

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, April 12th, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 864 8457 2163 Passcode: 167886

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 **February 15, 2022** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: February 15, 2022 – **Action List.** ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

4.1 Bylaw No. 1240-12: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control. ©

4.2 Policy Statement No. 62-29-01 Soil Conservation. ©

4.3 Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization. ©

5. Issues for Information:

- 5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©
- 5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©
- 5.3 Leafy Spurge Biocontrol. ©
- 5.4 Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program (2022-2024). ©

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 Letter received from Nick vanRootsellar, ASB Chairman, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, dated March 4, 2022 RE: Support for Bill C-234. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.2 Letter received from Nick vanRootsellar, ASB Chairman, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, dated March 4, 2022 RE: Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.3 Letter received from Dana Depalme, ASB Vice Chair, Red Deer County, dated March 21, 2022 RE: 2022 Provincial ASB Conference. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.4 Letter received from Gord Krebs, Councillor, Division 4, Mountain View County and Angela Aalbers, Reeve, Mountain View County, dated March 28, 2022 RE: ABVMA Resolution. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

- 6.5 Letter received from the Grazing School for Women Planning Committee, dated April 4, 2022 RE: Grazing School for Women Sponsorship. ©

Recommendation: Councils Decision.

7. Delegation(s):

- 7.1 Alyssa Krawchuk, Association Manager, 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 on Tuesday, **February 15, 2022**, at 9:05 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in County Council Chambers.

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>Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022</u> |
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| 1 | Dan Gawalko | Present in Chambers |
| 2 | Linda Fenerty | Present in Chambers |
| 3 | Dominique Cere | Present in Chambers |
| 4 | Lorne Halisky | Present in Chambers |
| 5 | Jered Serben | Present in Chambers |
| CAO | Gene Sobolewski | Present in Chambers |
| Assist. CAO | Lydia Cielin | Virtually Present |
| Finance Manager | Brenda Adamson | Absent |
| Ag. Fieldman | Carleigh McMullin | Virtually Present |
| Assist. Ag. Fieldman | Amanda Kihn | Virtually Present |
| Legislative Svcs./R.S. | Patti Priest | Virtually Present |
| Communications Tech | Evonne Zukiwski | Virtually Present |

No Members of the Media were Present.

No Members of the Public were Present.

2. Agenda:

349-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

350-22: Fenerty That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

351-22: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Carole Dowhaniuk, GIS Operator, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:09 a.m.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:13 a.m.

Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:15 a.m.

4. Request for Decision:

Nuisance Cat Control in Hamlets

352-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council take no action to creating a new bylaw which would include “Nuisance Cat Control in Hamlets” in reference to Bylaw No. 1344-19: Dog Control; and provide ratepayers with information on the County website outlining options on how to deter stray cats, as the County does not enforce cat control.

Carried.

Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:22 a.m.

Policy Statement No. 62-10-08 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan

353-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy Statement No. 62-10-08 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2022 to include amendments to the Soil Conservation strategy and the addition of the Animal Health Act strategy to comply with the 2021 Smoky Lake Field Visit, held on June 29, 2021, by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development results, as follows:


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| Title: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan | | Policy No.: 10-08 |
| Section: 62 | Code: P-A | Page No.: 1 of 12 E |
| Legislation Reference: <i>Alberta Provincial Statutes</i> | | |
| Purpose: To establish a Business Plan for the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board | | |
| Policy Statement and Guidelines: | | |
| 1. STATEMENT: | | |
| 1.1 The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is in the business of providing its residents with agricultural programming to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life. This is achieved through Vegetation Management Programming, Agricultural Extension Programming, Problem Wildlife Programming, Pest Control and Monitoring as well as Government Lobbying. | | |
| The Agricultural Service Board is also responsible for enforcement of Provincial Legislation such as the <i>Weed Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Agricultural Service Board Act, Soil Conservation Act and the Animal Health Act.</i> | | |
| 2. VISION STATEMENT: | | |
| 2.1 To encourage sustainable agriculture, environmental integrity and improved quality of life in Smoky Lake County. | | |
| 3. MISSION STATEMENT: | | |
| 3.1 To provide services, policies and education for Agricultural families, businesses and the public to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life. | | |
| 4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: | | |
| 4.1 The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board identifies the following priorities: | | |
| One: | Vegetation Management Program | |
| Two: | Weed Control Act Duties | |
| Three: | Environmental Stewardship and Extension | |
| Four: | Problem Wildlife | |
| Five: | Agricultural Pest Act Duties | |
| Six: | Soil Conservation Act Duties | |
| Seven: | Intergovernmental Collaboration | |

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5. IMPLEMENTATION:

- 5.1 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board shall review annually as required by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
- 5.2 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board staff will consider and follow the priorities of the Business Plan when creating budgets and work plans.

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| Business Plan | Executive Summary |
| <p>The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board is in the business of providing its agricultural producers with agricultural programming to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life. This is achieved through Vegetation Management, Agricultural Extension, Problem Wildlife, Pest Control, programming and monitoring as well as government lobbying. The Agricultural Service Board is also responsible for enforcement of Provincial Legislation such as the <i>Weed Control Act</i>, <i>Agricultural Pest Act</i>, <i>Agricultural Service Board Act</i>, <i>Soil Conservation Act</i>, and the <i>Animal Health Act</i>.</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT: To encourage sustainable agriculture, environmental integrity and improved quality of life in Smoky Lake County.</p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT: To provide services, policies and education for Agricultural families, businesses and the public to enhance the environment, farm income and quality of life.</p> <p>VALUES:</p> <p>Integrity: The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will conduct business in an ethical manner respecting the environment, public and applicable legislation.</p> <p>Commitment to Service: The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will strive to provide the best service possible to its rolepayers conducting operations in an efficient and cost effective manner.</p> <p>Progressive: The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board will take a proactive and innovative approach in its programming examining new technologies and protocol while accepting and implementing relevant public input.</p> | |
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| 1. Vegetation Management Program | | |
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| <p>Goal: To implement an integrated vegetation management program on municipal right-of-ways for the purpose of reducing noxious weeds and ensuring sightlines are clear for the motoring public.</p> | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
| Identify problem noxious weeds within the municipal right of way | -Key emphasis will be on Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weed species analyzing both environmental and economic threats. | -All roads inspected for noxious weeds at least once during the growing season. |
|  <p>Roadside Spraying</p> | -1/2 of all county roads will be sprayed following the rotation spraying guidelines set out in <i>Policy Statement 62-15 "Vegetation Management Plan"</i> and <i>Policy Statement 62-23 "Tarsus Reduction Program"</i> . Brush Spraying will be completed during the regular roadside spraying rotation. | -Number of miles of roadside spraying completed. -Amount of herbicide applied for brush control |
|  <p>Spot Spraying</p> | -Spot spraying will be completed in the other two zones in which regular roadside spraying is being completed. Noxious weeds and brush will be targeted. -Custom spraying of private lands will occur if time and budget allows and priority is put on landowners struggling to control prohibited noxious weeds. | -Number of locations spot sprayed. -Amount of herbicide applied during spot spraying. -Number of landowners who receive help eliminating their Prohibited noxious weeds by the ASB Department. |
|  <p>Roadside Mowing</p> | -Roadside mowing will be conducted as stated in <i>Policy Statement 62M-02 "Mowing Program"</i> . Roadside will be mowed as close to the municipal property line as possible, while ensuring passes are only done if deemed efficient to eliminate extra free-wheeling and passes of 5 feet or less. -Lake roads leading to resorts will be mowed before the July and August long weekends. -One-pass mowers will be used in rotation to apply herbicide on right-of-ways. | -1 pass of roadside mowing to the property line and a second seasonal "shoulder" pass is to be completed by November 1st of each year. -Iron Horse Trail mowed once a year. -Amount of additional mowing completed for community events. -Amount of additional mowing completed on other municipal properties. |




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| 2. Weed Control Act Duties | | |
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| <p>Goal: To control the spread and prevent the establishment of invasive species on privately owned land through responsible communication with landowners, occupants, industry stakeholders and members of the general public as set out in the <i>Weed Control Act of Alberta</i>.</p> | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
|  <p>Weed Inspection Program</p> | -Weed Inspection are conducted on private land during the growing season annually. -Letters are sent to landowners who are in non-compliance with the Weed Control Act of Alberta, as specified in <i>Policy Statement 62-14 "Weed Inspection and Weed Notice"</i> . -Weed Notices are issued to landowners who do not comply with recommendation letters. -Enforcement actions are completed by the Agricultural Services Department for landowners who are non-compliant with a weed notice that has been issued. | -Number of inspections completed -Number of letters sent to landowners/renters -Number of weed notices issued -Number of Weed enforcements completed |
|  <p>Noxious Weed Education and Awareness</p> | -Provide weed identification for landowners on farm or samples brought in for identification. -Promote weed awareness at our annual Smoky Lake County Farmer Appreciation Event -Produce and circulate information on invasive species through our website, local newspapers and brochures. -Weed Wanted posters being annually at all the Towns, Villages & Hamlets including all the water stations and lake lot bulletin boards. | - Number of landowners assisted annually -Number of events hosted -Number of articles circulated -Number of brochures and weed wanted posters given out/posted |





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| 3. Environmental Stewardship and Extension | | |
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| Goal: To provide Environmental Farm Plans to producers and work in partnership with Lakeland Agricultural Research Association to deliver collaborative environmental stewardship initiatives and unbiased research that results in sustainable growth of Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Community. | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
| Environmental Farm Plans  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist local producers with completion of Environmental Farm Plans - Provide air photographs for fields and farm yards and soils information - Provide water well information from the Alberta Water Wells Database | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of Environmental Farm plans assisted with - Increased adoption of beneficial management practices by producers |
| Canadian Agricultural Partnership  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist local producers with information about new agricultural programs and grants. - Stay current with program updates and changes. - Promote programs and workshop events. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of producers assisted - Number of events hosted or promoted |
| Lakeland Agricultural Research Association  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure Smoky Lake County received programs as promised by LARA. - Ensure crop plot trials are complete in Smoky Lake County. - LARA to give updates throughout the year by attending ASB meetings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of events hosted by LARA in our county - Crop Walk hosted for local producers - Number of unbiased research plots within Smoky Lake County - How many updates were received |


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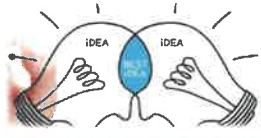
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| 4. Problem Wildlife Program | | |
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| Goal: To co-operate and execute and Problem Wildlife Management Program. | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
| Beavers  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beaver Tail Bounty for \$15.00 per tail from pre-approved locations as specified in <i>Policy Statement 62-07 "Beaver Management"</i> - Beaver Dam Removal may occur to mitigate flooding which causes damage to municipal infrastructure. Dam removal will be conducted as per <i>Policy Statement 62-21 "Beaver Control- Fee for Removal with Explosives"</i>. - Maintain Certified Blasters License with the Province of Alberta. - Trapping and removing problem beavers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of Beaver tails brought in. - Number of dams removed affecting municipal infrastructure. - Amount of revenue generated completing private land blasting. - Renew every 5 years as required. - How many beavers removed |
| Coyotes  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain Form 7 License to ensure Smoky Lake County can provide 1080 toxicant to agricultural producers as per <i>Policy Statement 62-03 "Coyote Control"</i> - Coyote control booklets available for agricultural producers to help better manage coyote predation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of tablets given out annually |
| Richardson Ground Squirrel (Gopher)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2% Liquid Strychnine registration has been cancelled. - Recommend Rozol to producers - Recommend local trappers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of producers assisted |
| Northern Pocket Gopher (Mole)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mole tail bounty for \$1.00 per tail can be brought in as per <i>Policy Statement 62-02 "Bounty for Pocket Gopher Tails"</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of mole tails brought in for bounty. |

| 4. Problem Wildlife Continued | | |
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| Strategies | Action | Measures |
|  <p>Wild Boar</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate annually in the Wild Boar Ear Bounty with Alberta Agriculture. -Wild Boar ears can be brought in for a reward of \$50.00 per set of ears. The boars <u>must</u> be at large. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of wild boar ears brought in. |
|  <p>Waterfowl Damage Control</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Scare Cannons are available for rent as per <i>Policy Statement 63-26 "Scare Cannon Rental"</i>. -Suggest alternative control measures to mitigate crop damage cause by waterfowl during fall migration. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of rentals that occur -number of producers that engage in alternative control measure. |
|  <p>Alternative Control Methods</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agricultural Fieldmen will continue to look into alternative control methods for all pest species. -Promote and notify producers of alternative control measures when they come in. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Attend In Service Training to hear from other Ag Fieldman from across the province -Attend demonstrations with government research groups |

| 5. Agricultural Pest Act Duties | | |
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| <p>Goal: To provide Smoky Lake County agricultural producers with responsible pest management strategies, pest monitoring and enforcement of declared agricultural pests as deemed by the Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta.</p> | | |
| <p>Crop Surveying</p> | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
|  <p>Swede Midge of Canola</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Swede Midge is monitored on behalf of Agri-food Canada. It is an 8 week program where sticky pads are changed weekly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue to monitor for new and invading pest that threaten our agriculture industry. |
|  <p>Grasshoppers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Townships are surveyed annually and data is sent to Alberta Agriculture for forecasting. The county ditch and field are sampled at each location. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of fields surveyed -Number of outbreaks that occur |
|  <p>Bertha Army Worms</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Fields across the county are monitored starting in June until August. The traps are set out in the fields to collect the moths that lay the eggs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of moths counted annually -Number of outbreaks that are forecasted |
|  <p>Wheat Midge</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wheat Midge in high numbers can cause yield loss, wheat crops are monitored around the end of June as wheat heads are emerging up until anthesis (Flowering) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Samples collected annually and sent to Alberta Agriculture when required |
|  <p>Blackleg of Canola</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canola fields are sampled annually for Blackleg severity. Samples are provided to the Crop Diversification Centre for research purposes. Blackleg can cause significant yield loss and harm international exporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of fields sampled annually. |
|  <p>Clubroot</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Random canola fields are surveyed after the crop has been swathed. We look for visual symptoms and if we find galls the plant sample is sent to the lab for DNA confirmation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of Canola fields sampled annually -Number of Clubroot Management Agreements sent to producers annually as per <i>Policy Statement 62-12 "Clubroot"</i>. -Number of Pest Notices given annually |

| 6. Soil Conservation Act Duties | | |
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| Goal: Protect the quality and integrity of agricultural soils in Smoky Lake County. | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
| Soil Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agricultural Fieldman are deemed as inspectors and can issue notices under this Act. -Document and photograph any non-compliance with the Soil Conservation Act -Promote soil health workshops and site demonstrations -Monitor soil conditions and respond to an area of concern that needs to be assessed following an event that could impact soil/water sources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of Soil Conservation Notice issued -Number of Soil Conservation Letters issued -Number of workshops -Number of areas assessed for soil condition concerns |
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| 7. Intergovernmental Collaboration | | |
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| Goal: Conduct intergovernmental collaboration with all levels of governments. | | |
| Strategies | Action | Measures |
| Collaborate with multiple levels and forms of government | -Agricultural Service Board to participate in drafting and passing resolutions at Regional and Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conferences annually. | -Attend annual conferences and participate by discussion and voting on various agricultural issues. |
| Protect the interests of Smoky Lake County Agricultural Community | -Every effort will be made to convey agricultural concerns from the agricultural community to relevant government agencies via face-to-face interactions, letter writing or any other available means. | -Number of letters sent to MLA's, PM's or other government members |
| Animal Health Act | <p>Liaison with the Chief Provincial Veterinarian, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and local Veterinarians, when necessary, on any livestock emergencies.</p> <p>Livestock emergencies include cattle liner accidents on the highway</p> <p>If a positive case or outbreak as stated in the <i>Animal Health Act</i> is confirmed within Smoky Lake County boundaries, ASB staff will act in accordance with the directives of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian (CPV)</p> <p>Work with our Fire Protective Service Department in case of livestock emergency on the highways. These duties would include helping them source rendering truck, trailers or calling a local vet.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of investigations asked to assist on -Number of highway livestock emergencies assisted with |
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Carried.

Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually joined the meeting, time 9:29 a.m.

2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day Event

354-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County host a barbeque lunch event for the Year-2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day to be scheduled on June 18, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex, in the Town of Smoky Lake, in conjunction with the Bellis 4-H Beef Show, if possible.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 9:43 a.m. to 9:57 a.m., was Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide Council a breakdown of funding allocation towards extension and research for information:

- The Smoky Lake Plot Tour will be scheduled for August 11, 2022.
- Can set up a LARA booth at the Smoky Lake County 2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Event.
- Finalizing the annual report which will be available at the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for March 1, 2022,
- LARA Annual General Meeting, at the Ashmont Agri-plex, includes supper - March 1, 2022, at 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm, with a mini-tradeshow and optional 15-minute presentation available for partners to set up a booth and/or make a presentation.
- Webinars:
 - Intercropping Webinar Series – February 17, 2022, at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm,
 - Agronomy Update - February 24, 2022, at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
 - Alberta Verified Beef Production + Training - March 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm,
 - Cover Crops and Cows - March 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
 - Finding Fairness in Farm Transitions - March 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, and
 - Working Well - March 23, 2022, at 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually left the meeting, time 9:57 a.m.

4. Request for Decision:

2022 Farm Family Awards

355-22: Jered That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board identify a Farm Family in Division 5, in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-05: Northlands Farm Family Award, and prior to the nomination deadline of June 30, 2022, to be nominated for the Year-2022 Farm Family Award.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association Year-2022 Contract

356-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County execute the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) contract for Year-2022 of the Operating Funding Agreement commencing January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with a County funding contribution in the amount of \$55,000.00 towards LARA's extension programming services.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

357-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, accept the verbal report from Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), for information as presented on February 15, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairperson: Dan Gawalko Councillor Division 1, provided the following written Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's report:

December 13 2021 meeting Ashmont Agri-plex

- Alyssa presented the interim draft budget for 2022 which was approved by the board.
- The title cropping program co-ordinator was changed to cropping program manager.
- A Farm RITE meeting was held on Nov. 15 via zoom main topics of discussion was RDAR's perspective on research conducted by forage and research assoc. in Alberta they are also asking for a meeting with the new Ag minister.
- Alyssa gave the managers report the new website is up and running please check that out ,the forage harvester has been fixed, RDAR funded an economic analysis project for the associations to better understand the impact they have across the province which should help with discussions on why RDAR should still provide a core fund to the associations moving forward, working on CAP grant reports, new led office lights have been installed working on a corporate sponsorship package for next year as well as a research document that could be used for seeking grants or contract work, looking into having a strategic
- planning session in March and also looking into prices for a new truck.
- Research program report lots of producer feed samples have been going out assisted a local producer with ration balancing through Cow Bytes, helped with the mental health workshop, attended multiple ARVA meetings discussing the RVT program and regional silage trials, pest survey has been sent out looking to start certified crop advisor accreditation next year.
- Environmental program report by Kellie she is working on alternative soil health academy for 2022, did some EFP's, participated in the Beaver river watershed management plan and the connect for food initiative, working with food and water well ness foundation on the living labs application, hosted a meeting with other ARA's for the potential development of a hemp project application to RDAR, hosted the Lesley Kelly event on Nov 16, the rancher research project videos have been released for viewing on You Tube.
- Jay presented the LFA report the new dugout has been dug and will determine in January if we will be seeking any new patrons for next year.
- The HR committee will be meeting to discuss staff salary and wages as well as new updated job descriptions in the new year.
- RVT trials are now handled by the Alberta wheat and barley commissions following inspections the ARA's had issues with trial quality this year, LARA has been managing 2 sites since 1991 the Ft. Kent site is volunteer so is unpaid and the site in St. Paul it costs over \$100/plot and the AWC & ABC pay \$55/plot therefore counties are subsidizing the program some associations are looking at dropping the unpaid sites and dropping the program altogether.
- Will be having future discussions with our partner counties in 2022 about long term goals and visions, results driven research and economic analysis.
- A decision was made to host the board meetings on the last Monday of the month.
- The next meeting is January 31 2022 @ 1:00pm.

January 31 2022 meeting virtual

- Alyssa presented the 2022 budget which was adopted with the increase to utilities.
- Wanda LARA's chair attended ROAR's AGM on January 18 and the HR committee meeting on January 19th and she received a call from the new chair of ARECA lobbying on 5-year funding and working on a forage strategy their AGM will be held on March 9 & 10 in Edmonton AB.
- Farm RITE report by Alyssa, had several meetings in preparation for ROAR's AGM, hoping to set up a meeting with the new ag minister Nate Homer.
- She also gave the managers report the contract with Lac La Biche county has been signed, posted the summer jobs received 2 applications so far, working on a document outlining prices for contract research trials, completed a research capacity document to assist with pursuing research projects, worked with Kellie to finalize the LARA survey, attended the ROAR AGM and HR committee meetings doing up the annual reports and seed sourcing the 2022 silage trials, also did an updated covid policy.
- Amanda gave the research report busy with grant reports finalized and sent trial data for ultra early wheat trial, attended ROAR AGM & wheat comm. AGM and several webinars.
- Kellie gave the AESA report presented and discussed the LARA survey assisted with submitting the grants for living labs, assisted producers with some Cap grants and EFP's, planning extension events and Kellie is the zone 8 coordinator for the classroom agriculture program for grade 4 which is coming back in 2022.
- Alyssa presented the financial report, and a discussion was held about some outstanding invoices.
- LFA will be having an AGM in the coming weeks.
- The HR committee did a COLA review and updated all job descriptions.
- I brought up motion 109-21 from Smoky Lake County requesting a 25% reduction regarding our funding contribution to LARA from 55,000 dollars to 41,250 dollars for the 2022 year and to focus on more cattle production related items and the board took the request into consideration but will hold funding at the current level for 2022 and will be discussing with partner counties and municipalities

what direction and programs they would like to have going forward any suggestions are welcome.

- Upcoming events- Inter cropping webinar series February 8, 10 & 17th, Agronomy update February 24, Cover cropping & cows with Kevin Elmy March 9th, webinar with Elaine Froese March 15th, working well workshop March 23, and LARA's annual general meeting March 1 2022 at Ashmont Agri-plex.
- For the minutes or financial statements feel free to call the LARA office in Ft. Kent if you have any questions feel free to call me at anytime.
- Next meeting February 28, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

358-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: December 15, 2021, to February 15, 2022, in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

359-22: Cere

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of February 8, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:29 a.m.

Provincial Agricultural Service Board – Smoky Lake County 2021 Field Visit

360-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt and accept the recommendations of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) – Smoky Lake County 2021 Field Visit report, dated June 29, 2021, stating Smoky Lake County was able to demonstrate they had programs related to each of the funding streams indicating effective use of ASB grant dollars to support activities related to the administration of legislative requirements under the Agricultural Service Board Act and enhanced environmental awareness.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I.) Support

361-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, acknowledge receipt of the letter from John Burrows, Mayor, Woodlands County, dated December 8, 2021, regarding Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I.) Support; and bring forward further information on the subject matter for awareness and further discussion to a future Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board meeting.

Carried.

Alberta Invasive Species Council

362-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approving sponsorship funds in the amount of **\$1,000.00** to the Alberta Invasive Species Council, as a bronze partner, in response to the correspondence received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated December 13, 2021.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Chairman County of Warner

363-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the copied letter from Shawn Rodgers, Agricultural Service Board Chairman, County of Warner, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, dated December 20, 2021, encouraging the Minister to continue to review how best to achieve the fertilizer emissions target without placing limits on overall crop production; and provide a letter supporting same with carbon copies to the Local MP, and Local MLA.

Carried.

Farm Safety Centre
364-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County contribute funding for Year 2022 in the amount of \$623.00 to Alberta Farm Safety Centre towards the "Safety Smarts" school-based farm safety program for safety initiatives to reduce farm injuries and fatalities involving children; as per the letter received from Jordan Jensen, Executive Director, Farm Safety Centre, dated January 6, 2022; and extend an invitation to attend the Smoky Lake County Year-2022 Farmer & Ranchers Appreciation Day event, scheduled for June 2022.

Carried.

Next Meeting
365-22: Fenerty

That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.** to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

366-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of February 15, 2022, be adjourned, time 10:48 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

S E A L

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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● Draft ● Not started ● Behind ● On Track ● Overdue ● Complete → Direct Alignment --- Indirect Alignment

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| 2022/02/15 | 352-22 | → Nuisance Cat Control in Hamlets | That Smoky Lake County Council take no action to creating a new bylaw which would include "Nuisance Cat Control in Hamlets" in reference to Bylaw No. 1344-19: Dog Control; and provide ratepayers with information on the County website outlining options on how to deter stray cats, as the County does not enforce cat control. | Agricultural Fieldman | <p>Carleigh McMullin: Achievements: Website page went live February 24th, 2022.</p> <p>Municipal File: 62-20</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Carleigh McMullin: Achievements: Provided Communications with a draft write-up to be posted on our website.</p> <p>Cat control Smoky Lake County does not have a Cat Bylaw, however property owners can take steps to humanely deter unwanted cats from their yards and flower beds.</p> | Comple 100 / |

- Some plants and herbs naturally deter cats by giving off smells that cats dislike, including Rue, Lavender, Pennyroyal, Lemongrass, Coleus and Citronella.
- There are numerous types of cat repellent sprays and granules, which can be purchased at many hardware stores.
- Water is an effective repellent. Gently spraying or splashing water on a cat is a useful method for keeping them away.
- Remove any food sources that may be attracting cats into your yard. Ensure garbage / compost bins are securely shut.
- Bury chicken wire in the soil in the flower beds that you especially don't want cats to enter.
- While property owners can take steps to deter cats from their yards, bear in mind you cannot, under law, do anything to harm the animal.
- If you suspect a cat is one of your neighbours' politely approach them and work out a plan together to mitigate the issue.

Cats in distress or abused

If you suspect a stray or abandoned cat is in distress or has been abused, make a complaint to:

Alberta SPCA

Phone: 1-800-455-9003

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

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| 2022/02/1 5 | 353-22 | → Policy Statement No. 62-10-08 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan | That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy Statement No. 62-10-08 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2022 to include amendments to the Soil Conservation strategy and the addition of the Animal Health Act strategy to comply with the 2021 Smoky Lake Field Visit, held on June 29, 2021, by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development results, as follows: | Municipal Clerk | <p>Jenna Preston:</p> <p>Achievements: Policy Statement No. 62-10-08: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan was revised and sent to the Communications Department on February 24, 2022 to post on the County Website. A Policy memo was sent the same day to Council and staff notifying them of which policy was amended.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: Provided the updated Business Plan to the Municipal Clerk to be included in the next policy update memo.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> | Comple 100 / |

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| 2022/02/1 5 | 354-22 | → 2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day Event | That Smoky Lake County host a barbeque lunch event for the Year-2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day to be scheduled on June 18, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex, in the Town of Smoky Lake, in conjunction with the Bellis 4-H Beef Show, if possible. | Agricultural Fieldman | <p>Patti Priest: Achievements: Municipal File: 62-42</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Carleigh McMullin: Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail sent to Donna Chemiwchan of Bellis 4-H Beef Club on February 17th asking when they plan on having their sale. • Received an e-mail from Donna on February 21st notifying me that they are planning on having a sale on June 13th, 2022. The sale however will not be in the Town of Smoky Lake, they are planning on having it at the Waskatenau Arena. • Council will need to decide whether to change the plans to host the Farmers and Ranchers BBQ in Waskatenau with the 4-H Beef Club sale or if we do a stand alone event in the Town of Smoky Lake. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> | Comple 100 / |

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| 2022/02/1 5 | 355-22 | → 2022 Farm Family Awards | That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board identify a Farm Family in Division 5, in accordance with Policy Statement No. 62-22-05: Northlands Farm Family Award, and prior to the nomination deadline of June 30, 2022, to be nominated for the Year-2022 Farm Family Award. | Agricultural Fieldman | <p>Patti Priest:</p> <p>Achievements: Municipal File: 62-49</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: Division 5 Councillor Serben will be bringing the name of the nominee forward to the April 12th, 2022 ASB meeting. The deadline for this application is June 30th, 2022.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> | Comple 100 / |
| 2022/02/1 5 | 356-22 | → Lakeland Agricultural Research Association Year-2022 Contract | That Smoky Lake County execute the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) contract for Year-2022 of the Operating Funding Agreement commencing January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with a County funding contribution in the amount of \$55,000.00 towards LARA's extension programming services. | Finance Manager | <p>Patti Priest:</p> <p>Achievements: Municipal File: 62-9</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: LARA Chairman, Wanda Austin signed the contract March 1st, 2022. Gave a copy of the signed contract to Accounts Payable on March 3rd, 2022.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> | Comple 100 / |
| 2022/02/1 5 | 360-22 | → Provincial Agricultural Service Board – Smoky Lake County 2021 Field Visit | That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt and accept the recommendations of the Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) – Smoky Lake County 2021 Field Visit report, dated June 29, 2021, stating Smoky Lake County was able to demonstrate they had programs related to each of the funding streams indicating effective use of ASB grant dollars to support activities related to the administration of legislative requirements under the Agricultural Service Board Act and enhanced environmental awareness. | Legislative Service Clerk | <p>Patti Priest:</p> <p>Achievements: The policy Business Plan amended shows acceptance of the recommendations. Municipal File: 62-1</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> | Comple 100 / |

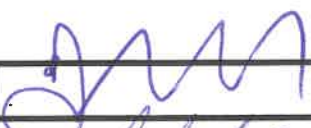

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| 2022/02/1 5 | 362-22 | → Alberta Invasive Species Council | That Smoky Lake County approving sponsorship funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Alberta Invasive Species Council, as a bronze partner, in response to the correspondence received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated December 13, 2021. | Finance Manager | <p>Patti Priest:</p> <p>Achievements: Cheque No. 52067, dated Feb 25, 2022 was issued for \$1,000.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Patti Priest:</p> <p>Achievements: Information sent to Accounts Payable on Feb.15'22 for payment. Municipal File: 62-21</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> | Completed 100 / |

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| REQUEST FOR DECISION | | DATE | April 12 th , 2022 | 4.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TOPIC | Bylaw No. 1240-12: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PROPOSAL | <p><u>BACKGROUND:</u></p> <p>Smoky Lake County has established its first <u>Bylaw</u> on Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control since March 5, 2012: Bylaw No. 1240-12: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control.</p> <p>Bylaw has never been reviewed.</p> <p>Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services received a Field Visit on June 25th, 2021 by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry as part of the ASB Program. The ASB Program conducts field visits to ensure that ASB Grant funding appropriately supports ASB Grant Program objectives. Information gathered from field visits also benefits other ASBs in the development and delivery of programs related to the ASB Grant and provides evidence to the Officer of the Auditor General on the effective and efficient use of ASB Grant Dollars to support programs related to the <i>ASB Act</i>, environmental extension and awareness.</p> <p>Through the field visits areas of improvement and recommendations are made to the Agricultural Services Department.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">Field Visit Recommendations Plan Summary (for all critical and significant recommendations)</th> <th colspan="2">Recommendation Tracking</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Requirement</th> <th>Recommendation</th> <th>Critical</th> <th>Significant</th> <th>Due Date</th> <th>Decision</th> <th>Approved by/Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for SCA</td> <td>Recommend creation of a Soil Conservation Policy. 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| | | Recommendation: Is to include Weed Control, and Pest Control into one Bylaw. <i>(To be determined from discussion held with Council)</i> | |
| CORRELATION TO BUSINESS PLAN | | | |
| 2. Weed Control Act Duties 5. Agricultural Pest Act Duties | | | |
| LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS | | Agricultural Service Board Act Weed Control Act Agricultural Pest Act Bylaw No. 1240-12: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control. | |
| BENEFITS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For regulating and control of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds in Smoky Lake County • For regulating and control of declared pests in Smoky Lake County | | |
| DISADVANTAGES | N/A | | |
| ALTERNATIVES | N/A | | |
| FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS | | | |
| Operating Costs: N/A | | Capital Costs: N/A | |
| Budget Available: N/A | | Source of Funds: N/A | |
| Budgeted Costs: N/A | | Actual Costs: N/A | |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS | N/A | | |
| COMMUNICATION STRATEGY | Bylaw will be posted on the Smoky Lake County website for transparency and awareness | | |

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| RECOMMENDATION | |
| That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control, Pest Control first reading, second reading, permission for third reading, and third and final reading. | |
| Chief Administrative Officer |  |
| Agricultural Fieldman |  |

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW NO. 1411-22**

A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SMOKY LAKE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA BEING A BYLAW OF SMOKY LAKE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD INDEPENDENT APPEAL PANEL FOR WEED CONTROL ACT AND PEST CONTROL FOR SMOKY LAKE COUNTY.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time, provides the Council of Smoky Lake County the authority to pass bylaws respecting enactments other the *Municipal Government Act*.

WHEREAS Section 19 of the *Weed Control Act*, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time, provides the Council of Smoky Lake County the authority to establish an Agricultural Service Board Independent Committee Appeal Panel to hear and determine appeals related to the *Weed Control Act*.

AND WHEREAS, Section 14(5) of the *Agricultural Pest Act* states that a local authority at the beginning of each calendar year appoint a committee to hear and determine appeals under this section and on a receipt of a notice of appeal a local authority shall refer the appeal to that committee.

on a person under section 4, that person may appeal the notice to the appeal committee appointed for the municipality in which the land is located by serving on the local authority for the municipality a notice of appeal.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Smoky Lake County, in the Province of Alberta, hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **“Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control and Pest Control”**.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

2.1 **“Acts”** means the *Weed Control Act*, and *Agricultural Pest Act* Revised Statutes of Alberta 2008, Chapter W-5.1, as amended from time to time.

2.2 **“Appellant”** means a person who, pursuant to the Act, has served a Notice of Appeal, with reasons, with the Agricultural Service Board Appeal Board for Weed and Pest Control in accordance to the Act.

2.3 **“Chief Administrative Officer”** means the chief administrative officer of the municipality appointed under the *Municipal Government Act*.

2.4 **“Council”** means the municipal Council of Smoky Lake County.

- 2.5 “**Member at Large**” means a member or members of the public appointed to the Board by Council, pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 2.6 “**Municipality**” means Smoky Lake County formed under the *Municipal Government Act*.
- 2.7 “**Panel**” means the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel.

3. ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Smoky Lake County is hereby established.
- 3.2 The Panel shall deal with Agricultural Service Board Appeals regarding Weed and Pest Control in accordance with the provisions of the *Weed Control Act*, *Agricultural Pest Act* and this Bylaw.
- 3.3 The Panel shall consist of three (3) Members at Large appointed by Council resolution.
- 3.4 The Council shall appoint a minimum of one (1) Member at Large to serve as alternates on the Panel in the event a Member is unavailable or otherwise cannot hear the Appeal.
- 3.5 Each Member shall be appointed annually at the County Council Organizational Meeting or from time to time should vacancies occur.
- 3.6 No person who is an elected officer or an employee of the County shall be appointed as a member of the Panel.
- 3.7 Any Member of the Panel may be removed by resolution of Council where, in the opinion of Council, that Member has contravened the standards for Member conduct as set out in this Bylaw or as may be established by resolution of Council from time to time. This provision does not negate the sole and unfettered ability of Council to appoint or reappoint members at their discretion according to section 3.5 of this Bylaw

4. CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- 4.1 The panel shall elect from its' membership the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and those elections shall occur at the first hearing following Council's Organizational

Meeting.

- 4.2 A Member may be re-elected to the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Chairperson:
 - 4.3.1 shall preside at the hearings of the Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel.
 - 4.3.2 shall ensure that all Appeals for the Panel are conducted in a fair and impartial manner, in accordance with the rules for such Appeals as set out in the Acts or established by Council from time to time.
 - 4.3.3 is authorized to rule that evidence presented at an Appeal Panel is irrelevant to the matter in issue and to direct the Members to disregard the evidence.
- 4.4 In the event of absence or inability of the Chairperson to preside at a Meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.
- 4.5 In the event of absence or inability of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to preside at a Meeting, the members present constituting a quorum shall elect one of its Members to preside as Acting Chairperson for that Meeting.

5. OPERATION OF THE APPEAL PANEL

- 5.1 The Appeal Panel shall hold hearings as necessary to consider and decide upon Appeals filed with the Municipality, in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 5.2 A Member who for any reason is unable to attend the whole of the Hearing of an Appeal, shall not participate in the Panel's deliberations or the decision made by the Panel on that Appeal.
- 5.3 If a Member has any interest, whether direct or indirect, in any matter before the Panel, the Member shall declare such interest to the Panel before discussion of the matter, and shall not participate in the Hearing, or discuss or vote upon the matter, and such abstention shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 5.4 The Panel shall sit with three (3) members on each Appeal. Alternate members shall be selected by the CAO in his/her sole discretion.

5.5 Any decision issued by the Panel shall be signed on its behalf by the Chairperson.

6. FEES AND EXPENSES

6.1 The remuneration, travelling and other expenses of the Members of the Panel, shall be established by Council resolution from time to time.

6.2 The fees associated with the hearing of Appeals, holding of Hearings, and meetings of the Committee Panel may be set by the Council.

7. APPEALS

7.1 Subject to Sections 17(1) and Section 19 of the *Weed Control Act*, Section (13) and Section (14) of the *Agricultural Pest Act* the Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel hears appeals regarding to Weed Control and Pest Control for Smoky Lake County:

7.1.1 Persons given an inspector's notice, municipality's notice or debt recovery notice, in accordance with the regulations.

7.1.2 Appeal Panel may confirm, reverse, or vary the inspector's notice, municipality's notice or debt recovery notice.

provided appeals from the Applicant are received within the required time and in the manner indicated in the Act.

7.2 The Appeal Panel shall hold an Appeal Hearing respecting any Appeal within five (5) working days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal.

7.3 The Appeal Panel shall give no less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice in writing of the Appeal Hearing to:

7.3.1 the Appellant;

7.3.2 the Authority or Inspector who is the subject of the appeal;

7.3.3 the owners required to be notified, if other than the Appellant of the land;

7.4 In accordance to the Act, the Committee Panel shall hear:

7.4.1 The Appellant or any person action on his/her behalf.

7.4.2 The Authority or Inspector whose Order or Decision the appeal is made or a person acting on behalf of the Authority.

- 7.4.3 Any other person who was served notice of the Hearing and who wishes to be heard or a person acting on his/her behalf.
- 7.4.4 Any other person who claims to be affected by the Order or Decision and the Panel agrees to hear or person acting on behalf of that person.
- 7.5 The Panel shall hold all Appeal Hearings in public, but the Panel may recess the Hearing at any time and deliberate in private.
- 7.6 Electronic or similar record devices shall not be used during the Hearings by anyone in attendance.

8. APPEALS DECISIONS

- 8.1 In determining an Appeal, the Panel:
 - 8.1.1 shall comply with the Weed Control Act established.
 - 8.1.2 shall comply with the Weed Control Regulations established.
 - 8.1.3 shall comply with the Pest Control Act established.
 - 8.1.4 shall comply with the Pest Control Regulations established.
 - 8.1.5 shall comply with the By-Laws of Smoky Lake County;
 - 8.1.6 shall have regard for but not be bound by the Weed or Pest Control Regulations established.
- 8.2 The Panel may confirm, rescind or vary the Notice or Decision.
- 8.3 The Panel must give its Decision in writing, together with reasons for the Decision, within forty-eight (48) hours after concluding the Hearing.
- 8.4 The Chief Administrative Officer shall send a copy of the decision together with the written reasons, if any, to the appellant by certified or registered mail or have the copy of decision hand delivered to the appellant.

9. GENERAL

- 9.1. The Decision of the majority of the Members of the Panel present at a meeting shall be deemed to be the Decision of the whole Panel. In the event of a tie vote, any motion before the Panel shall be deemed to be defeated.

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- 9.2. The Chairperson of the Committee Panel, may make a verbal announcement of the Decision on an Appeal at the conclusion of the Panel's deliberations, but in that event shall notify the parties that the verbal decision is not final and binding, and that the parties should not act upon it until the Decision has been written and signed.
- 9.3. The Committee Panel shall make and keep a written record of its proceedings which may be in the form of a summary of the evidence presented at the Hearing.
- 9.4. In the event that an Appellant withdraws his/her appeal, the Panel will not proceed with the Hearing.

10. SEVERABILITY

Should any provision of this Bylaw be invalidated by any means, then the invalid provision shall be severed and the remaining provisions of this Bylaw shall be maintained and in full effect.

11. REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw comes into effect on the date of final passing.

READ A **FIRST TIME** IN COUNCIL THIS ____ of _____, AD 2022.

READ A **SECOND TIME** IN COUNCIL THIS ___ day of _____, AD 2022.

READ A **THIRD AND FINAL TIME** IN COUNCIL THIS ___ day of _____, AD 2022.

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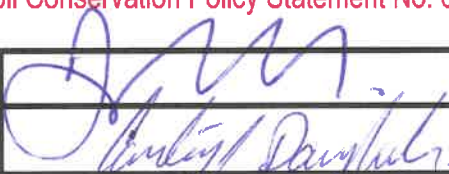
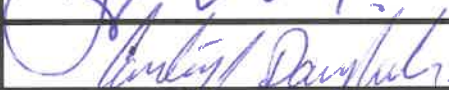


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| REQUEST FOR DECISION | DATE | April 12 th , 2022 | 4.2 |
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| TOPIC | Soil Conservation Policy Statement No. 62-29-01 |
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| PROPOSAL | <p><u>BACKGROUND:</u></p> <p>Smoky Lake County has never established a Soil Conservation policy.</p> <p>Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services received a Field Visit on June 25th, 2021 by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry as part of the ASB Program. The ASB Program conducts field visits to ensure that ASB Grant funding appropriately supports ASB Grant Program objectives. Information gathered from field visits also benefits other ASBs in the development and delivery of programs related to the ASB Grant and provides evidence to the Officer of the Auditor General on the effective and efficient use of ASB Grant Dollars to support programs related to the <i>ASB Act</i>, environmental extension and awareness.</p> <p>Through the field visits areas of improvement and recommendations are made to the Agricultural Services Department.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">Field Visit Recommendations Plan Summary (for all critical and significant recommendations)</th> <th colspan="2">Recommendation Tracking</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Requirement</th> <th>Recommendation</th> <th>Critical</th> <th>Significant</th> <th>Due Date</th> <th>Decision</th> <th>Approved by/Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for SCA</td> <td>Recommend creation of a Soil Conservation Policy. 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To provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the membership and mandate of the County members appointed • Provide guidelines to demonstrate Smoky Lake County’s Agricultural Service Boards commitment to the Provincial <i>ASB Act</i> and <i>Soil Conservation Act</i>. <p><u>Factors to consider:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services has never received an appeal based on these <i>Acts</i>. • Smoky Lake County has only had to write <u>one</u> Soil Conservation recommendation. This issue was in 2016. | Field Visit Recommendations Plan Summary (for all critical and significant recommendations) | | | | | Recommendation Tracking | | Requirement | Recommendation | Critical | Significant | Due Date | Decision | Approved by/Date | ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for SCA | Recommend creation of a Soil Conservation Policy. 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| Recommendation: Is to create a Soil Conservation policy to ensure Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board is in good standing with the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's ASB Program. <i>(To be determined from discussion held with Council)</i> | |
| CORRELATION TO BUSINESS PLAN | |
| 6. Soil Conservation Act Duties | |
| LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS | <i>Agricultural Service Board Act Soil Conservation Act</i> |
| BENEFITS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For regulating and control of soil conservation issues in Smoky Lake County |
| DISADVANTAGES | N/A |
| ALTERNATIVES | N/A |
| FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS | |
| Operating Costs: N/A | Capital Costs: N/A |
| Budget Available: N/A | Source of Funds: N/A |
| Budgeted Costs: N/A | Actual Costs: N/A |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS | N/A |
| COMMUNICATION STRATEGY | Policy will be posted on the Smoky Lake County website for transparency and awareness |

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| RECOMMENDATION | |
| That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the Soil Conservation Policy Statement No. 62-29-01. | |
| <i>Chief Administrative Officer</i> |  |
| <i>Agricultural Fieldman</i> |  |

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



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| Legislation Reference: | Alberta Provincial Statutes |
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| Purpose: | To carry out Soil Conservation procedures under the provisions of the Soil Conservation Act. |
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. STATEMENT:

1.1 Smoky Lake County will carry out soil conservation inspections annually when deemed necessary by the Agricultural Fieldman. Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services actively encourages the adoption of Best Management Practices and soil conservation techniques in order to protect and enhance productivity, and to take measures to prevent soil erosion and/or soil degradation on public and private lands throughout Smoky Lake County.

2. DEFINITION:

2.1 **"Soil Degradation"** means the reduction in the level of soil organic matter and available crop nutrients, the redistribution of soluble salts onto the soil surface as a result of groundwater movement or evaporation, and/or the breakdown of soil structure through tillage practices.

2.2 **"Soil Erosion"** means the loss or movement of topsoil through the forces of wind and water

3. GUIDELINE:

3.1 As per Section 14 (a) of the *Soil Conservation Act*, the local authority (Municipal Council) shall appoint the Agricultural Service Board appointed as the Soil Conservation Appeal Committee at the beginning of each year, to review and render decisions upon appeals submitted.

3.2 The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman are by virtue of title under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, automatically appointed as a Soil Conservation Officer under the *Soil Conservation Act*.

3.3 Smoky Lake County shall provide appropriate identification to appointed inspectors.

4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 Agricultural Services staff shall provide practical advice and assist residents with appropriate soil management practices.

4.2 Agricultural Services staff shall conduct activities to encourage the establishment and maintenance of healthy vegetation on roadside ditches, and municipal lands.

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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

4.3 The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman as inspectors shall encourage voluntary compliance with the *Soil Conservation Act* including any amendments or successor legislation thereto, and shall as a last resort, issue and enforce such Notices to the landholder directing action to be taken as required by the Act, when the inspector(s) are of the opinion that appropriate measures are not being undertaken to prevent or stop soil loss and/or deterioration from taking place.

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| REQUEST FOR DECISION | | DATE | April 12 th , 2022 | 4.3 |
| TOPIC | Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization | | | |
| PROPOSAL | <p>HISTORY: For the past 7 years in order to make the role of the Animal Control Technician more efficient and for safety reasons Smoky Lake County has created Policy Statement No. 62-18-01 to carry a firearm for the purpose of problem wildlife and pest control, specifically beavers.</p> <p>BACKGROUND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Statement No. 62-18: Firearms Authorization for Agricultural Service Board Section 2.1: 'The issuance of authorization to permit employees of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board to carry and use firearms for the control of problem wildlife while conducting field work in County locations in the performance of their official duties will be granted by the Chief Administrative Officer for the permission for possession, discharge or storage of firearms on property owned or managed by County and approved by motion of Council.' May 5, 2020 That Smoky Lake County approve the execution of the Agricultural Service Board, Firearm Authorization (Schedule "A" of Policy Statement No. 62-18- 01: Firearms Authorization for Agricultural Service Board) with the County's Trapper/Weed Inspector: Trevor Cameron, for the purpose of problem-wildlife and pest control, effective until the expiration date of November 25, 2021. Motion # 782-20 | | | |
| CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN | | | | |
| 4. Problem Wildlife Program | | | | |
| LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS | | Policy Statement 62-18-01 | | |
| BENEFITS | Problem beavers are removed prior to blasting, which will increase efficiency in the overall process. | | | |
| DISADVANTAGES | None | | | |
| ALTERNATIVES | None | | | |
| FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS | | | | |
| Operating Costs: N/A | | Capital Costs: N/A | | |
| Budget Available: N/A | | Source of Funds: N/A | | |
| Budgeted Costs: N/A | | Actual Costs: N/A | | |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS | | N/A | | |
| COMMUNICATION STRATEGY | | N/A | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | | | | |
| That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board approve Schedule (A) Firearms Authorization Trevor Cameron, Animal Control Technician for the purpose of problem wildlife and pest control until their firearms expirations date of November 25 th , 2027. | | | | |
| Chief Administrative Officer | | | | |
| Agricultural Fieldman | | | | |

SCHEDULE "A"



**AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
FIREARM AUTHORIZATION FORM**

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| EMPLOYEE: | Name: _____ Address: _____ Job Position: _____ Firearm License Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ |
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| DESCRIPTION DETAILS: | FIREARM INFORMATION: Ownership: _____ Manufacturer: _____ Caliber: _____ Model No.: _____ Serial No.: _____ |
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| AUTHORIZATION | Reason | Type of Use | Firearm |
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| Problem Wildlife and Pest Control | Business Use: Animal / Predator Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Beavers <input type="checkbox"/> Muskrats <input type="checkbox"/> Coyotes <input type="checkbox"/> Skunks | Form 7 Permit Holder <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE: _____ | DATE: _____ |
| SIGNATURE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: _____ | DATE: _____ |
| SMOKY LAKE COUNTY APPROVAL: Motion: _____ | DATE: _____ |

Dan Gawalko Division one councillor report

LARA Board of Directors meeting

February 28 2022

- Alyssa gave her executive director report, submitting grant applications final edits on yearly reports, signed the contract with RVT, posted for a forage and livestock manager, attended Smoky Lake ASB meeting and had a follow up meeting with our managers, sold the 865 case tractor, working with JMD group on our audit, looking into strategic planning sessions and attended Feb 10 ABP meeting.
- Amanda gave her research report, sourcing seed, RVT pulses contracts coming in, prepaid for fertilizer locked in original price, attended 3 intercropping webinars and a hemp round table meeting, and presented an agronomy update.
- LFA March 10th is their AGM.
- Kellie gave the AESA report intercropping webinars are still on going.
- Alyssa presented the financials.

LARA AGM

March 1 2022

- The AGM was attended by both producer reps of Smoky Lake county Barb Shapka , Charlie Leskiw and myself councillor division one and Linda Fenerty councillor division two and our Ag fieldman and assistant fieldman Carleigh Danyluk and Amanda Kihn who both did an excellent job at their booth at the small trade show that was open during the evening.
- Barb McCarthy did the financial audit,

- Most of LARA staff talked about ongoing programs and plot trials that are happening and also had a very good presentation from the barley and wheat commission.

LARA Board of Directors and Organizational meeting

March 28, 2022

- I did not attend this meeting because of a conflicting schedule

Up coming Events

- On farm slaughter licenses March 30, 2022
- Apivar resistance webinar April 5, 2022
- Growing hemp workshop Smoky Lake April 7, 2022
- Connect for food workshop April 13, 2022
- Soil health with Nicole Masters April 20, 2022
- Summer field days, Fort Kent July 21, 2022
- Lac La Biche July 27, 2022
- St.Paul August 4 2022
- Smoky Lake August 11, 2022
- Next board meeting April 5, 2022 Ashmont agriplex at 9:00 am
- Any questions about the finances or the minutes feel free to contact the executive director at LARA office in FT.Kent

North East ASB Chairs and Fieldman Meeting

April 4, 2022 virtual

- The NE region ASB chair Sebastien Dutrisac gave his report and we also went through the resolutions that were presented to the government at the ASB conference and RMA spring convention and the responses which will be included in our upcoming ASB

meeting, everyone is encouraged to look into the ASB website and follow the blog or click on resolutions, next meeting is by call of the chair



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AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PLAN

(ASB) PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

| Goal | Progress Update | Current Com... | Start Date | Due Date |
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| Administrative Activity 2022: 100% | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: Meetings and Training attended February 15-April 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleigh attended Grazing School for Women meeting-February 16th • Council Departmental Meeting- February 22nd • Joint Health & Safety Meeting- February 23rd • Amanda attended AAF Weed Review Committee meeting- February 24th • LARA Agronomy Update- February 24th • Meeting with Alyssa from LARA- February 25th • LARA AGM- March 1st • AISC Weed Free Forage Meeting- March 2nd • Beaver River Watershed IWMP Session-March 7th • Professional Vegetation Mangers Association Spring Conference and AGM- March 10th • Grazing School for Women Winter Workshop- March 12th • LARA monthly Check-in phone conference- March 21st • Departmental Meeting- March 22nd • Carleigh attended Grazing School for Women March 24th | <p>80%</p> <p>80 / 100%</p> <p>5% behind</p> | 2017/12/31 | 2022/12/31 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Weed Advisory Committee Meeting- March 24th • Carleigh and Trevor attended Cows and Fish Virtual Webinar: Beavers in the Landscape-March 24th • Carleigh and Amanda interviewed 3 potential Weed Inspectors- March 26th, March 28th and March 29th • NE AAAP Regional Meeting in St. Paul- March 30th • Ag Fieldman Spring Webinar-March 31st • NE ASB Chair and AAAP meeting- April 4th • Weed Free Forage Webinar- April 6th • LARA:How to Grow Hemp Workshop- April 7th • AISC Squeal on Pigs Forum- April 11th <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | | | |
| ASB Environmental Services 2022: 100% | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: LARA Upcoming Events: Apivar Resistance webinar- April 5th How to Grow Hemp Workshop- April 7th Connect for Food Workshop- April 13th Increasing Profitability Through Soil Health and Reduced Inputs- April 20th</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | <p>99% 99 / 100%</p> | 2017/12/31 | 2022/12/31 |
| Council Member Inquiry 2022: 100% | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: 1) Request sent on March 23rd asking to share Open Farm Days 2022 on social media. Result: Ag. Department sent e-mail to Communications request that this be shared on social media. Shared on social media that day.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | <p>100% 100 / 100%</p> | 2017/12/31 | 2022/12/31 |

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| Mowing Activity 2022: 100% | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 2 returning operators and will be starting interviews for the 3rd position the week of April 11th. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | <p>50% 50 / 100% 35% behind</p> | 2017/12/31 | 2022/12/31 |
| <p>↳ Problem Wildlife (Beaver Control) 2022</p> | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: 19 beavers from March 7th- March 31st</p> <p>Tracking beavers from April 1st forward</p> <p>6 beavers as of April 4th</p> <p>Muskarts</p> <p>55 from February 8th-March 31st</p> <p>2 muskrats as of April 4th</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | <p>0% 0 / 100%</p> | 2020/01/01 | 2022/12/31 |
| Training Activity 2022: 100% | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: Carleigh and Trevor received First Aid training March 9th</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: Amanda needs First Aid Training.</p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | <p>79% 79 / 100% 6% behind</p> | 2017/12/31 | 2022/12/31 |
| Weed Control 2022: 100% | <p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: Have hired 3 Weed Inspector/Sprayers for the 2022 season.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/04/04</p> | <p>100% 100 / 100%</p> | 2017/12/31 | 2022/12/31 |

| Goal | Progress Update | Current Com... | Start Date | Due Date |
|--|--|--|------------|------------|
| ↳ Weed Inspections (Copy) 0 Inspection(s) | | 100% 0 / 0 Inspection(s) | 2021/01/01 | 2021/12/31 |
| Safety Activity 2022 | NEW Carleigh McMullin: Achievements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will begin attending tool box meetings in a couple weeks for season start-up. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/04/04 | 70% 70 / 5% behind | 2020/01/01 | 2022/12/31 |
| Dog Catching 2022 | NEW Carleigh McMullin: Achievements: 13 dog calls from February 8th- April 4th. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/04/04 | 0% 0 / | 2021/10/05 | 2022/12/31 |
| ↳ Dog Catching Phone Calls 2022 0 Call(s) | | 101% 29 / 0 Call(s) 29 Call(s) ahead | 2021/01/01 | 2022/12/31 |
| ↳ Dog Catching Success 2022 0 Dog(s) | | 101% 4 / 0 Dog(s) 4 Dog(s) ahead | 2021/01/01 | 2022/12/31 |
| ASB Environmental Services 2022: 100% | | 0% 0 / 100% 64% behind | 2021/01/01 | 2022/12/31 |



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2021 Plant Disease Survey Summary Report for Smoky Lake County

2021 Canola Health Survey (AFRED/AAAF)

| Sample | ATS location | Latitude | Longitude | Blackleg incidence (%) | Blackleg Severity (0-5) | Sclerotinia Incidence (%) | Clubroot Incidence (%) | Clubroot severity (0-3) |
|--------|----------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | NE-20-59-17 W4 | 54.115 | -112.50083 | 3.9 | 0.06 | 0 | 2.4 | 0.03 |
| 2 | SE-2-59-19 W4 | 54.068889 | -112.72583 | 12.9 | 0.21 | 0 | 2.6 | 0.03 |
| 3 | SW-36-60-19 W4 | 54.23 | -112.72556 | 6.6 | 0.09 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | SE-3-59-18 W4 | 54.069444 | -112.60083 | 15.9 | 0.38 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2021 Wheat Head Health Survey (AFRED/AAAF)

| Sample | ATS location | Latitude | Longitude | Smut (any) | Bunt (any) | Ergot (% of wt) | Fusarium Head Blight Species (% of kernels) | | | |
|--------|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------|
| | | | | | | | F. avenaceum | F. culmorum | F.graminearum | F. poae |
| 1 | NW-24-57-14 W4 | 53.94777 | -111.96055 | neg | neg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 2 | NE-17-59-17 W4 | 54.103055 | -112.500833 | neg | neg | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

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AAFC – Agriculture and Agri-food Canada

AFRED – Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

OC – Olds College

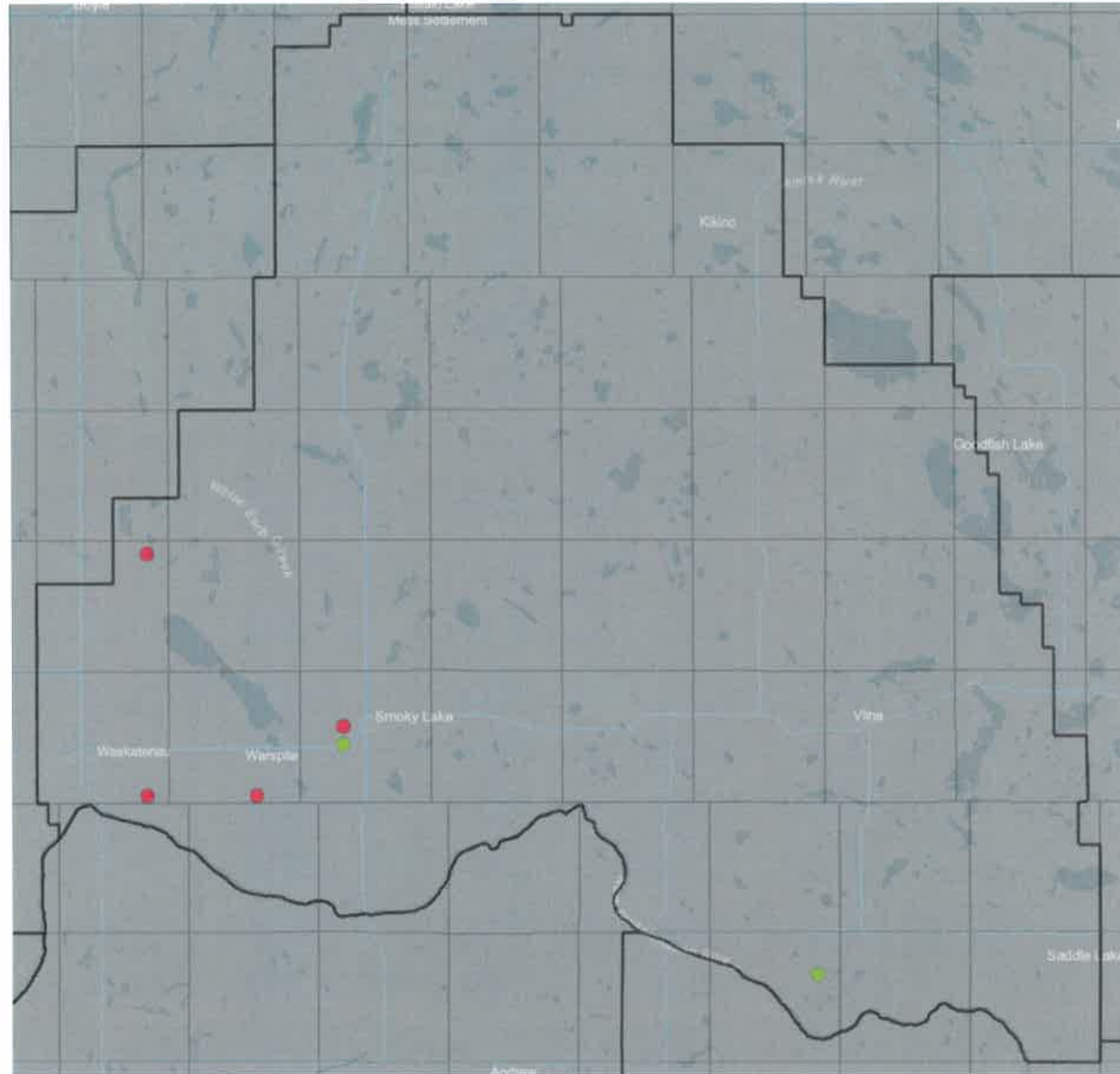
Summary Map

Legend

2021 Survey report - SmokyLake

Survey

- Canola Health Survey
- Wheat Head Health Survey



Carleigh McMullin

From: Dawn Fortin <dawn.fortin@woodlands.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Carleigh McMullin
Subject: RE: VSI Services Letter
Attachments: VSI info Woodlands.doc; Schedule A.pdf; Schedule B.pdf

Hi Carleigh

Our letter stems from correspondence received from Terry Ungarian, President VSI Services (1980) Ltd dated November 22, 2021. (See attached)

There has been one municipality drop out and they are seeing fewer large animal veterinarians due to retirement, moving out of the area, or leaving the field of large animal practice.

With the changing financial situation of some municipalities, levels of coverage may be affected as well.

The combination of these trends could potentially have a negative effect on the VSI program moving forward so our ASB and Council wanted to show support for the program and encourage other municipalities to do the same. Maybe even have some new municipalities join the program.

We do not receive direct funding for the VSI program, however it does fall into the parameters of the ASB Grant – Legislative Stream terms and conditions as it relates to the Animal Health Act. So there would a portion covered by the ASB Grant. Our budget annually is \$24,000 and we will have to consider expanding our budget for next year as the Alberta Veterinary Association rates have increased.

Since joining the program in 2007 we have seen a great uptake in the program. Currently, we have 136 active producers. Overall, we have had 160 producers participate, however some have passed away, moved out of the County or retired from farming.

I have attached our eligible and ineligible procedures list with the prices included. We do a 50/50 share with the producers some municipalities do 40/60 and a variety of other proportions. The percent covered is completely up to the municipality. We have also set a cap on such items as semen testing (20 bulls per producer) and preg. testing (400 per producer). These limits were set to avoid having breeders monopolize the funds in the program.

Initially, we joined the program to attract/retain veterinarians to the area and that has happened to some degree, but our main focus now is more the herd health aspect.

Hope this helps clarify.

Have a great rest of your day.



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November 22, 2021

Woodlands County
PO Box 33
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Attention: CAO, Council and Agriculture Fieldman

In view of the recent municipal elections, the board of VSI Services (1980) Ltd thought it advisable to (re-) introduce VSI Services (1980) Ltd to the current leaders of the municipal entities connected to it.

VSI stands for Veterinary Services Incorporated, a not-for-profit program, started in the Peace River district in July of 1970 with the primary intent of encouraging the development of veterinary practices in the Peace River District. The biggest need then was based on low cattle prices, making the economics of a large animal practice not very encouraging, resulting in low veterinary services offered. Over the years the program has grown from 7 participating municipalities and 2 veterinarians at start up to up to 16 municipalities and 74 veterinarians involved with the program. It provided support for veterinary services to four basic large animal species: cattle, swine, sheep and goats. Levels of coverage changed over time for the various municipalities. Some municipalities also adopted additional species into the mix, most often on a limited services covered.

But numbers do not tell everything. Lately the problem of large animal veterinarians' shortage has become more acute again. Large animal veterinarians are retiring after multiple years of service, moving out of the area, or the field of large animal practice. The newer generation of large animal practitioners has been somewhat harder to recruit for, with lifestyle, economics, and overall declining numbers interested in large animal practice all playing a role. This shortage of veterinarians is now no longer just regional, but provincial and national in scope, and includes all areas of veterinary practice.

At the same time the financial situation of different municipalities has changed as well, sometimes affecting levels of coverage that can be provided, or the introduction of services or financial caps to manage cost. In one instance it also resulted in the, hopefully temporary, withdrawal of one municipality from the program.

The combination of these trends could potentially negatively affect the VSI program moving forward. Reduction in support for VSI, leading to less economic support for the large animal producers, may in the short-term lead to a reduced request for veterinary services. This may then once again erode the economic basis for providing a year-round

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coverage for veterinary services, which is needed to be able to recruit young veterinarians interested in large animal practice to our areas. While some of the work is rather seasonal, the best form of veterinary service is still based in local, continuous availability of veterinarians to provide for the large animal population and their producers.

As such the board hopes we will be able to count on your continued support for our program, and help reverse the current trend that seems to be emerging. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact myself or VSI Services Ltd through the above address info, or talk to your local board member.

Terry Ungarian

President VSI Services (1980) Ltd

ungariant@countyofnorthernlights.com

V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD.
Schedule "A" 50/50- Effective Jan 1, 2022

WOODLANDS COUNTY

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2022 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay the listed VSI fee charged by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive which means the fee includes local anaesthetic procedures (including the drugs), surgical packs, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.

CATTLE

A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum Fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Clinic Outpatient Fee | 9 | 47.80 | 23.90 | 23.90 |

Note: This fee can only be claimed in conjunction with another valid VSI claim. It can only be charged once per occurrence. It is not a per animal fee.

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|----------|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Epidural | 1 | 38.70 | 19.35 | 19.35 |
|----------|---|-------|-------|-------|

Note: Epidurals can only be claimed in conjunction with dystocias (code 31), embryotomies (code 44 & 45) & prolapse revisits under code 52.

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|--|----|-------|-------|-------|
| Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections | 3 | 7.10 | 3.55 | 3.55 |
| Intravenous Injections | 4 | 14.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.) | 10 | 35.40 | 17.70 | 17.70 |
| Stall Fee (older animals -per day) | 11 | 56.30 | 28.15 | 28.15 |
| Oral Drug Administration | 5 | 38.90 | 19.45 | 19.45 |
| Subconjunctival injection | 7 | 14.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 |

Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 can only be claimed once per animal and only in conjunction with a code 26, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.

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|-------------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|
| X-ray (2 views) | 2 | 166.40 | 83.20 | 83.20 |
| X-ray (subsequent views - each) | 21 | 34.90 | 17.45 | 17.45 |
| X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge | 8 | 46.60 | 23.30 | 23.30 |

Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray won't add to the diagnosis or alter the course of treatment (e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves).

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum Fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Abscesses | 28 | 208.60 | 104.30 | 104.30 |
| Claw Amputation | 17 | 303.90 | 151.95 | 151.95 |
| Epididymectomy | 20 | 325.90 | 162.95 | 162.95 |
| Eye Enucleation | 16 | 455.70 | 227.85 | 227.85 |
| LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum) | 22 | 529.50 | 264.75 | 264.75 |
| Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement | 35 | 317.20 | 158.60 | 158.60 |

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

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|--|----|--------|--------|--------|
| RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum) | 23 | 591.30 | 295.65 | 295.65 |
| Rumen Fistula | 24 | 213.80 | 106.90 | 106.90 |
| Sole Abscess | 29 | 163.90 | 81.95 | 81.95 |
| Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#) | 14 | 336.10 | 168.05 | 168.05 |
| Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calves) | 18 | 336.10 | 168.05 | 168.05 |
| Urethrostomy | 15 | 265.40 | 132.70 | 132.70 |
| Vasectomy | 19 | 358.30 | 179.15 | 179.15 |

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: **Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.**

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum Fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Caesarean Section | 41 | 619.40 | 309.70 | 309.70 |
| Dystocia | 31 | 280.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 |
| Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts) | 44 | 421.00 | 210.50 | 210.50 |
| Embryotomy (3 or more cuts) | 45 | 495.40 | 247.70 | 247.70 |

Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45 & 52.

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|-----------------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|
| Scrotal Circumference Measurement | 65 | 29.10 | 14.55 | 14.55 |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|

Note: This fee **only** applies for **bulls eliminated** from further breeding soundness evaluations.

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|--|----|--------|-------|------------|
| Semen Test (1 st bull) | 60 | 119.80 | 59.90 | 59.90 |
| Semen Test (2 nd to 10 th bull) | 61 | 84.60 | 42.30 | 42.30 each |
| Semen Test (11 th to 20 th bull) | 62 | 77.60 | 38.80 | 38.80 each |

Note: There is a **limit of 20** bulls per producer

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|------------------------------|---|------|------|-----------|
| Pregnancy Testing (per head) | 6 | 5.80 | 2.90 | 2.90 each |
|------------------------------|---|------|------|-----------|

Note: There is a **limit of 400** per VSI client -- A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the AB.VMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.

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|-------------------------------------|----|--------|--------|--------|
| Prolapses (includes epidural given) | | | | |
| -Rectal | 74 | 145.60 | 72.80 | 72.80 |
| -Uterine | 71 | 263.70 | 131.85 | 131.85 |
| -Vaginal | 81 | 189.50 | 94.75 | 94.75 |
| -Vaginal & Rectal | 84 | 218.80 | 109.40 | 109.40 |
| Uterine Torsion (manual correction) | 46 | 306.00 | 153.00 | 153.00 |

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: **Rates** are quoted for **1/4 hour (15 minute) intervals**. -- **All of the services in this section are fully inclusive** and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.

Code **12A/12B** or **13A/13B** claims **CAN'T EXCEED 1½ hours** (parts A & B combined)

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum Fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Surgery (major) | 12A | 114.30 | 57.15 | 57.15 |
| Non Surgical Professional time | 12B | 64.90 | 32.45 | 32.45 |
| Surgery (minor) | 13A | 70.50 | 35.25 | 35.25 |
| Non Surgical Professional time | 13B | 64.90 | 32.45 | 32.45 |

Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B.

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|---------------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|
| Professional Services (general) | 25 | 64.90 | 32.45 | 32.45 |
|---------------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|

Note: This fee is used:

- For **herd** health visitations and/or **problems** (max. 2 units for set-up Veterinary-client-Patient Relation)
- In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 **as specified in section "E"**
- When **more than two postmortems** are conducted
- When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
- Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager

Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be consistent with time required by a veterinarian of **average competence**.

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|---|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Cast Application (closed reduction) | 26 | 150.80 | 75.40 | 75.40 |
| Cast Removal | 27 | 71.00 | 35.50 | 35.50 |
| Examination | 50 | 123.40 | 61.70 | 61.70 |
| Examination (2 nd animal) | 51 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |
| Examination (re-visit) | 52 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |
| Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor | 53 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |
| I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor) | 55 | 137.40 | 68.70 | 68.70 |

Note: **This code includes the examination** and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

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|----------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|
| I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor | 56 | 196.60 | 98.30 | 98.30 |
|----------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|

Note: **Only** for calves up to **two months old**. It **includes the exam and professional services** for the **first 24 hours**. **Code 53** should be used to cover professional services in **subsequent 24 hour periods**.

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 will be claimed under code 25 when more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55

Services covered by code 50 in combination with flat fee(s) of equal or greater value becomes automatic a code 51 - second animal

| | | | | |
|--|----|--------|--------|--------|
| Postmortem - Brain Removal | 99 | 81.50 | 40.75 | 40.75 |
| Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine | 90 | 129.60 | 64.80 | 64.80 |
| Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds | 91 | 139.50 | 69.75 | 69.75 |
| Postmortem - over 800 pounds | 92 | 209.80 | 104.90 | 104.90 |

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**.

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|----------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|
| Technovit Block - Application of | 30 | 105.70 | 52.85 | 52.85 |
|----------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|

Note: **Materials are included** in this service

PIGS**All Services**

Note: With the exception of the following pig services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate:

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum Fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Examination | 50 | 123.40 | 61.70 | 61.70 |
| Examination (2 nd animal) | 51 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |
| Examination (re-visit) | 52 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate

| | | | | |
|--|----|--------|-------|-------|
| Postmortem - 20 pounds or less or telemedicine | 93 | 87.40 | 43.70 | 43.70 |
| Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds | 94 | 93.50 | 46.75 | 46.75 |
| Postmortem - over 100 pounds | 95 | 114.20 | 57.10 | 57.10 |

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**.

SHEEP & GOATS**All Services**

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception of the specific flat rate codes in this section:

All of the sheep codes are inclusive with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum Fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Caesarean | 43 | 391.70 | 195.85 | 195.85 |
| Dystocia | 33 | 174.30 | 87.15 | 87.15 |
| Examination | 50 | 123.40 | 61.70 | 61.70 |
| Examination (2 nd animal) | 51 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |
| Examination (re-visit) | 52 | 76.60 | 38.30 | 38.30 |

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

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|---|----|--------|-------|-------|
| Semen Test (1 st animal) | 66 | 104.60 | 52.30 | 52.30 |
| Semen Test (subsequent animals) | 67 | 79.40 | 39.70 | 39.70 |
| Postmortem - 20 pounds or less/telemedicine | 96 | 87.40 | 43.70 | 43.70 |
| Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds | 97 | 93.50 | 46.75 | 46.75 |
| Postmortem - over 100 pounds | 98 | 114.20 | 57.10 | 57.10 |

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**.

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|-----------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|
| Prolapse - Rectal | 76 | 123.50 | 61.75 | 61.75 |
| Prolapse - Uterine | 73 | 180.30 | 90.15 | 90.15 |
| Prolapse - Vaginal | 83 | 123.50 | 61.75 | 61.75 |
| Prolapse - Vaginal & Rectal (NEW) | 85 | 160.60 | 80.30 | 80.30 |

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2022**

Following are some of the services not payable by V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd

- a) castrations
- b) dehorning
- c) dockings
- d) spaying heifers
- e) embryo transplants, **artificial insemination**
- f) routine trimming of feet
- g) meat inspection
- h) scrotal hernias - all species
- i) umbilical hernias - all species
 - Note: With the exception of eviscerated hernias in newborn calves**
- j) cryptorchid surgery- all species
- k) insurance examinations (including mortality, loss of use exams & reports)
- l) listed herd and dispersal sales
- m) shows & sales
- n) endorsement fees
- o) export testing
- p) parentage sampling
- q) routine vaccinations
- r) all drugs and medicines
- s) all laboratory fees
- t) waiting time
- u) after hours or holiday fees
- v) mileage
- w) services relating to quality assurance programs such as CQA & QSH.
- x) internal fracture fixation procedures
- y) hospitalization for any **service not listed in Schedule "A"**
- z) Services under codes 12A/B & 13A/B over & above 1½ hours
- aa) Exams for non-conventional treatments and those treatments. (Examples: adjustments, acupuncture etc)
- ab) **VCPR consultations for a period longer than 2 units of code #25**
- ac) Blood transfusions (collection portion)

All "Schedule A" services for species not specifically identified on "Schedule A"

Note: All jurisdictions cover "Schedule A" services for the bovine, porcine, caprine and ovine species. Some jurisdictions cover some, or all, "Schedule A" services for alternative livestock species (e.g. elk, bison, deer, etc.). The specific species and services covered will be identified on the "Schedule A" that was approved by that particular jurisdiction.

Any other veterinary services not specifically listed in Schedule "A" as amended from time to time.

AISC Biocontrol Release Program for Invasive Plants



What is Biocontrol?

Biological control or biocontrol is the suppression of populations of pests using living organisms. Since 2016, the Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) has been the project coordinator for a biocontrol release program using host-specific insects for invasive plants in Alberta. The program reintroduces proven specialist insects to invasive plants from countries where they originated, weakening the competitive advantage these plants gain from escaping their natural predators in their invaded range. Biocontrol agents are self-sustaining and require little input after they are released, making them a valuable tool in integrated pest management programs.

Background

The Alberta biocontrol release program started in 2001 as a collaboration between the weed biocontrol research team at Agriculture and AgriFood Canada (AAFC) and seven Agricultural Fieldmen in southern Alberta. Drawing on over 50 years of research screening and establishing specialist biocontrol agents for invasive plants, the initial invasive plant targeted was leafy spurge—an invasive species from Europe that crowds out native species and produces a sap that is toxic to cattle. Since 2001, the program has expanded to include additional targets, such as houndstongue, Dalmatian toadflax, and knapweeds, and has continued to build on AAFC research into new biocontrol agents.

With ongoing support from stakeholders, coordination by AISC and research expertise from AAFC, the program has grown from the initial group to collaborate with over 39 different organizations throughout Alberta. Together this partnership has now released and monitored biocontrol agents at over 1,300 locations. Monitoring data collected by the program is reported back to AAFC to improve the implementation of future biocontrol agents.

The program is entirely funded by participants and is operated by AISC as a service for invasive plant managers and landowners to purchase biocontrol agents along with expert consulting on their use.

The program currently offers biocontrol agents for the following invasive plants for 2022:

- Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*)
- Spotted and diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa* and *C. diffusa*)
- Russian knapweed (*Rhaponticum repens*)

Costs

A biocontrol agent release costs \$900.00 + GST. Included in the cost is a pre-release consultation where AISC staff provide advice on release site selection as well as optional training on how to monitor for biocontrol agent establishment.

Contact

If you are interested in learning more or ordering biocontrol agents for any of the listed invasive plants please contact:

communications@abinvasives.ca

BIOCONTROL AGENTS

LEAFY SPURGE - 'Euphorbia esula'

Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) is an herbaceous perennial weed that produces a milky-coloured latex sap toxic to most livestock and an irritant to human skin. The plant reproduces through creeping roots and through seed pods that shatter dispersing seed several meters away. Leafy spurge grows well in many different habitats and can become a dominant species in pastures and rangeland if not managed. In Alberta leafy spurge is classified as a noxious weed and is a common sight along riverbanks where the weed has spread downstream through periodic flooding.

How to Release Leafy Spurge Beetles



Leafy spurge beetles (*Aphthona* spp.)

Adult leafy spurge beetles (*Aphthona* spp.) feed on spurge leaves and flowers limiting the plant's ability to photosynthesize. Females lay eggs in the soil and their larvae feed on spurge roots stunting stem growth and reducing root function. Five different species of *Aphthona* beetles have been released to control leafy spurge in Canada since the 1980s. Of these five species, the biocontrol release program primarily distributes the black dot leafy spurge beetle (*A. nigriscutis*) and the brown-legged leafy spurge beetle (*A. lacertosa*) as they have been the most effective at establishing at new sites and controlling leafy spurge in Alberta. *Aphthona* beetles used to control leafy spurge are flea beetles and, although similar in appearance to flea beetles that are crop and garden pests, they are different species that only feed on leafy spurge.



Leafy Spurge

for leafy spurge



M.D. of Pincher Creek 2013



M.D. of Pincher Creek 2018



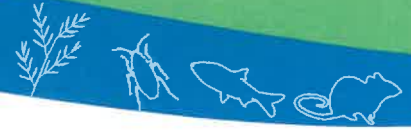


Figure 1



Figure 2





Leafy Spurge

Euphorbia esula



Provincial Designation:
Noxious



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Overview:

Leafy spurge is a long-lived perennial that was introduced as either an ornamental or crop seed contaminant in the early 1800's. It reproduces primarily by re-sprouting from its extensive, persistent, creeping root system, but also by seed. Leafy spurge roots can extend 4.5 m laterally and about 9 m deep. Leafy spurge forms dense stands over time and a large plant can produce up to 130,000 seeds. All parts of the plant contain a milky-coloured latex that can poison livestock and cause skin irritation on humans. Cypress spurge is very similar in appearance, but leafy spurge is taller, has longer leaves, and less branching in the upper part of the plant.

Habitat:

Native to much of Europe and Asia, it is adapted to a wide variety of site conditions. It grows on a range of soil types and tolerates very dry to very wet climates, but does not require some warmth for good growth. Seasonal flooding of riparian infestations can distribute seed long distances.

Identification:

Stems: Stems are arranged in clumps, smooth and hairless, grow up to 1 m tall and contain a milky latex.

Leaves: Leaves are numerous and attached directly to the stem, arranged alternately or sometimes spirally. The leaves are up to 7 cm long, narrow, waxy, have smooth edges and are bluish-green in color, turning yellowish or reddish-orange in late summer.

Flowers: Flowers are small, yellowish-green, lack both petals and sepals, and are supported by 2 green, heart-shaped, leaf-like bracts, arranged in numerous small clusters.

Seeds: Seeds are about 2mm, smooth, oblong, light gray to dark brown in color and grow in pods on top of the bracts. When mature the dried seed pods explode, distributing seed as far as 5 m from the parent plant.

Prevention:

Producers should exercise caution when using hay from road ditches and when purchasing hay from known infested areas.

Use weed seed free hay, isolate animals for a week that were in an infested area so that all the seeds can go through the animals body, wash the under carriage of vehicles in a commercial area making sure all seedlings; stems; flowers; etc. are washed down the drain, and don't get soil or gravel from an area infested with leafy spurge.

Control:

Leafy spurge is extremely resilient and a combination of control methods will be necessary to achieve significant control.

Grazing: Sheep and goats will readily graze leafy spurge and are not affected by the toxic juices in the stems. The subsequent re-sprouting will weaken the plants by diminishing root reserves. However there is the risk of seed being carried by the animals to uninfested locations.

Cultivation: There are two types of cultivation for leafy spurge; intensive throughout the growing season, and fall-only cultivation. Intensive cultivation programs should begin two to four weeks after leafy spurge

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Leafy Spurge (Continued)

emerges in the spring. Till at least four inches deep every three weeks until the soil freezes for one or two years. Fall only cultivation should be done when the re-growth of leafy spurge is three to six inches tall, and should be repeated for three years.

Mechanical: Hand-pulling and mowing is ineffective other than on small, young infestations. Wear gloves and wash after handling leafy spurge to avoid skin rashes.

Chemical: 2,4-D, Amitrole, Dicamba, Glyphosate, Imazapyr, MCPA and Picloram are registered for use on leafy spurge. Always check product labels to ensure the herbicide is registered for use on the target plant in Canada by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Always read and follow label directions. Consult your local Agricultural Fieldman or Certified Pesticide Dispenser for more information.

Biological: Five flea-beetles and 2 moths have been imported for biocontrol of leafy spurge. Flea-beetle larvae are root-feeders and adults consume shoot and leaf tips.

Amanda Kihn

From: Paige Kuczmariski <communications@abinvasives.ca>
Sent: February 18, 2022 2:28 PM
To: Megan Evans; Amanda Kihn
Subject: RE: Leafy Spurge Biocontrol

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi ladies,

Megan, I think you nailed everything for Amanda's questions!

I would only add:

- A release is \$900 +GST
- If you plan on spraying the area again this year, we **recommend a buffer of 10 m** from your potential release of the biocontrol agent
- All our agents can withstand the winters and **do not need to be brought in**

And as Megan mentioned, please feel free to reach out with anymore questions 😊

Cheers,
Paige

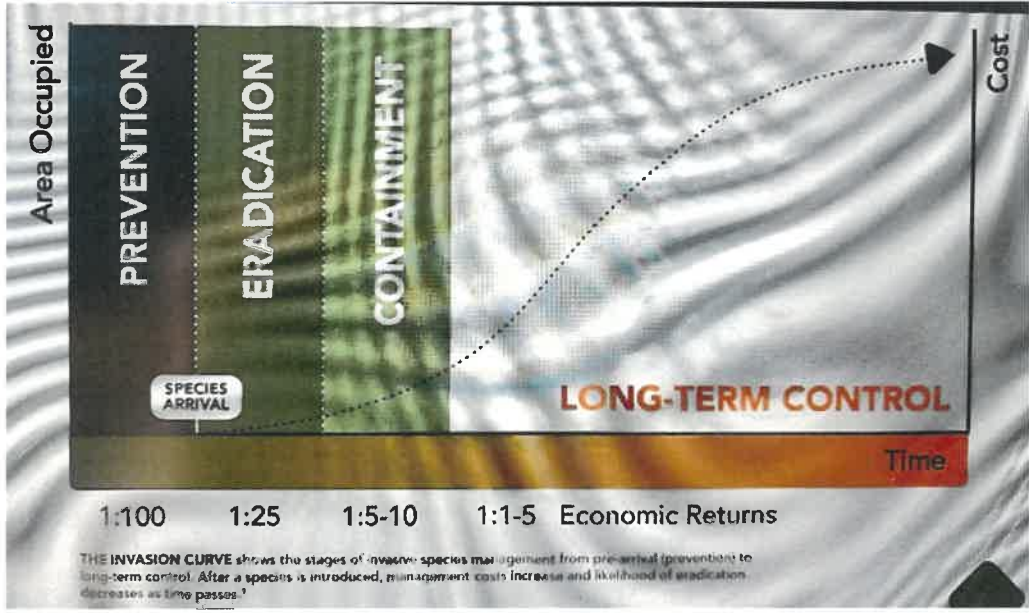
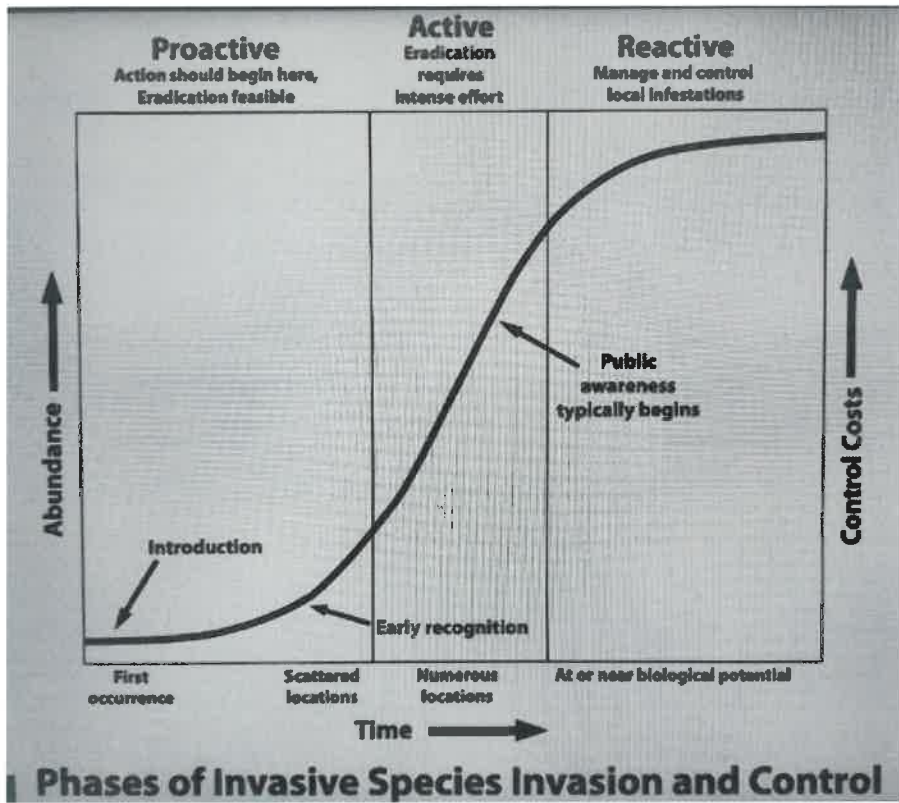
From: [Megan Evans](#)
Sent: February 18, 2022 2:08 PM
To: [Amanda Kihn](#)
Cc: [Paige Kuczmariski](#)
Subject: Re: Leafy Spurge Biocontrol

Hi Amanda,

Amazing, thank you so much for your continued support, we really appreciate it!!!

Great questions! I'm cc'ing Paige, who looks after the biocontrol program, Paige feel free to correct me on any of these points!

- The insects are studied rigorously and go through a robust approval process through CFIA to ensure there is no risk to off-target species. This process takes about 10 years and millions of dollars. There is essentially no concern of off-target damage for any of the agents that we release. If you're planning to take in our 2022 conference, we have Dr. Rose De Clerk-Floate speaking on her research for a common tansy biocontrol agent. She will likely be providing a brief overview of the approval process then. Here is a link to a bit more information from CFIA on this process: <https://inspection.canada.ca/plant-health/invasive-species/biological-control-agents/eng/1514956211166/1514956212112>.



MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

Leafy Spurge

- Monitoring steps:**
- 1) Random stem counts in a 1/4m² sq. quadrates
 - 2) Vegetation sweeps to count beetles
 - 3) Site photos

High Establishment Rate

Beetles have established at over 97% of release sites

Increased Beetle Population

The average number of beetles collected per sweep was higher in 2021 than in recent years

Decreased Stem Density

Leafy spurge density has decreased at 82% of release sites

No Spurge Found

5 sites had a stem count of zero.



PHOTOMONITORING



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Carleigh McMullin

From: Patti Priest
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Carleigh McMullin; Amanda Kihn; Cameron_Trapping@hotmail.com
Subject: FW: News Release: A made-in-Alberta solution to battle wild boar

FYI...

From: Alberta News <alberta.news@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: April 5, 2022 10:46 AM
To: Patti Priest <patti.priest@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>
Subject: News Release: A made-in-Alberta solution to battle wild boar

A made-in-Alberta solution to battle wild boar

April 05, 2022 [Media inquiries](#)

Alberta's government has developed the Wild Boar Control Program to eliminate the destructive pest's threat to crops, livestock and the environment.

The new coordinated approach includes an expanded trapping and control program, compensation for farmers and two separate bounty programs – one for landowners and trappers, and another for hunters.

“Wild boar at large are a threat to our animals and environment, as well as a vector for diseases like African swine fever. We are taking action to get rid of this menace and help those affected by it before it gets worse.”

Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

The expanded trapping and control program involves active surveillance in several counties and more active traps across the province.

As well, wild boar damage is now included in the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program administered by the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation.

A modified remuneration program will also be implemented for landowners and government-approved trappers, subject to agreements with participating counties.

To help its wild boar surveillance efforts, Alberta is also implementing a one-year bounty pilot program for hunters. As their expiry dates near, both programs will be evaluated for effectiveness and next steps will be

determined. To date, the County of Stettler and the Municipal District of Peace have signed on to both remuneration programs.

Albertans can help protect our province's animals, agriculture and ecosystems. If you see a wild boar or signs of their activity, email af.wildboar@gov.ab.ca or call 310-FARM (3276) to report it.

Quick facts

- The Whole Sounder Trapping Incentive Program began April 1 and runs until March 31, 2024.
 - Government-approved trappers will be compensated \$75 per set of ears per sounder, encouraging the elimination of entire sounders.
 - Landowners who work with approved trappers are eligible for \$75 per set of ears.
- The Wild Boar at-Large Ear Bounty program began April 1 and runs until March 31, 2023.
 - Hunters who turn in wild boar ears will receive \$75 per set.
- Both programs will be administered by participating municipalities, which will be listed on alberta.ca.
- Wild boar at large have been documented in 28 rural municipalities.
- Listed as a pest under Alberta's Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation, wild boar at large can cause damage to crops and property, endanger livestock and people, spread disease and negatively alter the ecosystem.

Related information

- [Wild Boar in Alberta](#)
- [Wild Boar Control Program](#)
- [Wildlife Damage Compensation Program - AFSC](#)

The logo for Alberta's Recovery Plan features the text "ALBERTA'S RECOVERY PLAN" in white, bold, uppercase letters. The text is contained within a white rectangular border that has a yellow accent on the top right corner. The background of the logo is a dark blue square.

ALBERTA'S RECOVERY PLAN

Alberta's Recovery Plan is a plan to breathe new life into Alberta's economy and create new opportunities for every Albertan. It's a plan to build, to diversify, and to create jobs.



Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program Administrator Agreement

is made between:

Her Majesty the Queen in right of Alberta as represented by the
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development
(the "Minister")

and

_____ (the "Municipality")

This Program Cooperation Agreement is made effective April 1, 2022 (the "Effective Date").

Background:

- A) The *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA) provides that local authorities are responsible to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy, pests in the municipality.
- B) Wild Boar at large are a pest under the *Agricultural Pests Act*.
- C) To assist municipalities, the Minister established a Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program (the "Program"), in 2022, to obtain data on the location, and encourage the destruction, of Wild Boar at large in the Province of Alberta.
- D) The Minister requests the cooperation of the Municipality and the Municipality agrees to cooperate with the Minister. Under the terms of this Agreement the Municipality will administer the Program, and the deliver Incentive Payments to Eligible Applicants, in accordance with the Program.

The rights and obligations of the parties are set out in this Agreement, to which the following are incorporated:

- Schedule "A" Terms and Conditions
- Schedule "B" Municipality Duties
- Schedule "C" Program Conditions

Minister's Representative Signature

Municipality's Representative Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Date

Date

Schedule "A"

Terms and Conditions

1.0 Interpretation

1.1 In this Agreement, including the schedules, the following terms have the following meaning:

"**AFRED**" means Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development.

"**Agreement**" means this Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program Administrator Agreement, including all schedules.

"**Grant**" means the payments to the Municipality made under s. 2.3 of Schedule "A".

"**Incentive Payment**" means the incentive payment provided by the Municipality to eligible Applicants under the Program, in accordance with the Program Conditions.

"**Minister**" means the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development and her/his authorized representative(s);

"**Municipality**" means [redacted] *[Drafting note - list the name of municipality that signs the Agreement].*

"**Municipality Duties**" means the duties of the Municipality in administering the Program under this Agreement, as set out in Schedule "B".

"**Program**" means the Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program.

"**Program Conditions**" means the Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program Conditions as set out in Schedule "C", as may be revised by the Minister from time to time.

"**Program Costs**" means the funds expended by the Municipality in providing Incentive Payments to eligible Applicants under the Program.

"**Program End Date**" means the respective end dates for eligibility for Ear Bounty Incentive Payments and the end date for the Whole Sounder Trapping Incentive Payments as set out in the Program Conditions.

"**Provincial Crown**" means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta.

"**Regulation**" means the Agriculture and Forestry Grant Regulation under the Government Organization Act (Alberta), as may be amended from time to time.

"**Term**" means the period from the Effective Date until March 31, 2024, or the termination of this Agreement, whichever is earlier.

"**Wild Boar**" means a wild boar as defined under the Program Conditions.

1.2 Any words defined in the Program Conditions have the same when used in this Agreement, including the schedules.

1.3 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Minister and the Municipality with respect to the Municipality's administration of the Program. This Agreement supersedes all

previous agreements, negotiations and understandings relating to the Program. There are no agreements, representations, warranties, terms, or commitments except as expressed in this Agreement.

2.0 Program Administration and the Grant

- 2.1 **Administration** - The Municipality agrees to and hereby assumes from the Minister the administration of the Program within the Municipality. The Municipality shall administer and delivery the Program in accordance with this Agreement and the Program Conditions.
- 2.2 **Condition for Payment** – The Municipality is not eligible for a Grant payment during any period Wild Boar surveillance or trapping activities were conducted within the Municipality, whether by the Municipality, by AFRED, or by contractors on behalf of the Municipality or AFRED.
- 2.3 **Grant** - The Minister shall pay the Municipality a grant by installment to reimburse the Municipality for the cost of all Incentive Payments that the Municipality paid, to eligible Applicants under the Program during the Term, in accordance with the Municipality Duties.
- 2.4 In addition to complying with the terms expressly set out in this Agreement, the Municipality must comply with the Regulation.
- 2.5 The Minister acknowledges that this Agreement, correspondence and communications between the Minister and the Municipality constitutes an application for a grant in a manner and form acceptable to the Minister.
- 2.6 The Municipality acknowledges and agrees that the Minister may disclose this Agreement and its contents by any means chosen by the Minister including without limitation tabling it before the Legislature. The Municipality further acknowledges that the Minister will publically disclosure the following information relating to this agreement in accordance with section 11(d) of the *Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act* (Alberta): the grant recipient name; the amount of the grant; the program the grant is paid under; and the payment date.

3.0 Claim process

- 3.1 The Municipality must submit reports on a weekly basis as described in Schedule “B” (Municipality Duties).
- 3.2 The Minister shall pay the Municipality an amount equal to the cumulative total of the Incentive Payments paid by the Municipality to Applicants as indicated in the reports submitted under section 3.1.
- 3.3 The reports must be in a format provided by the Minister, be complete, and be submitted in accordance with the process described in Schedule “B” (Municipality Duties).

4.0 Representations and warranties

- 4.1 The Municipality represents and warrants that:
 - (a) it is a municipality as defined under the *Municipal Government Act* (Alberta);
 - (b) it has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder;
 - (c) it will administer the Program in a diligent manner, using qualified personnel; and
 - (d) not alter the scope of the Program.

4.2 The Municipality shall immediately notify the Minister of any changes to the Municipality's status with respect to each of the representations and warranties at s. 4.1.

5.0 Records and audit

5.1 During the Term and for a period of 6 years thereafter, the Municipality shall maintain or cause to be maintained full, accurate and complete statements, invoices, records, and books of account relating to the Municipality's activities conducted under this Agreement.

5.2 The Minister (including for the purposes of this section, any agent appointed by the Minister to assist with audit and verification under the Program, as well as the Auditor General), for the purposes of:

- verifying the performance of the Services;
- verifying the Municipality's eligibility for the Grant;
- assessing the Municipality's compliance with this Agreement; or
- conducting an audit or evaluation of the Program,

may from time to time, upon reasonable notice to the Municipality, inspect or audit all statements, invoices, records and books of account maintained by the Municipality in relation to the Program during the Term. The Municipality shall provide the Minister with such assistance as may be reasonably required by the Minister. The cost of any such verification or audit shall be payable by the Minister, unless the audit, examination or report reveals material breaches of this Agreement or indicates that the records and books of account were inadequate to permit a determination of the Municipality's eligibility for the Grant, in which case the cost shall be borne by the Municipality. This section shall survive this Agreement.

6.0 Insurance

6.1 The Municipality will maintain insurance sufficient to cover any claims or liabilities which may reasonably arise out of or relate to its obligations under this Agreement and will provide evidence of such insurance upon request.

7.0 Indemnity

7.1 Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party, the other party's employees and agents, from any and all third party claims, demands, actions and costs (including legal costs on a solicitor-client basis) to the extent arising from the Program, or from the negligence, other tortious act or willful misconduct of the responsible party, or those for whom it is legally responsible, in relation to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. This section shall survive this Agreement.

8.0 Repayment

- 8.1 If, after making payment of the Grant the Minister determines that the Municipality has received an overpayment or a payment not in accordance with this Agreement, then, on receipt of written notice from the Minister, the Municipality must refund to the Provincial Crown the required amount within 30 days of the date of the notice. Failure to make repayments as required by the Minister creates a debt owing to the Provincial Crown that can be set off against any money the Provincial Crown owes to the Municipality. This section shall survive this Agreement.

9.0 Default

- 9.1 It shall be an "Event of Default" if any of the following occur:

- (c) the Municipality fails to provide information that the Minister requires to conduct an audit or verification under s. 5.0, or the Municipality provides false or misleading information to the Minister during an audit or verification under s. 5.0;
- (d) the Municipality breaches any provision of this Agreement;

and, upon receiving notice of the breach, fails to remedy the breach with the time specified by the Minister.

- 9.2 If an Event of Default occurs, in addition to any other remedy under this Agreement or at law, the Minister may do any one or more of the following:

- (a) make no further payments under the Agreement;
- (b) require the Municipality to repay one or more instalments of the Grant, in full or in part;
- (c) immediately terminate the Agreement;
- (d) prohibit the Municipality from participating as an administrator for the Program in the future as a Municipality.

Any amounts that are not repaid shall be a debt due to and recoverable by the Provincial Crown that can be set off against any money the Provincial Crown owes to the Municipality.

10.0 Changes and cancellation of the Program

- 10.1 The Minister may change the Program from time to time in various respects, such as changes to forms and Program Conditions. The Minister will give the Municipality as much prior notice as reasonably practicable for the effective administration of the Program. The Minister may provide the notice by any means that the Minister considers to be the most effective, including email.
- 10.2 The Minister may terminate the Program at any time in the Minister's sole discretion. The Minister shall provide the Municipality at least 10 business days written notice of a change or termination of the Program. Notice shall be provided in accordance with s. 12.1.

11.0 Termination and withdrawal

- 11.1 The Minister may terminate this Agreement at any time, without cause, by giving written notice of at least 10 business days.
- 11.2 The Municipality may withdraw from the Program by terminating this Agreement. The Municipality must provide at least 10 business days written notice to the Minister.
- 11.3 After the termination of this Agreement under section 9.2, 11.1, or 11.2, the Municipality shall cooperate with the Minister to ensure a smooth transition out of its administration of the Program. The Municipality shall:
 - (a) return all Program materials (e.g. blank forms, promotional materials) to the Minister upon request; and
 - (b) submit its final report to the Minister within 10 days of the date of termination. The Minister shall not accept any transactions that occurred after the date of termination, or accept any invoice submitted more than 30 days after the date of termination.

12.0 Notices

- 12.1 Any notice, consents or other communications that are permitted or required to be given under this Agreement (excluding invoices and notices under s. 10.1) may be given by personal delivery, registered mail or fax addressed as follows, or to such address as a party may advise in writing from time to time:

If to the Minister:

Agricultural Service Board Program
J.G. O'Donoghue Building
200, 7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton AB T6H 5T6
Attention ASB Program Manager
Fax: 780-422-7755

If to the Municipality: <Municipality name>

Attn: _____
Address: _____
Tel.: _____
Fax.: _____

Notices personally delivered or sent by fax will be deemed received when actually delivered or successfully transmitted as shown by fax confirmation sheet. All notices sent by registered mail will be deemed to be received on the fourth business day following mailing, except in the case of an interruption of mail service. In the case of an interruption of mail service, any notices must be given by facsimile transmission or personal delivery.

13.0 General

- 13.1 This Agreement is not binding and does not obligate the parties to perform work or make payments of any kind until this Agreement has been signed by both parties.
- 13.2 Nothing in this Agreement is intended to constitute the parties as an agent of the other for any purpose, or to create any relationship of agency, partnership or joint venture.
- 13.3 No part of this Agreement or the services may be assigned or subcontracted without the prior written consent of the Minister.
- 13.4 This Agreement may only be amended in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each of the Minister and the Municipality.
- 13.5 No waiver of any provision of this Agreement is effective unless made in writing, and any such waiver has effect only in respect of the particular provision or circumstance stated in the waiver. No representation by the Minister with respect to the performance of any obligation under this Agreement is capable of giving rise to an estoppel unless the representation is made in writing.
- 13.6 Despite any other provision of this Agreement, those sections which by their nature continue after the expiry or termination of this Agreement shall continue after such expiry or termination.
- 13.7 The invalidity of any provision in this Agreement shall not affect any other provision. This Agreement shall be construed as if any invalid provision were severed from it.
- 13.8 This Agreement is governed by the laws of Alberta and the parties attorn to the courts of Alberta.

Schedule “B” Municipality Duties

Duties related to the Cooperation

1. AFRED will supply an application form for the Program. The Municipality may display and accept application forms until the Program End Date.
2. The Municipality should answer applicants’ questions about the Program, including how to complete the Application Form.
3. When processing the Application, the Municipality must:
 - ensure that the applicant completes and signs the Application, including Declaration. The Municipality is not expected to verify the accuracy of the applicant’s information, but the applicant should be advised that he may be contacted by AFRED if more information is deemed necessary;
 - complete and sign the Municipality’s part of the Application Form;
 - calculate the Incentive Payment following the formula on the Application Form; and
 - give a copy of the Application Form to the applicant immediately.

The Municipality may not provide the Incentive Payment unless the Application Form is fully completed and signed.

4. The Municipality must complete any other Program forms as AFRED may require for the Program.
5. The Municipality must ensure that all staff who complete the Municipality part of the Application Form and then apply the Incentive Payment understand the Application Form and the Program Conditions.
6. Program forms may contain personal information of the Submitter. The Municipality must take reasonable precautions to protect this personal information. For example, the Municipality must:
 - ensure that only those employees of the Municipality who are required to have access to or collect personal information for the purposes of providing the Incentive - Payment are permitted access to that personal information;
 - use reasonable measures so that non-employees are not able to access the personal information.

The Municipality will not use or disclose information from a completed Application Form for any purpose other than the cooperation and participation in the Program, as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, or as may be required by law.

7. **The Municipality acknowledges that this Agreement, and all information and records collected, used or disclosed pursuant to this Agreement or in administering the Program, are subject to both the access and privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Alberta), as applicable.**



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March 4, 2022

Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister Guilbeault:

RE: Support for Bill C-234

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Agriculture Service Board wishes to add our voice in support of Bill C-234 An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Act which received it's first reading on February 7, 2022.

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 is a rural municipality whose primary industry is agriculture. Agriculture is a vital contributor to not only our municipal economy, but also our Provincial and Federal economies. The Federal Government's goal of \$75 billion in agricultural exports by 2025 is a testament to the importance of this economic sector.

With rising input costs

The current pricing currently attached to the natural gas and propane used to dry grain is negatively impacting producers who are already struggling with higher input costs, and lower yields. Grains that are not able to be stored at the correct moisture levels are a serious risk to a grain farming operation. Not only do farmers face the risk of spoilage in the grain, but the spoilage of the grain can also cause it to heat and ignite resulting in the loss of farm infrastructure.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter and urge you to highlight the importance of this with your colleagues so that the Bill may pass.

Sincerely,

Nick vanRootselaar
Chairman,
Municipal District of Spirit River no. 133 Agriculture Service Board
/JL

CC: The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Chris Warkentin, Member of Parliament Grande-Prairie MacKenzie
Todd Loewen, MLA Central Peace-Notley
Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development
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March 4, 2022

Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister Guilbeault:

RE: Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Agriculture Service Board wishes to add our voice to the growing number of Alberta Agriculture Service Boards expressing their concern regarding the Federal Government’s synthetic fertilizer emissions target.

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 is a rural municipality whose primary industry is agriculture. Agriculture is a vital contributor to not only our municipal economy, but also our Provincial and Federal economies. The Federal Government has set a 2025 goal of \$75 billion in agricultural exports. Synthetic fertilizers along with increases in technology have allowed the agriculture sector to steadily increase yields of the past several decades.

A reduction in synthetic fertilizer emissions places a cap on synthetic fertilizer use. As Canada is already one of the jurisdictions with the most efficient fertilizer users in a world, limiting synthetic fertilizer use would reduce our producer’s ability to maintain the high yields necessary to meet Canada’s export goals.

Fertilizer Canada is suggesting that rather than an absolute 30% reduction of total emissions allowable from fertilizer, a reduction in emission intensity or a measurement based on bushels produced may be more appropriate. Additionally, the Canadian Government should formally recognize 4R Climate-Smart Protocol as a viable solution to managing agricultural emissions. The 4R Climate-Smart Protocol is a science-based approach to fertilizer management that involves applying the right source of fertilizer at the right time, the right rate, and right place. This optimizes plant nutrient uptake, increases yield, maximizes profitability, and minimizes nitrous oxide emissions.

In addition to using the 4R Climate-Smart Protocol Government supported research, development, and public acceptance of improved crop production technology vis GMO and CRISPR will support lower emissions. These technologies can bring nitrogen use efficient (NUE) crops to producers and introduce nitrogen fixation to crops that are currently unable to fix nitrogen naturally like wheat and corn.

Our Canadian Agricultural Industry can achieve emission reductions without cutting the use of synthetic fertilizers and adding to the pressures faced by Canadian producers.

We ask that you continue to review how best to achieve a reduction in fertilizer emissions. Industry and producer stakeholder input is essential to implement a policy that otherwise may have devastating impacts on the agriculture industry, and our economy.

Sincerely,



Nick vanRootselaar

Chairman,

Municipal District of Spirit River no. 133 Agriculture Service Board

/JL

CC: The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Chris Warkentin, Member of Parliament Grande-Prairie MacKenzie

Todd Loewen, MLA Central Peace-Notley

Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development

Alberta Agriculture Service Boards



March 21, 2022

RE: 2022 PROVINCIAL ASB CONFERENCE

The Red Deer County Agricultural Service Board would like to express a thank you to the Northwest Region of Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) as well as the Provincial ASB Committee for the execution of the 2022 Provincial ASB Conference and Resolution Session that was held in Edmonton from January 25 to 28, 2022

Our attending board members found the sessions relevant and engaging. We appreciate the effort that went into finding such high caliber speakers. We would also like to acknowledge the effectiveness of the resolution session as it was well-chaired and adding a parliamentarian was a huge step in the right direction.

Hosting an in-person event during a pandemic is no small feat, and we wanted to recognize the efforts that were made to accomplish this event and the steps taken to improve the resolution process.

We look forward to future Agriculture Service Board Conferences and the positive changes that our organizations can bring to agriculture in this province.

Respectfully,

Red Deer County Agricultural Services Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Depalme".

Dana Depalme
Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chair
Red Deer County

cc: Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards
Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldman



Mountain View C O U N T Y

March 28, 2022

Via e-mail

Dear Alberta Reeves and Mayors:

Re: ABVMA Resolution

Thank you for your support regarding the Rural Veterinarian shortage in Alberta. I was unable to speak to the amended version, but I have a few details I would like to share with you.

Budget 2022 delivered \$59 million over 3 years to University of Calgary - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) for infrastructure upgrades. Please thank your MLAs and Ministers.

Budget 2022 also pledged \$171 million to post secondary professional training. This is a competitive process for 7000 post secondary seats, but Veterinary Medicine has been singled out and an additional 50 seats have been "ring fence funded". This means these seats are funded outside of the competition for other professions. Starting with the Class of 2025, Alberta will graduate 100 Veterinarians per year.

In Budget 2022, the Government of Alberta has funded the most expensive asks in our original resolution. However, it is important they implement all the initiatives. If the extra 50 seats continue to be filled with students more likely to join practices in urban centres, it will not solve the rural crisis. Currently, approximately 80% of the successful applicants to UCVM have never been on a farm.

The push is needed for the Government of Alberta to support:

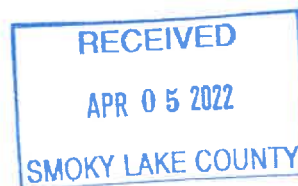
1. Participation of RMA in the UCVM admissions process to encourage and support successful rurally minded student admission to UCVM
2. Aiding UCVM in curriculum changes to develop a rural practitioner stream
3. Mentorship programs for rural Veterinarians
4. UCVM initiatives to develop Stackable Certificate programs

We are encouraging you to pass on the RMA Rural Veterinarian Resolution to your local Veterinarians, Producers, and Constituents, and encourage them to thank their MLA's for Budget 2022 and continue support of admission of rurally inclined students to UCVM.

Sincerely,

Gord Krebs
Councillor, Division 4

Angela Aalbers
Reeve, Mountain View County



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Grazing School for Women
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April 4th, 2022

RE: Sponsorship for the 2022 Grazing School for Women Workshop

To Whom it May Concern,

The Original Grazing School for Women is an annual event held in northeastern Alberta. The Grazing School for Women attracts women of all ages and backgrounds from rural Alberta and Saskatchewan. The school promotes sustainable agriculture, long-term livestock management strategies, environmental education, and networking with like-minded women. The Original Grazing School for Women has been very successful, attracting over 200 farming and ranching women in the past five years.

The Original Grazing School for Women is a partnership between Cows and Fish, Beaver County, M.D. of Bonnyville, Lamont County, M.D. of Wainwright, County of Two Hills, County of Vermilion River, M.D. of Provost, and Smoky Lake County.

This year we are excited to offer a two-day workshop consisting of field tours and in-class learning. This year's event will be hosted by Beaver County June 14th and 15th, 2022.

To continue to host a memorable and educational event for our ladies, our committee is seeking out sponsorship in the form of cash or in-kind donation. The committee will work with cash sponsors to ensure dollars provided are directed to areas that best fit the sponsors needs. As a sponsor, you will receive recognition in all materials published for the event, including advertising materials, registration packages, and proceedings. The committee will work with all sponsors to meet their promotional needs as best as possible.

Sincerely,

Tanis Ponath
Grazing School for Women Committee