500	100%								
Al Svc - ASB - Fees for Service	166,115	149,151	54,117	149,151	54,117		97,383	64%								
Al Svc - ASB - Travel & Subsistence	6,289	3,153	4,100	3,153	4,100		4,100	32%								
Al Svc - ASB - Miscellaneous Conference Fees	1,607	1,000	1,300	1,000	1,300		1,225	94%								
Al Svc - ASB - Freight & Postage	900	450	900	450	900		900	100%								
Al Svc - ASB - Internet	2,564	1,119	394	1,119	394		1,706	81%								
Al Svc - ASB - Telephone																
Al Svc - ASB - Hospitality																
Al Svc - ASB - Advertising & Promotion																
Al Svc - ASB - Printing & Binding																
Al Svc - ASB - Subscriptions & Publications																
Al Svc - ASB - Municipal Membership Fees																
Al Svc - ASB - Other Contracted Services	191	60,237	39,245	60,237	39,245		28,920	47%								
Al Svc - ASB - Other Contracted Services	54,546	13,324	4,008	13,324	4,008		9,318	70%								
Al Svc - ASB - Vehicle Chargebacks	14,754	577	815	577	815		65	-10%								
Al Svc - ASB - Vehicle Chargebacks	2,191	2,224	2,246	2,224	2,246		70	-3%								
Al Svc - ASB - Communications Chargeback	855	855	546	855	546		454	45%								
Al Svc - ASB - Insurance	70		100		100		100	100%								
Al Svc - ASB - Other Miscellaneous Services	96,578	89,330	44,514	89,330	44,514		44,366	50%								
Contracted & General Services	243		800		800		783	98%								
Al Svc - ASB - Stationery Supplies																
Al Svc - ASB - Consumable & Bulk Foods																
Al Svc - ASB - Catered & Prepared Foods																
Al Svc - ASB - Furniture, ADP & Commis Purcha	13															
Al Svc - ASB - Other General Goods & Supplies																
Al Svc - ASB - Tires, Batteries and Accessories																
Al Svc - ASB - Consumable Tools	266	716	17	716	17		783	98%								
Miscellaneous Goods & Utilities																
Al Svc - AESA - Grants to Individuals & NGOs																
Al Svc - AESA - General - Grants																

Ag Svc - Improvement - V SI	21,582	76,082	54,500	47,950	17,700	152,528	253,849	197,803	274,600	91,757	28%	69,500		
2-63-10-50-112														
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2-63-40-02-529	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - General - Other S	19		19									
2-63-40-02-531	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - General - Chemi												
2-63-40-02-534	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - General - Water												
2-63-40-02-541	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - General - To Opal												
2-63-40-02-814	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - General - Charge												
2-63-40-10-11*	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - General - Wipes	15,083	1.907	28,758									
2-63-40-10-13*	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Brush - Empser	804		804									
2-63-40-10-239	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Co	86		86									
2-63-40-10-243	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipmen												
2-63-40-10-523	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Brush - Chemical	166		166									
2-63-40-10-531	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Co												
2-63-40-10-539	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Co												
2-63-40-30-11*	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Waget	1,066		1,066									
2-63-40-30-13*	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Empla	11,705		11,705									
2-63-40-30-211	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Empla	1,060		1,060									
2-63-40-30-217	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Freshu	61		61									
2-63-40-30-249	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Teleph	1/5		1/5									
2-63-40-30-253	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other												
2-63-40-30-517	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipm	2,259		2,259									
2-63-40-30-519	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other	153		153									
2-63-40-30-523	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipm	294		294									
2-63-40-30-524	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Consu												
2-63-40-30-531	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Chemi	1,647		1,647									
2-63-40-30-535	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Water	65		65									
2-63-40-30-536	Al Svc Control - Vegetation - Shoulder	15,475		15,475									
2-63-50-02-11*	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Weades	30,327	1.682	51,015									
2-63-50-02-13*	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Empla	12,480	4.366	54,485									
2-63-50-02-148	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Trannin	1,458	5.273	7,688									
2-63-50-02-214	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Travel	650	800	520,000									
2-63-50-02-215	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Freight												
2-63-50-02-216	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Internel												
2-63-50-02-219	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Hospital												
2-63-50-02-221	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Prnting	388		388									
2-63-50-02-222	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Subscr												
2-63-50-02-223	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Other F												
2-63-50-02-238	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Equip F	1,813	1.867	3,385									
2-63-50-02-245	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle	10,009	9.193	91,985									
2-63-50-02-253	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Equip F												
2-63-50-02-265	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle												
2-63-50-02-274	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Insurah	282		282									
2-63-50-02-511	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Station												
2-63-50-02-514	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Consum												
2-63-50-02-515	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Catered	120		120									
2-63-50-02-518	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Safety												
2-63-50-02-519	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Other C	202		202									
2-63-50-02-521	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas O	24		24									
2-63-50-02-522	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Trac B												
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2-63-50-02-524	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Consum												
2-63-50-02-529	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Other E												
2-63-50-02-531	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Chemi												
2-63-50-02-795	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - General - Amort E												
2-63-50-30-11*	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Wal	27,545	17.780	488,000									
2-63-50-30-13*	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Emh	29,053	4.894	141,180									
2-63-50-30-211	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Trak	3,376	5.79	19,545									
2-63-50-30-217	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Trak	113		113									
2-63-50-30-239	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Oth												
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2-63-50-30-531	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Che												
2-63-50-30-13*	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Wal	32,582	5.535	180,450									
2-63-50-30-211	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Emh												
2-63-50-30-253	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Trak												
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2-63-50-30-524	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone												
2-63-50-30-13*	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Wal	60,128	20.578	1,237,000									
2-63-50-30-211	Al Svc Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Emh	101,346	21.679	2,197,000									

Agricultural Services	633,254	687,526	321,130	787,866	466,736	59%	605,425
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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a list of upcoming agricultural related events for their information.

BACKGROUND:

Upcoming Events:

- Alberta Pulse Growers Zone 4 Fall Meeting on November 12, 2024 in Fairview, AB.
- Winter Grazing Tour on November 13, 2024 at Garth Shaw's in the M.D. of Fairview.
- V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD Annual General Meeting on November 15, 2024 at the Peace Valley Inn in Peace River, AB.
- Winter Watering Tour on November 20, 2024 in Goodfare, AB.
- PCBFA Annual General Meeting November 30, 2024 at the Chateau Nova Hotel in Peace River, AB.

ATTACHMENTS:

Alberta Pulse Growers Poster

Winter Grazing Tour Poster

V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD Annual General Meeting at the Peace Valley Inn in Peace River, AB.

Winter Watering Tour Poster

PCBFA Annual General Meeting

Calanders: October, November, December

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Alberta Pulse Growers Zone 4 Fall Meeting on November 12, 2024 in Fairview, AB.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Winter Grazing Tour on November 13, 2024 at Garth Shaw's in the M.D. of Fairview.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize Chairman Janzen to the attend the V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD Annual General Meeting on November 15, 2024 at the Peace Valley Inn in Peace River, AB, with Member Watchorn as the alternate attendee.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Winter Watering Tour on November 20, 2024 in Goodfare, AB.

RESOLUTION by... to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the PCBFA Annual General Meeting November 30, 2024 at the Chateau Nova Hotel in Peace River, AB.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**



AgFieldman:





Winter Grazing Tour

Looking at various winter grazing techniques including corn and other alternative feed sources.



November 13, 2024
2:00-3:30pm



Garth Shaw's - TWP 805
& RR 53 - MD of Fairview
Contact us for location



Snacks & Refreshments
provided

INFO@PCBFA.CA

780-834-7256

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September 15, 2024

Mr. Allan Rowe, CAO
Clear Hills County
PO Box 240
Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Dear Allan,

This email is to inform you of the upcoming **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. followed by the **Directors Meeting**. They will be held on **Friday November 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Peace Valley Inns – 9609 101 St.**, Peace River, AB. We are once again looking to offer attending by Zoom if demand is there.

At the same time, I would like you to confirm your representative, and possibly an alternate, to attend this meeting on your behalf. Currently I have Mr. David Janzen as your representative, with Brian Harcourt as alternate.

After receiving confirmation, I will mail your representative and yourself the required documents to allow full participation in the AGM meeting.

Sincerely,

Rik Vandekerkhove DVM

Manager

cc. Greg Coon
Natasha Gillett



WINTER WATERING TOUR

EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE WINTER WATERING SYSTEMS THAT ARE SUITED TO OUR CLIMATE. TAKE A TOUR OF THE HOMESTEAD'S DISTINCTIVE AND DIVERSE FARM AND VISIT THEIR PEACE REGION LIVING LAB PROJECT SITE.
SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.



'THE HOMESTEAD'
713082 RR 131
GOODFARE, AB



NOVEMBER 20, 2024
2:00-3:30PM



SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



PRE-REGISTRY STRONGLY PREFERRED.

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780-834-7256

You're invited to our

Annual General Meeting



November 30th, 2024

Chateau Nova Hotel
Peace River



Join us at our Annual General Meeting to shape our future together and share in the success of PCBFA!



**Networking at
3:30pm**



**Business Meeting & Awards
at 4:30pm**



**Supper at
5:30pm**

Join us for our Annual General Meeting, with doors opening at 3:30 PM. This event will include key updates, director elections, and recognition of our "Member of the Year" and "Grant Gaschnitz Sponsorship Award". Enjoy supper and networking at 5:30 PM, followed by research & extension updates. At 7:30 PM wrap up the evening with keynote speaker, Brett Gardiner. We look forward to seeing you!

Keynote Speaker

Brett Gardiner



A block of rooms is available at a discounted rate if booked before October 30th - Use Code 2411PeaceC

PRE-REGISTRY STRONGLY PREFERRED

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info@pcbfa.ca

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OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 P & P	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Council	9	10 Alberta Forest Products Association-DJ	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15 ASB	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Council	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Council Organization al Meeting & Policy & Priority	30	31	1	2

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RMA Convention & Tradeshow					
10	11 Remembrance Day	12 APG Zone 4 Fall Meeting Council	13 Winter Grazing Tour	14	15 VSI AGM	16
17	18	19 ASB	20 Winter Watering Tour	21	22	23
24	25	26 Council	27	28	29	30 PCBFA AGM

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Policy & Priority Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Council	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 ASB	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Closed	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31	1 New Years Day	2	3	4

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.


BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

Agricultural Fieldman Report – October 15, 2024
Rental Equipment Summary

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that the **Agricultural Service Board** accepts the **October 15, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman report** for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: ~~Ma~~ Manager: AgFieldman: 

OCTOBER 15, 2024

PEST CONTROL

• **Wolves Claimed 2024 YTD:**

Total #	Total \$
15	\$3000.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. The mowers ran double shift until end of August and are now back to single shift.
2. The mowers have completed a shoulder cut on the whole county and a full cut on $\frac{3}{4}$ of the county. They should complete the full cut on everything by end of October.
3. Weed inspectors finished up October 4th.
4. Carter Clay will be staying on to work as an Agricultural Fieldman assistant/Extension Officer. He has started working on putting together a presentation on Agricultural grants that are and/or will be available to producers in the county.
5. The feedlot tours will be rescheduled after mid October. Both Colonies are too busy until then.
6. Water pumps have been very busy and continue to be.
7. The agricultural department is working on budget. The following are some of the capital items that will be included:
 - \$30,000.00 for replacing County office air conditioning units.
 - \$30,000.00 for cladding the exterior of the shop with tin.
 - \$60,000.00 for the replacement of one mower.

January 1 - September 30, 2024

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -	
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	4	4	\$ 120.00	
BBQ Trailer	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	6	6	\$ 225.00	
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	14	14	\$ 583.00	
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	2	3	\$ 100.00	
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	3	3	\$ 50.00	
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Exta Hoses	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	0	0	\$ -	
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	0	0	\$ -	
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	6	17	\$ -	\$ 819.80
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	2	5	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 192.13
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	18	18	\$ 5,158.00	\$ 1,361.44
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	8	17	\$ 510.00	
Land Leveller	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	2	2	\$ 300.00	\$ 766.92
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	3	3	\$ 50.00	\$ 349.54
Manure Spreader	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	2	5	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,868.50
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	2	11	\$ -	
Post Pounder	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	10	14	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 2,987.75
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	5	14	\$ -	
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	4	\$ -	
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	1	2	\$ 40.00	
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Skidmount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	8	\$ -	
Smoke Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -	3	32	\$ -	
Scare Cannon	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	10	\$ -	
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	14	14	\$ 197.00	
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	7	7	\$ 160.00	
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	2	3	\$ -	
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	4	5	\$ 10.00	
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
Water Pumps	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	35	47	\$ 4,562.56	\$ 5,754.14
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	7	13	\$ 325.00	
			165	282	\$ 17,090.56	\$ 14,100.22

Revenue	\$ 17,090.56
Equipment Expense	\$ 14,100.22
Insurance	\$ 1,644.71
Chargeback	\$ 17,386.39
Profit/Loss	-\$16,040.76

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHEMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by.. that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of October 15, 2024, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:** **AgFieldman:** 