

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2020

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, starting at 10:00 a.m. by teleconferencing.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA**
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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
March 17, 2020**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair Ruecker
Julie Watchorn	Member
David Janzen	Council Representative
Mackay Ross	Member
Garry Candy	Member
Jason Ruecker	Councillor

ATTENDING

Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

AG41(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the March 17, 2020 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented with the following addition and deletion:

Addition: 7 E. AWES Alberta Shelterbelt CAP Project

Deletion: 7C. Trade Show April 18, 2020

CARRIED.

AG42(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG43(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 17, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

**Marketing Locally
Grown Products in
Local Stores**

The Board is presented with information regarding direct marketing of locally grown products.

AG44(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around marketing locally grown products in local stores. 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.

AG45(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of March 17, 2020 for information. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Service
Board Grant
2020-2024

The Board is presented with information regarding the Agricultural Service Board Grant for 2020 through 2024. Administration is seeking direction from the Board on both the draft business plan that must be submitted with the legislative stream application and whether to pursue the Resource Management Stream Funding, and if so the type of partnership/application to submit.

Councillor Ruecker left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

AG46(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back a review on rental equipment rates to a future ASB meeting as discussed. CARRIED.

AG47(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board apply for funds under the Resource Management Stream and pursue partnership with M.D. Fairview, M.D. Peace, Birch Hills County, Saddle Hills County and MD of Spirit River, and entering into a contract with Peace Country Beef and Forage Association for program delivery, similar the partnership and contract that were in place when this funding was named the Environmental Stream. CARRIED.

AG48(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board approve the 2020-2024 Agricultural Service Board Strategic Business Plan as presented. CARRIED.

Fusarium Graminearum
And the Agricultural
Pests Act

The Board is presented with a draft letter to the Minister of Agriculture in strong support of Fusarium Graminearum remaining a Pest under the Agricultural Pests Act, and additional correspondence on this matter between the MD of Spirit River and the Minister's response.

AG49(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture in strong support of Fusarium Graminearum remaining a Pest under the Agricultural Pests Act. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG50(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the agricultural events that are being postponed events due to COVID-19. CARRIED.

ADD IN: AWES Alberta
Shelterbelt CAP
Project

The board is presented with information from Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) seeking municipal endorsement and funding support for a CAP grant application for modernizing the Alberta Shelterbelt Program.

AG51(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board support in principle the Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) purposed plan for modernizing the Alberta Shelterbelt Program. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG52(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 17, 2020 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board schedule a Regular Agricultural Service Board meeting on April 21, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. CARRIED.

Information &
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG53(01/29/20)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence of March 17, 2020 as presented. CARRIED.

AG54(01/29/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council authorize Member Candy to attend the Alberta Invasive Species Council Annual Conference in Lacombe, Alberta date to be announced. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m.

Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Member Watchorn left the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL
ITEM(S)

Agricultural Service Board discussed one closed meeting item.

AG55(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board close the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 12:32 p.m. CARRIED.

AG56(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board revert back to the public Regular Agricultural Service Board meeting at 12:46 p.m. CARRIED.

AG57(03/17/20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that the Agricultural Service Board 2020 Farm Family award recipient be announced at the 2020 Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board Farmers' Appreciation Banquet. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 21, 2020
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 (ASB) accepts the July 21, 2020 ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman: <i>GC</i>
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Budget Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

DO= Development Officer

EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items:

CSM = Corporate Services Manager

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
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REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
February 18, 2020				
AG37	(02/18/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to book the annual delegation with Council on April 14, 2020.		Postponed to Phase 3 Relaunch or later
AG38	(02/18/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council increase the BSE Testing Incentive for 2020 by \$1,500 and budget \$4,500 for the 2021 operating budget.		Done
March 17, 2020				
AG46	(03/17/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back a review on rental equipment rates to a future ASB meeting as discussed.		In the Works
AG47	(03/17/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board apply for funds under the Resource Management Stream and pursue partnership with M.D. Fairview, M.D. Peace, Birch Hills County, Saddle Hills County and MD of Spirit River, and entering into a contract with Peace Country Beef and Forage Association for program delivery, similar the partnership and contract that were in place when this funding was named the Environmental Stream.		Waiting on Province to announced if approved and how much
AG49	(03/17/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture in strong support of Fusarium Graminearum remaining a Pest under the Agricultural Pests Act.		Done, Fusarium was removed from Pest Act – Red Tape Reduction
AG54	(03/14/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council authorize Member Candy to attend the Alberta Invasive Species Council Annual Conference in Lacombe, Alberta date to be announced.		2020 Cancelled due to COVID
Items in Waiting				
AG133	(12/12/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around the CombCut Selective Mower and bring back information once the University of Saskatchewan field trial study is complete.		2020 OR 2021
AG21	(02/13/17)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board table motion AG109(10/17/16) regarding Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat until new information is available.		As of July 16/20 no new info



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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
AG11	(01/29/20)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board limit the attendance to the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference to three Agricultural Service Board Members when the Conference is being held outside the Peace Region.		January 2021

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 21, 2020
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 / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of July 21, 2020 for information.

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

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 21, 2020
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	FUSARIUM GRAMINEARUM AND THE AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT
File:	63-30-10

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information regarding the Provincial Government removing fusarium graminearum from the Pest Act.

BACKGROUND:

On June 3, 2020, The Minister of Agriculture and Forestry signed a ministerial order removing fusarium graminearum from the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation.

In response, Northern Sunrise County is in the process of drafting a bylaw under the MGA to keep fusarium as a pest in their County. They are wanting to have a regional ASB Chairs meeting along with the Ag Fieldmen from the region to discuss the appetite for every Peace region municipality to draft a fusarium bylaw under the MGA.

Clear Hills County has never scouted for fusarium in the past. The County reimburses producers for grain samples that were sent in to be tested for fusarium.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Alberta Government Fusarium Press Release
2. Northern Sunrise County Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw
3. Meeting request email

OPTIONS:

1. Direct administration to schedule a regional chairs meeting
2. Accept for information

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

ABj

AgFieldman:

GC

Notifications

[COVID-19: Alberta is in Stage 2 of relaunch. Continue acting safely to prevent the spread while supporting Alberta businesses. Find out how.](#)



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Helping Alberta's farmers stay competitive

The Government of Alberta is helping farmers by modernizing rules, reducing red tape and creating new research opportunities.

Seed growers in Alberta will soon have access to more seed varieties and cereal research. Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Devin Dreeshen has signed a ministerial order removing *Fusarium graminearum* (fusarium) from the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation, bringing Alberta in line with best practices from other provinces.

Fusarium is a fungal disease of cereal crops that affects grain development and quality. Removing it from the regulation will allow Alberta to modernize to managing the disease, rather than having zero tolerance for it.

Regulating fusarium has failed to stop its spread, which has increased across the province over the past 20 years. The Alberta *Fusarium graminearum* Management Plan, published in 2002, does not account for recent advances in seed treatment options that can lower detections, bringing them close to zero.

"Alberta's farmers continue to grow high-quality food that people around the world can count on every day. This long-overdue change creates new opportunities for our farmers by levelling the playing field. Modernizing these rules means that Alberta farmers will benefit from current research advances."

Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

"This news has been a long time coming. Fusarium is well-established in Alberta and since it spreads through air-borne spores, we know that zero tolerance policies are not effective. We welcome this regulatory shift that better reflects the reality facing farmers and appreciate Minister

Dreeshen's dedication to breaking down this regulatory barrier so we can move ahead with improved competitiveness."

Tood Hames, chair, Alberta Wheat Commission

"Alberta crops are known around the world, so we commend the Government of Alberta for ensuring that growers in the province and those who count on them can benefit from the latest scientific advances. We work every day towards greater food security in an environmentally sustainable way, and today's decision is a key step in this shared goal."

Paul Hoekstra, government and industry relations, Syngenta

"The Canadian Seed Trade Association has long advocated for a removal of fusarium as a pest as it will be the most effective way for industry to promote management systems; encourage research, investment and innovation; and allow Alberta farmers to stay competitive with their counterparts in other jurisdictions. We would like to thank the Government of Alberta for its leadership."

Georges Chausse, president, Canadian Seed Trade Association

The Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan will be updated and continue to be available for farmers and industry looking for information and best management practices. The Government of Alberta will continue education and awareness efforts.

This is another positive step forward in government's commitment to reduce red tape and make life easier for all Albertans. To track red tape reduction progress and submit suggestions about where government can cut even more red tape, please visit [CutRedTape.Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/cutredtape).

Quick facts

- *Fusarium graminearum* causes fusarium head blight, a serious fungal disease that affects wheat, barley, oats and corn.
 - It has been present in Alberta at very low levels since 1989.
 - In late 2002, Alberta released the first comprehensive Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan.

Related information

- [Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan](#)

Media inquiries

BYLAW NO. BXXX/XX

BEING A BYLAW OF “Municipality” IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PROHIBITED AND NOXIOUS SPECIES WITHIN “Municipality”

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, the Council of “Municipality” may pass bylaws for municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS the presence of prohibited and Noxious Species in “Municipality” threatens the economic well-being and viability of the agricultural producers in the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS “Municipality” has deemed it expedient and in the public interest to restrict the spread of prohibited and Noxious Species within the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of “Municipality”, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1. This Bylaw shall be known as the “Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. In this Bylaw:

2.1.1. “Acts” means the *Agricultural Pests Act* (R.S.A. 2000, Chapter A-8) and the *Weed Control Act* (S.A. 2008, Chapter W-5.1) including any amendments or successor legislation thereto.

2.1.2. “Control” means to inhibit the growth or spread, or to Destroy.

2.1.3. “Council” means the Council of “Municipality”.

2.1.4. “Municipality” means “Municipality”.

2.1.5. “Destroy” means to kill all growing parts, or to render reproductive mechanisms non-viable.

2.1.6. “Inspector” means a person appointed as a municipal Inspector for Prohibited Species and Noxious Species under this bylaw and/or under the *Agricultural Pests Act* or the *Weed Control Act*.

2.1.7. “Land” includes

2.1.7.1. fixtures on the Land, and

2.1.7.2. the Land down to the low water mark of a stream, lake or other body of water that borders or is located on Land.

- 2.1.8. "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, domestic cervids within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act*, goats and other captive ruminants, swine, horses and poultry.
- 2.1.9. "Noxious Species" means a Pest/Weed, designated, and includes the plant's seeds, animal offspring, and disease pathogen.
- 2.1.10. "Occupant" means a person occupying or exercising control or having the right to occupy or exercise control over Land or Property.
- 2.1.11. "Owner" means
 - 2.1.11.1. in respect of Land, the person who is registered as an Owner of the Land under the *Land Titles Act*, or
 - 2.1.11.2. in respect of personal Property or Livestock, the person who
 - 2.1.11.2.1. is the legal Owner of it,
 - 2.1.11.2.2. has lawful possession of it, or
 - 2.1.11.2.3. has the right to exercise control over it.
- 2.1.12. "Prohibited Species" means a Pest/Weed, including plant, animal or disease pathogen designated as a prohibited Noxious Species and includes the plant's seeds, a live animal, and disease pathogen.
- 2.1.13. "Property" means personal Property, includes Land, crops, material, structures, and vegetation excluding Livestock.
- 2.1.14. "Pest/Weed" means an animal, bird, insect, plant or disease declared to be a Prohibited Species or a Noxious Species under sections 25 and 26.
- 2.1.15. "Seed-cleaning Facility" means a building, structure or vehicle that is designed, intended or used to clean, grade or size seed.

PART 1 WEED AND PEST CONTROL

3. DUTY OF AN OCCUPANT/OWNER

3.1. Noxious Species – Control

- 3.1.1. An Owner or Occupant of Land or Property or the Owner or person in control of Livestock shall take active measures to
 - 3.1.1.1. prevent the establishment of Pest/Weed on or in the Land, Property or Livestock unless otherwise authorized by Council,
 - 3.1.1.2. Control or Destroy all Pest/Weed on or in the Land, Property or Livestock unless otherwise authorized by the Council, and
 - 3.1.1.3. Destroy any crop, vegetation or other matter that contributes or may contribute to the maintenance or spread of a Pest on or in the Land, Property or Livestock.

3.2. Prohibited Species – Destroy

- 3.2.1. A person shall Destroy a Prohibited Species that is on Land, Property or Livestock the person owns or occupies.

- 3.3. A person shall not import, purchase, sell or otherwise dispose of, transport, distribute or plant any infestable item that is infested or any Pest without the prior written authorization to do so of an Inspector.
- 3.4. If an infestable item that is or is suspected to be or that subsequently transpires to be infested, or a Pest, is or was imported, purchased, sold or otherwise disposed of, transported, distributed or planted, each person involved in that activity shall provide to an Inspector, on request, the names and addresses of all other persons known to be so involved, within 24 hours of the request or within such longer period as is specified by the Inspector.
- 3.5. To facilitate the identification of Livestock to help prevent the spread of an infestation, an Inspector may attach a Pest infestation tag to the Livestock or Property.
- 3.6. A person shall not remove or have removed an Inspector's notice or a Pest infestation tag attached under subsection 3.5 until
 - 3.6.1. authorized to do so by an Inspector, or
 - 3.6.2. in the case of cattle, the cattle have been sold at and removed from a market.
- 3.7. A person shall not sell or otherwise dispose of, purchase, transport, distribute or plant anything detained under subsection 3.6 before it is released under subsection 3.8
- 3.8. An Inspector may release the Property detained under subsection 3.5 by providing a written notice of release of it in the form set out in Schedule A.

4. SPREAD OF SPECIES PROHIBITED

- 4.1. Subject to the regulations, a person shall not use or move any Property or Livestock that, if used or moved, might spread a Noxious Species or Prohibited Species.
- 4.2. Subsection 4.1 does not apply if the thing is used or moved in a manner directed by an Inspector under section 12.

5. DISPOSAL AND STORAGE OF WEED SEEDS

- 5.1. A person shall not deposit or permit to be deposited noxious Weed seeds or prohibited noxious Weed seeds where they might spread.
- 5.2. A person shall store refuse that may contain Noxious Species seeds or Prohibited Species seeds, including screenings from cleaning, sizing or grading seed, in a container that will prevent the scattering of the seeds.
- 5.3. Subsection 5.2 does not apply if the refuse is disposed of in a manner directed by an Inspector under section 12.

6. SEED-CLEANING FACILITY

- 6.1. A person shall not operate a Seed-cleaning Facility or provide a Seed-cleaning Facility for rent or lease
 - 6.1.1. unless the person is licensed under the respective *Act, Regulations*, and/or this Bylaw, and
 - 6.1.2. except in accordance with the terms of the license.
- 6.2. Despite subsection 6.1, a farmer may operate a Seed-cleaning Facility the farmer owns to process seed for the farmer's personal use.

PART 2 INSPECTORS

7. INSPECTORS

- 7.1. The Municipality shall appoint Inspectors for this Bylaw and/or the *Acts*, to enforce and monitor compliance with this Bylaw, and the respective provincial *Acts* within the Municipality.

8. INSPECTORS – JOINT AUTHORITY

- 8.1. An Inspector appointed by the Municipality may, with the consent of another municipality, enforce and monitor compliance with this Bylaw within the other municipality.

9. INSPECTOR'S IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1. A person who appoints an Inspector shall provide the Inspector with identification in the form required by the Municipality and/or the respective *Acts*.
- 9.2. An Inspector identification for the *Acts* shall be deemed valid for identification for this Bylaw.
- 9.3. An Inspector shall, on request, produce the Inspector's identification while acting under the authority of this Bylaw, and/or the respective *Acts*,
- 9.3.1. in respect of Land, to the Occupant or Owner of the Land, and
- 9.3.2. in respect of personal Property, to the Owner of the personal Property.

PART 3 INSPECTOR POWERS AND NOTICES

10. OBSTRUCTION OF INSPECTOR

- 10.1. A person shall not willfully obstruct or delay an Inspector in the exercise of the Inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Bylaw.

11. ENTRY AND INSPECTION POWER

- 11.1. An Inspector may enter Land or inspect Land or personal Property at a reasonable time
- 11.1.1. to monitor compliance with this Bylaw and the respective *Acts*, including making inquiries, taking samples, or performing tests, or
- 11.1.2. to enforce an Inspector's notice, in accordance with section 15.
- 11.2. An Inspector shall not enter a building unless the Owner or Occupant of the Land on which the building is situated
- 11.2.1. consents, or
- 11.2.2. has been given a written notice.
- 11.3. Subsection 11.2 does not apply if the building is, or is part of, a Seed-cleaning Facility, grain-handling facility or auction market.
- 11.4. An Inspector shall not enter a private residence unless the Occupant of the Land consents.
- 11.5. A written notice under subsection 11.2.2 must name a reasonable time of entry and be given at least 24 hours before the time of entry.

- 11.6. An Inspector who finds on any premises evidence of an infestation on the Property or the Livestock may notify persons engaged in the growing, transporting or processing of any Property or Livestock that may be affected by the infestation, or any organizations representing them, of the infestation, including the location of those premises and the name of their Occupants, if the Inspector considers such notification necessary or advisable with a view to preventing the spread of or Controlling the infestation.

12. INSPECTOR'S NOTICE

- 12.1. If an Inspector finds non-compliance with this Bylaw, an Inspector may give an Inspector's notice in writing requiring compliance
- 12.1.1. in respect of Land, to the Occupant of the Land and to the Owner of the Land, and
- 12.1.2. in respect of personal Property, to the Owner of the personal Property.
- 12.2. If an Inspector finds Prohibited Species that have not been Destroyed, the Inspector shall give an Inspector's notice requiring the Prohibited Species to be Destroyed or as per the respective policy.

13. SUBSEQUENT OWNER OR OCCUPANT SUBJECT TO NOTICE

- 13.1. A notice given under this Bylaw is effective against a subsequent Owner or Occupant of the Land or a subsequent Owner of personal Property from the time the notice was originally given.
- 13.2. An Owner of Land or personal Property shall provide a copy of the notice to a person before that person enters into an agreement to acquire the interest in the Land or personal Property.
- 13.3. A Chief Administrative Officer shall, on request, provide a mortgagee or purchaser of Land a copy of all active notices given under this Bylaw and/or *Acts* that relate to that Land.

14. CONTENTS OF INSPECTOR'S NOTICE

- 14.1. An Inspector's notice must direct the method, subject to the policies, and time for compliance with this Bylaw.
- 14.2. The notice may contain directions, including limiting the use of Land, for the year in which it is given and the following year.
- 14.3. The notice must not require the destruction of crops unless in the Inspector's opinion the destruction of crops is necessary to Control Noxious Weeds, Destroy Prohibited Noxious Weeds, or to Control or Destroy Pest.
- 14.4. The notice may require the destruction of 160 acres of growing crops as per respective policy.
- 14.5. Subsection 14.4 does not apply if the growing crop
- 14.5.1. does not have a significant commercial value, or
- 14.5.2. is a crop of Noxious Species or Prohibited Species.

15. COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE

15.1. A person given a notice under this Bylaw in accordance shall, subject to the right to appeal a notice, comply with the notice.

15.2. If a notice of appeal is filed, a notice is stayed until the appeal is disposed of.

16. ENFORCEMENT OF NOTICE

16.1. An Inspector, or any person authorized by an Inspector, may take any action that the Inspector determines is necessary to fulfil a requirement of a notice given under this Bylaw that has not been complied with when in respect of an Inspector's notice

16.1.1. the appeal period in the regulations has expired or the appeal has been determined, and

16.1.2. the request for review period in the Bylaw has expired or the request has been considered.

17. REMEDIAL MEASURES

17.1. Where an Owner does not comply with a notice within the period specified in the notice, an Inspector or a person authorized by an Inspector may

17.1.1. enter onto the Land specified in the notice, and

17.1.2. carry out the remedial measures set out in the notice.

17.2. Subject to section 21.1, where the payment of the expenses demanded under subsection 21.2 is not made within the 30-day period, the local authority may do one or both of the following

17.2.1. add the unpaid expenses to the tax roll as an additional tax against the Land in respect of which the expenses were incurred;

17.2.2. recover the unpaid expenses as a debt due to the local authority by action against the Landholder and, if the Landholder is not the Owner, the Owner.

18. SERVICE OF A NOTICE

18.1. A notice given under Part 3 must

18.1.1. be in the form required by this Bylaw, and/or applicable *Acts*

18.1.2. be served on a person in accordance with subsection 18.2 or 18.3.

18.2. The notice must be served on a person

18.2.1.1. by posting the notice

18.2.1.1.1. on the land or, if practicable, on the personal Property to which the notice relates, or

18.2.1.1.2. at the private residence of the person intended to be served, and

18.2.1.2. by sending a copy of the notice by certified mail

18.2.1.2.1. in respect of Land, to the last address listed in the assessment roll of the Municipality for the Owner of the Land, or

18.2.1.2.2. in respect of personal Property, to the last known address of the Owner.

18.3. For this section, a notice sent by certified mail is deemed to have been received by the person 7 days from the date of mailing.

PART 4
APPEAL OF A NOTICE

19. APPEAL OF AN INSPECTOR'S NOTICE AND DEBT RECOVERY NOTICE

- 19.1. The [Municipality](#) shall appoint members annually to an independent appeal panel to determine appeals of Inspector's notices, and debt recovery notices.
- 19.2. A person who is given an Inspector's notice, or debt recovery notice may, in accordance with the regulations or the Bylaw, appeal it to an appeal panel.
- 19.3. The appeal panel may confirm, rescind, or vary the Inspector's notice, or debt recovery notice.
- 19.4. Within 5 days after receipt of a notice of appeal, the committee shall hear and determine the appeal and the committee may confirm, rescind or vary the notice that was issued.
- 19.5. The municipal clerk shall, on determination of the appeal, send a copy of the decision together with the written reasons, if any, by certified mail to the appellant.

20. APPEAL PROCESS

- 20.1. A person who
 - 20.1.1. has an interest in Land as an Owner or Occupant, or
 - 20.1.2. has an interest in Livestock as an Owner or person in control of Livestockand feels personally aggrieved by a notice issued by an Inspector under section 12 may appeal to the [Municipality](#) within which the Land or Livestock is located by filing a notice of appeal under this section.
- 20.2. A notice of appeal shall be in writing and shall set out
 - 20.2.1. the name and address of the appellant,
 - 20.2.2. a copy of the notice in respect of which the appeal is being taken,
 - 20.2.3. the legal description of the Land affected or a description of the Livestock affected and the legal description of the Land on which the Livestock were located, and
 - 20.2.4. the grounds for appeal.
- 20.3. A notice of appeal shall be served on the municipal secretary
 - 20.3.1. by any of the methods set out in section 18, and
 - 20.3.2. within the time specified in the notice issued under section 12 for taking any measure, or within 10 days after service of the notice, whichever is less.
- 20.4. A notice of appeal shall be accompanied with a deposit in an amount of \$500 which shall be refunded if the appellant is successful in the appellant's appeal under this section.

PART 5
RECOVERY OF INSPECTOR'S EXPENSES

21. DEBT RECOVERY NOTICES

- 21.1. Expenses incurred by an Inspector enforcing an Inspector's notice are a debt due to the [Municipality](#) by the person subject to that notice.
- 21.2. The Chief Administrative Officer, or any person authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer, shall give a debt recovery notice to the debtor

- 21.2.1. demanding recovery of the debt due, including a statement of expenses, and
- 21.2.2. advising of the debtor's right to appeal the debt recovery notice.
- 21.3. The Municipality may recover the debt due in accordance with subsection 21.4 from any person who is given a debt recovery notice if
 - 21.3.1. the person has agreed in writing to repay the debt due,
 - 21.3.2. the person's rights of appeal and review of the debt recovery notice under sections 19 and 20 have expired, or
 - 21.3.3. the appeal and review of the debt recovery notice have been determined.
- 21.4. The Municipality may recover the debt due from any person who is given a debt recovery notice in either or both of the following manners:
 - 21.4.1. in the same manner as Property taxes against Land to which the Inspector's notice relates;
 - 21.4.2. by filing a certificate with the clerk of the Court of Queen's Bench at any judicial centre certifying the amount owing.
- 21.5. A certificate filed under subsection 21.4.2 becomes an order of the Court of Queen's Bench and may be enforced as a judgment of that Court.

PART 6 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

22. OFFENCE AND PENALTY

- 22.1. A person who contravenes this Bylaw and/or the *Acts* is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000 and \$5000 respectively as per Section 566 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26.

23. DISPOSITION OF FINES

- 23.1. A fine imposed for an offence under this Bylaw committed within the Municipality belongs to the Municipality as per Section 566 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26.

24. POLICIES

- 24.1. The Council may make policies and other bylaws
 - 24.1.1. respecting the designating of an invasive plant, animal or disease as a Noxious Species or Prohibited Species, generally or in respect of any part of the Municipality;
 - 24.1.2. respecting the directions that may be given in a policy;
 - 24.1.3. respecting the sale, use, handling or movement of a thing that might contain or cause the growth or spread of Noxious Species or Prohibited Species;
 - 24.1.4. respecting appeals, appeal panels and reviews of appeals;
 - 24.1.5. respecting the licensing of a person who operates a Seed-cleaning Facility or who provides a Seed-cleaning Facility for rent or lease;
 - 24.1.6. respecting forms for the purposes of this Bylaw.

25. PROHIBITED SPECIES

25.1. Weeds listed in Policy 2.7 Schedule A, Part I referred to as Prohibited Noxious Weeds and those elevated through municipal bylaw.

25.2. Glyphosate Tolerant Alfalfa

25.3. Following Animals, Insects, Birds

25.3.1. Africanized bees

25.3.2. Norway Rat

25.3.3. Warble fly — Hypoderma

25.3.4. Wild boar when at large

25.4. Following Diseases

25.4.1. Clubroot — Plasmodiophora brassicae

25.4.2. Fusarium head blight — Fusarium graminearum

25.4.3. Rabies — Rhabdoviruses

26. NOXIOUS SPECIES

26.1. Weeds listed in Policy 2.7 Schedule A, Part II referred to as Noxious Weeds

26.2. Following Animals, Insects, Birds

26.2.1. Columbia River root knot nematode — Meloidogyne chitwoodi

26.2.2. Dutch elm disease — Ophiostoma ulmi and Ophiostoma nova-ulmi

26.2.3. Dwarf bunt — Tilletia controversa

26.2.4. European elm bark beetle — Scolytus multistriatus

26.2.5. Golden nematode — Globodera rostochiensis

26.2.6. Grasshopper (Locustidae)

26.2.7. Gypsy moth — Lymantria dispar

26.2.8. Lesser grain borer — Rhyzopertha dominica

26.2.9. Native elm bark beetle — Hylurgopinus rufipes

26.2.10. Stem and bulb nematode — Ditylenchus dipsaci

27. SEVERABILITY PROVISION

27.1. Should any provisions of this bylaw be invalid, then such invalid provision shall be severed, and the remaining bylaw be maintained.

28. REPEAL

28.1. Upon third reading of Bylaw B379/20, Bylaw B341/18 Glyphosate Tolerant Alfalfa and all amendments thereto are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

Read a first time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Read a second time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Read a third time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Signed and made effective this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Name
Reeve

Name
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. B379/20

“SCHEDULE A”

CONTENT OF THE FORMS

The following templates display the minimum content requirement. Additions in content, and amendments to sections referral into this Bylaw as well as formatting are deemed acceptable.

INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION must contain the following information

Photo

Weed Inspector Identification Card

This certifies that (name) of (address) is an Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and/or Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw for the jurisdiction of (Municipality, M.D. • town, village).

This appointment is effective from (date) to (date)

(CAO signature)___

IMPORTANT: SEE REVERSE

Front

Back
(Reprinted from the Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw)

Obstruction of an Inspector

S9 A person shall not willfully obstruct or delay an Inspector in the exercise of the Inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with the Bylaw.

Offence and penalty

S21 A person who contravenes this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000.

INSPECTOR'S NOTICE must contain the following information

INSPECTOR'S NOTICE

You are hereby directed to:

☐ Destroy the prohibited noxious weeds

1.

2.

3.

4.

☐ Control the noxious weeds

1.

2.

3.

4.

Which are infesting the property:

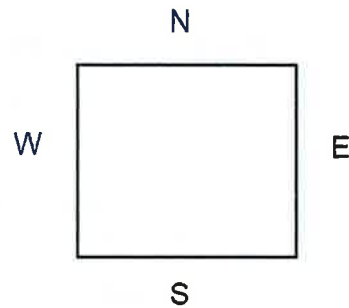
Municipality known as:

Northern Sunrise County

Lot(s) _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Or as described as:

	¼ of Section:	Township:	Range:	Meridian:
				W5



The weeds will be considered destroyed / controlled if:

Action is to be completed on or before:



If this notice is not complied with, action will be taken in accordance with the Weed Control Act.

Inspector _____

Municipality

Northern Sunrise County

Date _____



Address

Bag 1300
Peace River, Alberta
T8S 1Y9

File No. _____

780-322-3831
weeds@northernsunrise.net

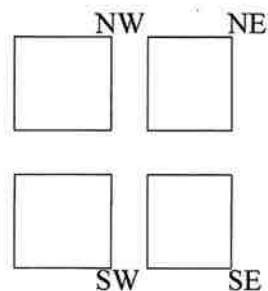
NOTICE TO CONTROL PESTS must contain the following information

Notice to Control Pest

To (owner or occupant of land or property or owner or person in control of livestock) of (address)

You are hereby notified that (description of land or livestock or other property) located on the _____ quarter of section _____ township _____ range _____ west of the _____ meridian, Alberta, as indicated on the diagram below, contains or is likely to contain or should be protected against (name of pest), which has been declared a pest by the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* made under the *Agricultural Pests Act* and/or Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw, and you are directed to take the following measures:

(description of measures to be taken, including the material, if any, to be used against the pest)



All of the above measures must be completed within _____ days from the date of issue of this notice, failing which action may be taken in accordance with the legislation referred to above. If this notice is issued under section 12(1) of the *Agricultural Pests Act*, an appeal against this notice may be served on the municipal clerk, accompanied by a deposit of \$100, before the expiry of the time limit stated above or the period of 10 days from service of the notice, whichever expiry date occurs first, and otherwise made in accordance with the *Agricultural Pests Act*. If this notice is issued under section 12 of the Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw, an appeal against this notice may be served on the Chief Administrative Officer, accompanied by a deposit of \$500,

before the expiry of the time limit stated above or the period of 10 days from service of the notice, whichever expiry date occurs first, and otherwise made in accordance with the Bylaw.

(Date of Issue)

(Inspector)

Telephone Number: _____

DEBT RECOVERY NOTICE must contain the following information

Debt Recovery Notice

IN DEMAND for recovery of the debt owed regarding enforcement of a weed notice issued under the Weed Pest and Soil Bylaw, Northern Sunrise County hereby issues a Debt Recovery Notice to:

Name:

Case File:

Address:

Legal Land Location:

Roll Number:

This Debt Recovery Notice is authorized by Section 21 of the Weed Control Act to recover expenses incurred by an inspector enforcing an inspector's notice or a local authority's notice and is a debt payable to Northern Sunrise County Bag 1300, Peace River T8S 1Y9 by 30 days from the date of issuance.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES DUE

Date: 08/08/2019 Enforcement Mechanism:

Labour	\$__ x __ /hr	\$__
Mileage	(__ km @ \$__/km)	\$__
Subsistence	(__ day rate x __)	\$__
Truck	\$__ (__ day rate)	\$__
Ranger	\$__ (__ day rate)	\$__
Product	____ \$ __/ha(____ ha)	\$__
Product	____ \$ __ (____ ha)	\$__
Enforcement total		\$__
Re-Inspection	__ hr@\$ __/hr	\$__
Admin enforcement	__ hr@\$ __/hr	\$__
Admin billing	__ hr@\$ __/hr	\$__
Fees and Penalties		\$__
Total		\$__

IF THE DEBTOR does not remit payment in satisfaction of the debt within 30 days of the date of issuance or at such time as the debtor's appeal period expires, or an appeal of the Debt Recovery Notice has been determined in favour of the County, the County will take such steps to recover the debt as authorized by the Weed Control Act, S.A. 2008 and any regulations there under, as amended from time to time, including but not limited to the following:

1. In the same manner as property taxes against land to which the Weed Notice relates; or
2. By filing a certificate with the clerk of the Court of Queen's Bench certifying the amount owing.

Inspector

Chief Administration Officer

Northern Sunrise County
Bag 1300,
Peace River, AB
T8S 1Y9

PEST DETENTION TAG must contain the following information

PEST DETENTION TAG (NUMBER_____)

Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw

PEST CONTROL

The following item, that is (description of livestock or other property)
_____ is ordered to be detained in accordance with the following
conditions:

_____ (specify conditions of detention)

_____ (Signature of Inspector)

NOTICE OF RELEASE must contain the following information

NOTICE OF RELEASE

To (owner of livestock or other property or person in control of livestock)
of (address _____)

You are hereby notified that (livestock or other property detained),
marked (way in which item is marked, if applicable) and located at
(location of item), which was placed under detention and identified by
having pest detention tag No. _____ under the Prohibited and Noxious
Species Bylaw made under the *Municipal Government Act* attached to it,
is now released from detention and may be disposed of. The pest detention
tag may now be removed from it.

_____ (Date of Issue)

_____ (Signature of Inspector)

_____ (Address)

_____ (Telephone Number)

Greg Coon

From: Sebastien Dutrisac <sdutrisac@northernsunrise.net>
Sent: June 15, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Greg Coon; cbeck@countygp.ab.ca
Subject: Request from the NSC ASB

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon,

At our ASB meeting today, we have a request to have a regional ASB chair meeting with their respective Ag Fieldman to discuss Fusarium Graminearum press release, the intent of the region, review of the Regional FG Guideline as well as correspondence with our Minister. The ASB also directed the Ag Fieldman to share the Northern Sunrise County Prohibited and Noxious Species Bylaw for those interested to review an encompassing Weed and Pest Bylaw to cover any future surprise announcement from the Ministry.

We look forward to your correspondence to schedule such a meeting.



[Sebastien Dutrisac](mailto:sdutrisac@northernsunrise.net) | Agricultural Fieldman | Northern Sunrise
County
Bag 1300 | Peace River | AB | Canada | T8S 1Y9
Office: 780-322-3831 | Cell Phone Number: 780-617-3435 | Fax: 780 322-3000

sdutrisac@northernsunrise.net | www.northernsunrise.net

President of the AAAF

"No one can do everything but everyone should do something"

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	July 15, 2020
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

BACKGROUND:

- Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Pasture Walk on July 22, 2020 near Brownvale, Alberta or July 23, 2020 Jean Cote, Alberta.
- Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Annual Field Day at the Research Farm is being held on August 6 & 7, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cost estimate per event
- Pasture Walk Poster
- Annual Field Day at the Research Farm Poster
- July/August/September

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around Agricultural Service Board events.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	<i>AB</i>	AgFieldman:	<i>GC</i>
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Upcoming Events Cost estimate per day per individual

Event	Location	Dates	# of days	Registration	Kms roundtrip from Worsley	Mileage	Room	Meals	Personal Allowance	Per Diem	Total Cost per person per day
Pastrue Walk	Near Brownvale	July 22, 2020	1	\$10	240	\$139.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192.84	\$342.04
Pastrue Walk	Near Jean Cote	July 23, 2020	1	\$10.00	380	\$205.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192.84	\$408.04
Annual Field Day	Fairview	August 6-7, 2020	2	\$0	170	\$91.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.68	\$863.16
\$1,613.24											

Honorarium Budget: \$ 26,400.00
 Remaining: \$ 17,218.00
 Travel & Sub. Budget: \$ 25,000.00
 Remaining: \$ 15,911.00



What's in Your Pasture?

Join PCBFA to learn methods of monitoring and assessing pasture utilization and performance

Registration: 9 am

Presentations & Pasture Walk: 9:30-11:30 am

\$10/Person, Pre-Registration Required

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Our Hosts:

July 14	M.D. of Spirit River	Pybus Family
July 15	Birch Hills County	Dave Thompson
July 16	Saddle Hills County	Dolen Ranch
July 21	County of Grande Prairie	Kendel Toews
July 22	M.D. of Peace	Kyle Davies
July 23	Northern Sunrise County	Jacob Hodgson & Jeremie Trudeau

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For directions and to register:

peacecountrybeef.ca | info@pcbfa.ca | 780-523-4033



NORTHERN SUNRISE
COUNTY



CANADIAN
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Annual Field Day at the Research Farm

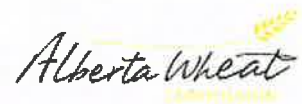
with special
2020 feature:



AUGUST 6 & 7, 2020
FAIRVIEW RESEARCH FARM

Space is Limited! Pre-Registration Required

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN



July 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Canada Day County Office Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Council Mtg.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ASB Mtg.	22 Pasture Walk	23 Pasture Walk	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

July 22nd – Pasture Walk near Brownvale, Alberta.

July 23rd – Pasture walk near Jean Cote, Alberta

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt

BR – Baldur Ruecker

MR – MacKay Ross

GC – Garry Candy

JW – Julie Watchorn

DJ – David Janzen

All – All available members

August 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1
2	3 Civic Holiday County Closed	4	5	6 Annual Field Day	7 Annual Field Day	8
9	10	11 Council Mtg.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 ASB Mtg.	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

August 6-7th – Annual Field Day at the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Farm

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt
 BR – Baldur Ruecker
 MR – MacKay Ross
 GC – Garry Candy
 JW – Julie Watchorn
 DJ – David Janzen
 All – All available members

September 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day County Closed	8 Council Mtg.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Biggest Veg Contest Cherry Canyon Hall 5:30p.-7:00 pm	22 Council Mtg. Biggest Veg Contest Cleardale Co-op	23 Biggest Veg Contest Hines Creek end of Main st.	24 Biggest Veg Contest Worsley 3:30 – 7:00	25	26
27	28	29	30			

No ASB meeting is scheduled in September

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt
 BR – Baldur Ruecker
 MR – MacKay Ross
 GC – Garry Candy
 JW – Julie Watchorn
 DJ – David Janzen
 All – All available members

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 21, 2020
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 / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greg- Agricultural Fieldman Report-July 21, 2020
 - Clubroot Map
 - Rental Equipment Usage

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the July 21, 2020 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

JULY 21, 2020

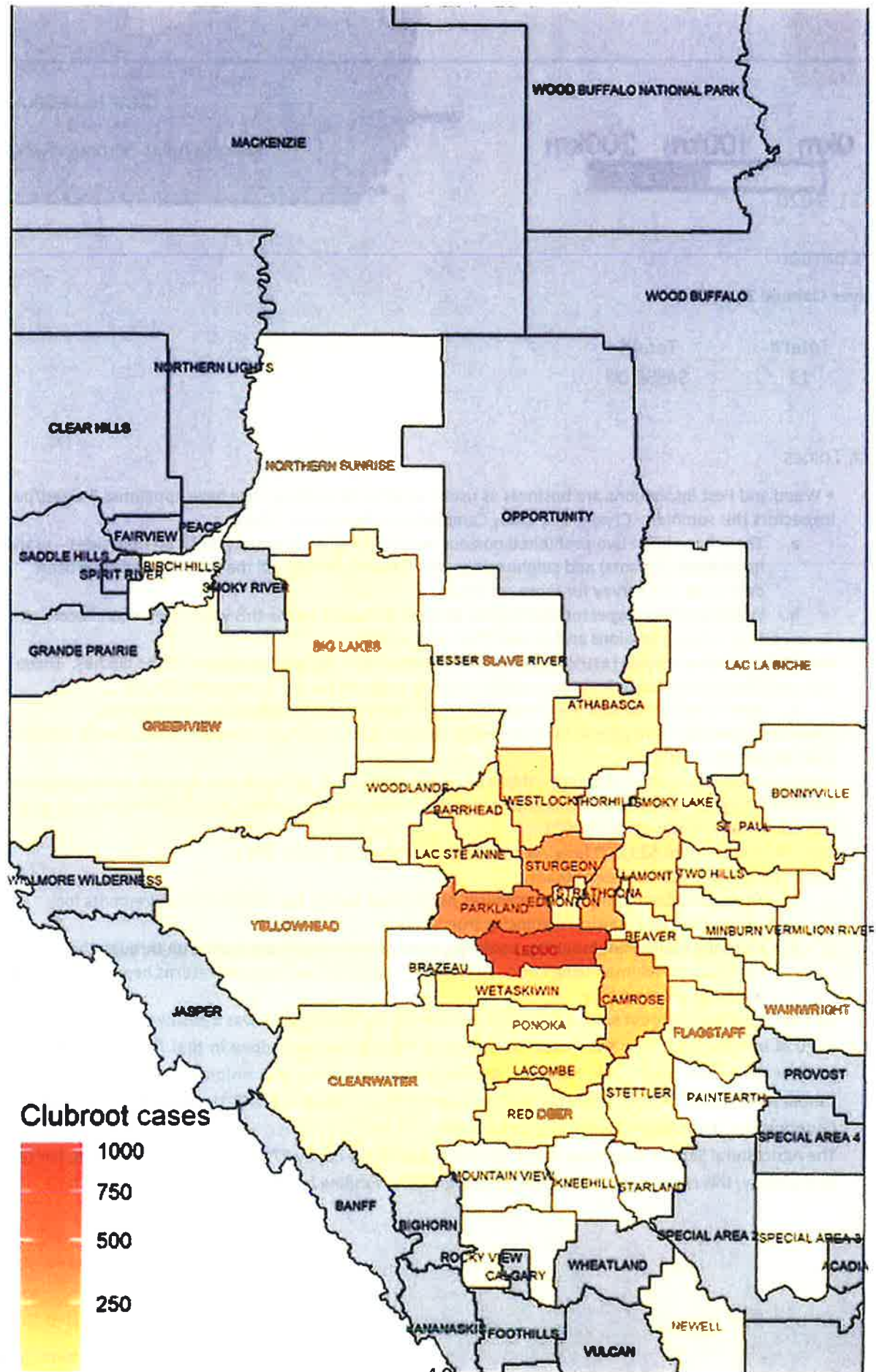
PEST CONTROL

• Wolves Claimed 2020 YTD:

Total #	Total \$
13	\$4550.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. • Weed and Pest inspections are business as usual, weather permitting. We have appointed 3 weed/pest inspectors this summer – Crystal Dei, Cindy Campbell and Roxanne Lefebvre.
 - a. There have been two prohibited noxious weeds found in the county, both on road sides – orange hawkweed (2 plants) and sulphur cinquefoil (several plants). All the plants found have been destroyed and survey for more continues.
 - b. Weed and Pest Inspector training has all been delivered online this year. Presenters recorded their training sessions and posted them to youtube.
2. Road side spraying is being restricted to road shoulders due to the wet conditions in the ditches. These wet conditions have also halted the roadside mowing program for the foreseeable future.
 - a. Wet conditions across the County vary from near normal to wettest in over 50 years.
3. Pesticide Applicator's are able to take all credits through online courses, this change is currently effective until end of March 2021.
4. Large livestock evacuation planning – this is being led by the M.D. of Peace and they are seeking that the initial meetings to start work on this emergency risk mitigation plan be held post COVID or as early as the late fall or early winter of 2020/2021.
5. Zero Till Drills sold for \$23,000 (original purchase price was \$57,700 in 2011).
6. Rental equipment use has been steady.
 - a. There have been modified procedures put in place due to the COVID-19 requirements for sterilization and physical distancing from renters.
 - b. All rental equipment inquiries, bookings, pickups and returns are dealt with through the Agricultural Fieldman Greg Coon. ALL rental equipment pick ups and returns need to be done by appointment time only.
7. No new reports of clubroot since last year. The closest to our municipality was a positive test in MD of Peace in 2018 in a field closer to the Peace River airport. Testing has been done in that field last year and no positive tests have come back, however, the landowner is under a pest enforcement notice to not grow canola for 4 years. The only other positive tests in the Peace region was a 2018 positive test in Saddle Hills County and a 2019 one in County of Grande Prairie.
8. The Agricultural Service Board Legislative Stream Grant will be cut by 27% from last years amount. For Clear Hills County, this represents a reduction of \$45,457.05 in funding for 2020.



January 1 - July 15, 2020

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	0	0	\$ -
BBQ Trailer	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	7	7	\$ 143.50
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	1	9	\$ 450.00
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Exta Hoses	\$ 50.00	\$1.000/hose	0	0	\$ -
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	1	4	\$ 1,400.00
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	10	10	\$ -
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	4	8	\$ 2,800.00
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	8	15	\$ 2,512.15
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	1	1	\$ -
Hand Held Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Land Leveller	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	1	1	\$ 130.00
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	5	6	\$ 150.00
Manure Spreader	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -
Post Hole Auger	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -
Post Pounder	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	6	7	\$ 875.00
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	2	\$ -
Rock Picker	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	1	1	\$ -
Rock Rake	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	0	0	\$ -
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	2	3	\$ 80.00
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Sickle Mower	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$ -
Skidmount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Smoke Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -
Steam Tables	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	0	0	\$ -
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	7	8	\$ 60.00
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	0	0	\$ -
Tree Spade	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	2	2	\$ 50.00
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	3	3	\$ -
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	\$ -
Water Pumps	\$100 (summer) \$1000 (winter)	\$75 (summer) \$200 (winter)	1	2	\$ 150.00
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -
			66	93	\$ 8,800.65

Revenue	\$ 9,206.65
Expenses	\$ 20,640.55
loss	\$ (11,433.90)

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 21, 2020
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are documents for the Board's information:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Big Lakes County – Letter – (63-10-02)
- Municipal District of Smoky River – Article – (63-10-02)
- County of Northern Lights – Letter – (63-10-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of July 21, 2020 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	AgFieldman:
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BIG LAKES COUNTY

5305-56 Street Box 239, High Prairie, AB T0G 1E0
T / (780) 523-5955 F / (780) 523-4227

For Immediate Release

Big Lakes County Declares Agricultural Disaster

July 15, 2020: Big Lakes County Council declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster at the June 24, 2020, Council Meeting.

In 2019, agricultural producers faced a year of continuing challenges, with a very wet fall and an early snowfall causing pockets of the County to remain unharvested. In the spring of 2020, the County saw above-average moisture conditions, severely impacting producers' ability to seed crops and harvest remaining crops from 2019.

"This past year, local producers have had an increasingly difficult and stressful harvest and spring seeding, which has caused many hardships, both financially and mentally," said Big Lakes County Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Doug Meneice. "With approximately 40 percent of the land seeded in our County, and with the recent precipitation and flooding, we anticipate a challenging 2020 harvest. With the unexpected precipitation in 2019 and 2020, many hay producers will also be affected in attempts to bale quality hay to raise livestock through the winter months. Anticipating a shortage of cereal crops as well as quality hay will again put extreme financial hardship on beef producers."

Currently, thousands of acres remain unseeded throughout the County. Producers who were fortunate enough to seed successfully have struggled with adverse growing conditions brought about by the cool, wet weather and have not been able to access fields to apply crop protection.

"Our agriculture industry has faced several challenges in the past five years, leaving our producers financially in need of a good growing season and strong cattle prices," said Big Lakes County Reeve Richard Simard. "2020 instead handed them Covid-19 and poor seeding and growing conditions. While Business Risk Management products are available to bridge bad seasons, the compounded impact of multiple years of terrible conditions has left Council deeply concerned for the future of agriculture within Big Lakes County and Alberta without additional support."

Through the declaration of a Municipal Agricultural Disaster, Big Lakes County Council hopes that the Government of Alberta considers supporting our producers in the form of increased financial aid and increased access to mental health recourses. In doing so, the County hopes to ensure the continued viability of the agricultural sector in our area and Alberta.

"In Big Lakes County it is predominantly Agriculture that we rely upon economically, with many producers depending upon that industry to live and to raise their families,"



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said Big Lakes County Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair Doug Meneice. "We hope that the Provincial and Federal Governments understand the exceptional hardships placed upon producers and that they comprehend the value that our Agricultural Industry adds to our local, Canadian, and global economy."

Mental Health Resources

[Alberta Addiction and Mental Health](#)

Help Line: 1-877-303-2642 or Dial 811. One in 5 Canadians, including Albertans, will experience a mental illness in their lifetime and the remaining four will be affected by the mental health issues of a loved one.

[The Support Network](#)

24 hour Distress Lines for Northern Alberta: 1-800 232-7288

[Canadian Mental Health Association](#)

As the nationwide leader and champion for mental health, CMHA facilitates access to the resources people require to maintain and improve mental health and community integration, build resilience, and support recovery from mental illness.

[The Do More Agriculture Foundation](#)

Do More Ag is a not-for-profit organization focusing on mental health in agriculture across Canada.

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On July 8th, 2020, Council for the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 declared a state of agricultural disaster

Due to persistent, excessive precipitation that hampered the harvest of crops remaining from 2019, prevented a significant number of acres from being seeded and has now caused crop death and stress to seeded crops, the M.D. of Smoky River declared a state of agricultural disaster at the regular Council meeting held July 8th.

The M.D. joins several Alberta municipalities in this declaration, notably a neighboring Peace Region municipality, Big Lakes County as well as several others including Lac La Biche County, Smoky Lake County, Athabasca County, Lamont County, and Thorhild County in taking this action.

With this declaration, Council hopes to bring to the Provincial and Federal Governments attention the extremely serious financial and psychological stresses being incurred by the municipality's agricultural producers. These severe hardships began with the saturated field conditions experienced during the 2019 harvest, which continued into the spring of 2020, were exacerbated by poor commodity prices and other Covid-19 induced issues and are culminating with the current excessive moisture in crops dying or being severely stressed.

Council, on behalf of all M.D. agricultural producers ask that the Provincial and Federal Governments fast track their review of the Business Risk Management programs and make much needed improvements to the AgriStability program and to proceed with assistance under AgriRecovery.

If producers or other residents have questions, they should contact the M.D. of Smoky River at 780-837-2221 or by emailing the Reeve rbrochu@mdsmokyriver.com



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Honorable Devin Dreesen
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Honourable Ministers:

Re: State of Agriculture Disaster

This letter brings attention that the County of Northern Lights has declared an Agriculture Disaster following the motion made the 14th day of July 2020.

As mentioned above the County of Northern Lights is experiencing harsher than average agricultural conditions. Our area has seen unprecedented rainfall as of late. These difficult conditions are compounded by the horrific year experienced in 2019 due to excessive late summer and fall moisture. Economic hardship fell on many producers as they struggled to make ends meet resulting from lower yields, poor quality, lack of feed and damaged fields for the next year.

As most producers looked optimistically to a better 2020, they were met with wet, rough field conditions as they struggled to harvest last year's crop and seed this year's crop. At the time of this letter producers' find themselves in a familiar spot as last; drowned out crops, fields too wet to access, and the endless feeling of despair. Our municipality tried to initiate change through a 2019 agriculture disaster declaration, 4 provincial resolutions and a letter campaign to have both the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau and the Honourable Devin Dreesen initiate an assessment under AgriRecovery. We were met with support at the federal level to have the Minister at the provincial level initiate a request for assessment under AgriRecovery; however, we are disappointed that Minister Dreesen never initiated our request from a January 16th, 2020 letter to do so.

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At this time, the County of Northern Lights would request Minister Dreeshen rectify and initiate the risk assessment under AgriRecovery for the 2019 calendar year, as well as extending into this current 2020 year.

We would also like the Minister to familiarize himself with the resolutions submitted at the 2020 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference, and work with Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau to drive change to our current business risk management. Our municipality is currently facing hardship brought on by excessive moisture, but the agriculture industry is also facing adversity. Adversities such as the current pandemic, trade wars, poor relationships with our largest buyers resulting in poor commodity prices, rising costs of production, poor risk management solutions and a lack of leadership at the provincial and federal level are all compounding the back to back hardships our producers are facing.

Undoubtedly, the County of Northern Lights agricultural producers are experiencing difficulties maintaining their livelihoods—it is about time we have our federal and provincial leadership corroborate to develop a plan for Agriculture for the foreseeable future.

We hope you do not find this letter too critical, but rather a compass in the right direction of change to bring security to this industry. We would be pleased to meet with you or any of your staff to further discuss the issues regarding our agricultural disaster. Our Chief Administrative Officer can be contacted at 780-836-3348 to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,



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