

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

A G E N D A: County Council Meeting to be held for the purpose of discussing the **Agricultural Service Board**

on

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82661557840?pwd=RjQrL3Q1amRlT20wTzFieWtZK3FtQT09>

1. Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order.

2. Agenda:

Acceptance of Agenda:
as presented or
subject to additions or deletions.

3. Minutes:

3.1 Adopt minutes of **April 15, 2020** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: April 15, 2020 – **Action List.** ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

4.1 Weed Inspector Appointment. ©

5. Issues for Information:

5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©

5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 Letter from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Farm Safety Centre, dated April 1, 2020 RE: Funding thank you. ©

Recommendation: Councils Decision.

7. Delegation(s):

- 7.1 Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) @9:30am re: LARA Update

8. Executive Session:

9. Date and time of Next Meeting(s):

Adjournment



SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology on Wednesday, **April 15, 2020** at 11:39 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Dan Gawalko in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Virtually Present
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Virtually Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Virtually Present
4	Lorne Halisky	Virtually Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Virtually Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Virtually Present
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin	Virtually Present
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Kihn	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present

No Members of the Media Present.
One Member of the Public Present.

2. Agenda:

667-20: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, April 15, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

The Chairperson welcomed Carleigh McMullin to the position of Agricultural Fieldman for Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board.

3. Minutes:

668-20: Halisky

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

669-20: Lukinuk

That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

2020 Farm Family Awards – Division 1.

670-20: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council nominate Edward Huk and Family from Division 1, for the Year-2020 BMO Farm Family Awards sponsored by Northlands Agriculture in partnership with BMO and with ceremonies schedule for November 14, 2020 during the Farmfair International to recognize outstanding families who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community and to honour both their farming business practices and their community involvement; in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-03, and prior to the nomination deadline of May 29, 2020.

Carried.

Weed Inspector Appointment

671-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Weed Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.

Carried.

Pesticide Inspector Appointment

672-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Pest Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually left the meeting, time 11:45 a.m.

Bellis 4-H Buckle Sponsorship

673-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County donate by sponsoring the purchase of the Year-2020 Bellis 4-H Achievement Day Belt Buckles in the amount of \$750.00, in response to the letter received from Justin Cherniwchan, President of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated February 18, 2020.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Health Canada Phasing out Strychnine

674-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County provide a letter of support the Alberta Lakeland MP: Shannon Stubbs, in regard to lobbying against Health Canada's March 4, 2020 announcement to phase out Strychnine to control prairie gophers along with a deadline for manufacturers to cease the sale of Strychnine by March 4, 2021 and all users of Strychnine to cease using Strychnine by March 4 2023; and carbon copy MLA: Glenn

van Dijken, in respect to the email received on April 1, 2020 to the Chairperson Dan Gawalko from Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland to Protest Pest Management Regulatory Agency decision.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

675-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Verbal Report, as of April 15, 2020, including the following points:

- attended a Mental Health Seminar on March 12, 2020,
- the new addition of the Growing Forward newsletter is available, along with, the following correspondence:
 - from the Alberta Government dated April 1, 2020 in regard to "Re-evaluation Decision RVD2020-06, Strychnine and Its Associated End-use Products (Richardson's Ground Squirrels)", and
 - from Alan Hampton, Pest Committee Chair, Starland County, dated March 2, 2020 in regard to retailers being allowed to buy and sell Strychnine used to control Richardson's ground squirrels until March 4, 2021 with all Strychnine products to be used up by March 4, 2023,

be accepted for information.

Carried.

Farmer's Appreciation Day

676-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board postpone the 18th Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day lunch event of hamburgers and hotdogs scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Town of Smoky Lake, until further notice due to uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Summer Field Days

677-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the following poster received by from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) in regard to their Year-2020 Summer Field Day schedule:



Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

678-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Agricultural Fieldman's Report, as prepared by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, dated April 7, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Invasive Species Council

679-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County purchase a bronze sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council for Year-2020, in the amount of \$1,000.00, in response to the letter received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, received March 5, 2020, requesting a 2020 sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council.

Carried.

Next Meeting

680-20: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

No Delegations.

ADJOURNMENT:

681-20: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 15, 2020, be adjourned, time 12:25 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ACTION LIST:

April 15, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting



MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	DEPARTMENT	ACTION	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL
670-20	That Smoky Lake County Council nominate Edward Huk and Family from Division 1, for the Year-2020 BMO Farm Family Awards sponsored by Northlands Agriculture in partnership with BMO and with ceremonies schedule for November 14, 2020 during the Farmfair International to recognize outstanding families who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community and to honour both their farming business practices and their community involvement; in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-03, and prior to the nomination deadline of May 29, 2020.	Ag. Fieldman	<p>The completed nomination application form for Edward Huk was submitted on May 28, 2020 to:</p> <p>NORTHLANDS - Northlands Agriculture Suite 132, 2693 Broadmoor Blvd Sherwood Park, AB T8H 0G1 Attention: Kimberly Sekura-Zagar Phone: 1.780.471.7300 E-Mail: ksekurazagar@northlands.com farmfairinternational.com</p> <p>Municipal File: 62-49</p>	
671-20	That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Weed Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.	Ag. Fieldman	<p>Copy of Motion #671-20 provided to Payroll on May 26, 2020.</p> <p>Human Resource File: Carleigh McMullin Municipal File: Bylaw 1377-20</p>	
672-20	That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Pest Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.	Ag. Fieldman	<p>Copy of Motion #672-20 provided to Payroll on May 26, 2020.</p> <p>Human Resource File: Carleigh McMullin Municipal File: Bylaw 1377-20</p>	
673-20	That Smoky Lake County donate by sponsoring the purchase of the Year-2020 Bellis 4-H Achievement Day Belt Buckles in the amount of \$750.00, in response to the letter received from Justin Cherniwchan, President of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated February 18, 2020.	Ag. Fieldman	<p>Bellis 4-H Beef club achievement day has been cancelled due to Covid-19 and therefore belt buckles are not required this year.</p> <p>Municipal File: 62-3</p>	

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ACTION LIST:

April 15, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting









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674-20	That Smoky Lake County provide a letter of support the Alberta Lakeland MP: Shannon Stubbs, in regard to lobbying against Health Canada's March 4, 2020 announcement to phase out Strychnine to control prairie gophers along with a deadline for manufacturers to cease the sale of Strychnine by March 4, 2021 and all users of Strychnine to cease using Strychnine by March 4 2023; and carbon copy MLA: Glenn van Dijken.	Ag. Fieldman	<p>Letter sent April 27, 2020:</p> <p>Dear Mrs. Stubbs,</p> <p>On behalf of Smoky Lake County and our Agricultural Service Board, I would like to express our support in regard to your lobbying against Health Canada's March 4, 2020 announcement to phase out Strychnine to control prairie gophers along with a deadline for manufacturers to cease the sale of Strychnine by March 4, 2021 and all users of Strychnine to cease using Strychnine by March 4 2023.</p> <p>Strychnine is still recognized as the most effective way to control Richardson Ground Squirrels. The use of the product has been declining as populations of ground squirrels are becoming more manageable. If this product is taken away, we would see an increase once again of ground squirrels across the prairies. Strychnine is used as a last resort for producers who have tried all other control methods. When this product is used according to the label, it poses minimal risk to other species. The economic impact and crop losses that the agricultural producer can face without effective control options can be extremely dire. We urge the PMRA to reconsider this decision of De-Registration of Strychnine.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important issue.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Dan Gawalko Smoky Lake County ASB Chairman</p> <p>Municipal File: 62-64</p>	

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677-20	<p>That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the following poster received by from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) in regard to their Year-2020 Summer Field Day schedule:</p> <div data-bbox="451 958 829 1453" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center">LARA Summer Field Day's 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Smoky Lake Field Day July 23rd 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESN Wheat and Barley • LARA Regional Variety Trial  Fort Kent Field Day July 29th 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Variety Trial • Regional Silage Trials • Liming Trial • Ultra Early vs Regular Seeding  St. Paul Field Day August 5th 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Variety Trials • Regional Silage Trials • ESN Wheat and Barley • Canola Performance Trial  Lac La Biche Field Day August 12th 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oats Regional Variety Trial • Hemp Demo • Canola Demo <p align="right"></p> <p align="center"><small>* These are a few of the trials being showcased in our Summer Field Days*</small></p> </div>	<p>Ag. Fieldman</p>	<p>Information retained for documentation and historical reference in respect to LARA's activities and events in Smoky Lake County.</p> <p>Municipal File: 62-9</p>	

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679-20	That Smoky Lake County purchase a bronze sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council for Year-2020, in the amount of \$1,000.00, in response to the letter received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, received March 5, 2020, requesting a 2020 sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council.	Ag. Fieldman Accounts Payable	Motion was submitted to account payable on April 16, 2020 for a bronze sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council for Year-2020, in the amount of \$1,000. Cheque number 49341 issued on April 21, 2020. Municipal File: 62-21	

Chief Administrative Officer



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	June 16, 2020	4.1
TOPIC	Weed Inspector Appointment			
PROPOSAL	That County Council appoint the following member as Weed Inspector for the Smoky Lake County jurisdiction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor Hedlund, Weed Inspector 			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Weed Control Act Statutes of Alberta, 2008 chpt w-5.1 Part 2 7(1). A local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the Municipality. Section 9(2) Of the Agricultural Pest Act states that an Agricultural Fieldman under the Agricultural Service Board Act is by virtue of that office an inspector under this Act.		
BENEFITS	Have sufficient inspectors in the County. Legislative requirement			
DISADVANTAGES	none			
ALTERNATIVES	n/a			
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS				
Operating Costs:		Capital Costs:		
Budget Available:		Source of Funds:		
Budgeted Costs:		Actual Costs:		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				

RECOMMENDATION	
That Council appoint Trevor Hedlund as Weed Inspector, effective June 16, 2020 to termination of employment.	
<i>Agricultural Fieldman</i>	



April 15 - June 9, 2020

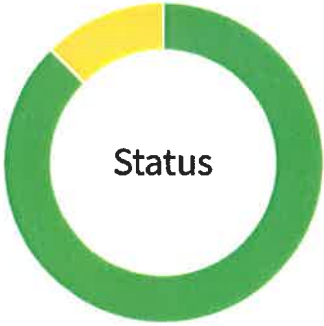
Date not set

Report Created On: Jun 10, 2020

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Action

Overall Summary



	%
On Track	87.5
Some Disruption	12.5



Report Legend

 No Update

 Overdue

 Priority

Action 4.1.2

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Administrative

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:45:21

April 15, 2020 to June 9, 2020

- Receive landowner phone calls - questions about herbicides, custom rates, land values
- Carleigh continuing to assist Finance Dept with taxes - aprox 20 days
- Carleigh EOC meetings - ongoing
- April ASB Meeting followup- 4-H belt buckles, Strychnine letter, contacted kortech re bbq, AISC donation
- Distribute 1080 - as required
- Envisio data entry
- Code ASB Invoices
- Weekly Ag Dept meetings
- NE AAAF 2020 In Service Training and 2021 Conference planning - ongoing
- ASB Program Updates via GoTo vitrual meetings - weekly
- Budget Meeting via zoom - April 23 (Carleigh)
- Virtual NE AAAF meeting - April 23 (Amanda)
- ASB Grant Application - Submitted April 24
- Weed Inspector Interview - April 28
- Alberta Invasive Species Council aquatic invasives webinar - April 29
- Mower prep- maps, herbicide records, Covid-19 sanitation protocols - May 5
- GIS Mobile training - May 12
- Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting - May 15
- Alberta Ag Crop Reporting - May 19
- Cascade reporting program training - May 25
- AG Mobile free workshop - May 27
- AISC Forest Invaders webinar - May 27
- Huk Farm Family Awards nomination submitted - May 28
- Corteva Herbicide Training - June 2
- Weed Inspector School - June 3
- Fish & Wildlife Meeting re: water issues - June 4
- ASB orientation/training for Carleigh - ongoing
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting prep - June 8, 9, 10

Action 4.1.3

Mar 01, 2017 - Nov 30, 2017

On Track

Progress 25%

Blasting

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:37:32

Beaver problem areas are currently being trapped out where they are causing road flooding, to make blasting in the fall more effective.

Action 4.1.4

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Weed Control

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:41:36

Weed Inspector Trevor Hedlund started on June 1, 2020

- Attended Corteva training June 2, Weed School June 3, and Authorized Assistant Pesticide Applicator Course June 3
- AG Mobile training June 5

Weed inspection/awareness article for the grapevine and social media was created and sent to Communications on May 4

Trevor has posted weed 'wanted' posters at every towns bulletin board and at County truck fill stations

Action 4.1.5

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Mowing

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:21:52

One-Pass Herbicide Mower Operators started on May 19, 2020 to begin ditch cleanup and perform mower maintenance & set up new mower.

- due to Deerland error mower maintenance was prolonged - Mowing began on June 9th
- mowers attended Corteva Herbicide training on June 2, Paul attended Weed School on June 3rd and obtained his Authorized Assistant Pesticide Applicator License on June 4

Action 4.1.6

Ongoing - Ongoing

Some Disruption

Spraying

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:25:20

Brush spraying for sightlines of corners began on May 26th once the leaves were fully emerged. We have completed approx. 1/3 of the East end of the County. Poor weather is making this very difficult.

Action 4.1.7

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Pest Control

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:27:22

- Trapper has caught 109 beavers as of June 8th. He has been very busy with new problem beaver locations due to the high level of moisture so far this year.

- 1080 distributed to 3 landowners

Action 4.1.9

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Training

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:31:12

All summer staff spring training was modified to be done virtually this year due to covid-19

- AG Mobile Training - May 27
- Corteva Herbicide Training - June 2
- Weed Inspector School - June 3
- Authorized Assistant Pesticide License training - June 4

Action 4.1.10

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Crop Surveying

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Jun 08, 2020 21:35:32

Bertha Armyworm Traps going up the week of June 8th with 3 locations throughout the County. One North of Waskatenau, one south of Smoky Lake and one near Stry.

We will also be completing Grasshopper surveys and Fusarium surveys later in the season at the direction of Alberta Ag.

Notifications

COVID-19: Stage 2 of relaunch starts June 12. Continue acting safely to prevent the spread while supporting Alberta businesses. Find out how.



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Jun 03, 2020

Media inquiries

Helping Alberta's farmers stay competitive

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

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

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

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

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

Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

“This news has been a long time coming. Fusarium is well-established in Alberta and since it spreads through air-borne spores, we know that zero tolerance policies are not effective. We welcome this regulatory shift that better reflects the reality facing farmers and appreciate Minister Dreeshen’s dedication to breaking down this regulatory barrier so we can move ahead with improved competitiveness.”

Tood Hames, chair, Alberta Wheat Commission

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

Paul Hoekstra, government and industry relations, Syngenta

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

Georges Chausse, president, Canadian Seed Trade Association

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

This is another positive step forward in government’s commitment to reduce red tape and make life easier for all Albertans. To track red tape reduction progress and submit suggestions about where government can cut even more red tape, please visit CutRedTape.Alberta.ca.

Quick facts

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



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April 1, 2020

Tori Cherniawsky – Agricultural Fieldman
Smoky Lake County
Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Tori:

The \$518.00 received from Smoky Lake County on March 11, 2020 was very much appreciated by the Farm Safety Centre. Find charitable receipt #1396 enclosed.

These funds will be used to reach rural elementary school aged children with farm safety messages. The 2019-2020 school year is the 22nd consecutive year of “Safety Smarts” delivery in Alberta. From the beginning of the school year in September until school classes were suspended in mid-March more than 40,000 rural children had already received in-class farm safety presentations. An additional 185 schools were booked for delivery during March, April, May and June. We are hopeful that students at these schools will be returning to classes in the coming weeks.

In April we will begin adding content to our website which will allow students to access interactive farm safety learning tools during this disruption in school attendance. The mandate of our not-for-profit organization is to reduce injuries and fatalities in rural Alberta. Often youth, especially younger children, are not fully aware of the many potential hazards presented by rural living. Increasing their awareness and ability, either through face to face or web-based learning, to make informed personal safety decisions is extremely important.

The Farm Safety Centre believes that teaching children is a wise investment in our future. Influencing their personal attitudes and actions as they grow and mature will pay significant dividends as they move forward and become our decision makers of tomorrow.

We are pleased to recognize Smoky Lake County on our website: abfarmsafety.com – in: Supporters 2020.

Thank you again for making the safety of our rural children a priority.

Sincerely,

Laura Nelson
Executive Director
Farm Safety Centre