## **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, August 18, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82022437577?pwd=QVBYRUxLRWdHa0FvMk9vVVBiSHp5dz09

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# 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 **June 16, 2020** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: June 16, 2020 – Action List. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

## 4. Request for Decision:

## 5. Issues for Information:

- 5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©
- 5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©
- 5.3 2020 Pest Monitoring Update. ©
- 5.4 2020 Weed Inspection Update. ©
- 5.5 2020 Mowing Progress Map. ©
- 5.6 2020 Spraying Progress Map. ©
- 5.7 Lakeland Agricultural Research Association Smoky Lake Summer Field Day. ©

Recommendation: Acknowledge Receipt.

## 6. Correspondence:

6.1 Thank you card from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, received June 19, 2020 RE: Thank you for support. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

6.2 Letter received from Bruce Hamblin, Inspection and Investigation Section Director, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, received June 29, 2020 RE: Wild Boar Containment status report. ©

Recommendation: Acknowledge Receipt.

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6.3 Letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Farm Safety Centre, dated July 13, 2020 RE: Farm Safety program changes. ©

Recommendation: Acknowledge Receipt.

6.4 Correspondence received from Shannon Stubbs, Member of Parliament for Lakeland, dated July 29, 2020 RE: States of Agricultural Disasters. ©

Recommendation: Acknowledge Receipt.

6.5 Email received from Dixie Mackintosh, dated August 10, 2020 RE: Beaver management cost sharing.  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ 

Recommendation: Council's Discretion.

- 7. Delegation(s):
- 8. Executive Session:
- 9. Date and time of Next Meeting(s):

Adjournment

#### SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:06 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:

		ATTENDANCE
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020
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
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One Member of the Media was Virtually Present: Smoky Lake Signal.

No Members of the Public were Present.

#### 2. Agenda:

828-20: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, be adopted as amended:

#### Addition to the Agenda:

1. Municipal Agricultural Disaster.

Carried Unanimously.

#### 3. Minutes:

829-20: Halisky

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

830-20: Orichowski

That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

# 4. Request for Decision:

#### Weed Inspector Appointment - Trevor Hedlund

831-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Trevor Hedlund as a Weed Inspector for Smoky Lake County, effective June 16, 2020 to termination of employment.

Carried.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) virtually joined the meeting, time 9:27 a.m.

One member of the public virtually joined the meeting, time 9:29 a.m.

### 7. Delegation:

#### Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Present before Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board from 9:32 a.m. to 9:48 a.m., was Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) to verbally provide an update on LARA activities in Smoky Lake County including the following points:

- Currently have four (4) trail crop plots and one (1) demo within Smoky Lake County which were seeded on May 28, 2020 on Don Macyk's land near Waskatenau.
- LARA is planning on seeding one more plot in Smoky Lake County; the seed came in June 5, 2020 and seeding has been delayed due to wet conditions; we have until July 1, 2020 to get the seed in the ground.
- The LARA Agricultural Field Day in Smoky Lake County is scheduled for July 23, 2020.
- ACIS (Alberta Climate Information Service) is a great resource as an interactive tool for weather forecasts, climate and related agriculture features to help Farmers with long-term planning and decision-making throughout the growing season.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) virtually left the meeting, time 9:48 a.m.

#### Addition to the Agenda:

#### Municipal Agricultural Disaster

832-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster to bring awareness to the unseeded acres and flooded pasture acres within Smoky Lake County in Year-2020.

Councillor Orichowski called for a Recorded Vote:

For: Against:

Randy Orichowski Johnny Cherniwchan Danny Gawalko Lorne Halisky

Craig Lukinuk

MOTION DEFEATED.

#### **Municipal Agricultural Disaster**

833-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council be presented information prepared by the Agricultural Fieldman in regard to the status of unseeded crops and flooded pastureland from producers in the County with respect to the possibility of declaring a Municipal Agricultural Disaster.

Councillor Lukinuk called for a Recorded Vote:

For: Against:

Randy Orichowski N/A

Danny Gawalko Johnny Cherniwchan Lorne Halisky Craig Lukinuk

Carried Unanimously.

## 5. Issues for Information:

# Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

834-20: Orichowski

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's Verbal Report, as of June 16, 2020, including but not limited to the following points in respect to Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA): one employee is on maternity leave, new combine equipment for July 1, 2020, and next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., be accepted for information.

Carried.

#### Farmer's and Rancher's Appreciation Day Lunch

835-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County host a Farmer's and Rancher's Appreciation lunch event of hamburgers and hotdogs at the Kinsman Park Gazebo in Smoky Lake, scheduled for July 23, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Agricultural Field Day scheduled in the Waskatenau are for July 23, 2020; and, pursue utilizing Kortech Calcium Services Ltd.'s barbeque unit.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:12 a.m.

# Agricultural Fieldman's Report

836-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Agricultural Fieldman's Report, dated June 9, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

#### 6. Correspondence:

#### Farm Safety Centre

837-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the thank you letter, from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated April 1, 2020 for the funding contribution in the amount of \$518.00 towards the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Year-2020 "Safety Smarts" school-based-farm-safety program, be filed for information.

Carried.

# Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

838-20: Lukinuk

That the verbal report received by Smoky Lake County from the June 16, 2020 meeting delegation: Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), in regard to LARA activities within Smoky Lake County, be accepted for information.

Carried.

## Ministerial Order (MO 003-2020)

839-20: Cherniwchan

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the information from the Government of Alberta, in regard to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry's Ministerial Order (MO 003-2020), amending the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (AR 184/2001), by removing Fusarium head blight - Fusarium Graminearum, to align Alberta with best practices from other provinces in an effort to help Alberta Farmers to stay competitive.

Carried.

## **Precipitation Report**

840-20: Cherniwchan

That the precipitation report received by Smoky Lake County as prepared by the Alberta Climate Information Service, dated June ?8, 2020, with a map of Alberta outlining the precipitation received, and including Smoky Lake County's precipitation of 50-100 millimeters during June 1, 2020 to June 7, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

## **Next Meeting**

841-20: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake County <u>Agricultural Service Board Meeting</u> be scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

# 8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

842-20: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of June 16, 2020, be adjourned, time 10:21 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

SEAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# **ACTION LIST:**

# June 16, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting



MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	DEPARTMENT	ACTION	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL
831-20	That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Trevor Hedlund as a Weed Inspector for Smoky Lake County, effective June 16, 2020 to termination of employment.	Agricultural Fieldman	Copy of Motion #831-20 provided to Payroll on August 10, 2020.  Human Resource File: Trevor Hedlund Municipal File: Bylaw 1377-20	
832-20 MOTION DEFEATED	That Smoky Lake County declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster to bring awareness to the unseeded acres and flooded pasture acres within Smoky Lake County in Year-2020.  Councillor Orichowski called for a Recorded Vote:  For:  Randy Orichowski  Danny Gawalko  Craig Lukinuk	Legislative Services	Defeated Motion recorded on the Action List for documentation purposes and historical reference.	
833-20	That Smoky Lake County Council be presented information prepared by the Agricultural Fieldman in regard to the status of unseeded crops and flooded pastureland from producers in the County with respect to the possibility of declaring a Municipal Agricultural Disaster.  Councillor Lukinuk called for a Recorded Vote:  For:  Against:  Randy Orichowski  N/A  Danny Gawalko  Johnny Cherniwchan  Lorne Halisky  Craig Lukinuk	Agricultural Fieldman	June 26, 2020 Motion #894-20: (draft) That Smoky Lake County declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster to bring awareness to the unseeded acres due to excessive moisture and/or the inability to complete the 2019 harvest, the loss of seeded acres due to excessive moister, as well as pastureland and hay crops under water within Smoky Lake County in Year-2020; and notify Glenn van Dijken: MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and Shannon Stubbs, MP for Lakeland, of same.	

# **ACTION LIST:**

# June 16, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting



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835-20	That Smoky Lake County host a Farmer's and Rancher's Appreciation lunch event of hamburgers and hotdogs at the Kinsman Park Gazebo in Smoky Lake, scheduled for July 23, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Agricultural Field Day scheduled in the Waskatenau are for July 23, 2020; and, pursue utilizing Kortech Calcium Services Ltd.'s barbeque unit.	Agricultural Fieldman	June 26, 2020 Motion #894-20: (draft) That Smoky Lake County Council rescind June 16, 2020, Motion #835-20 in regard to hosting a Farmer's and Rancher's Appreciation lunch event on July 23, 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions.	
837-20	That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the thank you letter, from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated April 1, 2020 for the funding contribution in the amount of \$518.00 towards the 22nd Annual Year-2020 "Safety Smarts" school-based-farm-safety program, be filed for information.	Assistant CAO	Correspondence retained for historical refence.  Municipal File: 62-31	
838-20	That the verbal report received by Smoky Lake County from the June 16, 2020 meeting delegation: Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), in regard to LARA activities within Smoky Lake County, be accepted for information.	Assistant CAO	Motion #838-20 noted on the Action List as a historical reference for documenting proof of communication from LARA as to their activities in Smoky Lake County.  Municipal File: Municipal File: 62-9	
839-20	That the Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the information from the Government of Alberta, in regard to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry's Ministerial Order (MO 003-2020), amending the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (AR 184/2001), by removing Fusarium head blight - Fusarium Graminearum, to align Alberta with best practices from other provinces in an effort to help Alberta Farmers to stay competitive.	Agricultural Fieldman	Information retained for documentation purposes and historical refence.  Municipal File: 1-204	

# Meeting of Board of Directors GoTo Meeting

# LARA Minutes of June 8th, 2020

## **Present:**

Laurier Bourassa Cliff Martin Kevin Wirsta Phil Amyotte
Wanda Austin Ulf Herde Danny Gawalko Charlie Leskiw
Colette Borgun Marc Jubinville Murray Scott Amanda Mathiot
Stephanie Bilodeau Kellie Nichiporik Alyssa Krawchuk

Recording Secretary: Alyssa Krawchuk

# 1.0 Opening

Wanda called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

# A. Agenda

Motion 20-21: Cliff moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Colette seconded. Carried.

# **B.** Minutes

Spelling of Premier Kenney's name.

Motion 20-22: Colette moved to adopt the minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as amended. Ulf seconded. Carried.

# 2.0 Business Arising

None

# 3.0 Standing Business

# A. Chair Report

a. Attended the most recent meeting for the Results Driven Agricultural Research (RDAR) group.

# B. ARECA Report

- a. Renewed ARECA Executive Director Alan Hall's contract.
- **b.** Attended an ARECA discussion/planning meeting prior to the most recent RDAR call to prepare for policy paper review.
- **c.** ARECA will be meeting with the Orphan Well Association (OWA) on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to discuss ARECA associations possible role with new funding.
- d. Crop commissions have decided to house the Blue Book themselves.

# C. FarmRite Report

- a. Attended multiple calls in preparation for the RDAR conference calls that have been happening in May and June as RDAR forms and determines is direction and governance.
- b. Not sure if the Science and Innovation program in CAP will run through RDAR.
  - i. Still many questions without answers.
- c. RDAR board was very impressed that both the FarmRite and ARECA groups met ahead of the most recent call to prepare.
- d. Battle River Research Group (BRRG) has officially joined FarmRite.
- e. Creating a communications plan to ensure our advocacy efforts remain strong and that we remain in good communication with the government and RDAR moving forward.

# D. Manager Report

- a. Alyssa's official last day will be on June 12, 2020 and will be on maternity leave until July 1, 2021.
- b. Alyssa Attended multiple RDAR calls over the last few weeks.
  - i. A couple of outcomes:
    - 1. Pre-mature to say if the \$12 million set aside in the Science and Innovation CAP program will move into RDAR. The government will make an announcement if this becomes a reality.
    - 2. The scope of RDAR is not yet determined.
    - 3. Extension/KTT funding will be a component of RDAR as there is no point in doing research if it is not going to reach the producers that will use it.
    - 4. Clear from the minister that RDAR needs to be focused on practical farmer-led research but also needs to look at the whole research picture (from basic to applied to extension).
    - 5. Unsure yet of how funds will be allocated to such things as basic vs. applied research.
    - 6. RDAR is planning to be ready for application by fall or early winter as they do have funds allocated to them from the government that will need to be spent in the fiscal year.
- c. Summer staff started on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - i. Received confirmation on Canada Summer Jobs Funding of \$8400.00 for two positions.
- d. The new combine was delayed due to COVID-19 with a new delivery date scheduled for July 1, 2020.
- e. Received updated Strategic Plan 2020-2025, which was mailed out to the board for review and reference.

# E. Research Report

- a. Busy with getting sites ready and seeding over the last month.
  - i. Have a couple of silage trials left to seed.
- b. Starting on Soil Health Benchmark sampling in the next few weeks.
- c. Concerns with the rainfall situation at some sites.

# F. AESA Report

- a. Member of the EFP operations committee
  - i. Currently review as EFP wants to relaunch a new version in 2023.
  - ii. Mentoring a new EFP tech via virtual and phone methods.
- b. Assisting many producers with EFPs.
- c. Assisting producers with CAP applications.
- d. Have done a couple of virtual presentation on Wetlands with local schools.
- e. Will be starting Riparian Health Assessments in the coming weeks.
- f. Applying for a MLWS grant with Alberta Eco-Trust.
- g. Looking at doing a Master Program through the U of S
  - i. Masters of Water Security or Masters of Sustainable Resource Management.
  - ii. 8 months of course work and 4 months of project work.

# G. Financial Report

- a. Alyssa presented the financial statements updated to April 30th, 2020.
- b. Discussion on possible grant funding opportunities:
  - i. Government wage subsidy program during COVID-19.
  - ii. FCSS
  - iii. Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA)
  - iv. Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC)

# H. LFA Report

- a. Take-in day was on June 3, 2020.
  - i. Lots of rain, the day was cold and muddy
  - ii. Need to bring in some more gravel.
- b. 2 patrons did not bring heifers so short 60 heifers total.
  - i. One patron would like to return next year but the second likely not.
  - ii. Calling a couple of patrons to fill the pasture.
- c. Found an old chute for the west end corrals.
- d. Oil company came in and destroyed one gate.
  - i. Alyssa will get the companies contact info the Wanda.

Motion 20-23: Marc moved to accept the reports as presented. Charlie seconded. Carried.

# 4.0 New Business

a. Interim Management and Signing Authority

Motion 20-24: Cliff moved to appoint Amanda Mathiot as Interim Manager for 1 year starting June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Laurier seconded. Carried.

Motion 20-25: Colette moved to add Amanda Mathiot to signing authority for Lakeland Agricultural Research Association. Danny seconded. Carried.

# B. Upcoming Events

a. COVID-19 will significantly alter our extension for the year depending on how long restrictions remain in place.

- i. Current restriction are for a max gathering of 15 people indoors and 50 people outdoors with social distancing of 2 m at all times.
- ii. Phase two of re-opening may change these numbers.
- iii. Some of the other associations are hosting workshops with some limitations:
  - Social distancing of 2 m at all times.
  - Only outdoor events.
  - Providing boxed or bagged lunches so no buffet style meals.
  - Providing face coverings for attendees and/or encouraging attendees to bring their own face coverings.
- b. Will need to check with some of our extension funders on what they are willing to fund this year.

# 5.0 Correspondence

None

# 6.0 Board of Directors (closed session)

Motion 20-26: Marc moved to go into closed session. Laurier seconded. Carried.

Motion 20-27: Danny moved to go out of closed session. Charlie seconded. Carried.

Motion 20-28: Laurier moved to provide Kellie \$2,750.00 by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the remaining \$2,750.00 upon completion of her Masters course and to provide flex time for some course work to be completed during regular working hours. Ulf seconded. Carried.

#### 7.0 Closure

Fusarium Head Blight (FHB) surveillance has now been dropped from the Pest Act and is being left up to municipalities to decide how they wish to proceed.

LARA will assist with partner municipalities.

Alyssa will send out board and staff contact information to all board members.

Next Board Meeting: July 13th, 2020 via GoTo meeting starting at 8:00 am.

Motion 20-29: Wanda moved meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

LARA Director	LARA Director

# **Budget - Income**

# Budget - Expenses

LARA OPERATING BUDGET: Revenue	2020 (30-Jun-20)	2020 Budget Remaining	2020 Draft Budget	2019 Budget	Actual 2018	A
Government Grants:						
Provincial						
AESA - ASB	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65
AESA - AOF	-	-	-	-	\$27,000.00	\$27
AOF - Cropping	-	-	-	-	-	
AOF - Forage	-	-	-	-	-	
AOF - Supplemental	-	-	-	-	-	
Enhanced Funding - AOF	-	-	-	-	\$30,000.00	\$10
Transitional Grant	\$30,916.00	-	\$30,916.00	\$102,000.00	-	
Manpower - AOF	-	-	-	-	\$90,000.00	\$90
Administration - AOF	#1## 001 00	-	-	-	\$30,000.00	\$30
Core Funding Grant	\$177,221.00	\$0.00	\$177,221.00	-	-	
AEP Environmental Grant	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Pest Monitoring	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$5,232.15	\$4,
Blackleg Survey	\$0.00	0.000.00	-	-	-	
AFSC - Forage Pricing	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00		
Other	\$0.00	-	-	-	\$4,556.00	
Canadian Agriculture Partnership						
Soil Health Benchmark Project	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	_	
Soil Health /Winter Grazing	\$17,665.00	\$0.00	\$17,665.00	-	-	
Longevity of Perennial Forages	\$12,290.00	-\$2,290.00	\$10,000.00	_	_	
Liming and Crop Rotation	\$13,380.00	\$0.00	\$13,380.00		-	
ESN in Spring Cereals	\$4,906.00	\$0.00	\$4,906.00			
Government - Matchable						
MD of Bonnyville	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60.
County of St. Paul	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55
Lac La Biche County	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$52,500.00	\$52
Smoky Lake County	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55
Canada Summer Jobs	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,400.00	\$7,283.00	\$8,
Matchable:						
ARECA	\$0.00				\$551.25	
ACPC/Canola Council of Canada	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,
Alberta Barley Commission	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,
Alberta Pulse Growers	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,
Alberta Wheat Commission	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,
Alberta Beef Producers	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	-	\$1
RVT Pulse	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,808.00	\$5,
RVT Cereal Mosaic	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$14,571.35	\$13,
La Co-Op Oats	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,600.00	
Perennial Forages	-		-	-	\$17,253.00	\$13.
Canola Performance Trial (CCC)	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$10,260.00	\$4,
Northern Quinoa	\$8,250.00	\$6,750.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,660.00	\$3,
Contract Research	\$12,260.00	\$48,318.00	\$60,578.00	\$65,175.00	\$3,000.00	\$6
Program Revenue (tours, etc)	\$13,630.00	\$26,370.00	\$40,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$1,920.00	\$20
Memberships	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2
Rebates	\$283.38	\$5,216.62	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,200.49	\$5,
Donations	\$3,102.00	-\$1,602.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,
Event Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,350.00	+-,
Interest	\$1,897.13	\$602.87	\$2,500.00	\$4,631.00	\$2,926.00	\$(
Revenue Total	\$476,850.51	\$277,465.49	\$754,316.00	\$590,356.00	\$579,431.24	\$624
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RA Expenses	2020 (30-JUN-20)	2020 Budget Remaining	2020 Draft Budget	Budget 2019	Budget 2018	Actual 2017	Actual 2016
Manpower	£100 czz cz	6460	40.00				
Salaries	\$199,877.87	\$160,122.13	\$360,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$311,952.00	\$247,279.59	\$272,316.
Employment Expenses (EI, CPP) Health Insurance	\$13,171.21	\$11,828.79	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,052.00	\$13,575.00	\$14,068.:
Total:	\$5,988.49 <b>\$219,037,57</b>	\$14,011.51 <b>\$185,962.43</b>	\$20,000.00 \$405,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,020.00	\$7,263.93	\$10,951.5
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Staff Travel	\$1,524.66	\$475.34	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,970.00	\$2,990.00	\$1,787.5
Professional Development and Training	\$473.76	\$8,526.24	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,492.00	\$6,911.00	\$8,735.3
Materials and Supplies - General							
Office and Computer Supplies	\$1,602.50	\$397.50	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,866.00	\$1,654.96	\$1,795.8
Postage and Freight	\$582.33	-\$232.33	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$546.00	\$277.28	\$350.11
Subscriptions and Memberships	\$1,181.86	\$4,318.14	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,805.00	\$4,260.25	\$3,497.0
Reference Material	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$97.00	\$52.50	\$204.65
Small Tools and Supplies	\$163.36	\$336.64	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$330.00	\$208.90	\$741.71
Misc.	\$71.48	\$78.52	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$87.24	\$178.48
Utilities	\$2,931.00	\$3,569.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$4,997.00	\$4,097.20	\$4,413.6
Insurance	\$6,120.00	\$4,380.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,330.00	\$5,340.37	\$10,113.9
Taxes	\$547.22	\$452.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$573.00	\$540.36	\$890.01
Interest and bank fees	\$58.27	\$191.73	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$180.00	\$129.60	\$135.10
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$179.32	\$820.68	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,424.00	\$3,927.26	\$687.73
Accounting and Legal Fees	\$5,673.37	\$26.63	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,479.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.0
Gifts and Tokens	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,927.00	\$287.32	\$35.69
Staff Expenses	\$260.23	\$739.77	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,467.00	\$936.20	\$688.85
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Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	\$626.97	\$14,373.03	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,652.00	\$13,139.02	\$10,893.0
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Program Supplies - AESA	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$400.99	\$294.47
Field rental	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,270.0
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Internet	\$307.25	\$4,625.22	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00	\$7,093.00	\$6,029.29	\$5,993.9
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Communication - Extension Expenses	\$2,336.30	\$4,401.50	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,086.00	\$4,817.05	\$6,622.6
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Transportation	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,758.00	\$472.50	\$987.00
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Director Honorariums and Travel	\$6,568.50	\$3,431.50	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10.104.00	ĆE 007 70	ć0 c=1
Garden and Greenhouse Supplies	\$159.50	\$340.50	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$10,194.00	\$5,987.70	\$9,651.35
Sponsorship/Donations	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$465.00 \$0.00	\$443.02 \$159.58	\$436.83
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84 GOALS 25%
GOAL COMPLETION

# AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PLAN (ASB) PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

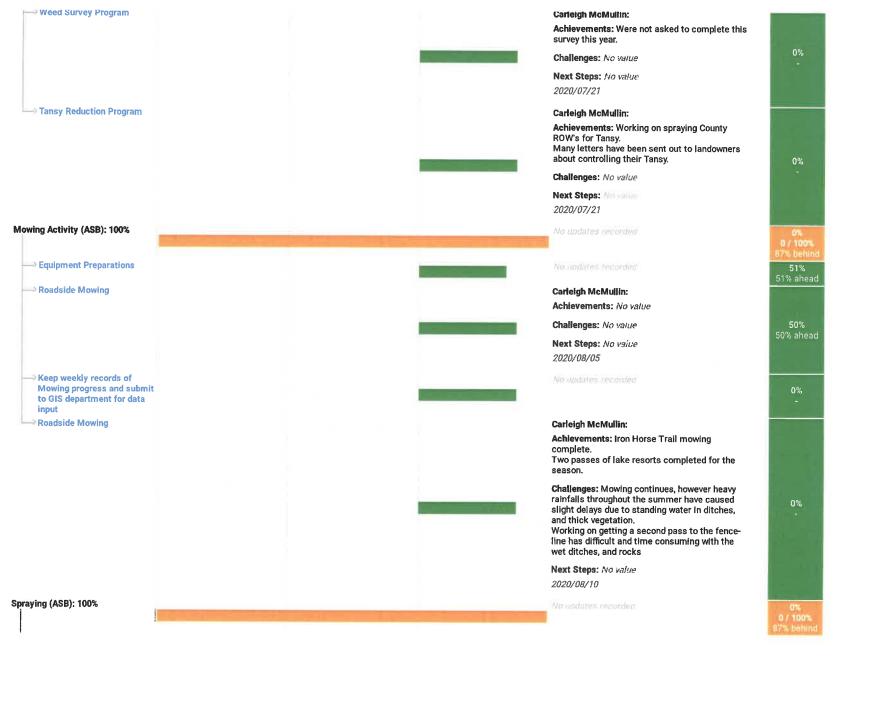


ASB Staff Meetings in Ag bay at the beginning of every week		No updates recorded	0% -
Code Invoices		No updates recarded	0%
ASB Staff Timesheets		No upstates recorded	0%
- Monthly Reports to Council		No updates recorded	0%
Prepare ASB Agenda packages and write RFD's		No andates recorded	0%
→ Monthly Time Sheets		No updates recorded	0%
Job Interviews		No updates recorded	100%
Northeast AAAF Regional		Carleigh McMullin:	
Meeting		Achievements: Amanda attended AAAF meeting on July 28th, 2020 where the decision was made to switch to virtual format of in service training ASB Provincial Conference.	0%
		Challenges: No value	
		Next Steps: No value 2020/08/10	
ASB Policy Review		No undates recorded	0%
Environmental Farm Plans		No updates recorded	0%
Canadian Agricultural Partnership		No updates recorded	0%
ASB Resolutions		No updates recorded	0%
ASB Grant Application		No updates incorded	100%
ASB Year End		No updates recorded	<b>0%</b> 100% behind
Renew Licenses		Na undates recorded	100%
ASB Business Plan		Carleigh McMullin:	*
		Achievements: Work plan was approved by Council March 5th, 2020.	
		Challenges: No value	100%
		Next Steps: No valida 2020/05/25	
Preparations for 2020 Summer Season		No updates recorded	100%
Hire summer staff		No applates recorded	100%



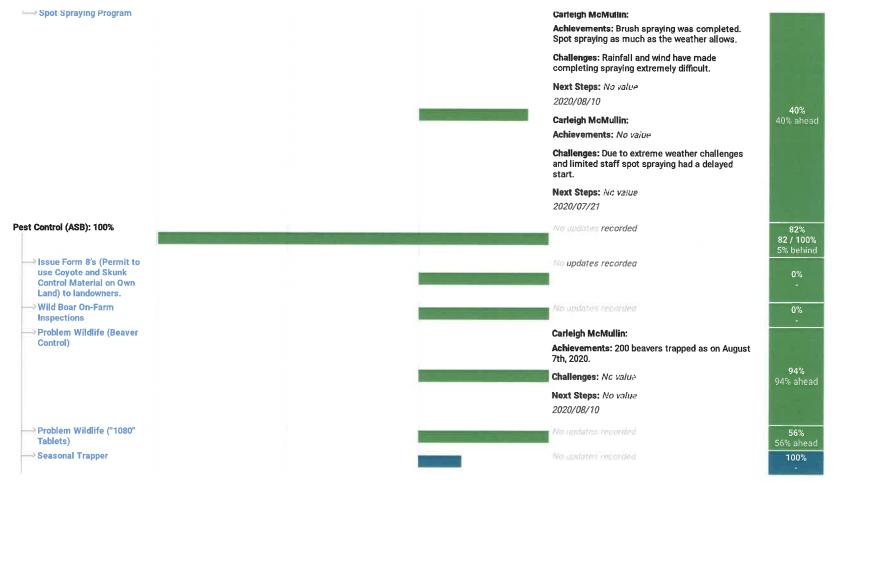
	Carleigh McMullin:	
	Achievements: No value	
	Challenges: Cancelled due to Covid-19 and schools being closed.	<b>0%</b> 100% behind
	<b>Next Steps:</b> <i>No value</i> 2020/07/21	
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	Achievements: Provide Tree Time information upon requests.	
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	Next Steps: No value	
	2020/07/21	
	Carleigh McMullin:	
	Achievements: No hay permits submitted in 2020.	
		100%
	Challenges: No value	- E.
	Next Steps: No value	
	2020/07/21	





Spraying Program		
Spraying Data Tracking		
Roadside Spraying		
Spraying Equipment		
Spraying and Weed		
Inspection Project		









Safety Activity (ASB)

→ Toolbox Safety Meetings at Shop
→ Main Office Safety Meeting

--> Vehicle Walk Around

Annual Safety Day

Training - AAAF IST



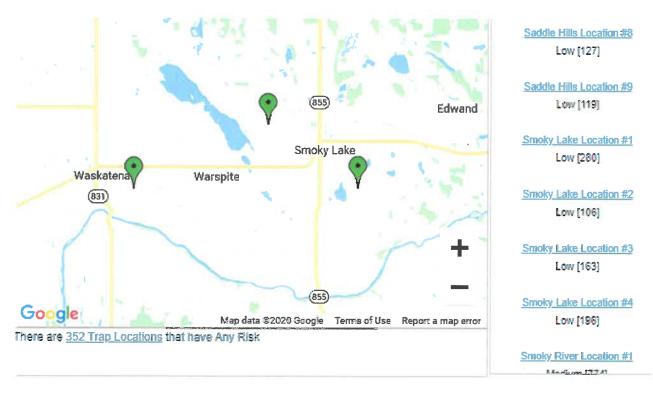
# **2020 Bertha Armyworm Monitoring**

Date	June 19	June 25	June 30	July 9	July 16	July 24	July 30	Aug 4
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East SE-25-58-14 W4	0	1	8	101	70	48	7	3
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Traps set up on: June 11, 2020

Traps taken down on: August 4, 2020

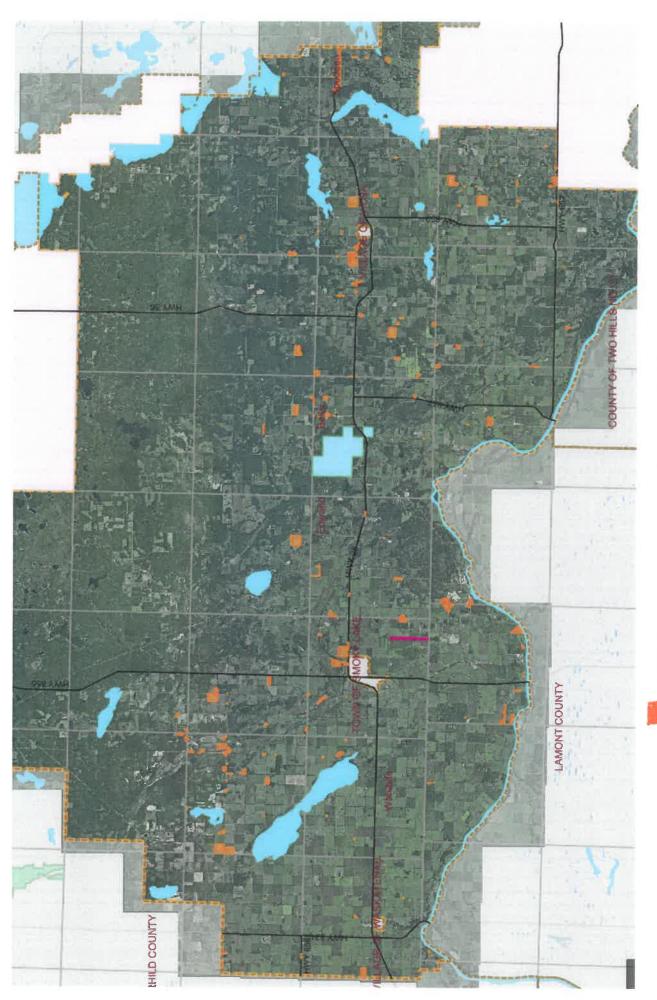
# **2020 Bertha Armyworm Monitoring**



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Num	ulative ber of s/Trap	Larval Infestation Risk Level
From	To	
0	300	Low - Infestations are unlikely to be widespread, but fields should be inspected for signs of insects or damage.
300	900	Medium - Infestations may not be widespread, but fields that were particularly attractive to egg-laying females could be infested. Check your fields.
900	1200	High - Canola fields should be sampled regularly for larvae and for evidence of damage.
1200	1500+	Severe - Canola fields should be sampled frequently for larvae and for evidence of damage.

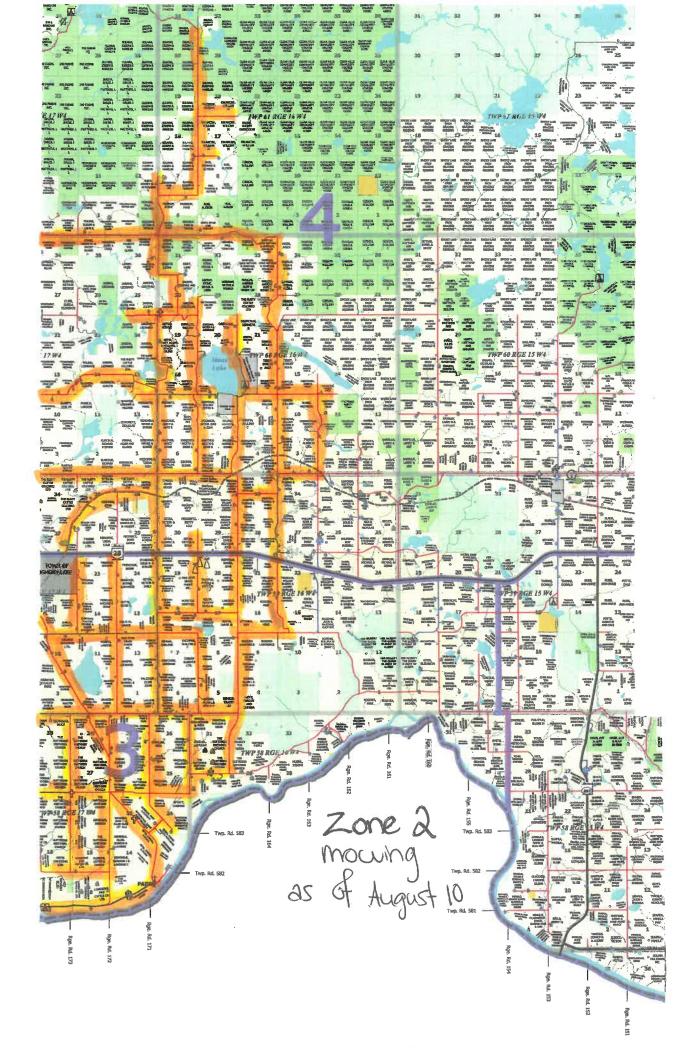
185 weed inspections as of August 10, 2020

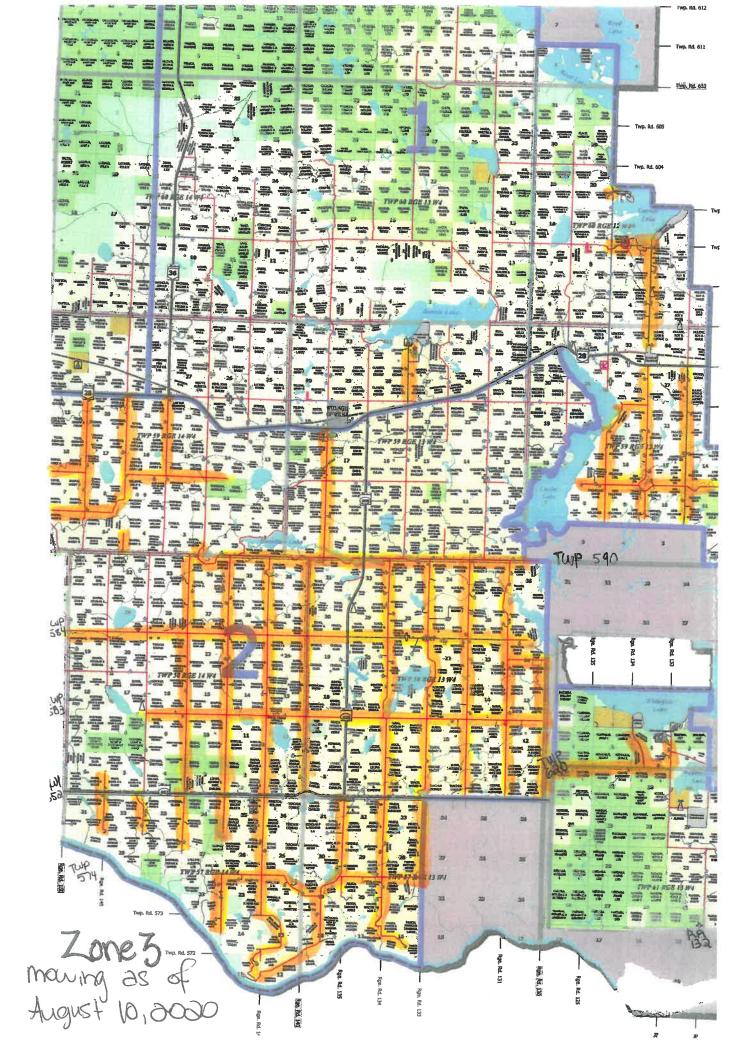


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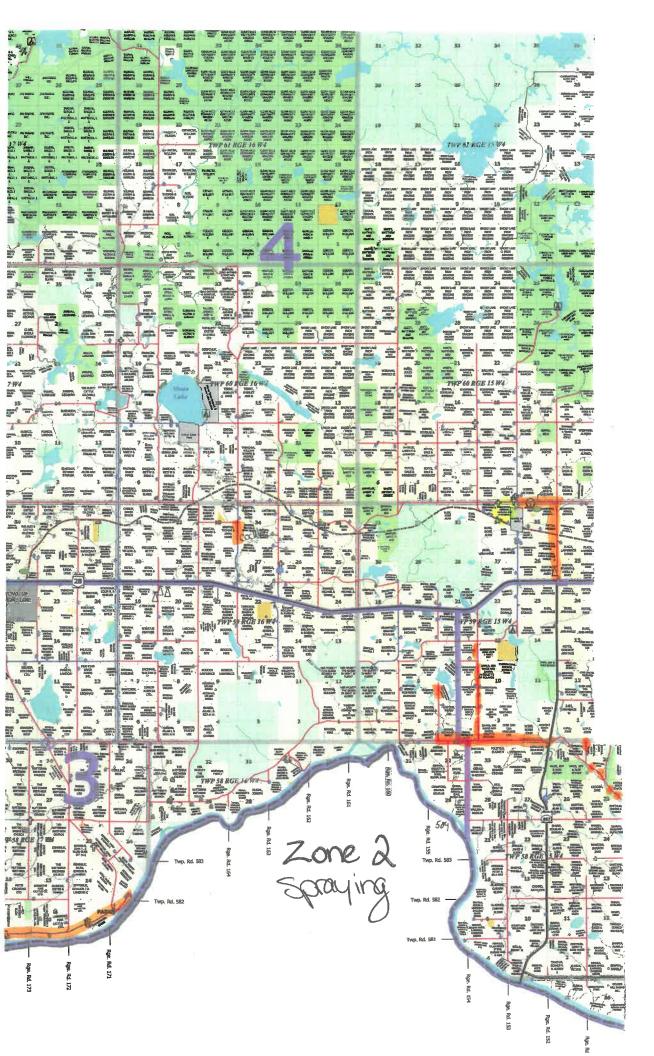
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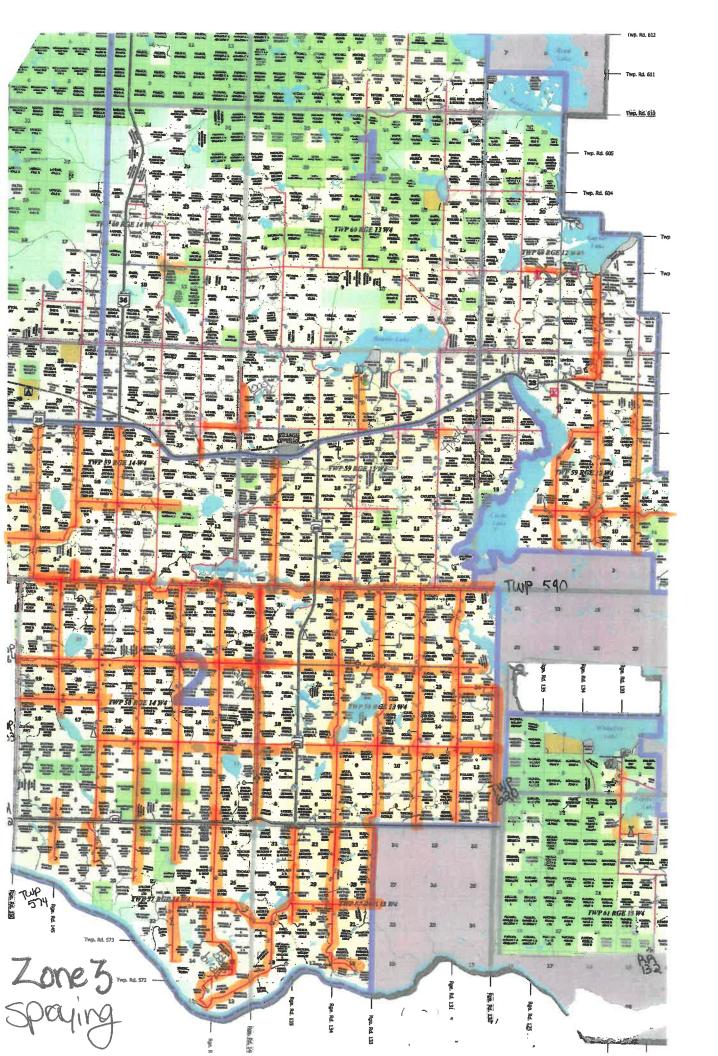
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# Smoky Lake Summer Field Tour

Ukranian National Hall July 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020



# Agenda

2:00 pm√- registration

2:15 pm - Amanda Mathiot — LARA Intro

- ESN in Spring cereals

- LARA Regional Variety Trial

Stephanie Bilodeau — Regional Silage Trial
 Winter/Spring Cereal

4:00 pm - Head for home

# Thank you to our Partners:





# **Smoky Lake Cereal**



## **Regional Silage Trial**

### Winter/Spring Cereal

Seeding Date: June 22, 2020

Seeding Rate: varied

Seeding Depth: 1"

Fertilizer: 60-30-25-10 at 239 lbs/acre

## **LARA Regional Variety Trial**

Seeding Date: May 28, 2020

Seeding Rate: various rates

Seeding Depth: 1"

Fertilizer: 60-30-25-10 at 239lb/ac

# **Smoky Lake Site**

#### **ESN** Wheat

Seeding Date: May 28, 2020

Seeding Rate: 330 plants/m<sup>2</sup>

Seeding Depth: 1 1/4"

Fertilizer: Various ESN rates

### **ESN Barley**

Seeding Date: May 28, 2020

Seeding Rate: 270 plants/m<sup>2</sup>

Seeding Depth: 1 1/4"

Fertilizer: Various ESN Rates



#### ESN Wheat

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ESN Barley

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# Winter/Spring Cereal

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107	BOBCAT/CDC AUSTENSO		207	PRIMA/TAZA		307	TAZA		407	PRIMA/CDC BALER
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## **LARA Regional Variety Trial**

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Dear Jose + the Jean at Smoky Lake County,

Thank you so much for your continued

support of the aISC! We truly could not
do the work that wido without it

We look forward to bringing you new

+ exciting programs + resources in

2020!

Prevention inspired; Alberta protected



June 23, 2020

Smoky Lake County PO Box 310 Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0



Animal Health and Assurance Branch Inspection and Investigation Section 97 East Lake Ramp NE

Airdrie, AB T4A 0C3 Telephone: 403-948-8510 Email: bruce.hamblin@gov.ab.ca

www.alberta.ca

Dear Smoky Lake County:

This letter is in reference to our Agreement for the Implementation of Wild Boar Containment Standards under the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA) made effective on February 7, 2019 and expires on December 23, 2023.

As per Section 6 of this Agreement, our Minister shall submit a written status report to the Municipality annually, for the proceeding twelve month period ending June 30, during the term of this Agreement to the date of the termination indicating activities undertaken by the Minister pursuant to the responsibilities of the Minister under this Agreement.

As you are aware, our Inspection and Investigation staff have been working closely with your Agricultural Fieldman in an attempt to locate and identify any Wild boar producers within your county. The administration of the APA is a combined responsibility of the Province and municipalities required under Section 6 of the APA (duty of local authority to take active measures to prevent the establishment of pests).

The risks associated with Wild boar escaping containment and establishing a new "at-large" population are considerable. In order to manage these risks, inspections of Wild boar production farms will be conducted at least once per year, or more if there are any compliance issues. Our inspectors will contact your Agricultural Fieldman in order to plan for joint inspections.

Agriculture and Forestry will continue with active Wild boar at-large eradication that involves surveillance, trapping, and euthanizing Wild boars in order to eliminate the at-large population. If there is a report of Wild boar at-large in your county, please call 310-FARM (3276), so we may work together towards a solution. Wild boar reports can also be sent to <a href="mailto:AF.WildBoar@gov.ab.ca">AF.WildBoar@gov.ab.ca</a>.

To date, our Inspection Unit, in conjunction with your Agricultural Fieldman have identified one a Wild boar farm in Smoky Lake County. On November 27, 2019, the producer advised he no longer has animals at his farm, and has left the industry.

If you have any questions regarding the agreement, please do not to hesitate to contact me at 403-948-8510. I look forward to your continued cooperation with the implementation of the Wild boar minimum containment standards.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamblin

Inspection and Investigation Section Director



265 East 400 South – Box 291 – Raymond – Alberta – TOK 2SO – Tel: 403 752-4585 – Fax: 403 752-3643

Email: safetyctr@abfarmsafety.com

Website: abfarmsafety.com

July 13, 2020

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

Tori:

The 2020 contribution received from Smoky Lake County in March was very much appreciated by the Farm Safety Centre.

From the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year in September until school classes in Alberta were suspended in mid-March 40,662 rural children had already received our in-class farm safety presentations. (See enclosed year-end Safety Smarts report) An additional 152 schools were booked for delivery during March, April, May and June. These bookings are noted on pages 29 & 30 of the report.

In April we began the work needed to add content to our website which would allow students to access interactive farm safety learning tools during the COVID disruption in school attendance. By the first week of May two of the game-based teaching activities typically moderated in-class by our regional instructors had been adapted and made available on our website. These activities are now available to single or multiple users. Initial parent feedback has been very positive.

With the return of face to face program delivery unclear, the following activities have been completed in May and June:

- Hundreds of farm safety related still images gathered over time have been tagged, for improved access/use
- Video resources developed previously by the Centre have been reformatted to allow on-line, web-based access
- Re-formatted video resources have all been tagged, for improved access/use in adapted program delivery
- Safety Smarts materials, models, tools etc. have been gathered from regional instructors across the province
- Initial sorting and cleaning of models, displays and other in-class teaching materials gathered from instructors.

This summer our intentions are to assess all components of our historic face to face delivery methods through the lens of post-COVID realities. What schools may face with the 2020-2021 school year re-opening is extremely uncertain at the current time. We wish to be very respectful of the stresses which schoolteachers and administrators will be experiencing. The decision has been made not be seek in-class opportunities for Safety Smarts delivery until 2021.

Resources like the still images and videos mentioned above will be incorporated into a variety of new, adapted farm safety presentations. Shorter presentations will be developed specifically for access by classroom teachers, for use while face to face delivery is limited. Somewhat longer presentations will be developed as well and will be intended for online access by students, parents and others.

A renewal and refresh of our current face to face presentations has begun, with the positive mindset that COVID has provided an opportunity. Updates and upgrades are being considered for all existing Safety Smarts presentations. Beginning as early as possible in 2021 improved presentations will again be offered to rural schools across the province.

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 virtual online learning, to make informed personal safety decisions is extremely important.

The Farm Safety Centre firmly believes in the benefits of person to person interactions when safety messages and best practices are presented. The Centre will seek to re-establish face to face in-class program delivery as soon as regional instructor presence in schools is not adding to pandemic related stresses for teachers and administrators.

The safety and health of our regional instructors will also be considered as re-establishment of face to face delivery is considered. We are anticipating the need for several new disinfection and disease prevention protocols. At least for a period, the distribution of take-home resources may be impacted. Adjustments will be made to respond in a timely way to changing COVID-related circumstances.

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.

The consistent financial assistance from Counties and MD's across the province is greatly appreciated especially in this time of uncertainty. Thank you again for making the safety of our rural children a priority.

Please connect back with me if you have questions or concerns about the enclosed Safety Smarts year-end report or any of the proposed COVID-caused activities outlined above.

Sincerely,

Laura Nelson

**Executive Director** 

Farm Safety Centre



July 29, 2020

Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC, MP Minister of Agriculture Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada 1341 Baseline Road Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

#### Dear Minister Bibeau,

I am writing to you today regarding the agricultural crisis in Lakeland. Last year, Lakeland farmers endured the 'harvest from hell,' with many farms losing a significant portion of their crops to early snow. The Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) estimates that a minimum of 100,000 acres of planted fields were unharvested. But those who were able to get crops off their fields faced uncertain and reduced international trade markets, and rail strikes and illegal rail blockades that resulted in late delivery penalties on top of lower commodity prices.

Of course, this spring's planting season was delayed by the removal of unharvested crops, along with major snow melt and rainfall which has wreaked havoc on local farmers. Five counties in Lakeland have already officially declared Agricultural Emergencies, including Lamont County, St. Paul County, Athabasca County, Smoky Lake County and Thorhild County – that's more than half of the counties in Lakeland.

There is significant flooding throughout the region which has washed out access roads, washed away seeded acres and, in some cases, outright impeded the ability to seed. Farmers and counties are suffering significant financial impacts as a result. Regions 4 and 5 that fall within Lakeland's boundaries have been hit particularly hard. The AFSC's preliminary outline as of June 20, 2020 estimates more than 200,000 acres of cropland in the areas will not produce a fall harvest this year. AFSC representatives note that number is expected to rise significantly as outstanding unseeded acre reports are processed. Jackie Sanden, Product Coordinator with AFSC has stated: "about 80 percent of those acres are in areas where they had unharvested acres from the fall. These same counties are also in the regions which have had a high spring rainfall."

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Farmers like Todd Hames, a grain grower and Chair of the Wheat Commission who farms near Marwayne, within Lakeland riding have described the field conditions as "saturated" all the way east to the Saskatchewan border. I have enclosed a drone picture from a Lakeland farmer of his field west of that area to show you the reality of what the producers across this large region are facing.

I recently received a call from a Lamont County farmer that reported that there are approximately 275,000 seedable acres in the County and approximately 35% has been lost due to not being able to seed, or due to being flooded after seeding. That is 96,000 lost acres. If even half of that area incurred input costs prior to flooding at the average of \$150/acre (fertilizer, rent, and chemical), that would equate to over \$7 million out of the pockets of farmers on top of their major losses of the actual crop income.

Athabasca County declared an agriculture disaster in June, citing the past harvest, current spring flooding, and the adverse affects on their pork and beef export market as a result of the worldwide pandemic with an uncertain timeline for return to normal conditions. Initial reports suggest that canola planting in some northeast areas like the County of Thorhild have already suffered significant damage. Yield losses are expected to range from 25 to 50 percent.

I'm sure you appreciate that COVID-19 has further exasperated an already vulnerable sector that required assistance. For months, my office has received daily calls from local farmers saying that they can not access the relief programs because eligibility requirements do not allow them to qualify for CERB or CEBA. Even with the CEBA changes, most small agriculture producers can not qualify as they do not use business accounts, leaving them with zero assistance.

Local producers are concerned that the agriculture sector is not understood by government. Farm operation use of fuels that are not being exempted from the carbon tax are burdening farmers with major costs, especially because most crops that were harvestable had to be dried. Farmers do not have a choice whether to heat or cool their barns or to dry their grains, and farmers cannot pass along the cost of the carbon tax to their customers.

You have stated farmers in Canada are not receiving a carbon tax exemption because "the impact is a very small percentage of [farm] operation costs." As you are aware, the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses estimates farmers will pay \$14,000 in federal carbon taxes in the first year it applies them. As numerous farmers have provided actual carbon tax bills to the media that contradict your estimates (many by ten times), will you actually speak up to your cabinet colleagues about the disproportionate damage they are causing to Canadian agricultural producers, at the very worst time, and axe the carbon tax on all farm fuels?



Farmers are trying to navigate government programs while facing financial devastation. It is not mere 'emotions' when your family watches their once-a-year paycheck freeze on the field, then have that paycheck cut even further because the carbon tax your government hiked increased the cost of drying this already devalued crop.

Then, during a pandemic – when other families and small businesses are provided loans and income stabilization – farmers are blocked for months from accessing these programs.

Minister, this is not good enough. I urge you and your government to do better for Canada's agriculture sector. I am proud of the agricultural sector in Lakeland, and of the hard work that farmers and producers, their families and their workers, are doing under extreme pressure.

I want to introduce you to agricultural producers in Lakeland – in person or virtually – so that you can hear from them, and directly from the children of farm families whose future on the farm is in jeopardy without tangible support.

What will you and your government actually do to support farmers struggling with agricultural emergencies, and to ensure the short and long-term sustainability of the sector and of rural communities?

Sincerely,

**Shannon Stubbs** 

Member of Parliament for Lakeland

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cc. Athabasca County

**Lamont County** 

**Smoky Lake County** 

St. Paul County

**Thorhild County** 



## **Annex: Photos Of Local Conditions**

Picture provided by a farmer from Lamont County taken by his drone. This field is located southwest of the Village of Andrew.



The photos below are of one of the local roads that has washed away and formed a waterfall.









#### Carleigh McMullin

From: Dixie Mackintosh <chekmack@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2020 1:00 PM

To: Carleigh McMullin

**Subject:** beavers

Hi Carly,

Further to our correspondence this morning.

Over the course of the past two years, I have had several discussions with county administrators, county workers and my councillor representative, Lorne Halisky regarding the increasing severity of the property damage I am experiencing due to beavers.

Trappers have not been successful in getting rid of the problem.

This year the pond they have constructed extends into my adjacent hayfield and if not aggressively discouraged will inevitably flood my haskap orchard in that same field.

They and the flooding they cause have killed dozens of tall, robust trees and you can see by the dead trees tops to the northeast that they have more ambitious plans yet.

Beyond personal financial loss and the ruined esthetics, I am concerned about the future fire hazard if the beavers are allowed to continue their work, forest fires moving from tree crown to tree crown and rapidly spreading to neighbouring properties.

Twsp road 611 is eroding due to the waterlogged environment and ever widening beaver pond extending south from my property.

Of note: We had NO beaver problems until the county blew the ravine dams on RR 170 between twsp 610 and 611. Many neighbours are experiencing similar problems and twsp 611 is a well used road.

am proposing at the very least that the county enter into a cost shared beaver remediation/removal project with me and perhaps other afflicted neighbourhood land owners.

The situation has reached an urgent stage.

- 1) Neighbourhood consensus that the beavers were not a threat to private property before the county blew the dams on RR170 ravine.
- 2) No suggested solution has worked or is affordable for me on my own.
- 3) The damage is increasing, encroachment (flooding) in hayfield and orchard
- 4) Valuable, large, healthy trees have been killed in great numbers
- 5) Fire hazard is an inevitable result
- 6) structural integrity of frequently used twsp road 611 is being compromised

Thanks for your time,

Dixie Mackintosh



currently working to lower water levels on TwPGII.
Looking at a gizmo



Dams were removed on RR170 in the past.