

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 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**
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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

PRESENT

Julie Watchorn	Deputy Chair
Baldur Ruecker	Member
Ron Jensen	Member
David Janzen	Deputy Reeve
Jason Ruecker	Council Representative

ABSENT

Garry Candy	Member
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ATTENDING

Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman
Natasha Gillett	Community Services Clerk
Crystal Dei	Community Services Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chair Watchorn called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA

AG41-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the May 2, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting, with the addition of agricultural plastics 7.f. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Previous Meeting
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG42-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Meeting. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

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

AG43-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 2023, 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.

AG44-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' verbal and written reports of May 2, 2023, for information. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Tradeshow Follow-up

The 26th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show was held on April 15, 2023. The Board is requested to provide feedback to assist with planning for the 2024 Trade Show.

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AG45-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion and feedback on the 26th Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show that was held on April 15, 2023, and planning ideas for the 27th Annual Trade Show that will be held on April 13, 2024.
CARRIED.

Agricultural Services
Policy Review

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Services Policies for review.

AG46-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommends removing section 4.e mowing of road prioritization from Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control.
CARRIED.

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

AG47-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6312-Tradeshow Exhibitors to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion of insurance requirements for exhibitors.
CARRIED.

AG48-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6313-Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion.
CARRIED.

AG49-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommends changing section 4.7 of Policy 6317-Biggest Vegetable Contest to read the names of winners opposed to pictures of winners.
CARRIED.

AG50-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the review of the following Agricultural Services Policies: 6302-Agricultural Improvement Policy, 6303-Pest Control, 6306- Clubroot of Canola, 6307-Wolf Management Incentive, 6309-Property Line Spraying, 6310-Rental Equipment, 6311-Veterinary Service Incorporated (VSI) Ltd Program, 6312-Tradeshow Exhibitors, 6313-Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes, 6314-Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Testing Incentive Program, and 6316-Surface Discharge of Collected Surface Run-on/Runoff Waters.
CARRIED.

Farmers' Appreciation
Event

The Board has requested to bring back the discussion around the date, location, and entertainment for the upcoming 2024 Farmers' Appreciation Event.

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AG51-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board will tentatively hold the Farmers' Appreciation Event on February 17, 2024 at Menno Simons School in Cleardale. CARRIED.

Deputy Chair Watchorn recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m.
Deputy Chair Watchorn reconvened the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Honorarium &
Travel/Subsistence
Budget Review

The Board has requested to review the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget.

AG52-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget review to future Agricultural Service Board meetings. CARRIED.

Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG53-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all Agricultural Service Board Members to attend one of the summer pasture tours in Goodlow, Valleyview, or Bonanza in June of 2023. CARRIED.

Recycling of
Agricultural Plastic

The Board has requested a discussion regarding recycling agricultural plastic.

AG54-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the discussion regarding recycling agricultural plastics for information, as presented. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

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

AG55-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG56-23(05/02/23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 2, 2023, information and correspondence for information, as presented. CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Chair Watchorn adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

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DATE

CHAIR

DATE

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
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 June 20, 2023, ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 



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Budget Items:

Completed Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CSC = Community Services Coordinator

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
		February 15, 2022		
AG11-22	(02/15/22)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommends Council approves a conditional grant of up to \$500.00 at \$3.50 per student to the Farm Safety Centre for providing the Farm Safety Smarts Program to students within Clear Hills County boundaries. CARRIED.	CDM & AF	In budget, Centre has confirmed planning to present in all local schools in 2022
		January 31, 2023		
AG7-23	(01/31/23)	RESOLUTION Member Candy to table the request for additional funding for the Farm Safety Centre Program until the updated request letter is received. CARRIED.	AF	In waiting
		February 16, 2023		
AG27-23	(02/16/23)	RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that this Agricultural Service Board bring back Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	AF	Complete
		March 13, 2023		
AG34-23	(03/13/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the Farmers' Appreciation Event to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	CSC	Complete
AG36-23	(03/13/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board request a delegation with Council to present the Annual Agricultural Service Board report on May 9, 2023. CARRIED.	AF	Complete
AG37-23	(03/13/23)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board request a review of budget at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.	AF	Complete
		May 2, 2023		
AG46-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommends removing section 4.c mowing of road prioritization from Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control. CARRIED.	AF	June 27, 2023 Council Meeting
AG47-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6312-Tradeshaw Exhibitors to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion of insurance requirements for exhibitors. CARRIED.	AF	June 20, 2023 ASB Meeting



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Budget Items:

Completed Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CSC = Community Services Coordinator

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AG48-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6313-Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion. CARRIED.	AF	June 20, 2023 ASB Meeting
AG49-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board recommends changing section 4.7 of Policy 6317-Biggest Vegetable Contest to read the names of winners opposed to pictures of winners. CARRIED.	AF	June 27, 2023 Council Meeting
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AG51-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board will tentatively hold the Farmers' Appreciation Event on February 17, 2024 at Menno Simons School in Cleardale. CARRIED.	AF	
AG52-23	(05/02/23)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring the honorarium and travel/subsistence budget review to future Agricultural Service Board meetings. CARRIED.	AF	Future ASB Meetings

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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
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' verbal reports of June 20, 2023, for information.

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



AgFieldman:



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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Policy 6312- Tradeshow Exhibitors
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board has requested that Agricultural Services Policy 6312- Tradeshow Exhibitors be brought to a future ASB meeting to discuss the insurance requirements for exhibitors.

BACKGROUND:

AG47-23(05/02/23) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6312-Tradeshow Exhibitors to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion of insurance requirements for exhibitors. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Policy 6312- Tradeshow Exhibitors

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by ... that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the Policy 6312-Tradeshow Exhibitors discussion regarding insurance requirements, as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:



AgFieldman:





Clear Hills County

Effective Date: November 12, 2014	Policy Number 6312
Title: TRADESHOW EXHIBITORS	

1. Policy Statement:

- 1.1. The Clear Hills County Agricultural Tradeshow is a rural family oriented show that allows exhibitors from the public and private sectors.
- 1.2. Clear Hills County recognizes the importance of providing guidelines and establishing basic requirements for exhibitors to adhere to when participating in the County Agricultural Tradeshow.
- 1.3. Clear Hills County requires that vendors and exhibitors at the annual Tradeshow conducted by the Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board have and provide proof of insurance coverage deemed appropriate to protect Clear Hills County from claims by any stakeholders to such events including vendors, exhibitors, volunteers, staff and visitors for the following reasons:
 - The active control and reduction of our insurance and other risk-related costs;
 - The protection of the interests of the stakeholders in such events;
 - The prevention of losses arising from damage to community or other's assets and liability claims; and
 - When losses cannot be prevented, to ensure that the impact of losses on the organization and our community stakeholders is a minimal as possible.

2. Exhibitor Responsibilities

- 2.1. All exhibitors will enter into an agreement, *Schedule A* that establishes the terms and conditions to be eligible to reserve a booth at the County Agricultural Tradeshow.
- 2.2. All exhibitors will provide proof of general liability, home owner, farm, tenant or personal liability insurance prior to setting up at the specific Tradeshow. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor being denied permission to set up for the Tradeshow and forfeiture of any fees paid to the Clear Hills County.
 - 2.2.1. Where permitted by the Clear Hills County insurance provider, insurance coverage may be requested and obtained by the vendor and/or exhibitor through the Clear Hills County Insurance policy on a cost recoverable basis.

3. Procedure:

- 3.1. Council delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer authority and responsibility to designate an employee of Clear Hills County to implement and supervise the requirements of this policy.

4. **Attachments:**

4.1 Schedule A - Exhibitor Agreement

5. **End of Policy**

ADOPTED

Resolution #C770-14

Date: November 12, 2014

Schedule A**EXHIBITOR AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

1. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to assign, decline, and/or change booth locations without prior notice. The exhibitor may be entitled to a full refund, if they choose to withdraw their reservation due to changes to booth locations.
2. ~~Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any request to exhibit or participate in the show at any time.~~
3. Clear Hills County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject, remove or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part, or any Exhibitor or its representative if in the opinion of Show Management the exhibit or the activities of the Exhibitor or its representatives violates the Agreement or is detrimental to the aims, goals and purposes of the show.
4. Clear Hills County prohibits abusive conduct and inappropriate behavior toward Show Management, attendees, guests or any affiliated representative of the show.
5. Clear Hills County will not assume any responsibility for loss, damages, theft, and/or pilferage of Exhibitor's displays, materials, supplies, etc. Security will be on site during the entire show.
6. Exhibitors will hold Clear Hills County harmless for any damage, expense, or liability arising from any injury or damage to said Exhibitor, its agents, servants or employees, resulting from any acts or omissions of the Exhibitor, its agents, employees or representatives, for which the Exhibitor is legally responsible.
7. Exhibitors are entirely responsible for leased space and agree to reimburse for any damage to property, facilities, furnishings, or equipment occurring on the premises of the event, providing such damage is due to negligence of the Exhibitor, its servants, agents or others for whom the Exhibitor is, by law, responsible for.
8. Exhibitors are required to provide a valid certificate of insurance for the event and booth rental.
9. Exhibitor materials, supplies, equipment, displays, etc. must not extended beyond the Exhibitor's designated booth space.
10. The Exhibitor agrees to remove the exhibit equipment, displays, materials, supplies, etc. from the show building by 6:30 p.m. on the day of the Show, and not before 4:30 p.m.
11. Clear Hills County has the authority to establish and interpret rules and regulations necessary for the orderly conduct of Exhibitors and/or their agents for the mutual benefit of all parties.

I, _____ (please print) have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Position/Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Policy 6313- Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board has requested that Agricultural Services Policy 6313- Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes be brought to a future ASB meeting.

BACKGROUND:

AG48-23(05/02/23) RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board bring Policy 6313-Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting for further discussion.
CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Policy 6313- Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by ... that this Agricultural Service Board accepts for information the discussion regarding Policy 6313-Tradeshow Groceries and Door Prizes, as presented.

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

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Clear Hills County

Effective Date: January 24, 2023	Policy Number 6313
Title: TRADESHOW GROCERIES & DOORPRIZES	

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1. Clear Hills County has committed to offer a pancake breakfast and sponsor door prizes for the annual County Agricultural Tradeshow and Farmer's Appreciation Banquet

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. Annually Council will include funds in the Operating Budget to cover costs for groceries for the pancake breakfast and the door prizes.
- 2.2. The County will purchase groceries for the pancake breakfast from the following businesses on a rotational basis:
 - Cleardale Co-op (2025, 2028, 2031)
 - Hines Creek General Store (2023, 2026, 2029)
 - Worsley General Store (2024, 2027, 2030)
- 2.3. The County will purchase a \$300.00 gift card from the following businesses on a rotational basis if available.
 - Cleardale Co-op (2025, 2028, 2031)
 - Hines Creek General Store (2023, 2026, 2029)
 - Worsley General Store (2024, 2027, 2030)

This door prize will be drawn from the entries in the "Adult Door Prize" draw box at the Council Tradeshow booth.

- 2.4. The County will fund up to \$200.00 annually for a children's bicycle from B&E Home Hardware. This door prize will be drawn from the entries in the "Children Door Prize" draw box at the Council Tradeshow booth.
 - 2.4.1. B&E Home Hardware provides a bicycle for display at the Council booth during the tradeshow.
 - 2.4.2. The door prize recipient selects a bicycle from B&E Home Hardware's inventory during regular business hours. The customer is responsible for any additional costs when the bicycle selected is more than the \$200.00 that the County has committed for this door prize.

3. END OF POLICY

ADOPTED

Resolution C91-15(02/10/15)

DATE:

February 10, 2015

AMENDED

Resolution C133-16(03/08/16)

DATE:

March 8, 2016

Resolution C012-22(01-11-22)

January 11, 2022

Resolution C60-23(01-24-23)

January 24, 2023

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting: **Agricultural Service Board**
Meeting Date: June 20, 2022
Originated By: Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title: **2023 ASBPC Resolution Grading**
File: 63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is requested to grade the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee's (ASBPC) 2023 Resolutions. The ASBPC's has provided their responses, initial grades given and a brief update on activities to advance the resolutions.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution process, June 30 Grading sheets and comments back to the ASBPC

- July/Aug ASBPC meets with Ministers regarding resolutions
- Sept 1, Final 2023 Resolution Report Card distributed to ASBs
- Nov ASBPC Reviews 2024 Resolutions/Organizational meeting
- Dec 1 - 2024 Proposed Provincial resolutions distributed to ASBs



ATTACHMENTS:

- 2023 ASBPC Initial Resolution Grading
- Resolution Grading Package
- 2023 Resolution Grading

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board submit the 2023 ASBPC Resolution Grading with the following grades and comments:

Resolution Number	Resolution Name	Grade	Comments
1-23	CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION		
2-23	RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS		
3-23	APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING		
4-23	GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION		
5-23	LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE		
6-23	ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT		

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:  AgFieldman: 

7-23	CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE		
8-23	CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS		
9-23	SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS		
10-23	ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALY REGULATED WEEDS		
11-23	LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE		
12-23	REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)		
E1-23	STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING		
E2-23	STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH		
E3-23	SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA		

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: AgFieldman:

2023 ASBPC Initial Resolution Grading

The ASBPC reviewed the resolutions and responses on April 17, 2023 and on May 15, 2023. Their responses are given below for your information. The final grade in the Report Card will be determined by compiling the responses of individual ASBs.

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade
1-23	CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION	Accept in Principle
2-23	RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS	Incomplete
3-23	APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING	Accept in Principle
4-23	GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION	Incomplete
5-23	LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE	Accept in Principle
6-23	ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT	Incomplete
7-23	CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE	DEFEATED
8-23	CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS	Incomplete
9-23	SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS	Incomplete
10-23	ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALLY REGULATED WEEDS	Incomplete
11-23	LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE	Accept the Response
12-23	REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)	Incomplete
E1-23	STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING	Incomplete
E2-23	STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH	Incomplete
E3-23	SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA	Incomplete

RESOLUTION GRADING PACKAGE

2023 resolutions and responses

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**RESOLUTION 1-23
CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS the scope of practice for Alberta veterinary professionals is governed by the ABVMA, which is governed by the Veterinary Profession Act, (RSA 200, Ch. V-2); and

WHEREAS the lack of veterinary professionals has a direct impact on the sustainability and profitability of livestock producers; and

WHEREAS medical doctor shortages led to the growth of the Nurse Practitioner designation in human medicine; and

WHEREAS addressing the current rural veterinary shortage will take a number of years to have an impact, but the livestock industry needs assistance now; and

WHEREAS there are veterinary services that could be performed by a mid-level veterinary professional, alleviating some pressure on Doctors of Veterinary Medicine.

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

The Alberta Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development work with the ABVMA to create a Mid- Level Veterinary Professional designation within the Veterinary Profession Act to address the rural veterinary shortage and provide mid-level supportive care to Alberta livestock producers with veterinary oversight, including but not limited to:

1. Pregnancy Checking
2. Vaccination
3. Semen Testing
4. Blood draws
5. Injections
6. Catheterization
7. Wellness checks
8. Renewing prescriptions
9. Establishing required relationship for producers to purchase prescribed medicines.

SPONSORED BY: Municipal District of Greenview

CARRIED

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development

**RESOLUTION 2-23
RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS**

WHEREAS rural Alberta is experiencing a significant shortage of rural based veterinary medical professionals; which has now reached a crisis level, and

WHEREAS there are five veterinary schools in Canada, students may only attend school in the region where they live. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary currently accepts fifty (50) students into the program each year, while it is expanding to one hundred (100) students in 2024 the current program selection process is not resulting in enough graduates to sustain rural veterinary practices; and

WHEREAS it has been shown that students originating from rural areas and/or having significant interest in and have experience with rural veterinary practice and the rural lifestyle are far more likely to locate and be successful in rural veterinary practice;

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

That the Government of Alberta aid the crisis of rural veterinary shortage by directing the University of Calgary to adjust admissions to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for students from rural areas applying by providing credit for rural acuity and prioritize accepting students who intend to specialize in large animal practice and return to work in rural areas following completion of their program.

SPONSORED BY: Saddle Hills County and Mountain View County

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Advanced Education
Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation



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MLA, Edmonton - South West*

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Mr. Sebastien Dutrisac
Chair, Provincial ASB Committee
c/o Mr. Stephen Bevans
Secretary, Provincial ASB Committee
Box 580
Cardston AB T0K 0K0

Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

The Honourable Brian Jean, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development, forwarded a copy of your February 2, 2023 letter regarding the 2023 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Resolutions. As Minister of Skilled Trades and Professions responsible for the *Veterinary Profession Act*, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Alberta government is aware of the severe shortage of veterinarians across all veterinary practice types in Alberta. Recognizing the particularly acute scarcity of veterinarians in rural Alberta, we have been working closely with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) to address this critical issue.

In 2021, the ABVMA and the Alberta Veterinary Technologist Medical Association (ABVTA) collaborated with the Government of Alberta to conduct a workforce study to gain a comprehensive understanding of key human resource issues facing the veterinary profession in Alberta. As a result of the study, the ABVMA established two industry-focused working groups to explore possible actions. One of the working groups is on domestic education of veterinary professionals in western Canada and the other is on utilization and retention of veterinarians and veterinary technologists. Both the ABVMA and the ABVTA are optimistic that through working with stakeholders, educational institutions, and the Alberta government, the issue will be resolved.

The ABVMA has also recently completed a study, namely the Economic Impact Assessment of the Veterinary Medical Sector in Alberta, to document the economic benefits of veterinary medicine to the province of Alberta. The study addresses the impact of the veterinary medical sector on rural communities and has become a useful tool in supporting the ABVMA and the veterinary profession's efforts to address the critical workforce shortage issues.

As part of the Alberta Recovery Plan and under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Strategy, the Alberta government has recently developed new entrepreneur immigration streams for the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program to help bring in skilled economic immigrants, including veterinarians, to support the province's workforce. There are two streams that may contribute to addressing the

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labour shortage in rural Alberta. The Rural Renewal Stream supports attraction and retention of immigrants through a community-driven approach responsive to local economic development needs in rural Alberta communities, and the Rural Entrepreneur Stream attracts and encourages qualified and capable immigrant entrepreneurs to start new or buy existing businesses, conduct the day-to-day operations, and live-in rural communities to support economic growth in rural Alberta.

As you know, the Alberta government has also recently provided additional funding to the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM). This money will be used to increase programming for veterinary studies and allow the UCVM to double its yearly enrolment of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students from 50 to 100 by 2025.

Regarding your suggestion to establish a mid-level veterinary professional designation to address the rural veterinary shortage and provide mid-level supportive care to Alberta livestock producers, my department will confer with the ABVMA to discuss the proposal. To implement another category of veterinarian, the ABVMA will require member approval, a formal proposal for changes to the *Veterinary Professional Act*, and significant consultations with stakeholders, educational institutions, and the public. While not a fast solution to the situation, it may fit into the range of responses that will work together to help address the shortage.

Like your committee, the Government of Alberta recognizes the important role of veterinarians in this province and the critical need to address the labour shortage in this profession. Thank you for writing and bringing this proposal to my attention.

Yours very truly,



Honourable Kaycee Madu, KC, ECA
Deputy Premier and Minister of Skilled Trades and Professions

cc: Honourable Brian Jean, KC, ECA
Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development

Agriculture and Irrigation
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Resolution 2-23: Rural Veterinary Students

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Alberta aid the crisis of rural veterinary shortage by directing the University of Calgary to adjust admissions to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for students from rural areas applying by providing credit for rural acuity and prioritize accepting students who intend to specialize in large animal practice and return to work in rural areas following completion of their program.

Response:

The University of Calgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine has a current class size of 50 students and plans to expand its class size to 100 students. This places Alberta in a high-ranking position within Canada in terms of its number of veterinary students per capita. It is noteworthy that a consistent 30-35 per cent of veterinary students at the University of Calgary come from rural communities. Unfortunately, approximately only half of those students return to a rural community to practice.

The University of Calgary has adjusted its admissions process for the latest intake of veterinary students. After identifying applicants that meet a minimum academic threshold, academic standing is no longer a consideration in the further evaluation of those qualified applicants. Instead, an applicant's work experience, hobbies, volunteer experience and home community are considered to determine which students will advance to the interview stage. The admissions process was adjusted to help ensure graduates will meet the needs of the profession and the province.

Agriculture and Irrigation continues to work with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Calgary to develop strategies to address the shortage of veterinarians in rural communities. Attracting these professionals to rural Alberta poses complex challenges, and we continue to look at ways to help our rural communities recruit and retain veterinarians.

Resolution 1-23, which is directed to the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development, proposes a nurse practitioner model in the veterinary profession. The development of training and evaluation materials for this model, as well as the legal framework within which those materials will operate, will take time. It is also worth noting that most of the tasks mentioned in the resolution – livestock pregnancy-checks, livestock vaccinations, semen collection, blood collection, injections, catheterization and dispensing prescription medication – may already be delegated to registered veterinary technologists.



May 12, 2023

Agricultural Service Board Executive Committee
c/o Mr. Sebastian Dutrisec
Chair, ASB Committee
Delivered Via Email

Dear Mr. Dutrisec and the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee Members,

Re: Response to ASB Resolutions 1-23 and 2-23

The Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) is the professional regulatory organization responsible for regulating and supporting the profession of veterinary medicine in Alberta. This includes regulatory oversight and advocacy for both Alberta's veterinarians and veterinary technologists (RVT's). There are 3982 professionals practicing in Alberta which is comprised of 1925 practicing veterinarians and 2057 technologists many of whom are practicing medicine within one of the 580 veterinary practices located throughout Alberta. Less than half of those practices are located in rural Alberta.

We would like to thank the Agricultural Service Board for your willingness to address the shortage of veterinary professionals in Alberta. You recently passed two resolutions, Resolution 1-23, Creation of a Mid-level Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) Professional Designation and Resolution 2-23 Rural Veterinary Students. We recognize that these two resolutions are intended to provide some solution to this complex problem of veterinary professional labour shortage, especially as they affect rural animal owners. While we recognize the intention of the resolutions, we would like to provide some updates on the activities we have been undertaking that will hopefully provide some insight and will allow us to further our discussion with you on some key activities for which we would seek your support.

Our association works closely with partner organizations including the Alberta Veterinary Technologists Association (ABVTA), University of Calgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM), the intensive livestock sector, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Municipalities, and the Alberta government. Together we have been actively engaged in addressing the issue of veterinary professional shortages which are at a crisis level not only in Alberta but globally. Although labor shortages affect both mixed animal and companion animal veterinary practice, we have been especially aware of the acute need of veterinary professionals in rural communities.

In 2020, ABVMA undertook a workforce study with the support of the Alberta government. This report was completed in 2021 and underscored the crisis level shortage of veterinarians and veterinary technologists in the province. Today we need nearly 900 professionals that includes at minimum 377 veterinarians and 487 technologists. In less than 20 years we will need three and

a half times that amount. Even today, in 2023 the professional job vacancy rate exceeds the provincial job vacancy rate and attrition in clinical practice remains high at 3% for veterinarians and 8% for RVT's. We know that with Alberta having the highest pet ownership rate in Canada at 65% and with continued growth of foundational livestock production, the demand for veterinarians and technologists is increasing.

We also know that educational seats are not keeping pace to the demand of students. In the Alberta Budget 2022-23, the Alberta government committed \$69 million to UCMV to expand the veterinary program from 50 students to 100 students over 3 years. This was a generational investment and was the first time since the inception of the school in 2005 that money was allocated to veterinary medicine in Alberta. Of note, you must be an Alberta resident to attend UCMV making this a critical investment in veterinary education of Alberta students. Additionally in budget 2022, money was available for colleges offering animal science programs including registered veterinary technologist education.

We also recognize that only 7-9% of the veterinarians registered to practice in Alberta are internationally trained veterinarians. With a global shortage of veterinarians, it is competitive to attract professionals from an accredited school. Internationally trained veterinarians require support to ensure successful placement. Alberta does not have an bridging program at UCMV which will allow more veterinarians from non-accredited schools to come to Alberta. Receiving some short-term training in the form of a micro-credentialing program will augment their veterinary knowledge and skills to ensure they are at the Canadian standard that animal owners expect.

Despite the 50 additional seats allocated under budget 2022, we believe that was a start and not an ending. There is a need to expand seat capacity at UCMV and the four technical colleges in Alberta offering veterinary technologist (animal health technology) education in Alberta. We also believe that further collaborative work needs attention to attract and retain professionals in rural communities in Alberta. We want to assure you that we have been addressing this issue with our partners as a profession. We need the assistance of stakeholders like you to also make positive strides to growing a veterinary workforce that comes and stays in rural practice. We need to ensure we are working collaboratively and with an understanding of the complexity of the issues.

Resolution 2-23

As per resolution 2-23, one of the ways you have identified to help rural Alberta veterinary shortages is by *"...directing the University of Calgary to adjust admissions to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for students from rural areas applying by providing credit for rural acuity and prioritize students who intend to specialise in large animal practice and return to work in rural areas following completion of their program"*. As a profession we work closely with the UCMV and are very pleased that, beginning with the class admitted in the fall of 2022, they have changed their selection policy and process to acknowledge that academic ability is necessary but not sufficient. There is three step process that includes:

1. Confirm Academic Ability: the qualified pool consists of Alberta residents who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on their four most recent full-time terms of undergraduate education, a passing grade in 10 of the required courses and a score of at least 495 on the MCAT within 3 years of application.

2. File Review: each qualified applicant's file is reviewed by 3 members of the file review subcommittee to score "goodness of fit" for the UCVM DVM program, which includes assessment of rural attributes. The top 128 are invited for an interview.
3. Non-academic attributes: are evaluated which includes multiple mini-interviews and an on-site essay. The activities of the rural students are highlighted including their hobbies, agriculture experience, work experience, etc.

Interestingly, of the 50 students accepted in 2022 who will graduate in 2026, 36.5% identify their home as an acreage or farm within a community of less than 10,000 population. 32.7% identify themselves as residing within a metropolitan region of more than 50,000 people. The data from this class supports us saying that rural students are being accepted to the veterinary program. Additional data for the class to be admitted in the fall of 2023 will be available shortly. ABVMA is pleased that UCVM has made significant changes to its admissions process and requirements that are not solely academically focused and that consider a student's overall qualifications which will not disadvantage a rural student.

UCVM has also provided information on where the veterinary graduates go upon graduation. Out of the 273 graduates from 9 graduating classes, 195 veterinarians, or 71% are registered to practice in Alberta. Of the 195 veterinarians working in Alberta, 92 (47%) are working in small communities (defined as a community of less than 37,000 people) and 83 (43%) are working in large urban communities (defined as a community with population greater than 100,000). The remainder will work in academia, industry, or other animal facilities such as feedlots and zoos. This means that of all the 273 graduates of UCVM since inception, 33.7% are working in a small community in Alberta.

The data supports that not only are rural based students being selected for the veterinary program at UCVM, but they are also returning to those smaller communities. Despite this, we recognize that there are not enough graduates for the demand making increasing capacity of seats critical for Alberta. We also note that graduates are returning to rural Alberta and mixed animal practice, but they are not staying. Retention is an issue for veterinarians and technologists in rural Alberta because of a number of factors among which include reliable broadband services, livable housing, and daycare options.

Resolution 1-23

We also want to address the issue raised by ASB's resolution 1-23 that requests *"The Alberta Minister of Job, Economy, and Northern Development work with the ABVMA to create a Mid-Level Veterinary Professional designation within the Veterinary Profession Act to address the rural veterinary shortage and provide mid-level supportive care to Alberta livestock producers with veterinary oversight, including but not limited to:*

1. Pregnancy checking
2. Vaccination
3. Semen testing
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5. Injections
6. Catheterization

7. *Wellness checks*
8. *Renewing prescriptions*
9. *Establishing required relationship for producers to purchase prescribed medicines."*

The veterinary profession is facing shortages of veterinary technologists that exceeds normal practice standards. There is a demand for veterinary technologists with recent graduates having no delay for job entry. The four veterinary technology (animal health technology) programs in Alberta are competitive meaning there are more qualified applicants than there are seats for all the students looking for technologist education. Quite simply, there is not enough educational capacity to graduate enough veterinary technologists and there is a need for further government investment in the veterinary technology educational programs.

Attraction of veterinary technologists from other jurisdictions including Canada, the US and international is minimal largely because of the non-competitive wages in Alberta. Retention is an issue in rural Alberta due to the low wages and physical demands of the job combined with a lack of services such as daycare, options for livable, affordable housing and educational options for children. Ninety-eight per cent (98%) of technologists are female, they are on average between 25 and 29 years of age and remain in clinical practice for an average of 9.31 years. In a recent compensation survey, it was found that while the average hourly compensation for veterinary technologists in urban Alberta is \$27.07, the average hourly rate in rural Alberta practice is only \$24.95. Technologists are choosing the career but not staying in it making turnover within the profession very high. We do not believe that a new level of professional will address these issues facing a technologist. In fact, adding in an additionally trained professional will place greater financial strain on the veterinary practice and higher fees for veterinary service will result.

The ABVMA policy regulating delegation of veterinary services to a registered veterinary technologist (RVT) has been updated as of February 2023 with both the veterinarians and veterinary technologists working collaboratively and in agreement to this new professional standard. This was in collaboration with the Alberta Veterinary Technologists Association (ABVTA). It is accepted that the barrier to increasing the engagement of veterinary technologists in veterinary practice is mainly culture in veterinary practices and is not a regulatory barrier. Updated policy seeks to encourage increased engagement of veterinary technologists in practice.

Under the Veterinary Profession General Regulation, sec 9(2), veterinarians may delegate veterinary medical services to registered veterinary technologists. A veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) must exist prior to delegation of any medical task. The VCPR exists by virtue of the registered veterinarian having sufficient knowledge of a person's animals by examination of the animals, and/or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animals are kept.

The scope of practice that may be delegated by a veterinarian to a veterinary technologist, pursuant to a VCPR being in place between the client and the veterinarian, is defined as:

(2) A technologist may practice all aspects of veterinary medicine other than (a) making a diagnosis (b) determining a course of treatment (c) applying surgical techniques.

Registered Veterinary Technologists (RVTs) are allowed, by legislation, to perform a broad scope of primary animal health care tasks and veterinary practice activities. RVTs are

precluded from making a diagnosis, determining a course of treatment (which includes prescribing medications), or performing any surgical procedure. RVTs may appropriately perform triage in the absence of a VCPR.

Whether a specific veterinary medical procedure is delegated, and the level of supervision required for RVTs performing various tasks is determined by the veterinarian's assessment of the competency of the technologist, the complexity of the task and the risk to the patient and client. The veterinarian is responsible for verifying the competency or skill level of the employee to whom any procedure is delegated. Verification is achieved by observing and evaluating to the satisfaction of the individual registered ABVMA member.

Certain higher risk procedures, such as administering anesthesia, while they may be delegated, require a higher level of supervision by a veterinarian given the risks and obligation to protect the public interest.

The following skills are medical in nature, constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, pose a risk to the patient and the public, and therefore can only be delegated to a registered veterinary technologist.

<p style="text-align: center;">Client Relations/Practice Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain client informed consent. • Administer and maintain Infection Prevention and Control and biosecurity protocols and staff education with a focus on limiting hospital-acquired infection, recognition of potentially infectious patients, isolation protocols • Develop and provide client education on topics including clinical nutrition, tube feeding care, • diabetes management, behaviour, post chemotherapy care • Discharge medical/surgical patients with communication of medical instructions • Participate in the development, implementation and review of practice policies, protocols and procedures • Perform patient triage including teletriage
<p style="text-align: center;">Pharmacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and dispense pharmaceuticals, including performing final check • Prepare and administer medications i.e. calculate, reconstitute, dilute oral and parental, IV fluid rates, constant rate infusions • Educate clients regarding prescribed drugs i.e., indications and contraindications, handling, storage, administration, side-effects, drug interactions, safety for patient and humans • Use and explain the 5 rights of pharmaceuticals and biologics • Respond to abnormal and normal responses to medication • Handle, measure and administer controlled substances • Maintain controlled substance acquisition and usage logs
<p style="text-align: center;">Nursing Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform a comprehensive physical examination including assessments and documentation of findings including mentation, heart rate, pulse rate, respiratory rate, heart/lung sounds, body condition score, pain score, hydration

- Perform venipuncture for treatment or blood sampling including identifying appropriate and inappropriate sites and blood volumes
- Administer oral and parenteral medications
- Administer biologicals (including rabies)
- Express anal sacs
- Perform fluorescein staining, Schirmer tear test and tonometry
- Establish and manage intravenous access sites as determined by the patient conditions and therapy required
- Administer and maintain fluid therapy
- Assess volume status and administer crystalloid and colloids via infusion pump or drip set. Assess response to fluid therapy plan 5
- Collect and administer blood and blood products, monitor administration, and adjust administration as required
- Place and maintain of advanced catheters such as PICC lines, intraosseous, arterial, central, catheters
- Perform and evaluate invasive (pressure transducer or aneroid manometer) and non-invasive blood pressure measurement. (oscillometric, Doppler, etc)
- Perform thoracocentesis and non-surgical chest tube placement
- Maintain chest, tracheotomy, pharyngostomy, nasogastric, esophagostomy tubes
- Place and care for urinary catheters
- Collect urine samples including by cystocentesis (including ultrasound guided)
- Setup and evaluate normal vs abnormal ECG
- Apply established emergency protocols for CPR e.g. RECOVER CPR Algorithm
- Perform appropriate wound care
- Administer enemas
- Perform tattoo
- Insert microchip
- Trim hooves
- Clean sheath
- Calculate and administer nutritional support using a variety of techniques (esophagostomy, nasogastric, parenteral)
- Perform nasogastric intubation
- Use esophageal feeder
- Apply and remove bandages and splints
- Remove sutures or staples
- Remove casts
- Perform rehabilitation techniques including massage therapy, cryo/heat therapy, range of motion, low level laser therapy, shockwave therapy
- Explain timing and types of pregnancy testing
- Semen collection
- Electrostimulation and semen collection for breeding soundness examination
- Perform artificial insemination
- Assist and prepare for large animal reproductive procedures including embryo flush, oocyte aspirations, endometrial biopsies etc
- Assist with birthing, both routine and dystocia
- Provide resuscitation and nursing care to neonates

Peri and IntraOperative Procedures

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize medical records/consent forms, review pre-operative evaluation, evaluate current patient status, organize, and implement anesthesia • Perform a surgical clip and aseptic prep application • Perform set-up, maintenance, troubleshooting and operation of surgical equipment including suction, cautery, laser and fiberoptic equipment • Aseptically handle tissues, instruments, and supplies during surgery • Administer post-operative care including hydrotherapy, orthopedic, and neurological care • Perform the role of laser safety officer
<p style="text-align: center;">Dental Prophylaxis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform scaling and polishing, subgingival scaling, root planing and curettage • Probe, measure, and chart pockets with a periodontal probe; grade periodontal disease; complete dental chart • Obtain diagnostic images using intraoral radiology positioning • Perform dental anesthesia blocks • Perform flotation of equid teeth • Rabbit and rodent non-surgical occlusal adjustment and correction
<p style="text-align: center;">Anesthesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review patient history, PE, and diagnostic results in collaboration with a veterinarian to assign patient anesthetic status score (ASA) • Assign appropriate numerical pain score after reviewing patient history and physical examination in conjunction with evaluation of any prescribed analgesic plans to provide effective pain management • Set up, test, and/or troubleshoot anesthesia machines and breathing circuits • Develop patient-specific anesthetic protocols for veterinarian review and implementation to provide effective pain management and maximum anesthetic • Calculate dosages for and administer injectable analgesics and anesthetics as prescribed by the veterinarian • Perform regional nerve blocks i.e. dental, biopsy site, testicular, linea, distal limb • Perform epidural anesthesia Utilize ECG, capnography, pulse oximetry, blood pressure monitors and thermometers to assess patient status and anesthetic depth • Use clinical signs and monitoring equipment to monitor patient status in all stages of anesthesia • Record and maintain anesthesia and operative medical records • Evaluate the effects of common pre-anesthetic, induction, and maintenance drugs, recognize, and respond to adverse reactions, complications, or emergencies • Use and assess peripheral nerve stimulation • Monitor and evaluate appropriate extubation time, anesthetic recovery, postoperative care, and pain management during the recovery period
<p style="text-align: center;">Diagnostic Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform urinalysis • Perform CBC • Identify blood, external and internal parasites • Perform blood chemistry tests • Perform serologic tests • Perform bacteriologic procedures • Examine canine vaginal smears

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in collecting, preparing, and appropriately evaluating transudate, exudates & cytologic specimens e.g. joint, cerebrospinal, airway and body cavity • Perform and evaluate fine needle tissue aspirates and impression smears • Perform point of care tests e.g. lactate, blood glucose, ketostix Collect and evaluate skin scrapings • Perform blood type and cross match, and evaluate results • Prepare and stain bone marrow specimens • Examine semen • Evaluate blood gases • Perform California mastitis test • Perform necropsy procedures including collecting photographs, videos and tissue samples Prepare samples for analyses and submission • Perform the role of lab quality assurance officer
<p style="text-align: center;">Diagnostic Imaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate and maintain xray, CT and MRI machines to produce diagnostic images • Calculate and administer contrast media via different routes for contrast studies • Maintain and utilize ultrasound to obtain diagnostic images* • Perform the role of radiation quality assurance officer • * Council has established policy for pregnancy detection by ultrasound in beef cattle and small ruminants
<p style="text-align: center;">Euthanasia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss quality of life assessments with client • Administer premedication and euthanasia solution with or without client present • Confirm patient is deceased * Council has established policy for pregnancy detection by ultrasound in beef cattle and small ruminants

While engagement of the RVT in clinical practice has been improving, the ABVTA and ABVMA continue to work on educating practice owners and staff on utilization of technologist and retention strategies. A new class of professional as suggested by this resolution will not improve utilization of RVT's, and a new professional will take considerable time to establish. The expectation would be that ABVMA membership and stakeholders would need to be consulted on the scope of practice and utilization of the professional. Further, the current legislation provides that the scope of practice that may not currently be delegated to an RVT is narrow – making diagnosis, surgery and determining the course of treatment. Any scope of practice afforded to a new professional designation would venture into the scope of practice for a veterinarian. A new curriculum would need to be developed at colleges and would require extensive consultation and ongoing advocacy for additional public dollars for this educational program. Legislation would need to be changed to accommodate this new professional which is at the discretion of the provincial government. We estimate this process to take 4-6 years with dedicated work from the profession, academia, government, and stakeholders including ASB.

The concept of a “mid-level practitioner” has been discussed across Canada and in the US. While it is acknowledged that at some point it may play a role in delivery of veterinary medical services, there is an unrecognized opportunity to leverage improved engagement of veterinary technologists in clinical practice.

While we appreciate ASB's interest in and resolutions related to the veterinary professional workforce shortage, we believe that time will be better spent working with Alberta's post-secondary institutions to ensure that the veterinary professional educational programming is relevant and meeting the needs of animal owners. Micro-credential programs at Alberta's technical colleges for RVT's will provide a technologist interested in expanding their knowledge and skills an opportunity in a shorter program of study. In our study of the labour issues, we believe these actions will improve retention of RVT's much better than a new classification of professional that will take, considerable time and money to implement.

We also believe that rural communities need to be engaged in attraction programs to their communities. Providing veterinary students with a positive experience for summer employment in a rural veterinary practice requires a community to be engaged and welcoming to that student. Municipalities that have housing that is affordable and livable will be attractive to a student and professional. Local bursaries are helpful, but success will be best achieved when your local veterinary practices are engaged, and the definitions of eligibility are not narrowly defined.

We also believe that engagement with younger students, those in junior high and high school, about the value of veterinary medicine is helpful to ensuring there is a continued stream of qualified applicants to the veterinary medicine programs. Providing incentives such as scholarships to local students who pursue veterinary medicine and return to the local rural community to practice, may also be an important tool to recruitment and retention of rural veterinary professionals. UCVM is open to providing assistance to municipalities to support recruitment of students.

We together with UCVM and ABVTA would appreciate an opportunity for our delegation to meet with the ASB Provincial Committee members to discuss the labour issues, provide relevant information on activities and to determine further ways our organization can work collaboratively with the ASB's. We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you in July 2023.

Thank you again for the interest and willingness of the ASB to address the workforce issues facing the veterinary medical profession. It is our intention to work collaboratively with stakeholders to find the best solutions to the problem which is compounded by the global shortage. I can assure you that Alberta is taking the lead in Canada to address this issue and we appreciate the opportunity to work with you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,



Phil Buote
Interim Registrar and CEO, ABVMA

**RESOLUTION 3-23
APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING**

WHEREAS the Alberta Provincial Government outsourced the agriculture research and extension services within the province and Applied Research Associations (ARA) have taken on a larger role without sources of funding to sustain these operations; and

WHEREAS Applied Research Associations have been historically funded by the Alberta Government and changes in their funding structure threatens the longevity of their operations; and

WHEREAS the current proposed funding from the organization Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) is project based and does not adequately meet the needs for regional extension and knowledge transfer; and

WHEREAS local research and knowledge transfer funding is not dependable as it is not provided long-term; and

WHEREAS the services provided by ARAs are especially important when considering the increasing social and political pressure for innovation to improve the sustainability of Canadian agriculture; and

WHEREAS Applied Research Associations are an integral source of unbiased regional research and extension services pertinent to local producers and Agricultural Service Boards (ASB).

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

That the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provide sustainable operational funding to Applied Research Associations to maintain local, unbiased research and extension services that keep Alberta agriculture innovative and competitive.

SPONSORED BY: Northern Sunrise County

STATUS: Federal and Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

MAY 12 2023

Sebastien Dutrisac
Chair
Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
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Dear Sebastien Dutrisac:

On behalf of the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I am responding to your letter of February 13, 2023, concerning resolutions 3-23, 8-23 and 9-23 passed in January by the Agricultural Service Boards. I regret the delay in replying.

Please be assured that your comments and resolutions have been reviewed, and that your commitment to environmental protection is appreciated. As the matter you raise falls under the purview of Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, I am forwarding your email to the Office of the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and AgriFood, for consideration. As well, I understand that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, which falls under Minister Guilbeault's portfolio, has responded to your correspondence directly.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Sylvie Poulin
Manager
Departmental Correspondence Unit

c.c.: Office of the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, P.C., M.P.

Agriculture and Irrigation
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Resolution 3-23: *Applied Research Associations Funding*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provide sustainable operational funding to Applied Research Associations to maintain local, unbiased research and extension services that keep Alberta agriculture innovative and competitive.

Response:

Alberta's 12 Agricultural Research Associations (ARA), and the Alberta Research and Extension Council of Alberta, are recognized and valued partners in agricultural research programming and delivering extension activities to many municipalities in Alberta. Agriculture and Irrigation is committed to supporting the vital work ARAs undertake to provide producers with unbiased extension information and to help grow Alberta's agriculture sector.

Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) provides the 12 ARAs with \$2.5 million per year in operational funding for a two-year period – similar to the funding the ARAs received under the discontinued Agriculture Opportunities Fund. RDAR also initiated and facilitated a process to examine the operational needs of the ARAs, which resulted in a Harmonized Base Funding proposal that ARAs shared with the department and RDAR in summer 2022. RDAR is committed to continuing to fund ARA operations to ensure capacity to transfer knowledge between academia and farmers is maintained. In fiscal year 2023-24, ARA funding will increase by \$1.5 million, bringing the total funding to support ARA operations to \$4 million.

**RESOLUTION 4-23
GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION**

WHEREAS population assessments completed in 2014 and 2018 of Alberta's Grizzly Bear in Bear Management Area (BMA) 3, 4, and 5 revealed that population and density has increased in all three BMAs since the 2006-2008 estimates were completed; and

WHEREAS population assessment of BMA 7 in 2018 provided population and density figures for the first time, but the research institute performing the assessment warned the results should be interpreted with caution due to low precision of the data collected; and

WHEREAS population assessment of BMA 2 was completed in 2008 and revealed a density of 18.1 grizzly per 1000 km², the highest density in Alberta; and

WHEREAS programming exists in BMA 5 to mitigate the impacts of Grizzly Bear populations on agricultural production, there are few programs to mitigate impacts elsewhere in the province; and

WHEREAS rendering of deadstock is a difficult option, with rendering trucks not servicing north of Highway 16; and

WHEREAS there has been an increase of reported grizzly sightings in BMA 2 along with the associated impact on cattle, bees and grain storage.

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

The Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to have BMA 2 population and density of Grizzly Bears assessed and develop a suite of programs for Agricultural Producers, like those available to agricultural producers in BMA 5, including a Provincial Grizzly Impact Mitigation Plan.

SPONSORED BY: Municipal District of Greenview
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STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

**RESOLUTION 5-23
LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE**

- WHEREAS** wildlife ungulate populations, specifically elk, continue to cause significant damage to agricultural commodities; and
- WHEREAS** current tag allocations and hunting quotas have not alleviated or mitigated economic losses for producers; and
- WHEREAS** landowners must currently apply and be unsuccessful in the draw for regular season before applying for a Landowner Special License; and
- WHEREAS** the Landowner Special License is only valid for a single season; and
- WHEREAS** the ungulate issue is an ongoing agricultural problem as evidenced by previous resolutions regarding the management of elk at both the ASB Conference as well as RMA.

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

That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas restructure the criteria for Landowner Special Licenses to allow for landowners to receive tags without having to previously be unsuccessful in a regular draw.

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

That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas allow Landowner Special Licenses to be valid for the entirety of the season in all Wildlife Management Units (WMU's) in which the applicant has deeded land.

SPONSORED BY: Saddle Hills County

CARRIED

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Environment and Protected Areas



AR-819

APR 25 2023

Sebastien Durtrisac
Chair, Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
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Dear Sebastien Durtrisac:

My colleague, Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, forwarded your recent letter regarding Landowner Special License (LSL) hunting tags. As Minister of Forestry, Parks and Tourism, I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

Amendments to the Wildlife Regulations to restructure the eligibility criteria for an LSL, including the potential change to allow for landowners to receive tags without having been previously unsuccessful in a regular draw, would require broad public engagement. We will bring this issue for engagement at a provincial scale to assess concerns for all stakeholders this may affect. While the current system is generally effective and well supported by users, there are limitations that preclude creating conditions on special licences specific to landowners.

My ministry is exploring options to support agricultural producers experiencing ungulate depredation, including increasing hunting opportunities and strategies to harvest in Wildlife Management Units where conflict is high, relaxing restrictions on the number and type of elk licences held by an individual, increasing the diversity of programs and potential municipal partnership opportunities under the Ungulate Damage Prevention Program to reflect the diversity of stored livestock crops and storage systems, and exploring alternate strategies and regulations to decrease elk populations on a sub-regional basis.

Ministry staff will continue working with agricultural producers to explore options and develop effective tools to meet the combined goals of sound wildlife management and allocation and the needs of landowners.

I hope this information has been helpful.

Sincerely,

Todd Loewen
Minister

cc: Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas
Matt Besko, Director, Hunting and Fishing Branch, Forestry, Parks and Tourism

**RESOLUTION 6-23
ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT
ALBERTA WATER ACT**

WHEREAS some landowners are in contravention to the Alberta Environment Water Act; diverting, pumping, blocking water ways, unapproved creek crossings; and

WHEREAS the contravention is affecting adjacent landowners and municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS complainants are referred to the Alberta Environment 24/7 Complaint Hotline; and

WHEREAS the affected landowners/complainants do not receive a response, an investigation or a follow up, due to a lack of staff and funding.

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

That Alberta Environment and Protected Areas provide adequate resources to support the Alberta Water Act, to ensure these contraventions are being dealt with.

SPONSORED BY: County of Two Hills

CARRIED

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

RESOLUTION 8-23
CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL
POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON
AGRICULTURAL LANDS

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* requires that Municipal Development Plans include policies for the protection of agricultural operations and that a land use bylaw may regulate and control the use and development of land and buildings to protect agricultural land; and

WHEREAS the *Weed Control Act* requires municipalities to inspect compliance under this Act; and

WHEREAS the *Soil Conservation Act* requires landowners to prevent soil loss or deterioration from taking place; and

WHEREAS the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan 2014-2024 aims to promote and remove barrier to new investments in renewable energy; and

WHEREAS Federal and Provincial policies are impeding collaboration, innovation, and diversification by adding regulations to large scale energy developments without consideration of the local environmental conditions and of local municipal policies and bylaws to uphold existing Acts, Regulations, and regional plans.

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

That when Federal and Provincial governments approve large scale renewable energy developments through quasi-judicial boards, that they consider local environmental conditions and the policies that the local municipality has in place on the development through their permitting process.

SPONSORED BY: County of Warner No. 5

CARRIED

STATUS: Federal and Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Environment and Climate Change Canada
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
Canada Energy Regulator
Alberta Energy
Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
Alberta Environment & Protected Areas
Alberta Energy Regulator
Alberta Utilities Commission

Resolution 8-23: *Consideration of Municipal Policies for Energy Developments*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that when Federal and Provincial governments approve large scale renewable energy developments through quasi-judicial boards, that they consider local environmental conditions and the policies that the local municipality has in place on the development through their permitting process.

Response:

In 2016, the *Renewable Energy Act* established the "30 in 30" target: at least 30 per cent of the electric energy produced in Alberta must be produced from renewable energy resources by 2030. Additionally, Alberta's deregulated electricity market and rich solar and wind resources have created a surge of investment in renewable energy projects. Protecting individual property rights, conserving Alberta's finite agricultural land base and encouraging the growth of renewable energy resources are all important. However, they also create conflicting priorities.

Agriculture and Irrigation recognizes this is an important issue. The Ministry continues to work with the utility sector, municipalities and landowners to identify issues and opportunities for resolution regarding renewable energy developments on agricultural land.

MAY 12 2023

Sebastien Dutrisac
Chair
Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
asbprovcommittee@gmail.com

Dear Sebastien Dutrisac:

On behalf of the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I am responding to your letter of February 13, 2023, concerning resolutions 3-23, 8-23 and 9-23 passed in January by the Agricultural Service Boards. I regret the delay in replying.

Please be assured that your comments and resolutions have been reviewed, and that your commitment to environmental protection is appreciated. As the matter you raise falls under the purview of Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, I am forwarding your email to the Office of the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood, for consideration. As well, I understand that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, which falls under Minister Guilbeault's portfolio, has responded to your correspondence directly.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Sylvie Poulin
Manager
Departmental Correspondence Unit

c.c.: Office of the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, P.C., M.P.



ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>

RE: Considering Municipal zoning and development bylaws in Renewable Energy projects

1 message

AU Minister <AU.Minister@gov.ab.ca>

Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 2:59 PM

To: ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>

Cc: AGRIC Minister <AGRIC.Minister@gov.ab.ca>, Minister of Energy <Minister.Energy@gov.ab.ca>

Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

The development of renewable energy projects on agricultural land is an important issue in Alberta as the impacts cut across electricity development, agriculture, municipalities, and private landowners. I appreciate your frustrations regarding appropriate weed and vegetation control for these projects, especially in light of the significant wind and solar development currently occurring in the province.

The South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP) covers the area in which much of the wind and solar development is currently occurring. The SSRP recognizes the importance of both agricultural production and renewable energy in the region but does not address these specific issues.

As you are aware, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) is exempt from the requirement to align decisions with municipal statutory plans, per the *Municipal Government Act*. However, the AUC is responsible to ensure that municipalities and affected landowners are provided the opportunity to participate in the project review process. The AUC has indicated it would appreciate having the municipal perspectives presented and welcomes increased participation by municipal governments.

Some municipalities have expressed concerns and would like to see legislation changed to ensure their municipal plans are respected. I do not want to understate the challenges for both municipalities and the provincial government relating to this issue, as limiting development options for private landowners may be perceived as an infringement on property rights. Respecting property rights is a tenet of this government and any actions that may eliminate a potential source of revenue for a landowner must be carefully weighed against the potential benefits.

I would like to thank you for bringing this issue forward. I expect it will be the subject of further discussion this year and welcome further input and suggestions from rural municipalities and private landowners.

Sincerely,

Matt Jones

Minister



ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>

RE: Resolving conflicts between federally approved developments and local bylaws/conditions

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To: ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>
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Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 3:12 PM

Hi Linda,

I have heard back from an internal contact regarding your enquiry, and they suggest that you contact the province of Alberta regarding this matter.

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Regards,

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Subject: RE: Resolving conflicts between federally approved developments and local bylaws/conditions

Hi Linda,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your message, and to let you know that your email enquiry has been forwarded to the appropriate internal contacts.

Regards,

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Alberta Agricultural Service Boards recently held their annual Provincial Conference in Grande Prairie January 17-19, 2023. The delegates passed 14 resolutions at their conference and passed Resolution 8-23 asking for your assistance to ensure that municipal zoning and bylaws are considered when approving large scale renewable energy projects.

There have been several significant issues including interference with air ambulance services to communities. Please find the attached letter and resolution for more details and respond in writing on or before April 7, 2023.

On behalf of the Committee,

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Linda Hunt

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February 23, 2023

Sebastien Dutrisac
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Sebastien Dutrisac:

Thank you for your letter of February 13, 2023, concerning the 2023 Alberta Agricultural Service Board Resolution 8-23, regarding the consideration of municipal environmental and agricultural policies for large-scale renewable energy developments on agricultural lands. I appreciate you sharing these concerns, though I note that no large-scale solar development projects proposed in the County of Warner, Alberta, were subject to federal assessment processes administered by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), formerly known as the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

The *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA) sets out the federal process for assessing the impacts of certain major projects. The *Physical Activities Regulations* (the Regulations) under the IAA describe those types of projects that would be subject to the requirements of the IAA. Proponents of projects described in the Regulations are required to submit an Initial Project Description to the Agency in order to determine whether an impact assessment is required. Further information on the IAA and associated regulations can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency.html>.

The IAA recognizes the importance of meaningful public participation and requires that opportunities for public participation be provided during the assessment process. For projects that are subject to the IAA, public participation opportunities occur during the Planning, Impact Statement, and Impact Assessment Phases of the impact assessment process.

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External stakeholders interested in projects subject to the IAA, including local municipalities, can engage as part of the public participation process and are extended opportunities to provide knowledge and expertise to inform the impact assessment process. Public and stakeholder input on key issues and concerns are taken into account before decisions are made, as appropriate.

Should large-scale renewable energy developments in the County of Warner or elsewhere in Canada be subject to the IAA in the future, please be assured that the Agency would carefully consider municipal environmental and agricultural policies in any assessment.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention and trust that you will find this information useful.

Sincerely,

Terence Hubbard (he/him, il)

RESOLUTION 9-23 SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS

WHEREAS the federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is seeking to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with synthetic fertilizer by 30% below 2020 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS the federal government has set a goal for 2025 to achieve \$75 billion in agricultural exports; and

WHEREAS instituting a reduction of synthetic fertilizer emissions will inevitably place a cap on synthetic fertilizer use and limit crop production for Canadian farmers; and

WHEREAS limiting crop yield by limiting fertilizer usage will inevitably reduce production and food security; and

WHEREAS regional research and development is necessary to eliminate the uncertainty resulting from incomplete data for measuring fertilizer emission levels in different crop types, geographical regions, and growing conditions; and

WHEREAS the 4R Climate-Smart Protocol is designed to promote sustainable use of fertilizer in crop production and can reduce GHG emissions by focusing on the “4 Rs” of fertilizer application: Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, and Right Place; and

WHEREAS the 4R Climate-Smart Protocol optimizes plant nutrient uptake, increases yield, maximizes profitability, and minimizes nitrous oxide emissions.

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

That the Federal Government of Canada adopt the 4R Climate- Smart Protocol approach developed by The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) of Fertilizer Canada and provide sustainable funding into research and development regarding fertilizer use efficiency.

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

That the federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change suspend the 30% synthetic fertilizer emission reduction targets until the proper tools to measure emissions for producers are available.

SPONSORED BY: Northern Sunrise County

CARRIED

STATUS: Federal

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Environment and Climate Change Canada

RESOLUTION 10-23
ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND
PROVINCIALY REGULATED WEEDS

WHEREAS organic producers must achieve organic certification through the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and no other regulatory body; and

WHEREAS the CFIA establishes the Canadian Organic Standards and procedures for certification and maintenance of organic status; and

WHEREAS the provinces may enact legislation to control or destroy invasive species of concern; and

WHEREAS all producers, regardless of production method must comply with provincial invasive species legislation; and

WHEREAS the current organic management standards do not explicitly state that organic producers must be in compliance with provincial regulations regarding invasive species; and

WHEREAS an explicit standard for certification and maintenance of organic status regarding compliance with provincially mandated invasive species legislation would reinforce the need to effectively address regulated weeds.

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

That Canada Food Inspection Agency add a requirement to the Canadian Organic Standards that requires the organic grower be compliant with any provincial legislation regarding invasive species in order to achieve and maintain organic certification.

SPONSORED BY: County of Grande Prairie

CARRIED

STATUS: Federal

DEPARTMENT: Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Agriculture and Agri Food Canada
Minister of Health Canada

**RESOLUTION 11-23
LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE**

WHEREAS under the authority of the *Pest Control Product Act* and based on the evaluation of currently available scientific information, Health Canada has stated that products containing strychnine for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels do not meet the current standards for environmental protection and therefore canceled the product; and

WHEREAS Alberta producers have used Strychnine to effectively control Richardson's Ground Squirrels for decades; and

WHEREAS in an integrated pest management plan there is a need for options of control like 2% liquid Strychnine dependent on different circumstances (time of year, area of land infected, infestation levels, pest being controlled, etc.).

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

That Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency make 2% Liquid Strychnine available to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels through an emergency registration for the 2023 season and until an alternative single feed product is available.

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

That Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation study alternative products in part with Health Canada and Pest Management Regulatory Agency to replace 2% liquid Strychnine with a viable single feed alternative product that is classified as safe and effective for the control of Richardson ground squirrels.

SPONSORED BY: County of St. Paul No. 19

CARRIED

STATUS: Federal and Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Health Canada

Pest Management Regulatory Agency

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

May 10, 2023

Sebastien Dutrisac
Chair, Alberta Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
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Dear Sebastien Dutrisac:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 19, 2023, addressed to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency's Pest Management Information Service, requesting the emergency registration and use of strychnine in Canada to control Richardson's Ground Squirrels (RGS) for the 2023 season, as well as collaborative work to find a single feed alternative for strychnine. I appreciate your taking the time to send us a copy of a recent resolution passed by the Alberta Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Provincial Committee on this important topic.

Health Canada acknowledges the implications the cancellation of the pesticide product containing strychnine could have on agricultural producers in Alberta and Western Canada and takes them seriously.

As outlined in [Re-evaluation Decision RVD2020-06, Strychnine and Its Associated End-use Products \(Richardson's Ground Squirrels\)](#) published on March 4, 2020, Health Canada concluded that the environmental risks associated with the use of strychnine for the control of RGS were not shown to be acceptable when used according to label directions and that no further feasible mitigation measures could be implemented by users of the product. Consequently, the registration of products containing strychnine used to control RGS was cancelled and a 3-year phase-out period was allowed until March 4, 2023.

In its decision, Health Canada recognized the value of strychnine because it is easy to use, cost effective and manages RGS in a single feeding. However, there are other alternatives to strychnine registered to control RGS available to users: chlorophacinone, diphacinone, zinc phosphide, and aluminum phosphide. While these alternatives may have some limitations compared to strychnine, they were found to be efficacious against the target pest during the scientific review that led to their registration.

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Under section 18 of the *Pest Control Products Regulations*, the Minister of Health may register a pest control product or amend the registration of a pest control product to permit its use, for a period not exceeding one year, for the emergency control of seriously detrimental pest infestations. For information on emergency registrations, such as criteria and information requirements, please refer to Regulatory Directive DIR2017-03, *Registration of Pesticides for Emergency Use: Revised Procedures*. With respect to strychnine, an Emergency Use Registration is not an option as there are alternative products registered for the control of RGS and the environmental risks have been shown to not be acceptable. Emergency registrations are not a tool to be used to extend access to the use of a pest control product that has been cancelled. For known or ongoing pest problems where no registered product is available, the normal registration processes would apply to address such situations.

Efforts to identify new products and to conduct additional research into RGS control should involve grower groups, registrants of potential alternative products, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and/or provincial representatives. Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency will continue to be available to provide information and guidance regarding the registration process, and information on currently registered products.

I hope this information is helpful in addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

2023-05-10

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Frédéric Bissonnette
A/Executive Director, PMRA
Signed by: Bissonnette, Frederic

ASB Resolution Responses

Resolution 11-23: Loss of 2 per cent Liquid Strychnine

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency make 2% Liquid Strychnine available to agricultural producers to utilize on their farms for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels through an emergency registration for the 2023 season and until an alternative single feed product is available.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation study alternative products in part with Health Canada and Pest Management Regulatory Agency to replace 2% liquid Strychnine with a viable single feed alternative product that is classified as safe and effective for the control of Richardson ground squirrels.

Response:

In 2020, Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) deregistered two per cent Liquid Strychnine Concentrate for the control Richardson ground squirrel (gophers). This decision was made to address significant environmental concerns and risks to wildlife caused by secondary poisonings. March 4, 2023, was the last day two per cent Liquid Strychnine Concentrate could be used for gopher control.

In 2021, the Alberta government filed a Notice of Objection regarding this decision. On February 3, 2023, the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation wrote to the federal government to request a reversal of the decision. The letter stated that the loss of this pesticide could cost hay and pasture producers nearly \$800 million per year. The Minister also advised that with no viable alternative to control Richardson's ground squirrel, the decision will create immense pressure for producers and potentially exacerbate the food affordability and security crisis.

Furthermore, Agriculture and Irrigation officials have engaged Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) officials on this issue to press AAFC to support producers in the transition to alternatives. AGI expects that a key element of this transitional support would be federal compensation to cover crop losses and cost differentials of using alternative pesticides.

The Government of Saskatchewan conducted an evaluation of available alternatives, including zinc phosphide products, ZP Rodent Oat Bait and Burrow Oat Bait. Some evidence indicated these alternatives might be as effective as strychnine, and less expensive. In spring 2022, the Government of Alberta conducted a similar evaluation; however, conclusive evidence was not available due to inclement spring weather. Alberta hopes to conduct a similar evaluation again this year.

RESOLUTION 12-23 REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)

WHEREAS: agricultural producers in rural Alberta remain some of the most skilled individuals at growing, harvesting, and producing high quality food products for Canadian, as well as international consumers; and

WHEREAS: the oil and gas industry and the agricultural production industry are both very important parts of the Alberta economy; and

WHEREAS: the oil and gas industry and the agricultural production industry both benefit from an environment of mutual cooperation when the surface of privately owned lands are being utilized for the purpose of extracting natural resources; and

WHEREAS: the Surface Rights Act and related legislation outlines considerations for landowner compensation through surface leases for these expropriation-like activities; and

WHEREAS: a level of knowledge of relevant modern agricultural practices including agricultural law, science, agronomy, valuation and business experience is imperative to surface rights deliberations; and

WHEREAS: the LPRT has in recent years seen a steady and significant increase in the number and type of applications received, indicating a consistent trend of year over year increases in the number of disputes between landowners and oil and gas companies; and

WHEREAS: the LPRT is the appointed body that is mandated to provide Albertans with access to independent, fair and timely quasi-judicial and alternative dispute resolution processes.

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

That Municipal Affairs establish a task force comprised of Agricultural Service Board Members, agricultural producers, experts in agricultural science, agronomy and business, as well as representatives from the oil and gas industry associations, to conduct a full review into the function and mandate of the Surface Rights components of the LPRT as directed by related legislation, with a focus on matters of, or related to:

- Contractual negotiations being fully paid by energy operators,
- Implementation of mandatory mediation prior to LPRT application,
- Improved timeliness of applications, and
- Clarity of terms used in the Surface Rights Act.

SPONSORED BY: Wheatland County

CARRIED

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Municipal Affairs

RESOLUTION E1-23
STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING

WHEREAS The RDAR lead Extension Task Force presented their recommendations for a cooperative extension model on November 28, 2022 which considered research extension exclusively, and there are many agricultural extension topics outside of research important to farmers;

WHEREAS ASBs and other agriculture not for profits work collaboratively on provincial priorities that address regional needs of farmers on topics such as sustainable farming, business acumen, rural economic development, food safety, animal welfare and other best management practices that impact public trust;

WHEREAS ASBs collaborate with the province and not for profits such as the Applied Research and Forage Associations, ALUS, Cleanfarms, Environmental Farm Plan, riparian and watershed associations and Ag in the Classroom on topics outside of the RDAR mandate;

WHEREAS ASBs and their not-for-profit partners do not currently have a stable reliable source of funding to support non research extension activities in their regions;

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

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation make available five-year stable regional funding for ASBs and their agriculture not for profit partners to hire and maintain the staff and operational costs associated with maintaining regional agricultural extension networks.

SPONSORED BY: MD Peace _____

CARRIED

STATUS: Provincial _____

DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

Agriculture and Irrigation
ASB Resolution Responses

Resolution E1-23: Stable Regional Agricultural Extension Funding

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation make available five year stable regional funding for ASBs and their agriculture not for profit partners to hire and maintain the staff and operational costs associated with maintaining regional agricultural extension networks.

Response:

Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) facilitated a review of agricultural extension in Alberta with a seven-member, industry-led Extension Task Force (ETF). The ETF was to deliver recommendations to improve knowledge transfer and innovation mobilization for agricultural producers in Alberta. Work focused on understanding the current practices and existing capacity of the extension model as well as examining future needs. This work identified three opportunities for extension improvement:

- Establish shared accountability to improve cooperative extension.
- Build connections across sectors to address industry gaps.
- Ensure intentional and deliberate cooperative extension.

The ETF concluded Alberta's existing extension model has many strengths, and that it should be leveraged, not remade, to foster future improvement and success. The group recommended building a Cooperative Agricultural Extension model in Alberta.

The ETF recommendations have given all extension partners a clearer picture of the agricultural extension landscape and a road map to move forward. Agriculture and Irrigation will continue to work with partners, including RDAR, Applied Research Associations (ARA), Agricultural Service Boards (ASB), post-secondary institutions and many others to analyze and implement the ETF recommendations.

As the response to Resolution 3-23 indicates, RDAR provides the 12 regional ARAs with operational funding of \$2.5 million per year for a two-year period. This is similar to the funding ARAs received under the defunct Agriculture Opportunities Fund. RDAR also initiated and facilitated a process to examine the operational needs of ARAs. In fiscal year 2023-24, ARA funding will increase by \$1.5 million to \$4 million to support ARA operations.

Agriculture and Irrigation also provides long-term, stable funding to ASBs. The ASB grant is \$11.9 million for 2023-24 – an increase of \$3 million from the previous year.

In particular, the Resource Management stream supports regional extension work to promote the Canadian Agricultural Partnership and Environmental Farm Plans. Additionally, it supports the extension work that helps build awareness and promote the adoption of various beneficial management practices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPONSORED BY: ____MD Peace____

CARRIED

STATUS: ____Provincial____

DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation,

Agriculture and Irrigation
ASB Resolution Responses

Resolution E2-23: Stable Funding for Farm Mental Health

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation provides stable 5 year funding support to the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network to hire and maintain staff and cover operational costs to continue the support and services offered through AgKnow.ca.

Response:

The mental health of farmers is an important topic. Agriculture and Irrigation is actively working to provide support for Farm Mental Health Network.

Last year, the Ministry provided \$524,500 to the Agriculture Research Extension Council of Alberta to fund proposals for farmer mental health supports in the province. To date, this funding has helped achieve the following milestones:

- Team members for the Farm Mental Health Network were established.
- Research contracts for University of Alberta studies on Farm Mental Health were signed.
- The AgKnow.ca website was soft launched.
- A Community of Practice platform for mental health professionals that have experience in providing farmers with support was established.
- The Livestock Depopulation Support Program was launched.

Agriculture and Irrigation is currently working on the Resiliency and Public Trust Program under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. This program will include funding opportunities for projects that support and empower producers and agri-food workers to take care of their mental health.

**RESOLUTION E3-23
SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA**

WHEREAS even though the value of cervid carcasses, velvet and exports has remained strong, the number of animals, their movement within Alberta and the use of provincial slaughter facilities has dramatically declined since 2005;

WHEREAS Alberta Elk Commission has identified that cervid farmers are disproportionately and negatively impacted by current federal programs and regulatory processes, and that the industry which had a value of over \$13 million in sales in 2021 is in crisis;

WHEREAS successful regulations and processes for protecting human health and preventing the spread of prion diseases already exist for cattle and sheep, and chronic wasting disease poses no more threat than scrapie in sheep or BSE in cattle;

WHEREAS the current regulatory process is resulting in farmers having to actively participate in the needless slaughter of their healthy animals causing unnecessary mental health trauma and distress;

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

That the minister of Agriculture and Irrigation support the requests of the Alberta Elk Commission to reduce regulatory burden and bring the legislation and regulatory processes in line with other livestock.

SPONSORED BY: County of Northern Lights

CARRIED

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture and Irrigation

Agriculture and Irrigation
ASB Resolution Responses

Resolution E3-23: *Supporting a Vibrant Cervid Industry in Alberta*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation support the requests of the Alberta Elk Commission to reduce regulatory processes in line with other livestock.

Response:

There are significant differences between bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and chronic wasting disease (CWD), as well as significant unknowns related to CWD and risks to environmental and human health.

The CWD situation has evolved significantly in Alberta over the past 20 years. Cervid producers farm an exact duplicate of an animal that exists as wildlife, which has resulted in certain regulations and processes for the cervid industry.

Agriculture and Irrigation has conducted ongoing engagement with the cervid industry to discuss regulation of the industry. Engagement on this topic will continue.

On February 27, 2023, the Ministry held an industry meeting to discuss these issues. Based on discussions, we are committed to working with industry to resolve regulatory processes in the following areas:

- Removing restrictions on out-of-province cervids that enter Alberta for immediate slaughter.
- Identifying alternative options for CWD sample collection or identification.
- Including cervids in the predator compensation program.
- Modifying CWD control policies for farmed cervids (regarding not requiring herd depopulation and allowing repopulation in certain situations).
- Committing to work with Environment and Protected Areas regarding the wild CWD situation and with the federal government on other policy issues that affect the cervid industry.

2023 Resolution Grading

How to Use:

1. Use dropdown menu to insert name of municipality in Box A24 (highlighted)
2. Use dropdown menu in column D to grade each resolution
3. Add comments that can assist the Committee in assigning final grade in Column E
4. Submit completed spreadsheet by **June 30** to Linda Hunt, Executive Assistant to the ASB Provincial Committee at: asbprovcommittee@gmail.com

Definitions:

Accept the Response

A response that has been graded as **Accept the Response** addresses the resolution as presented or meets the expectations of the Provincial ASB Committee.

Accept in Principle

A response that is graded **Accept in Principle** addresses the resolution in part or contains information that indicates that further action is being considered.

Incomplete

A response that is graded as **Incomplete** does not provide enough information or does not completely address the resolution. Follow up is required to solicit information for the Provincial ASB Committee to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Unsatisfactory

A response that is graded as **Unsatisfactory** does not address the resolution as presented or does not meet the expectations of the Provincial ASB Committee

Municipality Name	Resolution Number	Resolution Name	Grade	Comments
Big Lakes	1-23	CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION		
	2-23	RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS		
	3-23	APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING		
	4-23	GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION		
	5-23	LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE		
	6-23	ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT		
	7-23	CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE		
	8-23	CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS		
	9-23	SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS		
	10-23	ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALLY REGULATED WEEDS		
	11-23	LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE		
	12-23	REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)		
	E1-23	STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING		
	E2-23	STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH		
	E3-23	SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA		

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Upcoming Events:

- Pasture and Riparian Health Assessment Workshop, Baytree, AB
 - Range Health Assessment June 27, 2023
 - Riparian Health Assessment June 30, 2023
- NPARA July Tour- July 27, 2023 Manning, AB
- PCBFA Field Day- August 3, 2023 Fairview Research Farm
- PCBFA Crop Variety Tour- August 10, 2023 Fourth Creek Community Hall

ATTACHMENTS:

Pasture and Riparian Health Assessment Workshop Poster
NPARA July Tour Poster
PCBFA Field Day Poster
PCBFA Crop Variety Tour Poster
Calendar June, July, August

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... to .

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



AgFieldman:





Peace River Forage Association
of British Columbia

PASTURE & RIPARIAN HEALTH ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

FOR FARMERS & RANCHERS

June 27 - Pasture Health Assessment

June 30 - Riparian Health Assessment

Location
80568 Township Road 810,
near Baytree AB



Cost

PRFA members:
\$50 for one day or \$80 for both days

Non-members:
\$75 for one day or
\$120 for both days

To Register
<https://peaceforage.bc.ca/events/>

or contact our Nadia at
coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca

Agenda

9.30am to 4pm **Tuesday, June 27**
Range health assessment training

9.30am to 4pm **Friday, June 30**
Riparian health assessment training

- Learn how to identify key plants
- Hands-on plant ID practice
- Review the principles of range or riparian health
- Learn about key indicators to watch for
- Review different assessment protocols
- Hands-on completion of pasture or riparian health assessment
- Group debrief and discussion

What to bring:

- Bagged Lunch (light snacks and extra water will be provided)
- Any plant ID books, if you have them
- The event will take place rain or shine. please bring whatever clothing you need to be comfortable in variable weather conditions.

Why take the workshop

Being able to assess and monitor the health of your pasture and riparian areas is a key component of maintaining and increasing productivity of your forage lands. These workshops go hand-in-hand with having a grazing plan and knowing when to adjust your management and why.

If you are interested in supporting this event please contact Nadia Mori (coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca, or toll free 1-866-516-3101).

We are looking for the following sponsors:



Christi Friesen
Region 1 Director
Alberta Canola Producers
Commission



Dr. Boyd Mori
Assistant Professor
University of Alberta



Jason Casselman
Agronomy Specialist
Canola Council of Canada

\$20 Members \$30 Non-Members

SUPPER + SPEAKERS + FIELD TOUR

CONTACT FOR TICKETS: ☎ 1-780-836-0641 ✉ extension@npara.ca



Date & Time:

From Jul 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm

to Jul 27, 2023 at 9:00 pm

Member Price \$ 20.00

Non-Member Price \$ 30.00

Published: Mar 24, 2023

Pasture Walks and Worksh...

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"Strengthening Agriculture, One Farm At A Time"

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Upcoming Event

9th Annual Field Day at the Research Farm

More Upcoming Events



Save the Date!
for the 9th Annual

Field Day at the Research Farm

August 3rd, 2023



Come out to the 9th Annual Field Day at the Research Farm! Visit with folks at our tradeshow and experts in the field, as well as checking out this year's small plots of perennial and annual forages, biostimulant trials, and perennial grain research. As well as see some of our field scale trials of spring winter Cereal mixes, intercropped wheat and clover, and cocktail mix.

Thursday, August 3rd 2 pm -8 pm

At the Fairview Research Farm

[Click Here for Google Maps Link](#)

Full list of Presenters coming soon,

Join the PCBFA Research Team
for a
Crop Variety Tour
In Saddle Hills County

Thursday August 10th
6:00pm @ Fourth Creek Community Hall

Trials include variety comparisons of
Canola, Peas, Barley, Oats, and Wheat.

Admission \$10/person or \$15/Pair
Hotdog supper included!

For More info or to register:
peacecountrybeef.ca | info@pcbfa.ca | 780 523 4033



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JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Council Pasture Walk- Valleyview	14	15 Pasture Walk- Goodlow	16	17 Pasture Walk- Bonanza Hall
18	19	20 ASB	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Council Range Health Assessment - Baytree	28	29	30 Riparian Health Assessment - Baytree	1

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Canada Day
2	3 Office Closed	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Council	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 ASB	19	20 County BBQ- Many Islands	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 NPARA July Tour- Manning	28	29
30	31					

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3 PCBFA Field Day- Fairview	4	5
6	7 Alberta Heritage Day Office Closed	8	9	10 PCBFA Crop Variety Tour- Fourth Creek	11	12
13	14	15 Council	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
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:

Agricultural Fieldman Report – June 20, 2023
Rental Equipment Summary

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 20, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

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

JUNE 20, 2023

PEST CONTROL

• Wolves Claimed 2023 YTD:

Total #	Total \$
18	\$3600.00

OTHER TOPICS

1. The new mower was delivered and has been hooked up to the new sidearm.
2. The new water pump trailer was delivered, and the sides have been installed.
3. All the mowers and tractors have been serviced and are ready to go. We will not start the mowing program until we get a substantial amount of moisture as the risk of starting a fire is just too high.
4. The weed inspectors are all out inspecting fields. Right of way spraying will start next week.
5. The side-by-side sprayers have been serviced and are ready to go.
6. Bertha army worm traps went up June 5th and will be checked weekly for 6 weeks.

January 1 - May 31, 2023

Rental Equipment	Rental Deposit	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total	Equipment Expense
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	0	0	\$ -	
BBQ Trailer	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	0	0	\$ -	
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.50/chair	3	3	\$ 33.00	
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	4	6	\$ 300.00	
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	0	0	\$ -	
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	6	7	\$ -	\$ 71.20
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	1	2	\$ 700.00	
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	6	6	\$ 1,800.00	
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	1	1	\$ -	
Land Leveller	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	\$ -	\$ 62.41
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	3	3	\$ 75.00	
Manure Spreader	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	1	5	\$ 1,000.00	
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	
Post Pounder	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	3	3	\$ 450.00	\$ 599.34
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	2	2	\$ 40.00	
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Skidmount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Smoke Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Scare Cannon	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	3	4	\$ 70.00	
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	1	1	\$ 40.00	
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	0	0	\$ -	
	\$100 (summer)	\$75 (summer)				
Water Pumps	\$1000 (winter)	\$200 (winter)	9	13	\$ 825.00	\$ 552.18
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	0	0	\$ -	
			43	56	\$ 5,333.00	\$ 1,285.13

Revenue	\$ 5,333.00
Equipment Expense	\$ 1,285.13
Insurance	
Chargeback	\$ 1,253.05
Profit/Loss	\$2,794.82

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter from Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of June 20, 2023, as presented.

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



AgFieldman:





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May 8, 2023

Dear Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards,

At the April 14, 2023, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Agricultural Service Board meeting the topic of post-secondary agricultural programs in the Peace Region was discussed. Currently, the only agricultural program offered in the region is the Animal Health Technology Diploma program at Northwestern Polytechnic's Fairview Campus location.

The Board concluded that there is a definite lack of post-secondary agricultural programs offered in the region; which results in many negative consequences and contributes to a loss of regional agricultural youth to programs in southern areas of the province, even sometimes out of province. Sometimes these youth do not return to the Peace Country after the conclusion of their program.

The Peace Region is a rich agricultural region and we believe there is strong evidence to suggest post-secondary agricultural programs in the north would be well-attended and provide many benefits to the region. We would like to see programs offered through either Northwestern Polytechnic or Northern Lakes College.

In closing, we are asking each Peace Region ASB to consider this issue and offer support in the investigation and finding of a resolution of the lack of post-secondary agricultural programs in the region. Our Board believes this issue can be resolved through a collaborative effort of the Peace Region ASBs.

Sincerely;

Nick vanRootselaar

Chairman

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Agricultural Service Board