

**AGENDA  
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

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The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 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**  
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- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

ATTENDING

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Allan Rowe	Chief Administrative Officer
Natasha Gillett	Community Services Clerk
Carter Clay	Agricultural Services Staff Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

**AG87-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Board adopts the agenda governing the October 15, 2024, Agricultural Service Board meeting, as presented. CARRIED.**

MINUTES

Previous Meeting Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

**AG88-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Board adopts the minutes of the September 17, 2024, Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

**AG89-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Board accepts the October 15, 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.

Deputy Chair Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

**AG90-24(10/15/24)**

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

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Peace Region

ASB Conference

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.

**AG91-24(10/15/24)**

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

Neighboring  
Municipalities Rental  
Equipment Agreement

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.

**AG92-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to recommend Council amend the rental equipment schedule of fees with the addition of a onetime fee of \$100.00 for specified pieces of rental equipment that will be charged if taken out of the Clear Hills County borders, as well as a clause stating non-County resident bookings will not be accepted prior to three (3) days before intended booking date. CARRIED.**

Rental Equipment  
Review

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.

**AG93-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to recommend Council decrease the Grain Bagger Agricultural rental rate to \$200.00 per day, with the addition of a clause stating that rent will be charged for every day rented opposed to every day used. CARRIED.**

2025 Draft Budget

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

**AG94-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen to accept the draft 2025 Agricultural Service Board budget, with the addition of \$5000.00 for extension services and research. CARRIED.**

**AG95-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn to direct administration to gather information on roadside brushing equipment and programs to achieve road right-of-way widening, and bring it back to the November 19, 2024 Agricultural Services Board meeting. CARRIED.**

Events

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

**AG96-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the**

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

**Alberta Pulse Growers Zone 4 Fall Meeting on November 12, 2024 in Fairview, AB. CARRIED.**

**AG97-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen 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. CARRIED.**

**AG98-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Jensen to authorize Chairman Janzen to 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. CARRIED.**

**AG99-24(10/15/24)**

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

**AG100-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen 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. CARRIED.**

**AG101-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the PCBFA Harvest Supper October 25, 2024 at the Eureka River Hall. CARRIED.**

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman Report

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

**AG102-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Board accepts the October 15, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

INFORMATION &  
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

**AG103-24(10/15/24)**

**RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 15, 2024, information and correspondence, as presented. CARRIED.**

ROUND TABLE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Janzen adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>ACTIVITY REPORT</b>
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 November 19, 2024, Board Activity Report, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:





## Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

### Activity Report for October 15, 2024 Page 1 of 2

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
		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
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
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
		October 15, 2024		
AG92-24	(10/15/24)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker to amend the rental equipment schedule of fees with the addition of a onetime fee of \$100.00 for specified pieces of rental equipment that will be charged if taken out of the Clear Hills County borders, as well as a clause stating non-County resident bookings will not be accepted prior to three (3) days before intended booking date. CARRIED.	AG/CSM	Future Council Meeting
AG93-24	(10/15/24)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker to recommend Council decrease the Grain Bagger Agricultural rental rate to \$200.00 per day, with the addition of a clause stating that rent will be charged for every day rented opposed to every day used. CARRIED.	AG/CSM	Future Council Meeting



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# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>BOARD REPORTS</b>
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:

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION** by.. that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal reports of November 19, 2024, for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>Roadside Brushing Equipment and Programs</b>
File:	63-10-02

### DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information regarding roadside brushing equipment and procedures used to achieve road right-of-way widening.

### BACKGROUND:

**AG95-24(10/15/24)** RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn to direct administration to gather information on roadside brushing equipment and programs to achieve road right-of-way widening, and bring it back to the November 19, 2024 Agricultural Services Board meeting. **CARRIED.**

### ATTACHMENTS:

Roadside brushing equipment information

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION** by.. to accept the discussion regarding roadside brushing equipment and programs used to achieve road right-of-way widening, for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager: 

AgFieldman: 

## Roadside Brushing Equipment Information

-Track Hoe mounted flail mulcher:



This will cut branches of trees overhanging onto the right of ways but doesn't truly mulch but breaks debris up into chunks. Debris will end up on the road and would have to be cleaned off. Road would have to be blocked off while working due to flying debris. Only one contractor in the Peace country that has one. Cost would be \$12,000.00/km of road plus cleanup of debris and mob and demob. This is just a trimming of overhanging branches which will certainly grow back.

-Feller Buncher:

This is full tree cutting however would require landowner permission to cut any outside of the county right of way. Marketable trees would have to be delimbed and salvaged. This would involve trucking costs and then mulching up limbs and debris. This would be a costly solution and would fall under the public works umbrella.

-Mowing:

The existing mowing program strives to keep small brush cut back as close to the edge of the county right of way as possible, as long as the mowers can get over the trees without damaging equipment. In 2025, we will have a wheel hoe go ahead of the mowers to push fallen trees back to the edge of the right of ways.

# Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>Clubroot of Canola Update</b>
File:	63-30-10

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with information regarding a clubroot of canola discovery within Clear Hills County.

BACKGROUND:

This is the first discovered case of clubroot of canola within the Clear Hill County borders.

ATTACHMENTS:

Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION** by.. to accept the discussion regarding a clubroot of canola discovery within Clear Hills County, for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:





# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>January 11, 2022</b>	Policy Number <b>6306</b>
Title: <b>CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY</b>	

## 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Clear Hills County will implement procedures to reduce the possibility of introduction, limit the spread, and minimize yield losses of Clubroot in Canola in the County.

## 2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Agricultural Services staff will conduct a minimum of 25 field inspections, as per Clubroot in Canola Procedure 6306-01, for Clubroot on Canola grown in the County. Fields will be selected according to the following criteria:
  - 2.1.1. Fields surrounding an infected field; or fields associated with an infected field through equipment, geography, ownership, etc.
  - 2.1.2. Canola fields displaying symptoms similar to those infected with Clubroot
  - 2.1.3. Fields with a short or no crop rotation. (ie. canola on canola)
  - 2.1.4. Random fields throughout the County for adequate surveying coverage.
- 2.2. Agricultural Services staff will educate producers, general public and other industry about Clubroot of Canola, through newsletters, publications, workshops and one-on-one communications.
- 2.3. Any Canola crops displaying symptoms of Clubroot infection will be sampled and samples will be sent to a credible laboratory for confirming or denying the presence of Clubroot.
- 2.4. Agricultural Service Board will work cooperatively with neighboring municipalities and primary producers.

## 3. Enforcement

- 3.1. Upon confirmation of a Clubroot infected Canola field in the County:
  - 3.1.1. The landowner and registered occupant will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
  - 3.1.2. All landowners and registered occupants within a 5 mile radius of the field where Clubroot was confirmed, will be sent written notice that Clubroot was confirmed within 5 miles of their property. Additional information including the *Alberta Clubroot Management Plan*, Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306, Clubroot identification information, equipment cleaning procedures and information on minimizing the spread of Clubroot.
  - 3.1.3. A County wide public notice will be issued, informing the general public, contractors, stakeholders, industry and all County landowners that Clubroot of Canola has been confirmed in the County. This will be posted in the County newsletter and the local newspaper.
- 3.2. A Notice given for Clubroot will require for the infected field:
  - 3.2.1. That no canola crop or any host crop shall be grown in that field for a minimum of 3 years, beginning with the year following the discovery of Clubroot infection

in that field. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year a Clubroot resistant canola variety may be grown.

- 3.2.2. That all volunteer host plants (cultivars or weeds) must be destroyed to prevent more than 3 weeks growth.
  - 3.2.3. That straw, chaff, feed, dirt, and debris must not be removed from the field for 4 years following the year of detecting Clubroot in the field.
  - 3.2.4. That access areas to the infected field be seeded and maintained with non-susceptible grasses (for cleaning equipment).
  - 3.2.5. That all equipment leaving that field must be cleaned by removing all dirt, plant material, and debris.
- 3.3. Infected fields will be monitored for compliance for 4 years following the issuance of the Notice.
  - 3.4. Crops growing in non-compliance will be destroyed at the landowner's expense.
  - 3.5. Should enforcement be required, additional administrative fees will be charged at 15% of the cost of enforcement.

#### **4. Guidelines**

- 4.1. Alberta Clubroot Management Plan <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/7089438>
- 4.2. Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1 <F:\Agriculture\63-30 Pest Control\63-30-10 Crop Diseases\63-30-10 Clubroot\Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1 PRASB signed.docx>

#### **5. Reference to Legislation**

- 5.1. Agricultural Pests Act <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/a08.pdf>
- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta [http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2001\\_184.pdf](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2001_184.pdf)
- 5.3. Clear Hills County Pest Control Policy (6303) <http://clearhillscounty.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/6303-Pest-Control.pdf>

#### **6. End of Policy**

##### ADOPTED

Resolution C344(06/10/08)

Date: June 10, 2008

##### AMENDED

Resolution C165(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution C192-16(4/12/16)

Date: April 12, 2016

Resolution C011-22 (01-11-22)

Date: January 11, 2022

# Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>Bill C-293 Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness</b>
File:	63-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with Bill C-293, an Act respecting pandemic prevention and preparedness.

BACKGROUND:

Bill C-293 was passed by the House of Commons of Canada on June 5, 2024. This enactment enacts the Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness Act to require the Minister of Health to establish, in consultation with other ministers, a pandemic prevention and preparedness plan, which is to include information provided by those ministers. It also amends the Department of Health Act to provide that the Minister of Health must appoint a national pandemic prevention and preparedness coordinator from among the officials of the Public Health Agency of Canada to coordinate the activities under the Prevention and Preparedness Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bill C-293

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION by...**

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



**AgFieldman:**



First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament,  
70-71 Elizabeth II – 1-2 Charles III, 2021-2022-2023-2024

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

## BILL C-293

An Act respecting pandemic prevention and  
preparedness

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**AS PASSED**

BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

JUNE 5, 2024

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Première session, quarante-quatrième législature,  
70-71 Elizabeth II – 1-2 Charles III, 2021-2022-2023-2024

CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES DU CANADA

## PROJET DE LOI C-293

Loi concernant la prévention et la  
préparation en matière de pandémie

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**ADOPTÉ**

PAR LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES

LE 5 JUIN 2024

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## SUMMARY

This enactment enacts the *Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness Act* to require the Minister of Health to establish, in consultation with other ministers, a pandemic prevention and preparedness plan, which is to include information provided by those ministers.

It also amends the *Department of Health Act* to provide that the Minister of Health must appoint a national pandemic prevention and preparedness coordinator from among the officials of the Public Health Agency of Canada to coordinate the activities under the *Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness Act*.

## SOMMAIRE

Le texte édicte la *Loi sur la prévention et la préparation en matière de pandémie* afin d'exiger du ministre de la Santé qu'il établisse, en consultation avec d'autres ministres, un plan de prévention et de préparation en matière de pandémie qui comprend les renseignements fournis par ceux-ci.

Il modifie également la *Loi sur le ministère de la Santé* afin de prévoir que le ministre de la Santé nomme, parmi les fonctionnaires de l'Agence de la santé publique du Canada, un coordonnateur national de la prévention et de la préparation en matière de pandémie chargé de coordonner les activités prévues par la *Loi sur la prévention et la préparation en matière de pandémie*.



## BILL C-293

An Act respecting pandemic prevention and preparedness

### Preamble

Whereas the costs of prevention and preparedness measures are insignificant in comparison to the human and economic costs of a pandemic;

Whereas Parliament is committed to making efforts to prevent the risk of and prepare for future pandemics and to promote transparency and accountability in relation to those efforts;

Whereas it is critical to build on the lessons learned from previous outbreaks of serious diseases, including severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), Ebola virus disease (EVD), Zika virus disease, tuberculosis, H1N1 flu and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);

Whereas a One Health approach — a multisectoral and multidisciplinary collaborative approach that focuses on the human, animal, plant and ecosystem health and welfare interface — is central to preventing the risk of future pandemics;

And whereas this approach requires sustained collaboration among various ministers, all levels of government and Indigenous communities;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

## Short Title

### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness Act*.

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## PROJET DE LOI C-293

Loi concernant la prévention et la préparation en matière de pandémie

### Préambule

Attendu :

que le coût des mesures de prévention et de préparation est négligeable comparativement au coût humain et économique d'une pandémie;

que le Parlement s'est engagé à déployer des efforts pour prévenir le risque de pandémie et se préparer à de futures pandémies, ainsi qu'à promouvoir la transparence et la responsabilisation relativement à ces efforts;

qu'il est essentiel de mettre à profit les leçons tirées des écloisions antérieures de maladies graves, notamment le syndrome respiratoire aigu sévère (SRAS), la maladie à virus Ebola (MVE), la maladie à virus Zika, la tuberculose, la grippe H1N1 et la maladie à coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19);

que l'approche Une seule santé — une approche collaborative multisectorielle et multidisciplinaire qui met l'accent sur les relations entre la santé et le bien-être des êtres humains, des animaux, des végétaux et des écosystèmes — est cruciale pour prévenir le risque de pandémie à l'avenir;

que cette approche nécessite la collaboration soutenue de divers ministres, de tous les ordres de gouvernement et des collectivités autochtones,

Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes du Canada, édicte :

## Titre abrégé

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1 *Loi sur la prévention et la préparation en matière de pandémie*.

## Purpose of Act

### Purpose

**2** The purpose of this Act is to prevent the risk of and prepare for future pandemics and to promote transparency and accountability in relation to the Government of Canada's efforts to do so.

## Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness Plan

### Pandemic prevention and preparedness plan

**3 (1)** The Minister of Health must establish a pandemic prevention and preparedness plan. 5

### Plan – contents

**(2)** The pandemic prevention and preparedness plan must

**(a)** set out a summary of mitigation strategies that the Minister of Health intends to implement in order to prevent the risk of and prepare for disease outbreaks that could lead to pandemics, as well as a projected timeline for their implementation; 10

**(b)** identify the key drivers of pandemic risk and describe how Canadian activities, domestic and abroad, contribute to the risk; 15

**(c)** ensure sustained collaboration between the Minister of Health and provincial governments and Indigenous communities in the development of the plan in order to align approaches and address any jurisdictional challenges, including with respect to the collection and sharing of data; 20

**(d)** provide for training programs, including collaborative activities, with other levels of government, Indigenous communities and relevant agencies; 25

**(e)** ensure that standards and guidelines that pertain to the prevention of and response to pandemic risk are aligned with the approach described in paragraph (3)(a);

**(f)** describe the state of research in relation to preventing and responding to infectious diseases that could lead to pandemics; 30

## Objet de la loi

### Objet

**2** La présente loi vise à prévenir le risque de pandémie et à assurer la préparation aux pandémies futures ainsi qu'à promouvoir la transparence et la responsabilisation relativement aux efforts déployés par le gouvernement du Canada pour y parvenir. 5

## Plan de prévention et de préparation en matière de pandémie

### Plan de prévention et de préparation en matière de pandémie

**3 (1)** Le ministre de la Santé établit un plan de prévention et de préparation en matière de pandémie.

### Contenu

**(2)** Le plan de prévention et de préparation en matière de pandémie :

**a)** résume les stratégies d'atténuation que le ministre de la Santé entend mettre en œuvre pour prévenir le risque d'éclotions de maladies et se préparer à des éclotions susceptibles d'entraîner une pandémie, et prévoit un calendrier de mise en œuvre; 10

**b)** énumère les facteurs clés de risque de pandémie et décrit comment les activités du Canada, au pays et à l'étranger, contribuent à ce risque; 15

**c)** veille à ce que le ministre de la Santé, les gouvernements provinciaux et les collectivités autochtones collaborent de façon soutenue à l'élaboration du plan, de manière à harmoniser les approches et à résoudre toute question de compétence, notamment concernant la collecte et la mise en commun des données; 20

**d)** prévoit des programmes de formation, y compris des activités de collaboration, avec les autres ordres de gouvernement, les collectivités autochtones et les organismes concernés; 25

**e)** veille à ce que les normes et les lignes directrices relatives à la prévention des risques de pandémie et aux mesures prises en réponse à ces risques s'alignent sur l'approche visée à l'alinéa (3)a); 30

**f)** décrit l'état de la recherche en lien avec la prévention de maladies infectieuses susceptibles d'entraîner une pandémie et avec les mesures prises en réponse à ces maladies; 35

- (g)** provide for the establishment and interlinking of surveillance systems for infectious diseases in Canada and for infectious diseases of concern outside Canada;
- (h)** support local public health and primary care capacity building; 5
- (i)** identify preparedness strategies for public health services across Canada including in respect of
- (i)** the protection of vulnerable and marginalized populations, 10
  - (ii)** working conditions of essential workers across all sectors, 10
  - (iii)** the availability and management of relevant stockpiles, including testing equipment and personal protective equipment, 15
  - (iv)** the surge capacity of human resources required for the testing and contact tracing of persons exposed to infectious diseases, and 15
  - (v)** communication of risk to the public;
- (j)** provide for measures, including training, to increase the ability of healthcare workers in a range of settings to manage sudden and unexpected increases in patient volume; 20
- (k)** include the following information, to be provided by the Minister of Industry:
- (i)** the manufacturing capacity in Canada with respect to any product relevant to pandemic preparedness, including vaccines, testing equipment and personal protective equipment, and the measures that the Minister of Industry intends to take to address any supply chain gaps identified, and 25 30
  - (ii)** the communications capacity and infrastructure for electronic platforms and tools, including electronic applications that enable contact tracing of persons exposed to infectious diseases that could lead to pandemics; 35
- (l)** after consultation with the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Minister of Industry and provincial governments, provide for measures to
- (i)** reduce the risks posed by antimicrobial resistance, 40
  - (ii)** regulate commercial activities that can contribute to pandemic risk, including industrial animal agriculture,
- (g)** prévoit la mise sur pied de systèmes interreliés de surveillance des maladies infectieuses au Canada et des maladies infectieuses préoccupantes à l'étranger;
- (h)** soutient le renforcement des capacités locales en matière de santé publique et de soins primaires; 5
- (i)** cible des stratégies de préparation destinées aux services de santé publique à l'échelle du Canada, notamment en ce qui a trait aux aspects suivants :
- (i)** la protection des populations vulnérables et marginalisées, 10
  - (ii)** les conditions de travail des travailleurs essentiels dans tous les secteurs,
  - (iii)** la disponibilité et la gestion des stocks visés, notamment le matériel de dépistage et l'équipement de protection individuelle, 15
  - (iv)** la capacité de mobilisation des ressources humaines requises pour le dépistage et la recherche des personnes ayant été exposées à des maladies infectieuses,
  - (v)** la communication des risques au public; 20
- (j)** prévoit des mesures, y compris de la formation, pour accroître la capacité des travailleurs de la santé de différents milieux à gérer des hausses soudaines et imprévues du nombre de patients;
- (k)** contient les renseignements suivants, que le ministre de l'Industrie fournit :
- (i)** la capacité de fabrication au Canada de tout produit lié à la préparation en cas de pandémie, dont les vaccins, le matériel de dépistage et l'équipement de protection individuelle, ainsi que les mesures qu'il entend prendre pour combler toute lacune dans la chaîne d'approvisionnement, 30
  - (ii)** la capacité et l'infrastructure de communication liées aux plates-formes et aux outils électroniques, dont les applications électroniques, qui permettent la recherche des personnes exposées à des maladies infectieuses susceptibles d'entraîner une pandémie; 35
- (l)** prévoit, après consultation du ministre de l'Agriculture et de l'Agroalimentaire, du ministre de l'Industrie et des gouvernements provinciaux, des mesures pour :
- (i)** réduire les risques que présente la résistance antimicrobienne, 40

- (iii)** promote commercial activities that can help reduce pandemic risk, including the production of alternative proteins, and
- (iv)** phase out commercial activities that disproportionately contribute to pandemic risk, including activities that involve high-risk species; 5
- (m)** include the following information, to be provided by the Minister of the Environment:
- (i)** after consultation with relevant provincial ministers, a summary of changes in land use in Canada, including in relation to disturbed habitats, that could contribute to pandemic risk, such as deforestation, encroachment on wildlife habitats and urbanization and that were made, in the case of the first plan, since the last report on changes in land use published under the *Federal Sustainable Development Act* or, in the case of the updated plans, during the reporting period for the updated plan, 10 15
- (ii)** a summary of the measures the Minister of the Environment intends to take to reduce the risk that the commercial wildlife trade in Canada and abroad will lead to a pandemic, including measures to regulate or phase out live animal markets, and 20
- (iii)** a summary of the measures the Minister of the Environment intends to take to protect global biodiversity and to halt and reverse global deforestation; 25
- (n)** include a summary, to be provided by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, of the measures that that minister intends to take to support global health equity, including measures to increase public health capacity around the world and to ensure equitable access to vaccines, testing equipment and treatment; 30
- (o)** set out, in consultation with relevant ministers, a summary of key cooperative measures or agreements on disease outbreak prevention and preparedness between the Government of Canada, other foreign governments and key international organizations, including the World Health Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Organization for Animal Health and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; and 35 40
- (p)** set out, in consultation with the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and other relevant ministers, the routes by which and rates at which pathogens that could lead to pandemics could enter Canada and a summary of border-related measures that would be implemented to reduce any risk. 45
- (ii)** réglementer les activités commerciales susceptibles de contribuer au risque de pandémie, notamment l'élevage industriel,
- (iii)** promouvoir les activités commerciales susceptibles de contribuer à réduire les risques de pandémie, notamment la production de protéines de remplacement, 5
- (iv)** éliminer progressivement les activités commerciales qui contribuent de manière disproportionnée au risque de pandémie, notamment celles faisant intervenir des espèces à risque élevé; 10
- m)** contient les renseignements suivants, que le ministre de l'Environnement fournit :
- (i)** après consultation des ministres provinciaux concernés, un résumé des changements d'affectation des terres au Canada, y compris en lien avec les habitats perturbés, qui sont susceptibles de contribuer au risque de pandémie, notamment la déforestation, l'envahissement de l'habitat d'espèces sauvages et l'urbanisation, et qui ont été effectués, s'agissant du premier plan, depuis le dernier rapport sur les changements d'affectation des terres publié sous le régime de la *Loi fédérale sur le développement durable* ou, s'agissant des plans actualisés, pendant la période visée par le rapport sur le plan actualisé, 15 20 25
- (ii)** un résumé des mesures qu'il entend prendre pour réduire les risques de pandémie découlant du commerce d'espèces sauvages au Canada et à l'étranger, y compris celles visant à réglementer ou à éliminer progressivement les marchés d'animaux vivants, 30
- (iii)** un résumé des mesures qu'il entend prendre pour protéger la biodiversité mondiale et pour faire cesser et inverser la déforestation dans le monde; 35
- n)** comprend un résumé, que le ministre des Affaires étrangères fournit, des mesures qu'il entend prendre pour soutenir l'équité en santé à l'échelle mondiale, y compris pour accroître la capacité en matière de santé publique dans le monde et pour garantir un accès équitable aux vaccins, au matériel de dépistage et aux traitements; 40
- o)** résume, après consultation des ministres concernés, les mesures ou ententes clés de coopération sur la prévention et la préparation en matière d'éclousions de maladies entre le gouvernement du Canada et des gouvernements étrangers ainsi que d'importantes organisations internationales, notamment l'Organisation mondiale de la santé, le Programme des Nations 45

Unies pour l'environnement, l'Organisation mondiale de la santé animale et l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture;

**p)** établit, après consultation du ministre des Transports, du ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile ainsi que d'autres ministres concernés, par quels moyens et à quelle vitesse des agents pathogènes susceptibles d'entraîner une pandémie pourraient arriver au Canada, ainsi qu'un résumé des mesures qui devraient être mises en œuvre aux frontières pour réduire tout risque.

### Considerations

**(3)** When establishing the plan under subsection (1) or when providing the required information under subsection (2), the Minister of Health or the ministers referred to in subsection (2), as the case may be, must

**(a)** use a multisectoral and multidisciplinary collaborative approach, known as a One Health approach, that focuses on the human, animal, plant and ecosystem health and welfare interface;

**(b)** take into account the best scientific information available;

**(c)** leverage international expertise by using internationally developed metrics for pandemic prevention and preparedness, when applicable; and

**(d)** take into account the recommendations made by the advisory committee following its review of the response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Canada.

### Tabling

**(4)** Within two years after the day on which this Act comes into force, the Minister of Health must prepare a report setting out the plan and cause it to be tabled in each House of Parliament on any of the first 15 days on which that House is sitting after it is completed.

### Publication

**(5)** The Minister of Health must publish the report on the website of the Department of Health within 10 days after it has been tabled in both Houses of Parliament.

### Updated plan

**4 (1)** The Minister of Health must update the pandemic prevention and preparedness plan at least once every three years and cause a report setting out the updated

### Éléments à prendre en compte

**(3)** Lorsqu'il établit le plan prévu au paragraphe (1) ou fournit les renseignements exigés au paragraphe (2), le ministre de la Santé ou tout ministre visé au paragraphe (2) :

**a)** utilise l'approche collaborative multisectorielle et multidisciplinaire appelée Une seule santé, qui met l'accent sur les relations entre la santé et le bien-être des êtres humains, des animaux, des végétaux et des écosystèmes;

**b)** tient compte des meilleures données scientifiques disponibles;

**c)** tire parti de l'expertise internationale en utilisant, s'il y a lieu, des paramètres élaborés à l'échelle internationale relativement à la prévention et à la préparation en matière de pandémie;

**d)** tient compte des recommandations formulées par le comité consultatif à la suite de son examen des mesures prises au Canada en réponse à la maladie à coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

### Dépôt

**(4)** Dans les deux ans suivant la date d'entrée en vigueur de la présente loi, le ministre de la Santé établit un rapport énonçant le plan et le fait déposer devant chaque chambre du Parlement dans les quinze premiers jours de séance de celle-ci suivant son achèvement.

### Publication

**(5)** Le ministre de la Santé publie le rapport sur le site Web du ministère de la Santé dans les dix jours suivant la date de son dépôt devant les deux chambres du Parlement.

### Plan actualisé

**4 (1)** Le ministre de la Santé actualise le plan de prévention et de préparation en matière de pandémie au moins une fois tous les trois ans et fait déposer un rapport

plan to be tabled in each House of Parliament on any of the first 15 days on which that House is sitting after it is completed.

#### Updated plan — contents

(2) In the updated plan, the Minister of Health must

(a) report on the progress that has been made towards preventing pandemic risk and improving preparedness efforts in Canada;

(b) in collaboration with the relevant ministers, provide any relevant updates on the information described under subsection 3(2); and

(c) take into account the considerations set out in subsection 3(3).

#### Publication

(3) The Minister of Health must publish the report on the website of the Department of Health within 10 days after it has been tabled in both Houses of Parliament.

1996, c. 8

## Amendment to the Department of Health Act

**5 The *Department of Health Act* is amended by adding the following after section 4.1:**

#### National coordinator — pandemic prevention and preparedness

**4.11** For the purpose of coordinating the activities under the *Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness Act*, the Minister shall appoint a national pandemic prevention and preparedness coordinator from among the officials of the Public Health Agency of Canada and delegate to the coordinator the powers, duties and functions that the Minister considers appropriate.

énonçant le plan actualisé devant chaque chambre du Parlement dans les quinze premiers jours de séance de celle-ci suivant son achèvement.

#### Contenu

(2) Dans le plan actualisé, le ministre de la Santé :

a) fait rapport des progrès réalisés en vue de prévenir le risque de pandémie et d'améliorer les efforts de préparation au Canada;

b) en collaboration avec les ministres concernés, fournit toute mise à jour pertinente des renseignements visés au paragraphe 3(2);

c) tient compte des éléments énoncés au paragraphe 3(3).

#### Publication

(4) Le ministre de la Santé publie le rapport sur le site Web du ministère de la Santé dans les dix jours suivant la date de son dépôt devant les deux chambres du Parlement.

1996, ch. 8

## Modification à la Loi sur le ministère de la Santé

**5 La *Loi sur le ministère de la Santé* est modifiée par adjonction, après l'article 4.1, de ce qui suit :**

#### Coordonnateur national — prévention et préparation en matière de pandémie

**4.11** Afin de coordonner les activités prévues par la *Loi sur la prévention et la préparation en matière de pandémie*, le ministre nomme un coordonnateur national de la prévention et de la préparation en matière de pandémie, choisi parmi les fonctionnaires de l'Agence de la santé publique du Canada, et lui délègue les attributions qu'il juge indiquées.

# Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>EVENTS</b>
File:	63-10-02

## DESCRIPTION:

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

## BACKGROUND:

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Environmental Farm Plan and CAP grant presentation on November 27, 2024 at the Menno Simmons Community School (community room) in Cleardale, AB.
- Grower Engagement Meeting on December 11, 2024 in Grande Prairie, AB.

## ATTACHMENTS:

EFP and CAP grant poster  
Grower Engagement Meeting poster  
Calanders: November, December, January

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION by...** to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Environmental Farm Plan and CAP grant presentation on October 4, 2024 at the November 27, 2024 at the Menno Simmons Community School in Cleardale, AB.

**RESOLUTION by...** to authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board members to the Grower Engagement Meeting on December 11, 2024 in Grande Prairie, AB.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:





# **ATTENTION FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS!**

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY! JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (CAP) GRANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP).

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024**

**TIME: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**LOCATION: MENNO SIMONS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY ROOM)**

**COST: FREE OF CHARGE!**

## **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

***CAP GRANTS:*** LEARN ABOUT AVAILABLE FUNDING TO ENHANCE YOUR FARMING OPERATIONS.

***ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN:*** DISCOVER HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN PLAN TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES.

HEAR FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORS WHO WILL SHARE VALUABLE INFORMATION AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO EXPLORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**





# Grower Engagement Meeting – Grande Prairie

## Save the date!

Join us for a Grower Engagement Meeting and learn more about the policy, advocacy, research, and public promotion work that Alberta Canola does on behalf of growers.

Location: Grande Prairie, AB



## Date

December 11, 2024

## Time

All Day Event

# 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 Alberta Pulse Growers Council	13 Winter Grazing	14	15 VSI AGM- David	16
17	18	19 ASB	20 Winter Watering	21	22	23
24	25	26 Council	27 EFP & CAP	28	29	30 PCBFA AGM

# DECEMBER 2024

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

# JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 Office Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7 P&P	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Council	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ASB	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Council	29	30	31	1

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT</b>
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 – November 19, 2024  
Rental Equipment Summary

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION** by.. that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the November 19, 2024, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

Nov 19, 2024

PEST CONTROL

• **Wolves Claimed 2024 YTD:**

Total #	Total \$
16	\$3200.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. The mowers have completed a full cut on the whole county including all wider right of ways and all licensed drainage ditches that are mowable.
2. The Community and Ag Extension Services Clerk has been training on ag clerical duties as well as assisting with event planning. We have a CAP grant and OFCAF grant presentation arranged for November 27<sup>th</sup> in Cleardale and we are working on a second one for Hines Creek in January. He has started 3 Courses with Olds College on OFCAF grants. He will also be taking some Environmental Farm Plan training with the MD of Greenview's EFP Tech.
3. The ag department draft budget is complete and will be presented to council.
4. I am working on Applying for the ASB Legislative Stream and Resource Funding Stream Grants. These Applications are due into the Province by January 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.
5. I will be at In Service Training in Edmonton Dec.2-6 to earn pesticide applicator credits.

January 1 - October 31, 2024

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
<i>Backpack Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -	
<i>Bale Scale</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	4	4	\$ 120.00	
<i>BBQ Trailer</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	6	6	\$ 225.00	
<i>Chairs</i>	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	14	14	\$ 583.00	
<i>Community Centre</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	3	5	\$ 200.00	
<i>Corral Panels</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	3	3	\$ 50.00	
<i>Eco-Bran Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Exta Hoses</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	1	1	\$ 9.00	
<i>Grain Bagger</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	1	5	\$ 1,750.00	
<i>Grain Bag Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	9	23	\$ -	\$ 1,009.14
<i>Grain Bag Extractor</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	4	9	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 192.13
<i>Grain Vac</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	20	19	\$ 5,458.00	\$ 1,361.44
<i>Grill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	8	17	\$ 510.00	
<i>Land Leveller</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	2	2	\$ 300.00	\$ 766.92
<i>Loading Chute</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	8	7	\$ 150.00	\$ 349.54
<i>Manure Spreader</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	5	12	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 1,963.63
<i>Mulch Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	2	11	\$ -	
<i>Post Pounder</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	12	16	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3,004.41
<i>Pull/Push Roller Applicator</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	5	14	\$ -	
<i>Quad Mount Rope Wick</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Quad Mounted Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Quad Pull Type Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	4	\$ -	
<i>Roller Mill</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	2	3	\$ 60.00	
<i>Rotowiper</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
<i>Skidmount Sprayer</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	8	\$ -	
<i>Smoke Signs</i>	\$ 60.00	\$ -	3	32	\$ -	
<i>Scare Cannon</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	10	\$ -	
<i>Tables</i>	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	14	14	\$ 197.00	
<i>Toilets</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	8	8	\$ 310.00	
<i>Truck Mount Sprayer</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ -	2	3	\$ -	
<i>Wash Station</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	4	5	\$ 10.00	
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
<i>Water Pumps</i>	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	53	72	\$ 9,437.56	\$ 6,688.94
<i>Wire Roller</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	9	15	\$ 375.00	
			<b>207</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>\$ 27,594.56</b>	<b>\$ 15,336.15</b>

Revenue	\$ 27,594.56
Equipment Expense	\$ 15,336.15
Insurance	\$ 1,584.97
Chargeback	\$ 19,696.70
Profit/Loss	<b>-\$9,023.26</b>

# Clear Hills County

## Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	<b>INFORMATION &amp; CORRESPONDENCE</b>
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.



BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

ARECA Letter  
Ground Squirrel Letter of Concern  
Birch Hills Declaration of Ag Disaster

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RESOLUTION** by.. that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of November 19, 2024, as presented.

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





October 18, 2024

ARECA  
Box 1195 Brooks, AB T1R 1B9

To: ASBs

It is with deep regret that the ARECA Board has decided to temporarily scale back AgKnow operations due to lack of funding. Grant applications are in process with the government, and we are optimistic they will be supported; however, we have simply run out of resources to keep things going in the meantime. As of the end of October, AgKnow staff will be reduced to one part time employee who will work to meet the currently scheduled November commitments.

All activities currently scheduled in November will be supported. Any new requests will be held until multiyear financing is resolved and full AgKnow operations can be resumed. At such times we will be hiring and reaching out to schedule and satisfy each request.

ARECA is actively pursuing options to resolve this current AgKnow financial situation including an agreement with a charitable foundation, several sponsorship agreements with companies, and the grant proposals already in progress. The Porch Light Society has elected to donate the proceeds to their first ever Gala event in Olds on November 2 to AgKnow so please spread the word using the attached poster and share the social media announcements in your media.

Should operational financing still be unresolved at the end of November, then effective December 1<sup>st</sup> AgKnow will temporarily close, and ARECA will continue to administer the free session program until all funds are exhausted.

ARECA extends a warm thank you to the many organizations who have been aware of this impending situation and have provided financial support to help AgKnow continue in these uncertain financial times. These short-term funds that you and others have provided coupled with ARECA financial support, have kept AgKnow operational since July.

I am cautiously optimistic that this situation will be resolved soon. AgKnow is a highly valued service in the farm and ranching community and a lot of time and investment has been made to get it to where it is. The situation in our industry has not changed and AgKnow can be part of the solution.

Please feel free to call if you would like to discuss this situation further.

With kindest regards

Alan

Executive Director ARECA

CC Linda Hunt



**Office of the Chair, Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board**

November 7, 2024

**Sigurdson, RJ, Honourable**

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To The Honourable Minister RJ Sigurdson, via email: ([AGRIC.Minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AGRIC.Minister@gov.ab.ca))

The Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) wishes to extend our sincere support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for their longstanding contributions to Alberta's agricultural sector. We particularly value the Legislative and Resources funding streams, which are instrumental in enabling our ASB to support agricultural producers in Wheatland County.

We also appreciate the recognition of agricultural concerns in the Premier's mandate letter dated July 6, 2023, which outlines the Minister's objectives and priorities. This letter acknowledges that:

- Alberta's agriculture sector is not only a key economic driver but also an integral part of the province's history and culture.
- Advocacy for Alberta farmers and ranchers is crucial, including promoting Alberta agriculture and opposing policies from other jurisdictions that hinder the sector.

Richardson Ground Squirrels (RGS), commonly known as "gophers," are prevalent in southern Alberta. Their prolific nature and the significant economic damage they cause to agricultural producers make them a notable concern. They can devastate crops such as oilseeds, cereals, hay, and alfalfa, and create hazards in pastureland, potentially endangering livestock. The Wheatland County ASB wishes to highlight the challenges many crop producers face due to RGS infestations. The emergency use registration of strychnine-based products, previously the most effective method for controlling RGS populations, was cancelled with a three-year phase-out period ending on March 4, 2023. As a result, many agricultural producers are now incurring additional expenses and facing time management challenges that are difficult to integrate into their operations.

The Government of Alberta's response provided to the Provincial Agricultural Service Board regarding Resolution 11-23, "Loss of 2% Liquid Strychnine," dated March 29, 2023, details the engagement of Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) officials with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). This engagement sought to recommend support for producers transitioning away from strychnine, with a key component being "federal compensation to cover crop losses and the

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cost differentials associated with using alternative pesticides". The Wheatland County ASB seeks to know if AAFC has provided any response to AGI's advocacy.

Additionally, there was an effort to duplicate the Government of Saskatchewan's study showing the efficacy of available alternatives such as ZP Rodent Oat Bait and Burrow Oat Bait in 2022 that was unsuccessful. We are interested to know if AGI will make another attempt to replicate the findings of the Saskatchewan study.

Alberta currently offers several compensation programs to reimburse agricultural producers for losses caused by wildlife. For example, the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program covers losses to eligible unharvested crops, stacked hay, stacked greenfeed, as well as silage and haylage stored in pits and tubes. Similarly, the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program offers financial assistance to ranchers whose livestock, such as cattle and sheep, are attacked by predators such as wolves and cougars.

Wheatland County's ASB would like to inquire about the possibility for AGI to extend similar financial assistance to crop farmers in Alberta who suffer significant losses due to RGS activity. Given the success of existing compensation programs, we believe that a comparable initiative for RGS-related crop damage would greatly benefit affected producers.

Wheatland County's ASB strives to proactively assist ratepayers in controlling RGS through initiatives such as funding for hawk posts, which can help to significantly reduce RGS populations, and maintaining a "Ro-Con" rental skid unit that enables ratepayers to humanely euthanize RGS using a non-toxic asphyxiation method. We believe a multi-pronged approach is needed to support the agriculture industry from RGS destruction and we hope to count on you to continue to advocate both provincially and federally on our behalf. Between all levels of government, we hope to provide the supports to our agriculture producers that they require.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Attention Honourable RJ Sigurdson

**RE: Declaration of Agriculture Disaster – Birch Hills County**

Birch Hills County has declared an Agriculture Disaster for honey production on November 12, 2024, due to decreased honey production because of multiple widespread adverse environmental conditions.

Birch Hills County has experienced an exceptionally dry spring entering the 2024 growing season. According to the moisture situation updates provided by the Provincial Government, half of the municipality entered into the growing season in a once in 50-year, 180-day precipitation deficit while the other half entered in a once in 25 to 50-years moisture deficit. These drought conditions inhibited the early season forage growth, affecting the availability of food sources available to the honeybees.

The flowering stage of canola is critical for honey production in Birch Hills County. The rapid accumulation of growing degree days in 2024 shortened the canola flowering stage by six days in the east and fifteen days in the west of the County. This shortened flowering window was also affected by extreme heat which caused decreased nectar production followed by heavy rains which caused the crop to drop the remaining petals prematurely. This has had a negative impact on the bee's ability to forage. Birch Hills County also experienced many days of poor air quality due to wildfire smoke. Bees do not forage when the air quality is poor. In total there were 11 days when the Air Quality index was either high Risk or very high risk. Five of these days have corresponded to when the canola was flowering.

This declaration is being made to bring awareness to the difficulties that our honey producers are facing. The honey production decrease has affected all honey producers within the County. Thank you for your continued advocacy for Alberta producers dealing with devastating conditions, and your work with the federal Government to implement initiatives to protect the stability of the agricultural industry.

Sincerely,



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