

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

Friday, June 17th, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88595204700?pwd=a1lseTFrTStjU1kxMEdqeThQK3l1QT09>

Meeting ID: 885 9520 4700 Passcode: 218868

1. Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order.

2. Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

3.1 Adopt minutes of **April 12, 2022** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: April 12, 2022 – **Action List.** ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

4.1 Sale of Capital Equipment Unit 454. ©

4.2 Unbudgeted Capital Purchase: Replacement of Unit 454. ©

4.3 2022 Farm Family Awards – Division 5. ©

5. Issues for Information:

- 5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©
- 5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©
- 5.3 2022 Spraying Progress Map. ©
- 5.4 2022 Mowing Progress Map. ©
- 5.5 Resolution Responses and Grading. ©

6. Correspondence:

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, **April 12, 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:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, Apr. 12, 2022</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Absent
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Absent
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Virtually Present
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Virtually Present
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Planning Technician	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
P&D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present

Delegation: Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present.

No Members of the Media were Present.

No Members of the Public were Present.

2. Agenda:

559-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted as amended:

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Portable Livestock Squeeze & Chute Weight Scale.
2. Bellis 4-H Beef Club – Request for Sponsorship of Buckles.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

560-22: Halisky

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Action List: 2022 Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day Event

561-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County reschedule the barbeque lunch event for the Year-2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day from Saturday, June 18, 2022, to **Friday, June 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex**, in the Town of Smoky Lake; and if possible, include a farm safety trade show and farm related mock disaster.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Action List from February 15, 2022

562-22: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Bylaw No. 1411-22: ASB Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control

563-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given **FIRST READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Fenerty, that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given **SECOND READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Halisky, that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given **PERMISSION for third reading**.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gawalko, that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1411-22: Agricultural Service Board Independent Appeal Panel for Weed Control**, for the purpose of establishing the Agricultural Service Board independent appeal panel for weed control act and pest control for Smoky Lake County, be given the **THIRD and FINAL READING** and that the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and that the corporate seal also be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-29-01 Soil Conservation

564-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-29-01: Soil Conservation, be adopted, and forego the "Public Participation" process due to Soil Conservation being legislatively controlled through the Soil Conservation Act:

Title: Soil Conservation	Policy No.: 29-01	
Section: 62	Code: P-I	Page No.: 1 of 2
Legislation Reference: Alberta Provincial Statutes		
Purpose:	To carry out Soil Conservation procedures under the provisions of the Soil Conservation Act.	

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 or Assistant 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 <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> , 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 <i>Agricultural Service Board Act</i> , automatically appointed as a Soil Conservation Officer under the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> .
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 landowners 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.

Title: Soil Conservation	Policy No.: 28-01
Section: 62	Code: P-I
	Page No.: 2 of 2

Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
4.3	The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman as inspectors shall encourage voluntary compliance with the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> 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.
4.4	Council is to appoint the Agricultural Service Board as the appeal committee annually.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 9:29 a.m. to 9:38 a.m., was Alyssa Krawchuk, Manager, Forage and Livestock Program, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide Council a verbal report of LARA activities, including but not limited to the following points:

- April 7, 2022, how to grow hemp workshop had low attendance.
- The soil health webinar is scheduled for April 20, 2022.
- Smoky Lake County's field day tour will be August 10, 2022.
- Planning to have about five trials this year, including regional varieties, regional silage, industrial hemp, and spring barley, totaling approximately 250 small pots.

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

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

565-22: Fenerty

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 April 12, 2022.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization

566-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County execute Schedule "A" of Policy Statement No. 62-18-01: Firearms Authorization for Agricultural Service Board, with the County's Animal Control Technician: Trevor Cameron, for the purpose of pest control and abating problem-wildlife, effective November 26, 2021 to November 25, 2027, in synchronicity with the expiration of Trevor Cameron's Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).

Carried.

One Member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 9:48 a.m.

Addition to the Agenda:

Bellis 4-H Buckle Sponsorship

567-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County provide funds in the amount of **\$1,000.00** to the Bellis 4-H Beef Club to sponsor the Year-2022 Bellis 4-H Achievement Day trophy belt buckles, which are to be provided for their annual show and sale scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022 in the Village of Waskatenau, in response to the letter received from Justin Cherniwchan, President of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated April 11, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

The Agricultural Service Board Chairperson: Dan Gawalko, provided the following written Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's 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.
- Apivore 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 Siche July 27, 2022
- St. Paul August 4 2022
- Smoky Lake August 11, 2022
- Next board meeting April 5, 2022 Ashmont Agri plex 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 ASS chair Sebastien DuTrisac gave his report, and we also went through the resolutions that were presented to the government at the ASS 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.

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, virtually left the meeting, time 10:00 a.m.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

568-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: February 16, 2022, to April 4, 2022 in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.
Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report:

569-22: Fenerty That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Fieldman's written Report as of February 8, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.
Carried.

Leafy Spurge Biocontrol

570-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board approve to proceed with a project titled: Leafy Spurge Biocontrol, to work with landowners to suppress the population of the noxious weed: Leafy Spurge using living organisms.
Carried.

Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program (2022-2023)

571-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge the County is not eligible to participate in the Alberta Government's Wild Boar at-Large Ear Bounty program from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, aimed at eliminating the destructive pest's threat to crops, livestock and the environment by offering a bounty of \$75.00 per set of ears to approved trappers, as announced on April 5, 2022.
Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Livestock Weight Scale

572-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge discussion held in respect to the **rescinded** Policy Statement 62-31-02: Livestock Weight Scale, and the Year-2017 transfer of ownership / donation of the Livestock Weight Scale to the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, providing it be shared with any other 4-H beef clubs that may require it.
Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

573-22: Fenerty That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, from Nick vanRootsellar, ASB Chairman, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, dated March 4, 2022, in respect to support for Bill C-234: an Act to amend the Greenhouse gas pollution Act which received its first reading on February 7, 2022, be filed for information.
Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Chairman County of Warner

574-22: Halisky That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, from Nick vanRootsellar, ASB Chairman, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, dated March 4, 2022, expressing concerns in respect to the Federal Government's synthetic fertilizer emissions target for Year-2025.
Carried.

Red Deer County - Year-2022 Provincial ASB Conference

575-22: Halisky That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, from Dana Depalme, Agricultural Service Board Vice Chair, Red Deer County, dated March 21, 2022, in appreciation of the Northwest Region of Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) and the Provincial ASB Committee, for the execution of the Year-2022 Provincial ASB Conference and Resolution Session held in Edmonton from January 25 to 28, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

Mountain View County - University of Calgary - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM)

576-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board, forward the letter received from Gord Krebs, Councillor, Division 4, Mountain View County and Angela Aalbers, Reeve, Mountain View County, dated March 28, 2022, to our local Veterinarians for their awareness in respect to the need for the Government of Alberta to support:

1. Participation of Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) in the University of Calgary - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (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, and
4. UCVM initiatives to develop Stackable Certificate programs.

Carried.

Grazing School for Women

577-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County provide County promotional items in the maximum valued amount up to \$250.00 to the Grazing School for Women, scheduled for June 14 and 15, 2022, hosted by Beaver County, in response to the letter received from Tanis Ponathy, Grazing School for Women Planning Committee, dated April 4, 2022.

Carried.

Next Meeting

578-22: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **Friday, June 17, 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:

579-22: Fenerty That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of April 12, 2022, be adjourned, time 10:39 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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GOALS

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GOAL COMPLETION

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

COUNCIL MOTIONS/INQUIRY 2022 PLAN

COUNCIL MOTIONS 2022

Meeting Date	Council Motion #	Goal	Details	Owner	Progress Update	Current Completion	Start Date
						Complete	2022/04/12
2022/04/12	561-22	→2022 Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation	That Smoky Lake County reschedule the barbeque lunch event for the Year-2022 Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day from Saturday, June 18, 2022, to Friday, June 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex , in the Town of Smoky Lake; and if possible, include a farm safety trade show and farm related mock disaster.	Agricultural Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin: Achievements: • Arrangements have been made with Smoky Lake Fire Department to put on a mock scenario in the afternoon. • Vendors have been contacted for booths as	Complete	2022/04/26

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part of the tradeshow.

- Will be reaching out to Mcewans & Nutrien to see if they are willing to sponsor the event.
- Reach out to Kortech about supplying a BBQ unit for the day, and have confirmed they will be attending.

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

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2022/04/12	564-22	→ Policy Statement No. 62-29-01 Soil Conservation	That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-29-01: Soil Conservation, be adopted, and forego the "Public Participation" process due to Soil Conservation being legislatively controlled through the Soil Conservation Act:	Municipal Clerk	<p>Jenna Preston:</p> <p>Achievements: Policy Statement No. 62-29-01: Soil Conservation, was sent to the Communications Department to post on County website.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy was given to the Municipal Clerk April 14, 2022. • Policy Memo sent out to staff on April 19, 2022. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p>	Complete	2022/04/12

Meeting Date	Council Motion #	Goal	Details	Owner	Progress Update	Current Completion	Start Date
2022/04/12	566-22	→ Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization	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, 2027, as per Trevor Cameron's Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).	Agricultural Fieldman	Carleigh McMullin: Achievements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Schedule A with Trevor Cameron's Firearms information and provided a copy to payroll for his personnel file as well as a copy for him to carry with himself. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i>	Complete	2022/04/12
2022/04/12	567-22	→ Bellis 4-H Beef Club - Buckle Sponsorship	That Smoky Lake County provide funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Bellis 4-H Beef Club to sponsor the Year-2022 Bellis 4-H Achievement Day trophy belt buckles, which are to be provided for their annual show and sale scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022 in the Village of Waskatenau, in response to the letter received from Justin Cherniwchan, President of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated April 11, 2022.	Finance Manager	Patti Priest: Achievements: Motion #567-22 & backup information provided to Accounts Payable on April 12, 2022 by email. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i>	Complete	2022/04/12

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→ **Mountain View
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University of
Calgary - Faculty
of Veterinary
Medicine
(UCVM)**

That Smoky Lake
County Agricultural
Service Board, forward
the letter received from
Gord Krebs, Councillor,
Division 4, Mountain
View County and
Angela Aalbers, Reeve,
Mountain View
County, dated March
28, 2022, to our local
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to support:

1. Participation of Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) in the University of Calgary - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) admissions process to encourage and support successful rurally minded student admission to UCVM,
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3. Mentorship programs for rural Veterinarians, and
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Agricultural Fieldman

Next Steps: *No value*

Carleigh McMullin:
Achievements:

- Forwarded the letter received from Mountain View County to Bellis Veterinary Services on April 28th, 2022.

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

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2022/04/12	577-22	→ Grazing School for Women	That Smoky Lake County provide County promotional items in the maximum valued amount up to \$250.00 to the Grazing School for Women, scheduled for June 14 and 15, 2022, hosted by Beaver County, in response to the letter received from the Grazing School for Women Planning Committee, dated April 4, 2022.	Municipal Clerk	Jenna Preston: Achievements: Promotional items were given to the Agricultural Fieldman on May 4, 2022. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i>	Complete	2022/04/12



REQUEST FOR DECISION	DATE	June 17 th , 2022	4.1
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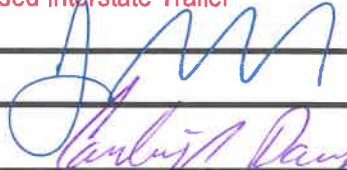
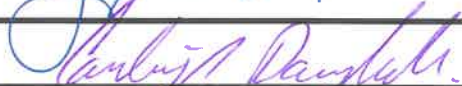
TOPIC	Sale of Capital Equipment Unit 454
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PROPOSAL	<p>HISTORY: This trailer was purchased in 2012 when Fire & Agricultural Services were one Department. It was purchased for the purpose of hauling around fire equipment as well as the Argo for trapping. Since this trailer was supposed to be a shared unit at the time it made sense to have such a large trailer, operations have since changed and there isn't a need for a trailer like this.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The Capital Budget was approved by Council on April 22, 2022, which included in the replacement of Unit 454 Enclosed Interstate Trailer for the year 2023. However, after discussion with the CAO and Finance Manager we determined that taking advantage of the current used market to sell Unit 454 is in the County's best interest. The Agricultural Fieldman has been in contact with Capital Trailer in Edmonton who advised us that due to the sellers' market on new and used trailers and high sale prices, now is a very good time to sell this unit. Currently Capital Trailers is unable to get 24ft enclosed trailers on their lots. Market trend on Kijiji is showing a sale value of approximately \$15,000.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">EQUIPMENT FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER</div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Unit</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Year</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Odometer/ Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">454</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2012</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24' Enclosed Interstate Trailer</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Deadline for bid submission is: July 8, 2022 @ 12:00 PM For complete details, pictures and how to submit a bid please visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/equipment-for-sale Contact Amanda Kihn, Agricultural Fieldman at 780-656-3730 <i>The highest bid may not necessarily be accepted. All offers are subject to Council's approval.</i></p> </div> <p>PROPOSAL: That Smoky Lake County Council place Unit 454 for sale based on the Agricultural Services Department operational needs.</p>	Unit	Year	Description	Odometer/ Hours	454	2012	24' Enclosed Interstate Trailer	N/A
Unit	Year	Description	Odometer/ Hours						
454	2012	24' Enclosed Interstate Trailer	N/A						

CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN

LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS	<p>Policy Statement No. 08-13-01: Disposal of Assets Any and all assets in the possession of the Municipality shall be disposed of utilizing the public tender method, whereby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all assets for disposition must be clearly defined and advertised in the local paper; and/or; notices posted throughout the municipality. <p>Should an asset(s) previously advertised not be sold, the same asset may be sold by</p>
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	an arms length transaction at a later date.
BENEFITS	▪ The Agricultural Department will be using a more suitable piece of equipment for operations
DISADVANTAGES	• N/A
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	Unbudgeted Costs: N/A
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS	
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	

RECOMMENDATION	
<p>That Smoky Lake County advertise to sell the following County Surplus Equipment as is - where is, by Public Tender, stating "the highest nor any Bid shall not necessarily be accepted"; and the closing date for accepting bids be July 8, 2022, at 12:00 Noon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 454, Year-2012 24', Enclosed Interstate Trailer 	
Chief Administrative Officer	
Agricultural Fieldman	



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	June 17 th , 2022	4.2
TOPIC	Unbudgeted Capital Purchase: Replacement of Unit 454			
PROPOSAL	<p>HISTORY: This trailer was purchased in 2012 when Fire & Agricultural Services were one Department. It was purchased for the purpose of hauling around fire equipment as well as the Argo for trapping. Since this trailer was supposed to be a shared unit at the time it made sense to have such a large trailer, operations have since changed and there isn't a need for a trailer like this.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The Capital Budget was approved by Council on April 22, 2022, which included in the replacement of Unit 454 Enclosed Interstate Trailer for the year 2023. However, after discussion with the CAO and Finance Manager we determined that taking advantage of the current used market to sell Unit 454 is in the County's best interest. Based on several of the most recent trailer purchases by Smoky Lake County, Capital Trailers in Edmonton have had the most competitive pricing. Based on current market trends the potential sale price of Unit 454 should exceed the cost of this new trailer therefore the budget implications should be nil or minimal.</p> <p>CURRENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment # 1- Capital Trailers Quote 			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 01-41-01: Asset Management		
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agricultural Services Department will be using a more suitable piece of equipment for operations 			
DISADVANTAGES				
ALTERNATIVES	None			
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS				
Operating Costs: N/A		Capital Costs: N/A		
Budget Available: \$0		Source of Funds: N/A		
Budgeted Costs: N/A		Unbudgeted Costs: \$6,800+gst and Alberta Gov. Mandated Tire Levy per tire (4 @ \$4)		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				

RECOMMENDATION	
<p>That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted expenditure in the amount up to \$6,800+GST and Tire Levy to replace Unit 454 Enclosed Interstate Trailer with a more appropriate trailer for the Agricultural Services Departments operations.</p>	
Chief Administrative Officer	
Agricultural Fieldman	

Capital Trailers

Phone: (780) 371-1002

11827 24 Street NE
Edmonton, AB T6S 1B5

Email: sales@capitaltrailer.ca rbohaychuk@capitaltrailer.ca



2022 Double A Excel Series Utility Trailer 83" x 16' (7000LB GVW)

Stock #: UT77-16-26007 Year: 2022 Manufacturer: Double A Trailers

Width: 83" or 6' 11" Length: 192" or 16' Height: 24" or 2'

Weight: 2150 GVWR: 7000 Payload: 4850

Color: BLACK # Axles: 2 Axle Capacity: 3500

URL: <https://www.capitaltrailer.ca/all-inventory?stock=UT77-16-26007>

Price \$ 6,800.00

Description

Perfect Utility Trailer for: ATVs; Riding Lawn Mowers; Small Tractors; Equipment

Alberta Made

4' Ramp Gate/Spring Assist

2 - 3500LB Axles with Self-Adjusting Electric Brakes

4" Steel Frame

2 5/16" A-Frame Ball Coupler

Rubber Mounted LED Lights

3/16" preformed Stake Pockets with Rub Rail

.65C Arctic Rated Wiring Harness
14 Gauge Tread Plate Fenders
ST205/75R15 Full GVW 8 PLY Tires with Modular Rims
2 x 8 Pressure Treated Spruce
Self Charging Breakaway Kit, with Charging and test
indicator light
Leaf Springs with Equalizers
Aluminum Rock Guard Applied to front of trailer
Sandblasted, Primed and 2 coats of PPG Urethane Paint
JNSURPASSED
QUALITY FULL SERVICE PARTS**CUSTOM ORDERS
WE
HAVE EVERYTHING YOU TOW!!
Alberta
Built - Alberta Tough.



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	June 17 th , 2022	4.3
TOPIC	2022 Farm Family Awards-Division 5			
PROPOSAL	<p>HISTORY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Council acknowledges the significant contribution made by farm families in Alberta and is proud to recognize residents in Smoky Lake County who are eligible to receive the Farm Family Award. For 50 years, farm families from northern and central Alberta communities have been recognized as the recipients of the Farm Family Award. The Northern and Central Agricultural Service Boards select outstanding families who best represent values of the family farm within their rural community. The award honors both their farming business practices and community involvement. Each recipient receives a commemorative gate sign and are honored at the Farm Family Awards Gala. <p>BACKGROUND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each division will have the opportunity to nominate one of their constituents on a rotating basis every 2 years. The 2020 recipient was Huk Family Farms from Division 1. <p>CURRENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board nominate a recipient from Division 5 to receive the Farm Family Award. Deadline for submissions is June 30th, 2022 Attachment # 1 			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Policy Statement 62-22-05		
BENEFITS	This award is to recognize outstanding farm families in an area of our municipality who best exemplifies the value of the family farm and society in general.			
DISADVANTAGES				
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				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				

RECOMMENDATION	
That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board nominate The Shwetz Family from Division 5 to receive the 2022 Farm Family award.	
Chief Administrative Officer	
Agricultural Fieldman	

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Submission Guidelines & Nomination Form

County/MD Name: Smoky Lake County

**Submission Deadline:
Thursday, June 30, 2022**



FARM FAMILY AWARDS

THE FARM FAMILY – Leaders in the Industry

The objective of the Farm Family Awards is to recognize outstanding farm families in an area north of Township 34. The Farm Family Awards honor those who best exemplify the value of the family farm to our rural communities and society by being leaders in the industry.

Note: The Farm Family is considered as the *immediate* family currently involved in the family farm operation.

To be eligible for nomination, the Farm Family must meet the following criteria.
Please check off each characteristic as you confirm their validity.

The Farm Family **must**:

- Be an active farm family unit where agriculture is the major source of income

The Farm Family **should**:

- Increase awareness of agriculture and maintain a high standard in their agriculture business
 Promote the agriculture community through involvement and rural citizenship
 Be proactive in new agricultural technologies
 Act as a role model to the rural community
 Be deserving based on equal recognition of agricultural and community involvement

Please use the following to assess Farm Family Awards candidates. There are two criteria – **THE FARM** and **THE COMMUNITY**. Local conditions may suggest additional selection criteria, however these are the basic ones to be considered. Each of the two criteria should receive equal weight when making a decision.

THE FARM FAMILY

Please ensure that the information is correct before submission and it is the direct contact information for the family.

Name of Farm or Farm Unit: Ace High Farms Ltd.

Last Name *First Name*

Primary Farm Partner 1: Ace High Farms Ltd.

Last Name *First Name*

Primary Farm Partner 2: Shwetz Andy

Last Name *First Name*

Primary Farm Partner 3: Shwetz Shawnalee

E-Mail Address: andrew.shwetz@outlook.com Phone: 780.656.0517

Mailing Address: RR 1 City/Town: Waskatenau

Province: AB Postal Code: T0A 3P0

Farm Website (if applicable): www.

Names of **immediate** family members **actively engaged** in the current farming operation:

Full Name: (First / Last)	Relationship:	Age:	Gender: (M/F)
<u>Sylvester Shwetz</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>Jake Shwetz</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>Gus Shwetz</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>Waylan Shwetz</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>Dillon Mulak</u>	<u>Nephew</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>Phyllis Shwetz</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>F</u>

FARM FAMILY AWARDS Nomination Form

Be sure to consider the **WHOLE FAMILY CURRENTLY FARMING**, not just one member. Describe the following in detail. Additional information may be added on separate pages. **DEADLINE: Thursday, June 30, 2022**

ABOUT THE FAMILY

Each year, farm families from North/Central Alberta communities are selected as the recipients of the Farm Family Awards. These awards recognize families who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community.

Tell us about the family on this application form and how they demonstrate these values within your community.

Please provide a short family bio (300 words max). Please include this as a separate TYPED document.

Include information such as the history of the farming operation, length of time in the community, how the family acts as models in the community, and how the family spends time together.



THE FARM

Type of Farming Operation: Mixed

Scale of Operation (# of acres, head, etc.): 2000 acre crop and 70 head cattle

Use of modern farming practices & technologies (please give examples):

We use dated farm equipment - it is cost effective, easy to repair, comfortable and fuel efficient. Our fleet is retrofitted with modern ag technologies such as GPS autosteer, variable rate, sectional control, wireless monitoring and cameras, scales, and LED lighting.

Soil conservation practices (please give examples):

As we are the generation currently managing land to be farmed for centuries, soil health is the main focus on our farm. A small farm allows inherent advantage over large scale agriculture in this respect - we understand each field individually and manage them as such. Building organic matter is key, and we have tried different farm practices - conventional, minimum, and no till has produced various results in relation to yearly climate. We have planted approximately 2800 shelterbelt trees on our farms. Have used micronutrients, fungicides, timed release fertilizers to various results. We have extended our crop rotations over the last four years. Fields are taken in and out of forage involvement in self-improvement programs (e.g. extension courses, 4-H programs, short courses, etc.):

Jake, Gus and Waylan are members of the Newbrook 4-H Multi Club in beef, chicken and outdoor. Andy and Shawnalee met at Lakeland College Vermilion while attending college. Shawnalee has a diploma in business administration, Andy has a degree in sustainable agriculture from the U of A.

General appearance / upkeep of farmstead (Buildings, Machinery, Yard/Driveway):

The farm was vacant for five years prior to our purchase in 2008 and consisted of a small farmhouse and dairy barn within an established shelterbelt. The old corrals were removed, pad built and heated shop was constructed in 2014. The house was updated and renovated in 2017 using the same style as built in 1958. The barn burned one week prior to starting house renovations due to electrical failure which was devastating, we plan to rebuild when resources allow. Bin yard was set up to the north of the main yard in 2016. New corrals and pasture were built and fenced off west of the main yard in 2017-2020. 600 shelterbelt trees planted on farm.

Any additional information:

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Nomination Form

THE COMMUNITY

ORGANIZATIONS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Please list family members involved, positions, responsibilities, and length of membership.
Include involvement in any business, government, agriculture, church, youth, or service clubs, associations, and groups.

The Shwetz family are members of the St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Sylvester

-Former member and president of numerous organizations in the Waskatenau area including Victoria Trail Ag Society, St Voldymyr Ukrainian Orthodox church board, Seniors Society, and the Waskatenau Fair. He has lived in Waskatenau his entire life

Andy

-Works!

Shawnalee

-President of the Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club - 2019-present

-Chair of Anne Chorney Public Library - 2005-2015

-Secretary and Treasurer of Waskatenau Youth Foundation - 2013-2018

-Volunteer for Thorhild Fun Hockey and Holy Family Catholic School

Jake - 14 years old

-Newbrook 4-H club member 2020-present

-Alter boy for St Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Waskatenau

-Dancer with the Thorhild Ukrianian Dancing Club

-Thorhild fun hockey member

Gus - 12 years old

-Newbrook 4-H club member 2020-present

-Alter boy for St Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Waskatenau

-Thorhild fun hockey member

-Ball hockey

Waylan - 9 years old

-Newbrook 4-H club member 2020-present

-Danced with Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club

-Thorhild fun hockey member

-Gymnastics at Pine Valley Gymnastics

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Nomination Form

THE COMMUNITY

AWARDS

Please list any awards won and include year and name of recipient. Include awards in relation to business, government, agriculture, church youth or service clubs, associations and groups.

Shawnalee received a Volunteer Recognition Award for Dedication at the Alberta Legislature in 2015 for her service with the Anne Chorney Public Library in Waskatenau.

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GATE SIGN

In the event that this family is chosen as a Farm Family Award recipient, please indicate the EXACT wording and correct spelling (Family or Farm Name) they would like on their gate sign. Only one line of print allowed. Print size will vary with the number of letters requested. Please select only one format.

Example Gate Sign: FAMILY NAME



OR

Example Gate Sign: FARM NAME



PLEASE PRINT GATE SIGN NAME AS IT WILL APPEAR ON THE SIGN:
The Shwetz Family

LOCAL MEDIA

A news release will be mailed following the announcement of the Farm Family Awards recipients. Please list the exact name of the major local paper or other relevant publications serving the Farm Family area. **An email address must be included.**

Publication 1:

Redwater Review

Contact: Shauna

Phone: 780-942-2023

E-Mail: redwaterreview@gmail.com

Publication 2:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Publication 3:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

M.L.A.

Glenn Van Dijken

M.P.

Shannon Stubbs

Please list your current Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) & Member of Parliament (MP).

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

This application is submitted by

Service Board Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature, Chairman Agriculture Service Board:

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Please ensure you have included all of the following information in this nomination form:

- The Farm Family
- The Farm
- The Community
- About the Family
- I have attached a Family Bio (300 word maximum)
- Additional Information

I hereby certify that I have confirmed the above information and that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Jered Sester

County/MD Rep

[Signature]

Signature

June 10, 22

Date

Andrew Shwetz

Family Rep

[Signature]

Signature

June 10, 22

Date

CONTACT

Please email the completed application to Kimberly Zagar at kzagar@exploreedmonton.com

Kimberly Zagar

Phone: 1.780.720.7806

E-Mail: kzagar@exploreedmonton.com

Deadline: Thursday, June 30, 2022
farmfairinternational.com

About the Family

Andy and Shawnalee wouldn't be farming today without the farming background of their families, especially the Shwetz family that goes back three generations. This started when Andy's grandfather, Andrew Shwetz, came to Canada from Ukraine in 1911 and bought his first quarter in 1913. Andy's parents, Sylvester and Phyllis, started farming in 1960 and continue to this day, they spent every day at the farm. Andy and Shawnalee met while attending agriculture college in Vermilion and were married in 2005. They purchased their home farm (NE-18-59-19-W4) from Pete and Eva Nykolyn in 2008, just outside of Waskatenau. The three quarters were a couple of miles away from the original Shwetz' homestead and a mile away from Andy's parents farm. They started their family in 2007. Seven years ago, they inherited 10 breeding cows from Shawnalee's father, Henry Jaffary and 10 from Andy's father.

The farm name was something that started as a joke and became our calling card. When your poker hand is an 'ace high' it generally means you started out strong but didn't get the cards you needed for a winning hand, leaving you with a high card that didn't match. Farming is subject to a lot of risk, much like this scenario.

Acc High Farms Ltd. is now farming 2000 acres and raising 70 head of cattle with the help of Andy's dad. At 85 years old Sylvester still comes to the farm everyday to complete a days work and has no other hobbies than farming! Jake, Gus, and Waylan are involved in 4-H along with other activities. Jake attends Thorhild Central School and Gus and Waylan attend Holy Family Catholic School in Waskatenau.

The farm is helped by others in the family. Dillon Mulak (Andy's nephew) helps at harvest to bring in the crop and has started farming on his own. Joan and Pete Lazowsky (Andy's sister and brother in law) also have a mixed farm and help is offered back and forth as needed; we share the pasture that Sylvester had developed 40 years ago for cattle summer grazing and it allows the families to work together. Shawnalee's parents farm near Lacombe AB and have helped during difficult years to get the crop off.

Shawnalee is the President of the Thorhild Ukrainian Dancing Club. She volunteers at the Holy Family Catholic School and Thorhild Fun Hockey. In the past she sat on the boards of the Waskatenau Library Board, Waskatenau Youth Foundation, and Waskatenau School Board.

Andy loves agriculture and has taken his interest of soils and plants to the oil and gas industry by building a successful environmental company. He now works part time on a contract basis as an Environmental Consultant on pipeline projects.

They like to spend time with each other completing different projects on the farm, camping, travelling and spending time with their extended families.



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING: JUNE 17TH, 2022

2022/06/07

15

GOALS

72%

GOAL COMPLETION

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PLAN

SB) PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Administrative Activity 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: Training and Meetings attended from April 12-June 17th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASB Meeting April 12th Ag Fieldmen Spring 2022 Webinar April 13th Wild Boar Bounty Program Update Webinar April 14th Temporary Assistant Ag Fieldman interviews April 20th Seed Cleaning Plant inspection April 25th County Departmental meeting April 26th AG MuniSight review with Carole April 27th Annual Safety Day April 29th Poster Contest deadline May 3rd Budget Meeting May 5th, 13th Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza update webinar May 6th LARA check in meeting via phone May 9th Authorized Assistant Herbicide Applicator training for Weed Inspectors May 10th Tori Stang Temporary Assistant Ag Fieldman start date May 11th 	<p>82%</p> <p>82 / 100%</p> <p>7% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31

5.2

B Environmental Services 2022:
0%

- Corteva Herbicide Stewardship training May 12th
- Herbicide Mower start date May 16th
- Joint Health & Safety meeting May 19th
- Departmental Meeting May 24
- Carleigh met with Brenda and Gene RE: ASB Budget Review May 25th
- Carleigh attended Grazing School for Women Meeting June 3rd
- Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation BBQ Event June 10th

Challenges:

- **NOTICE: Unfortunately due to lack of registrants the Grazing School for Women has made the tough decision to cancel our event for June 14 & 15.**

Next Steps: *No value*

2022/06/03

NEW Carleigh McMullin:

Achievements:

- Increasing Profitability through Soil Health and reduced Inputs Webinar April 20th
- LARA notified us May 31st that the research site in Smoky Lake had been seeded on May 24th including trials and industrial hemp demonstration. This years location is on Hwy 28 at the SE-14-59-18-W4.

Challenges:

Next Steps:

2022/05/10

Current Com...

99%
99 / 100%

2017/12/31

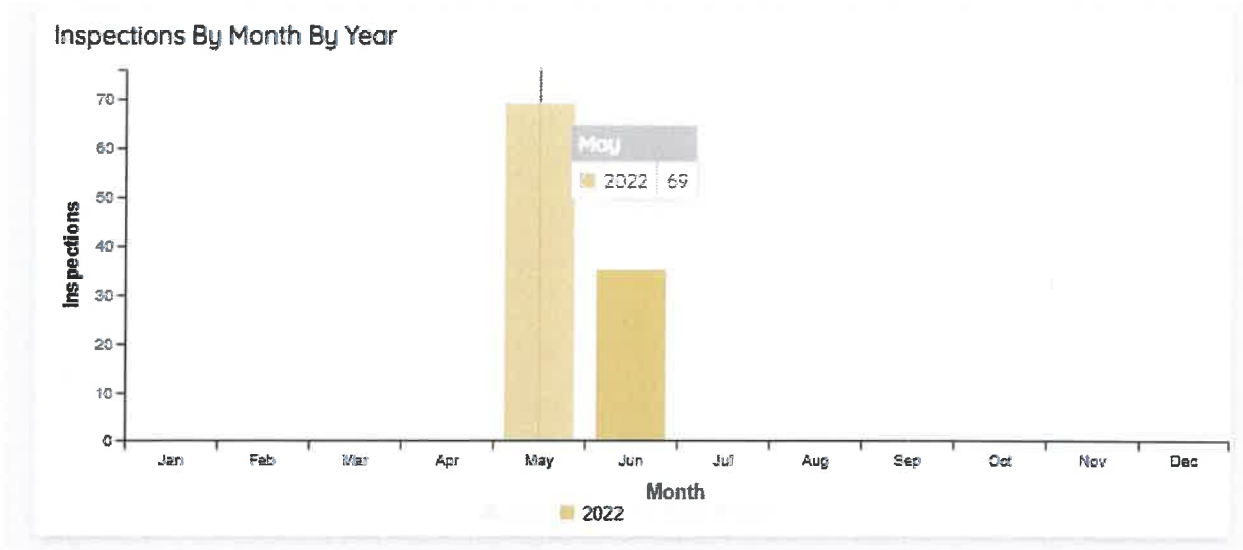
2022/12/31

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
<p>Council Member Inquiry 2022: 100%</p>	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: 1) Request sent on May 4th re: water drainage. Result: Ag dept. spoke to landowner notifying them that would be installing a pond leveler. The landowner was satisfied with that solution and the pond leveler was installed May 9th.</p> <p>2) Request sent on May 23rd requesting that some big rocks be moved that are in the ditch on Twp 600 West of 141 on the north side of the road. Result: E-mail sent on May 24th asking if the rocks are small enough to be moved by a person or if we need a skid steer. Second e-mail sent June 3rd asking for the same information because if a skid steer is needed we will have to coordinate with public works to get a skid steer out there to move them.</p> <p>3) Request sent on June 3rd requesting a copy of Policy Statement No. 17-02-62: License of Occupation of Road Allowance for Ranching and Farming Purposes Result: Patti e-mailed the link to policy June 3rd.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i></p> <p>2022/05/10</p>	<p>95%</p> <p>95 / 100%</p> <p>6% ahead</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
<p>Crop Surveying 2022: 100%</p>	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: 2022 Crop Survey supplies have been ordered.</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: Set up Bertha Army Worm (3 locations: West, Central, East) and Swede Midge traps (1 location: Central) for monitoring in canola.</p> <p>2022/05/10</p>	<p>82%</p> <p>82 / 100%</p> <p>7% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
<p>Lowing Activity 2022: 100%</p>	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herbicide Mower's started May 16th to begin their ditch cleanup prior to beginning mowing June 1st. • New herbicide applicator attended all spring training. • Despite the minor setbacks in regards to some electronic communication issues the mowers were up and running for a June 1st start date. • Zone 2 is starting in the South this year • Zone 3 is starting in the South this year • When Zone 1 operator starts mowing at the end of June he will be starting in the North this year • Zone 3 mower picked up 3 1/2 pickup loads of garbage from the ditch to take to the dump and zone 2 picked up 2 loads. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both herbicide mower units needed to have some work done to them prior to mowing. There was communication issues between the spray system on the mower and the console in the tractor. We had a rep from TruKare come out to diagnose the issue and replace the faulty console. <p>Next Steps: Non-herbicide mower to begin June 13th. 2022/05/10</p>	<p>84% 84 / 100% 5% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
<p>est Control 2022: 100%</p>	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: 103 Beavers trapped since April 1st 8 Muskrats trapped since April 1st</p> <p>2 pond levelers installed since April 1st</p> <p>1 major pond leveler repair since April 1st</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/06/06</p>	<p>0% 0 / 100% 0% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
<p>↳ Problem Wildlife (Beaver Control) 2022</p>	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements: 103 Beavers trapped since April 1st 8 Muskrats trapped since April 1st</p> <p>2 pond levelers installed since April 1st</p> <p>1 major pond leveler repair since April 1st</p> <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/06/06</p>	<p>0%</p>	<p>2020/01/01</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Praying 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corner brush spraying began May 31st in the East end of the County. Spraying began in the South end to make coordination with the mower operator to mow down the sprayed brush easier, and allows for better sightlines. <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/06/03</p>	<p>89% 89 / 100%</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
Training Activity 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed Cleaning Plant Inspection training with MD of Wainwright Ag Fieldmen April 25th • 3 Weed Inspectors received orientation May 2nd, and temporary Assistant Ag Fieldman orientation May 11th • Authorized Assistant Herbicide Applicator training May 10th • Trevor Cameron took drone training May 12th • Corteva Herbicide Stewardship training May 12th • Weed Inspector School May 16th <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/05/10</p>	<p>84% 84 / 100% 5% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
Weed Control 2022: 100%	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Weed Inspectors/Sprayer Operators began May 2nd • All 3 employees completed all spring training • 77 weed inspections have been completed as of June 3rd <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/05/10</p>	<p>85% 85 / 100% 4% behind</p>	<p>2017/12/31</p>	<p>2022/12/31</p>
Weed Inspections (Copy) 0 Inspection(s)		<p>101%</p>	<p>2021/01/01</p>	<p>2021/12/31</p>

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Safety Activity 2022	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Weed Inspectors received orientation • New Temporary Assistant Agricultural Fieldman received orientation • Have been attending weekly toolbox meetings <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/05/10</p>	76% 5% behind	2020/01/01	2022/12/31
Dog Catching 2022	<p>NEW Carleigh McMullin:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Dog calls since April 1st <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/05/11</p>	0%	2021/10/05	2022/12/31
→ Dog Catching Phone Calls 2022 0 Call(s)		101% 38 Call(s) ahead	2021/01/01	2022/12/31
→ Dog Catching Success 2022 0 Dog(s)		101% 6 Dog(s) ahead	2021/01/01	2022/12/31
SB Environmental Services 2022: 00%		0% 0 / 100% 72% behind	2021/01/01	2022/12/31



104 Weed Inspections completed as of June 8th, 2022 & weed awareness letters sent.

Weed “WANTED” posters were also hung at all County truck fills and post office bulletin boards throughout the county for weed awareness.



2021 Tansy Infestation



2021 Tansy Sprayed



2021 Hand Picking



Bertha Armyworm Trap



Swede Midge Trap



One-pass Herbicide mower & corner brush spraying results



Pond Leveler & Maintenance



Alberta Crop Report



Crop Conditions as of June 7, 2022 (Abbreviated Report)

Precipitation in the South and Central regions is a highlight story in this week's crop report. As shown on the map to the right, a large portion of the Central and South regions received 20-50 mm of rain over the last seven days. This significant rainfall event was both timely - in that seeding for those regions is now largely complete - and meaningful – as those regions had the greatest need for moisture. For a large area of the South region, roughly 50 per cent of all precipitation this growing season fell in the last week. Lethbridge has recorded 30-40 mm of rain so far this growing season and 20-30 mm of this total fell this past week. Medicine Hat received 40-50 mm in the past week, bringing its season total to 75-100 mm range. The Calgary area has received 30-40 mm within the past week for a total of 60-75 mm growing season precipitation to date. While more precipitation through the growing season will still be necessary for the South, given very poor subsoil moisture reserves, emergence will likely now accelerate and early season growth can continue.

The second highlight of this week's crop report occurs in the Peace region where farmers' action and efficiency has drastically increased seeding progress. Just two weeks ago the Peace region was at only 36 per cent completion which was roughly half of its ten-year average completion. Even with this extremely delayed spring seeding the Peace Region is now 94 per cent complete (compared to its 96 per cent ten-year average).

Overall, seeding progress for major crops in the province is now 99 per cent complete, up 26 per cent from two weeks ago, and in-line with completion for the five-year and 10-year averages of 98 per cent. All regions except the Peace are over 99 percent complete and basically finished seeding of major crops. Seventy eight per cent of major crops have now emerged across the province, only modestly behind the five-year average of 82 per cent.

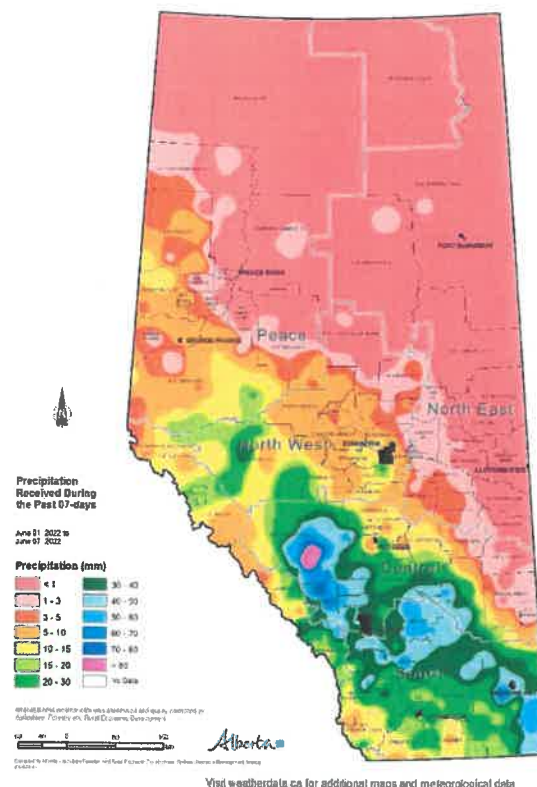


Table 1: Alberta Seeding Progress as of June 7, 2022

	% Seeded					
	South	Central	N East	N West	Peace	Alberta
Spring Wheat	99.7%	100%	100%	99.8%	94.5%	99.3%
Barley	99.6%	99.9%	99.8%	96.6%	89.1%	98.5%
Oats	100%	99.7%	99.6%	92.4%	86.8%	94.8%
Canola	99.3%	100%	100%	100%	93.8%	98.7%
Dry Peas	99.8%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.9%
Major Crops, June 7	99.6%	100%	100%	99.1%	93.9%	98.9%
Major Crops, May 24	88.4%	85.6%	78.1%	54.4%	36.6%	73.4%
5-year (2017-2021) Avg	99.8%	99.7%	97.4%	97.1%	93.9%	98.0%
10-year (2012-2021) Avg	99.8%	99.2%	97.3%	97.7%	96.0%	98.2%

Source: AFRED/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Last week's precipitation improved soil moisture reserves for the South, Central and Peace regions, but the North West and North East marginally declined. Despite the improvement in most areas, soil moisture reserves remain below long-term average for most parts of the province, with the exception of the Peace region. Despite the precipitation and highlighting the dry conditions of the South, subsoil moisture remains exhausted in the South where 91 per cent of sub surface (below 6 inches) soil moisture is rated Poor to Fair.

Pasture and tame hay conditions are relatively unchanged from the previous week. While recent precipitation offers opportunity for significant growth in the coming weeks, cool spring temperatures have also been a large growth limitation. Sixty day average daily mean temperatures have largely been "cool" to "very cool" across the entire province. These are qualitative rankings indicating a once in six to 25 year pattern of well below average spring temperatures. Provincially, pasture conditions (tame hay shown in brackets) are now estimated at 20 (14) per cent poor, 45 (40) per cent fair, 33 (44) per cent good and two (two) per cent excellent.

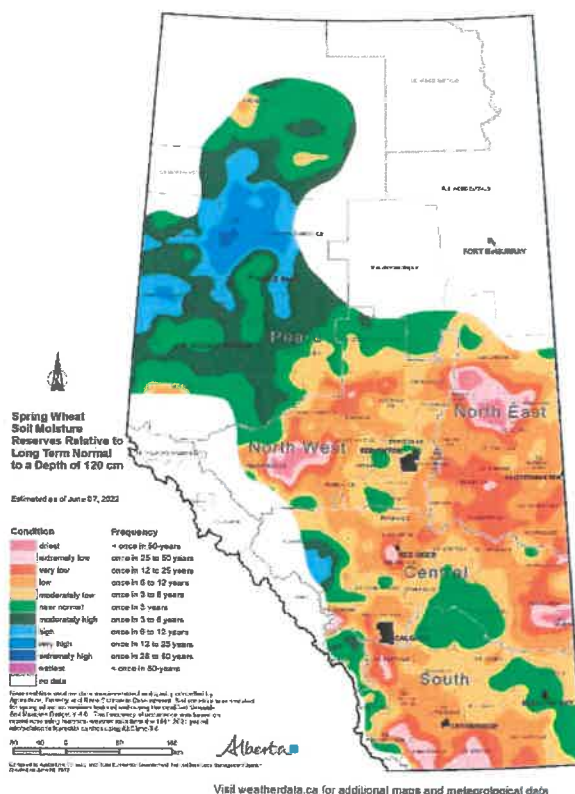


Table 2: Alberta Surface Soil Moisture Ratings as of June 7, 2022

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excessive
South	18.4%	35.5%	39.9%	6.2%	0.1%
Central	11.3%	18.5%	50.8%	19.4%	0.0%
North East	11.4%	42.4%	44.2%	2.0%	0.0%
North West	2.5%	39.2%	55.4%	2.9%	0.0%
Peace	0.0%	7.5%	60.4%	32.1%	0.0%
Province	11.5%	29.4%	47.6%	11.5%	0.0%
5-year (2017-2021) Avg	6.0%	19.1%	47.8%	22.4%	4.6%
10-year (2012-2021) Avg	8.3%	18.2%	44.5%	25.2%	3.8%

Source: AFRED/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Regional Assessments:

Region One: South (Strathmore, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Foremost)

- Most counties in the region received precipitation, with a large area receiving 20-50 mm.
- Despite rains this week, surface soil moisture to six inches is 54 per cent ranked poor to fair, which is a much larger acreage of low soil moisture than long term average. Even more significant, 91 per cent of sub-soil moisture (below six inches) is ranked as poor to fair.
- Seeding is complete with 82 per cent of major crops now emerged. While seeding was complete ahead of the five-year average for this region, emergence has been slower than the same respective average (90 per cent) due to poor soil moisture and cool temperatures. Some reseeding due to flea beetles is reported.
- Pasture conditions (tame hay shown in brackets) are rated as 36 (35) per cent poor, 56 (52) per cent fair and eight (12) per cent good. This is relatively unchanged over the past two weeks.

Region Two: Central (Rimbey, Airdrie, Coronation, Oyen)

- Crop reporters were communicating widespread relief with this week's rains. Most areas had five to 30 mm of rain.
- Sixty per cent of surface soil moisture is now rated as good or excellent.
- Crop seeding is 100 per cent complete. About 94 per cent of major crops have emerged which is the highest level of all regions in the province. There are reports of canola reseeding due to frost.
- Pasture and tame hay fields are delayed from cool spring temperatures. Pasture conditions (tame hay shown in brackets) are rated as 14 (eight) per cent poor, 30 (21) per cent fair, 51 (63) per cent good and five (seven) per cent excellent.

Region Three: North East (Smoky Lake, Vermilion, Camrose, Provost)

- With only trace to five mm of rainfall over the past week, the North East region did not receive the meaningful rainfall that other regions did.
- Seeding is now 100 per cent complete, with about 89 per cent of crops emerged. This emergence is moderately ahead of the five-year average of 83 percent. Several crop reporters reference flea beetle damage to canola.
- Pasture conditions (tame hay shown in brackets) are rated as eight (10) per cent poor, 48 (51) per cent fair, 41 (37) per cent good and two (two) per cent excellent. Late season frosts and on-going cool spring temperatures limiting current growth and yield potential is highlighted by several crop reporters.

Region Four: North West (Barrhead, Edmonton, Leduc, Drayton Valley, Athabasca)

- A large portion of the North West Region received five to 30 mm of rain over the past seven days.
- Seeding is now 99 per cent complete on major crops. About 76 per cent of seeded crops have now emerged, modestly ahead of the five-year average for the region. Emergence of oats and canola in this region is notably delayed from the other major crops. Minor and localized reports of flea beetles along with modest overnight frosts are reported.
- Pasture conditions (tame hay shown in brackets) are rated as five (four) per cent poor, 53 (44) per cent fair and 42 (52) per cent good. There is zero pasture or hay rated as 'excellent.'

Region Five: Peace (Fairview, Falher, Grande Prairie, Peace River, Valleyview)

- The Peace region received trace to 10 mm of rain over the past week.
- Surface soil moisture is rated as 92 per cent good or excellent.
- Seeding is now at 94 per cent completion on major crops. Peace farmers have made substantial seeding gains over the past three weeks and have been very efficient and disciplined once weather allowed. Seeding progress was a worrisome three per cent on major crops on May 17 and 37 per cent on May 24, then progressed rapidly to 79 per cent on May 31 and 94 per cent this week. Thirty per cent of major crops have now emerged, however this is substantially delayed from the five-year average of 68 per cent for this time in the season.
- Pasture conditions (tame hay shown in brackets) are rated as 14 (16) per cent poor, 38 (40) per cent fair and 47 (43) per cent good and one (one) per cent excellent.

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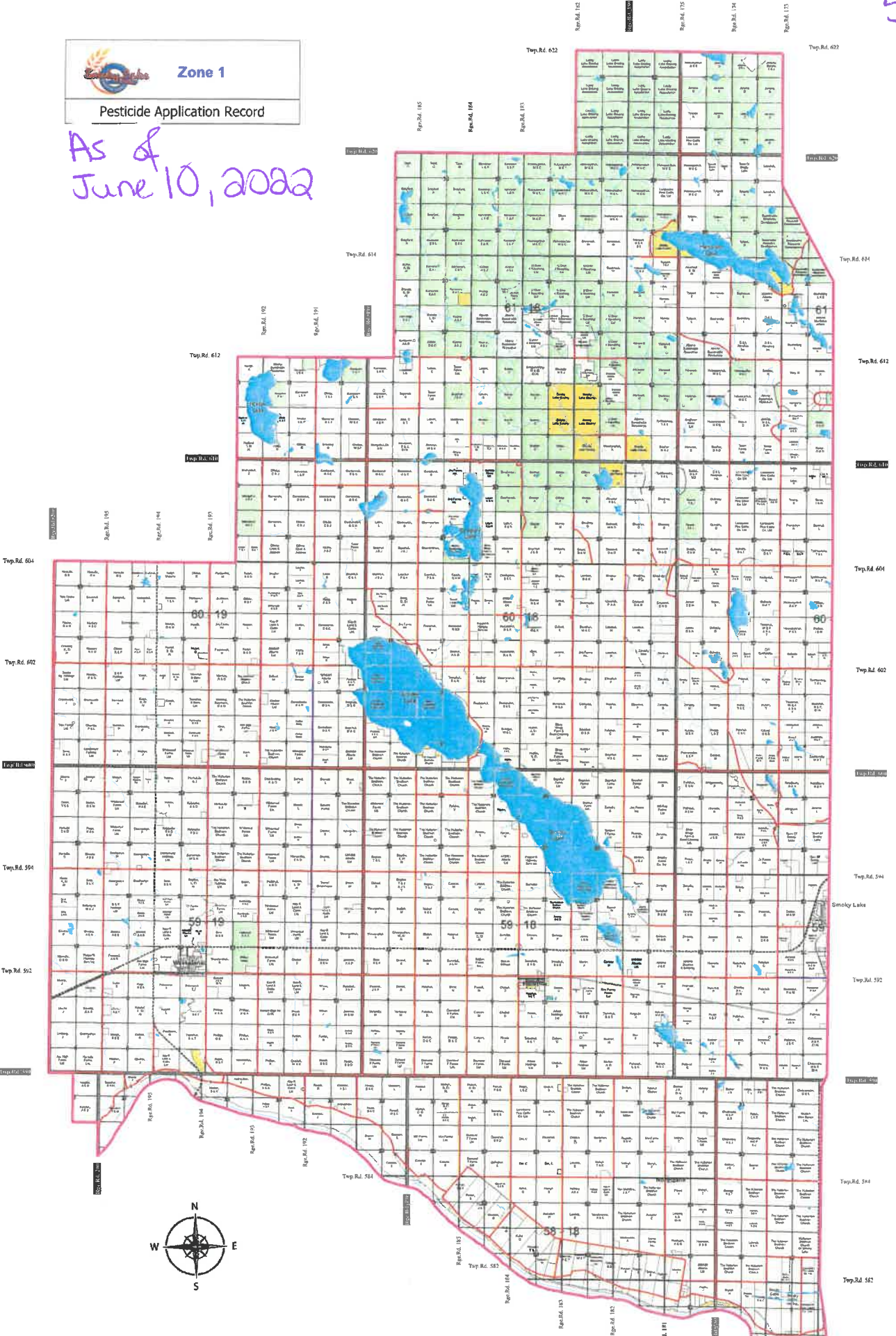
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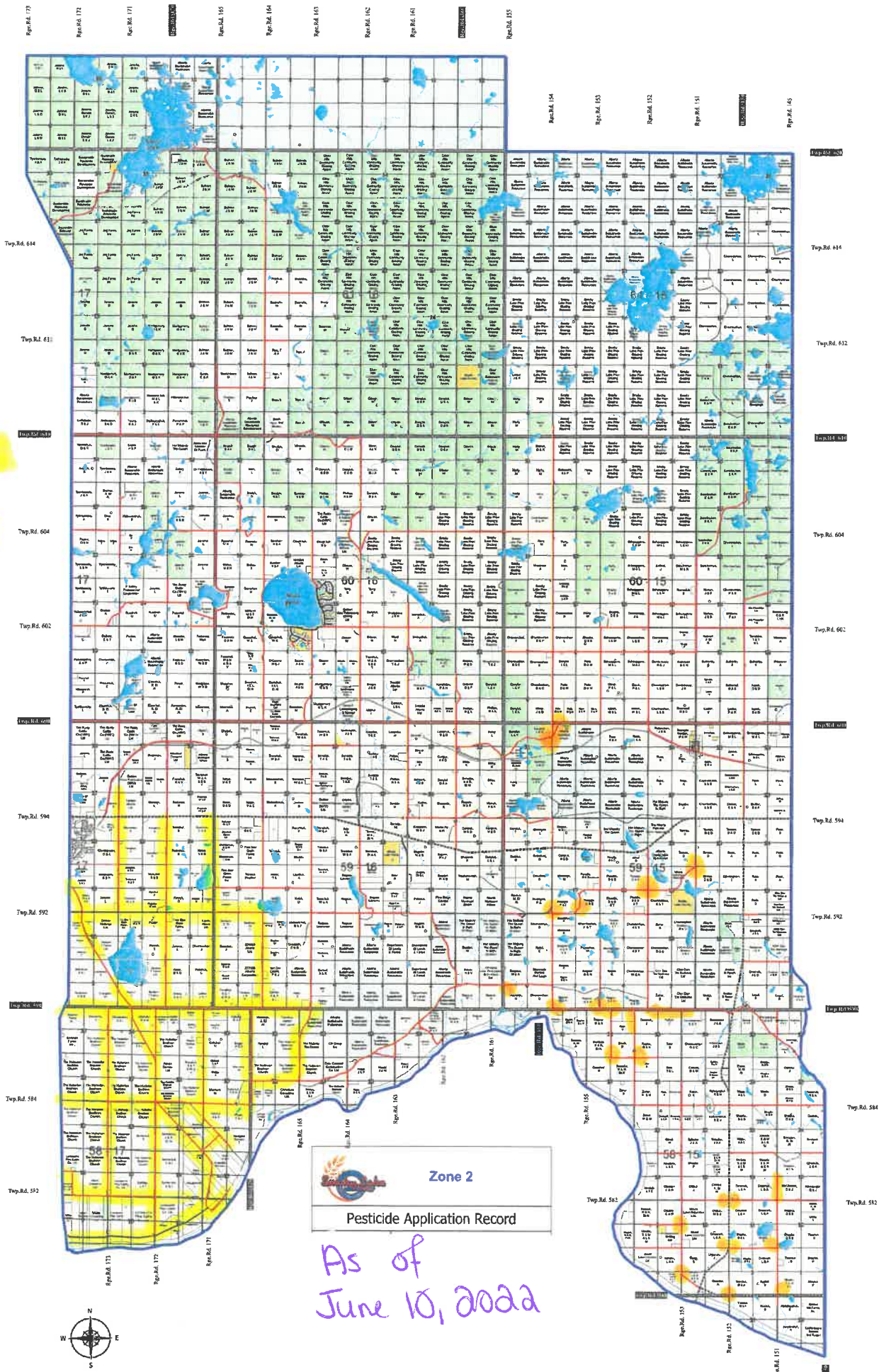
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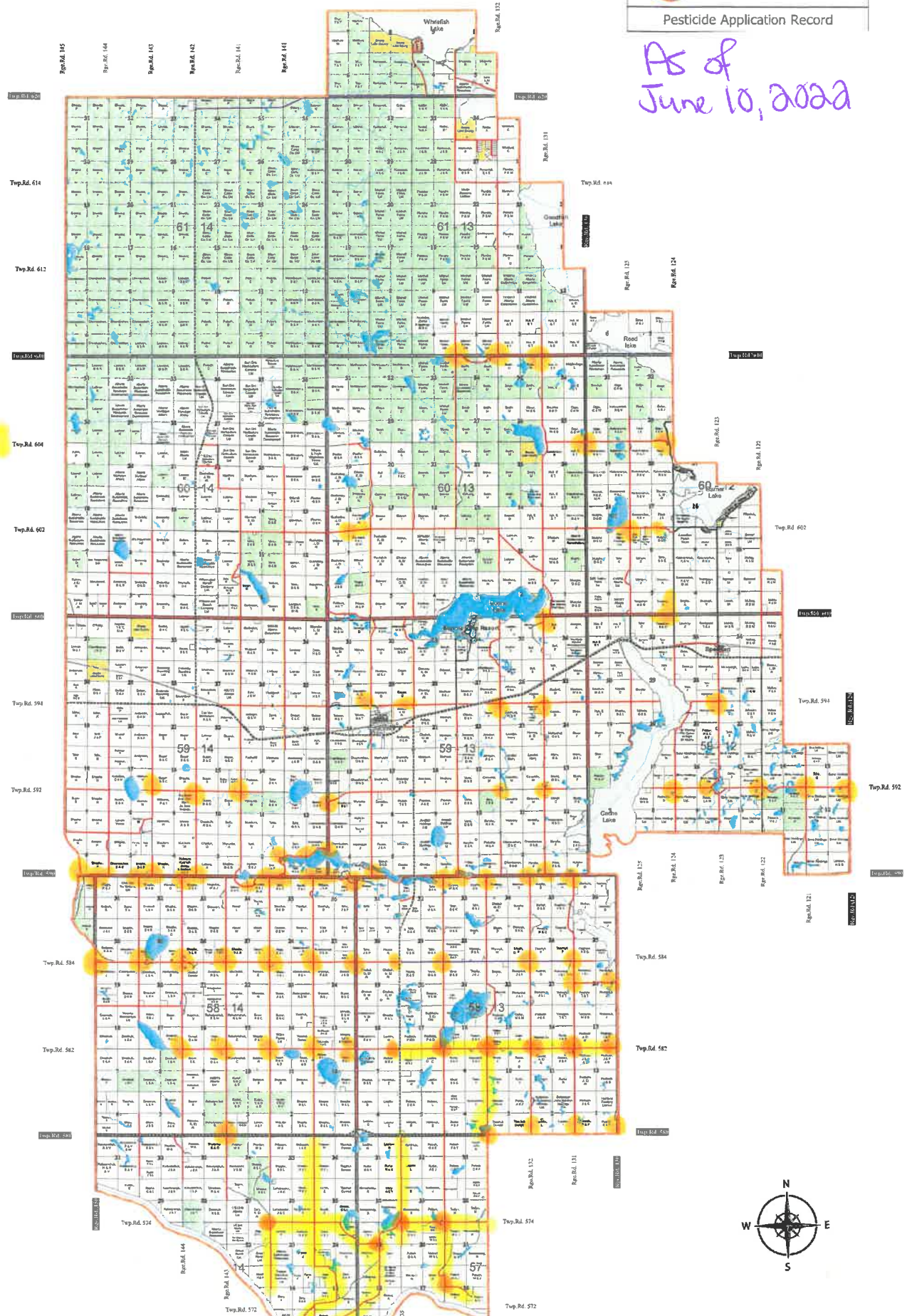
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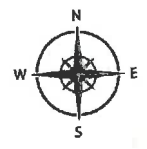
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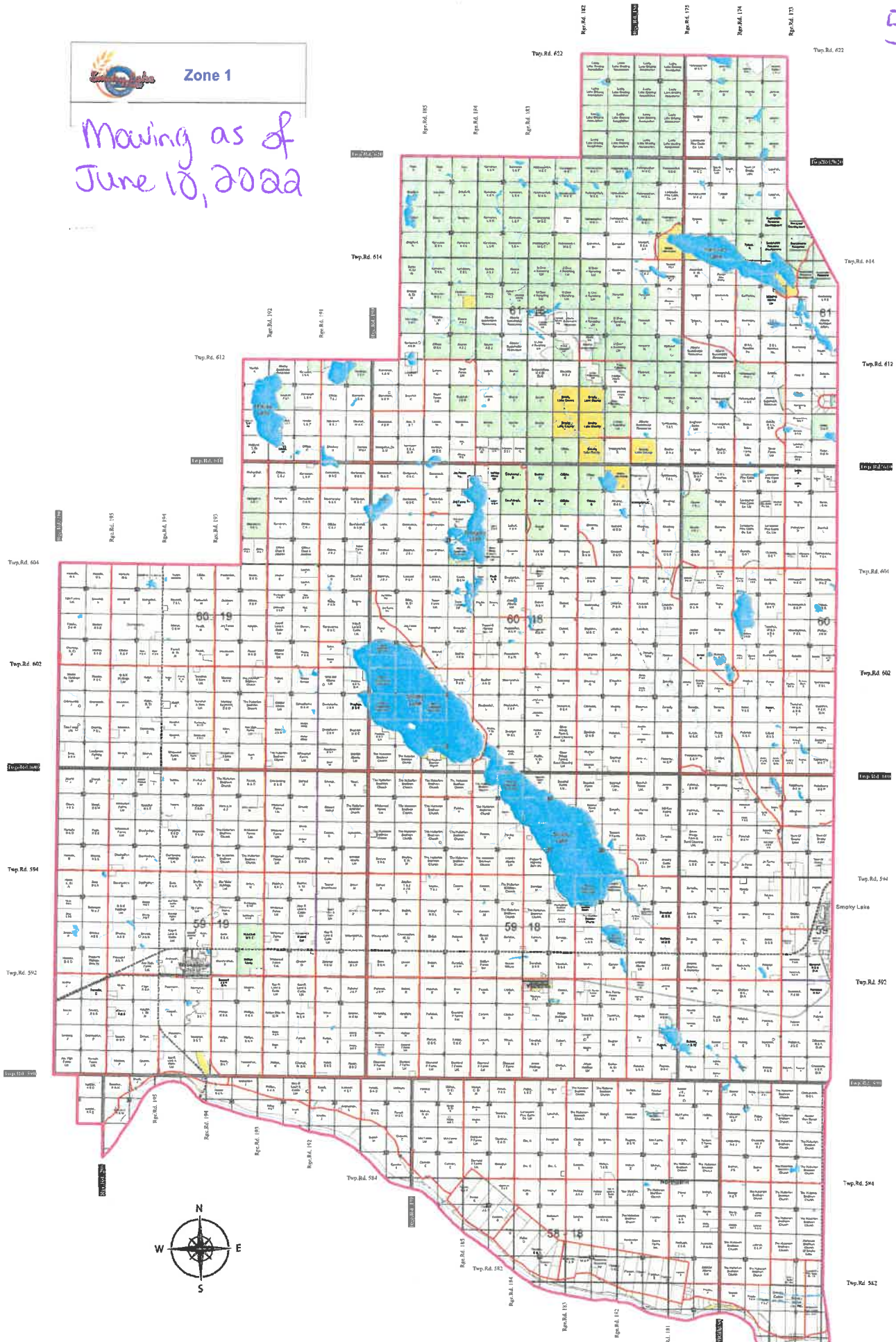


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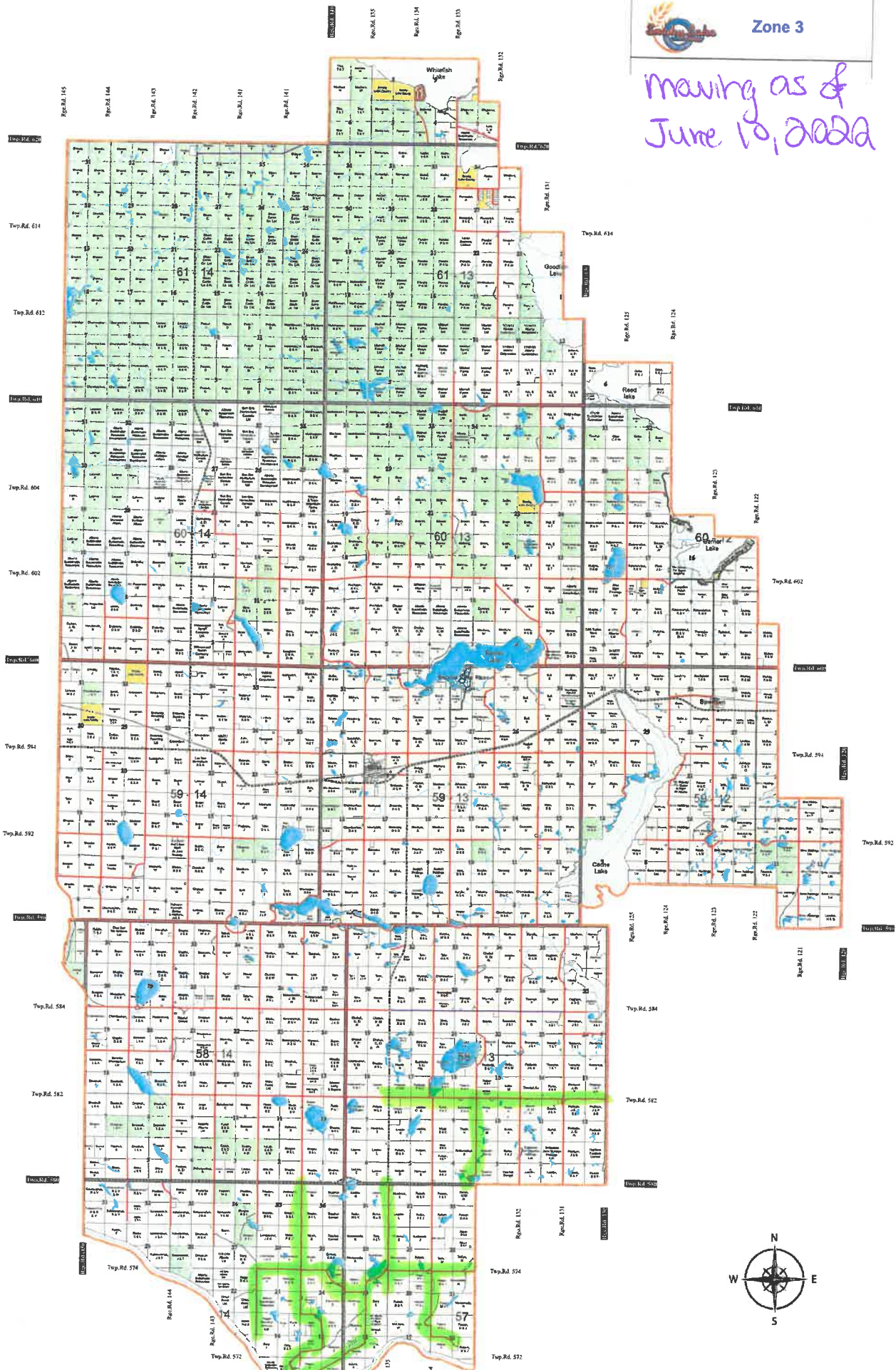
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From: ASB Committee <asbprovcommittee@gmail.com>
Sent: May 30, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Aimee Boese <aboese@beaver.ab.ca>
Subject: 2022 Resolution Grading

Hi Aimee,

Could you please circulate the following through the AAAP email list?

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a summary of the 2022 resolutions, their responses, a summary of the initial grades given by the ASBPC and brief updates on activities to advance the resolutions.

Please input your ASBs grading and comments into the Excel sheet using the drop down menus where appropriate. This will make compiling the responses into the report card smoother. As always the ASBPC Representatives and myself are available to answer any questions you have regarding the resolutions thus far.

The NE Region met and graded the resolutions already. ASBs in the NE only need to fill out their own grading sheet IF they disagree with the grades assigned at the NE region meeting. Any questions regarding this process please direct to the NE ASBPC representative Sebastien Dutrisac.

Resolution process:

- June 30 Grading sheets and comments back to the ASBPC (asbprovcommittee@gmail.com)
- July/Aug ASBPC meets with Ministers regarding resolutions
- Sept 1, Final 2022 Resolution Report Card distributed to ASBs
- Nov ASBPC Reviews 2023 Resolutions/Organizational meeting
- Dec 1 - 2023 Proposed Provincial resolutions distributed to ASBs

Looking forward to receiving the grades and feedback from your ASBs by June 30.

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2021 Resolution Grading

How to Use:

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

Definitions:

Accept the Response

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

Accept in Principle

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

Incomplete

A response that is graded as **Incomplete** does not provide enough information or does not completely address the resolution.

Follow up is required to solicit information for the Provincial ASB Committee to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Unsatisfactory

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

Municipality Name	Resolution Number	Resolution Name	Grade	Comments
Big Lakes	1-22	Vegetation mangement on Alberta Highways		
	2-22	Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Networks of Experts		
	3-22	Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools (Feb 22, 2022)		
	4-22	Properly Managing Ungulate Populations		
	5-22	Exemption of Natural Gas and Propane for Agriculture Under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act		
	6-22	Amendments to the ASB Conference Resolution Rules of Procedure		

RESOLUTION 1-22: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ON ALBERTA PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

- WHEREAS:** Invasive plants cause significant changes to ecosystems which may result in economic harm to agricultural and recreation industries;
- WHEREAS:** Highway corridors facilitate the spread of invasive plants both locally and internationally;
- WHEREAS:** The Alberta Transportation is responsible for weed control within the rights of way of the 31,000 kilometers of provincial highways in the province, as per the Weed Control Act;
- WHEREAS:** Alberta Transportation has not adequately maintained control of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds within provincial highway rights of way in recent years;
- WHEREAS:** This lack of control is affecting neighboring landowners, as these invasive weeds are spreading into their fields;
- WHEREAS:** Due to this lack of control, landowners adjacent to provincial highways are faced with increased costs to their vegetation control programs;
- WHEREAS:** Allowing noxious and invasive plant growth including brush along highways increases the risk to public safety by reducing visibility along road shoulders where wildlife is crossing or grazing;
- WHEREAS:** The most cost-effective strategy against invasive species is preventing them from establishing rather than relying on eliminating them after an infestation has begun;
- WHEREAS:** In 2017, Alberta Transportation developed a three-year provincial vegetation management plan, which included a plan to manage noxious weeds in highway rights of way;
- WHEREAS:** Alberta Transportation must allocate sufficient funds and capacity to meet its weed control requirements along provincial highways;
- WHEREAS:** Continued advocacy efforts have been ongoing with the ASB Provincial Committee and the Ministry has agreed to focus on improving communication and relationships to put the limited dollars available to their best use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Transportation increase funding for summer maintenance programs for its vegetation management (weed control and mowing) along provincial highways;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Transportation enhances their current vegetation management strategy at a minimum to the level of the 2017 Provincial Integrated Vegetation Management Plan to manage noxious weeds, prohibited

noxious weeds, and any unsafe vegetation on the full rights of way of all primary and secondary provincial highways;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Transportation continue to allow the option to enter into service agreements with municipalities for the purposes of vegetation management and/or weed control within their respective municipalities.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE:

"Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

Thank you for your February 1, 2022 email including the 2022 Agricultural Service Board Resolution 1-22: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways. I appreciate the working relationship my department has established with the Agricultural Service Board and look forward to continuing to work together to address vegetation management in the provincial highway rights-of-way.

The Government of Alberta understands the importance of vegetation management. We have needed to closely manage our highway maintenance funding over the past few years, which has impacted some summer maintenance activities, such as full right-of-way mowing. Alberta Transportation's goal is to balance funding challenges with the need for maintenance activities that relate to public safety, while still providing an acceptable overall level of service. As such, funding for vegetation management, including mowing, has focused mainly on safety-related concerns such as sight lines at intersections. However, we recognize the other benefits of mowing, such as improved drainage, improved visibility of wildlife, reduced risk of wildfire spread and controlling brush growth.

In order to ensure mowing and chemical weed control budgets are used in the best possible manner, Alberta Transportation is planning to conduct a program-level review of our vegetation management program to ensure its ongoing effectiveness. This effort will include development of a vegetation management plan framework; this framework will provide a consistent platform for an annual update regarding expected budgets, mowing frequency, herbicide application, innovations/trials, and stakeholder consultation/collaboration. The review is planned to begin in fall 2022, and until the review is completed we will strive to balance funding challenges with respect to vegetation management. Alberta transportation appreciates the input you have provided on this issue.

Alberta Transportation is also grateful for the assistance that the Agricultural Fieldmen of the various Agricultural Service Boards throughout the province have provided to date, with weed notices issued to Alberta Transportation's district offices being an effective driver for weed control action. This process allows for targeted mitigation at locations of the highest priority to the Agricultural Fieldmen and Albertans.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Darren Davidson, Regional Director and Operations Process Management Committee (OPMC) Executive Sponsor. Mr. Davidson can be reached toll free at 310 0000, then 403-381-5533, or at darren.davidson@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for sharing the Agricultural Service Board resolution with me.

Sincerely,

Rajan Sawhney

Minister of Transportation

cc: Honourable Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development
Darren Davidson, Regional Director and OPMC Executive Sponsor

INITIAL ASBPC GRADE: ACCPET IN PRINCIPLE

COMMENTS: All of the concerns from the resolution were addressed in the response. The Committee will follow up with the Ministry/Department of Transportation for updates to the program-level review taking place this fall. The grade of accept in principle ensures the Committee has the mandate to follow up with the Ministry of transport on this review.

RESOLUTION 2-22: RESTORATION OF ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS

- WHEREAS:** Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development's provided regionally specialized agricultural professionals employed by the province the opportunity to meet and communicate with ASBs (and ASBs with them) on locally important agricultural issues;
- WHEREAS:** This steady discontinuation of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development's staff presence in Alberta's rural communities has resulted in a gradual but steady decline in the Ministry's service to those communities since the early 1990s;
- WHEREAS:** Cuts to Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development staff & services since the 1990s have drastically reduced effective, consistent dialogue on provincial agricultural policy decisions, leaving local agricultural communities and their Agricultural Service Boards with little input on these decisions due to the lack of consistent, direct contact with specialized Ministry staff;
- WHEREAS:** These cuts have left Alberta's local communities and smaller agricultural sectors largely unsupported with locally based qualified agronomic advice and severed a local communications link with Ministry decision makers in Edmonton;
- WHEREAS:** The more recent elimination of many Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development's regional network of experts that were available to Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards has reduced both the quality and quantity of agricultural / environmental technical and policy information exchange between Alberta's rural communities and the Ministry;
- WHEREAS:** Alberta's larger agricultural operators and sector associations utilize their economies of scale to justify the costs of contracting private consulting services to obtain agro-economic advice, as well as enabling them to lobby policy makers;
- WHEREAS:** Alberta's smaller farmers, ranchers and industry associations lack these economies of scale to hire private consultants which leaves them dependent on all levels of government to provide this necessary information;
- WHEREAS:** Whereas the Alberta government provided a transition grant to the applied research and forage associations to contract specialists let go by the ministry to support producers, these measures are not long term and do not allow for direct feedback by ASBs to policy makers in the Ministry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta's Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development support and encourage regionally based, Provincial Government staff or contractors, with extensive experience in their chosen agricultural field, to be consistently available to meet with ASBs as an expert source of the timely, detailed and unbiased information that ASBs are now expected to deliver.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE:

Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development ASB Resolution Response

Resolution 2-22: Restoration of Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Regional Network of Experts

Response:

Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development (AFRED) no longer provides one-on-one technical agronomic information to producers. The Ministry now focuses on providing services to producers that is related to programs, policy and legislation.

The Ag-Info Centre (AIC) formerly had technical agronomic specialist support in beef and forage, crops, horticulture, and farm management. These inquiries are now referred to the many resources available from industry organizations and private services. The AIC has transitioned from being the first point of contact for agricultural information and resources to being the first point of contact for department programs.

Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) is exploring this extension gap and serving as a catalyst to bring together a committee, comprised of a cross section of industry members to develop a cooperative extension model for Alberta. Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) was contracted through a competitive process to work in collaboration with the committee to facilitate a guided approach to evaluate the current state of extension in Alberta. It is looking to identify gaps, examine other jurisdictional systems and make recommendations on an improved cooperative extension model for the future. The project will provide recommendations by June 2022. Industry engagement will play a pivotal role in the formulation of committee recommendations.

The department has launched new programming in 2021 to support ASBs. We now have an ASB Regional Liaison program which links fieldmen and ASB members with an assigned staff who are available to each region to provide program and policy information. In addition, an ASB directed newsletter is shared with ASBs on a quarterly basis, along with a town hall meeting held bi-annually between ASB Chairmen and Assistant Deputy Minister John Conrad.

INITIAL ASBPC GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

COMMENTS: The response from the government addresses the resolution and indicates that work is in progress to design a cooperative extension model. The ASBPC has discussed this process with RDAR executives and has asked for an update on this progress at the June 8, 2022 townhall. The grade of Accept in Principle ensures that the Committee has the mandate to continue to inquire about this

progress and advocate for government support regionally based agriculture experts that are able to advise and collaborate with ASBs in their extension efforts.

RESOLUTION3-22: CELEBRATE CANADA AGRICULTURE DAY IN ALBERTA SCHOOLS (FEB 22, 2022)

WHEREAS: Education about agriculture is limited within the current school curriculum;

WHEREAS: The Classroom Agricultural Program is only able to spend one hour with grade 4 students but was cancelled due to Covid-19;

WHEREAS: Consumer interest of how agriculture production is achieved, and food is produced is increasing;

WHEREAS: Less than 2% of the population have a direct role in primary agriculture production, people have a less direct experience with growing their own food or participating in the agriculture industry;

WHEREAS: There is an increasing amount of incorrect or incomplete information about agriculture and the agri-food industry;

WHEREAS: Consumer purchases can be influenced by the amount and quality of agriculture and agri-food awareness and education they have received;

WHEREAS: The Ag More Than Ever website has information and resources to make this easy for schools to access;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Minister of Education, direct all schools to celebrate Canada Agriculture Day at the elementary, junior high and high school levels.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE:

Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

Thank you for your February 1, 2022 letter regarding a January 2022 resolution passed by the Agricultural Service Boards that all schools in Alberta celebrate Canada Agriculture Day.

I recognize the importance of educating Alberta's students about agriculture and the origins of food. From Kindergarten to Grade 9, Science and Social Studies courses are mandatory core subjects for most students in Alberta, and they provide students with opportunities to learn about concepts related to agriculture in Alberta. These opportunities continue into high school when choice in programming accommodates a wider range of needs and interests for students as they plan their futures.

The curriculum also provides opportunities for studying issues, including those related to using, distributing and managing resources and the environment, through various lenses in a well-balanced manner.

In addition, the optional Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) program supports flexible learning through which students in Grade 5 to 9 explore interests and aspirations while making personal connections to career possibilities. A teacher or a school authority may decide to create a CTF challenge that could include agricultural education, particularly if there is student interest in a course.

High school electives include the Agriculture area of the Career and Technology Studies (CTS) curriculum, which offers more than 40 one-credit courses in which students learn about agricultural/horticultural production, the provision of related services and support for sustainable development and efficient use of natural resources. The CTS Apprenticeship curriculum includes 15 courses developed to align with the current Agricultural Equipment Technician Apprenticeship. As a whole, the set of courses covers the content of the first period of technical training for an agricultural equipment technician.

The Alberta Dual Credit Framework, which provides students with opportunities to personalize their high school experience and discover or build on their career interests, includes opportunities in the area of agriculture. Examples include Producing Horticulture Crops and Small Animal Restraint and Handling, both opportunities offered in partnership with Olds College.

Alberta Education's Green Certificate Program (GCP) is an apprenticeship-style training program that enables students to gain valuable experience, training and certification in the agriculture industry in Alberta. This program is offered jointly by the ministry of Education and the ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, and provides students with opportunities to enter a variety of structured learning pathways related to agriculture as part of their senior high school program and to earn a credential leading to a career in agribusiness. Although the focus of the program is skills development, students may increase their awareness of food origins and sustainability.

Alberta's government is currently renewing the K-12 provincial curriculum. Alberta's updated draft K-6 curriculum explicitly addresses the early origins of agriculture that includes the study of fertile prairie lands, grain growing and the roots of prairie grain elevators. Students will also learn how plants and animals commonly used in Alberta agriculture production relate to climate, research how agricultural production contributes to daily life in Alberta and investigate how conservation in agricultural practice protects and maintains the land.

While Alberta Education outlines what students are expected to know, understand and be able to do in each subject and grade through Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum, teachers use their professional judgement to determine how students achieve the learning outcomes in the provincial programs of study. Schools and school authorities have the autonomy to select resources that align with the curriculum, including the designation of a day honouring a particular sector or profession.

I would encourage you to visit the Alberta Schools and Authorities website directory at <https://www.education.alberta.ca/alberta-education/school-authority-index/everyone/school-authority-information-reports/> so that you may reach out to the schools and authorities directly with your request to celebrate Canada Agriculture Day.

I appreciate your ongoing interest in educating Alberta students about agriculture.

Sincerely,

Minister Adriana LaGrange

INITIAL ASBPC GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

COMMENTS: The response from the minister addressed the ask in the resolution and redirected the ASBs to reach out to the individual schools and school authorities in their local areas, as they have the jurisdiction to decide which days the students celebrate in the school year.

RESOLUTION 4-22: PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS

- WHEREAS:** Wildlife ungulate populations, specifically elk, are extremely high in many areas in Northern Alberta, particularly on lands used for agricultural production;
- WHEREAS:** Increased ungulate populations result in significant damage to agricultural commodities;
- WHEREAS:** Accurate ungulate population surveys are not conducted regularly;
- WHEREAS:** The ungulate issue has been an agricultural problem for many years as can be seen from the past resolutions which were carried at the ASB Provincial Conference as well as at RMA (formerly AAMD&C);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that Alberta Environment and Parks address the issue of outdated population data in areas which have high rates of wildlife damage insurance claims and restructure ungulate population survey frequency to accurately understand population densities in relevant Wildlife Management Units (WMUs).

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that Alberta Environment and Parks use the precise population data to manage ungulate populations through increased numbers of hunting tags.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE:

"Dear Sebastien Dutrisac;

Thank you for your letter regarding resolutions passed at the recent Agricultural Service Board (ASB) provincial conference. I welcome the opportunity to provide the following information.

The Government of Alberta acknowledges the current challenges the agriculture industry is facing regarding the supply and cost of feed stocks. Environment and Parks staff are prioritizing direct engagement with agricultural producers and municipal governments to seek solutions to wildlife-related conflict. The department agrees frequent and accurate population estimates are integral to properly allocating and managing ungulate populations. Safe and adequate winter survey conditions have become less predictable, challenging the ability of department staff to deliver the number of surveys typically completed during the winter season within a shorter window of opportunity. For example, within the Peace region, wildlife management units (WMUs) 359 and 526 were scheduled to be surveyed this winter, and I understand only WMU 359 was completed due to inadequate and unsafe survey conditions in WMU 526.

Ungulate population and depredation management is a complicated process requiring support from multiple areas of interest. For example, providing increasingly more elk licences is not always the best solution as it can often result in landowners becoming fatigued with hunters requesting access to their property. Hunters need to remain respectful and put in the effort, landowners need to provide reasonable access to land where elk reside (while acknowledging the consequences of not doing so), and producers need to be open to existing mitigation tactics to help prevent damages.

Since crop depredation is closely linked to winter conditions generally coinciding with deep snow or extreme cold temperatures, elimination of all landowner conflict can only be achieved through elimination of all elk. Although more elk can do more damage at a particular site, elk depredation can occur even at relatively low population numbers.

Since 2010, the department has implemented a number of broad-scale management actions to reduce and mitigate ungulate-related crop damage, including the implementation of elk harvest strategies including;

- greatly increased harvesting opportunities for antlerless elk using the limited entry licence allocation approach.
- increased number of antlerless elk seasons, from one to three, to further facilitate hunter opportunity and harvest, while managing hunter crowding and mitigating landowner fatigue,
- extending the antlerless elk season to January 20 to increase harvest when depredation issues can become more prevalent, and
- implementing hunting on Sunday to further increase opportunity for harvesting.

Where local issues persist. Alberta government staff supply eight-foot-tall game fence to producers (at no cost) to protect stored livestock feed, they provide intercept feeding programs to mitigate potential damages, and they have a partnership program for producers to encourage the use of portable welded panels for protecting livestock feed.

Insurance for damages to eligible standing crops and eligible stored livestock feed is available (at no premium) to producers through the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC). I encourage those affected to visit <https://afsc.ca...>

... Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Jason Nixon
Minister

INITIAL ASBPC GRADE: INCOMPLETE

COMMENTS: The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The ASBPC sent a second letter requesting more detailed information to the ministry of AEP on April 25 with a response deadline of May 15, no further response was received.

RESOLUTION 5-22: EXEMPTION OF NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE FOR AGRICULTURE UNDER THE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION PRICING ACT

- WHEREAS:** The *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA) applies fuel charges to natural gas and propane used in agriculture operations, with the exception of greenhouses;
- WHEREAS:** The cost to Canadian farmers of the fuel charges for natural gas and propane are estimated to be \$235 million dollars by 2024;
- WHEREAS:** The Private Members Bill C-206 *An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to provide relief for the fuel charge passed the House of Commons and did not receive third reading in the Senate to pass into law prior to the 2021 Federal Election;
- WHEREAS:** Federal programs such as the Agricultural Clean Technology Program were to provide relief to farmers from the fuel surcharges for natural gas and propane, however, these programs are currently closed to new applications until Spring 2022;
- WHEREAS:** The fuel charges to natural gas and propane put Canadian farmers at a competitive disadvantage to international competitors that are not subject to fuel charges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Government of Canada Minister of Finance, with support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, amend the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to include natural gas and propane as exempted fuels for agriculture production.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA MINISTER OF FINANCE: none

RESPONSE AAFC:

Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

Thank you for your letter regarding the carbon pollution pricing system and its impact on Canadian producers. I appreciate being made aware of the views of the agriculture sector on this matter.

The competitiveness of the sector and the protection of the environment are key priorities for the Government. Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time, and taking action to address it requires engagement from all parts of society. Putting a price on carbon pollution is a

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC, MP

RESPONSE AEP:

Dear Sebastien Dutrisac;

Thank you for your letter regarding resolutions passed at the recent Agricultural Service Board (ASB) provincial conference. I welcome the opportunity to provide the following information....

...As shareholders and investors increasingly factor environmental, social and governance performance into investment decisions, Alberta will work to ensure the province receives recognition for our actions on climate change and leading regulatory systems. In May 2019, the Government of Alberta repealed the Climate Leadership Implementation Act, ending the collection of the provincial carbon levy in Alberta. Alberta no longer collects such taxes. The Government of Canada's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act is not a provincial policy and the Government of Alberta does not support the federal government's application of their policy on Albertans. I encourage you to contact The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, MP, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, and The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, to re-emphasize your concerns. Contact information for each Minister can be found at www.canada.ca by scrolling down to "Contact us."

Given Bill 206 is currently with the Senate, there might also be value in reaching out to senators who have been appointed to represent Alberta. Senators appointed to represent Alberta include: Patti LaBoucane-Benson, Paula Simons, Karen Sorensen and Scott Tannas. Contact information for each senator can be found at <https://sencanada.ca>.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Jason Nixon
Minister

INITIAL ASBPC GRADE: INCOMPLETE

COMMENTS: The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The Committee sent the minister of AAFC a letter requesting further details by May 15; no response was received.

RESOLUTION 6-22: AMENDMENTS TO THE ASB CONFERENCE RESOLUTION RULES OF PROCEDURE

- WHEREAS:** Resolutions are crucial to Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards’ advocacy efforts;
- WHEREAS:** Effective resolution advocacy relies on strongly-worded resolutions providing clear and concise direction as to the issue and preferred solution;
- WHEREAS:** Resolutions allow Agricultural Service Boards to bring forward issues that require action by other levels of government and direct the advocacy process;
- WHEREAS:** Resolutions are reviewed by the Regional Resolution Committee prior to the Regional Conference and reviewed by the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee prior to the Provincial Conference;
- WHEREAS:** The Regional Resolution Committee membership consists of a different member structure than the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee;
- WHEREAS:** The Agricultural Service Board Regional and Provincial Committee do not have the authority to require changes, aside from grammar, without the approval of the sponsoring municipality;
- WHEREAS:** The Agricultural Service Board Regional and Provincial Committee do not have the authority to identify when a resolution duplicates an issue already addressed through a previous resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee bring forward amendments to the Regional and Provincial ASB Conference Rules of Procedure for consistent ASB member representation, and to facilitate greater oversight of the review of resolutions, with the objectives to clarify the content within resolutions and reduce resolution duplication in consultation with the sponsoring municipality.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE:

RE: Response to Resolution 6-22: Amendments to the ASB Conference Resolution Rules of Procedure

The Agriculture Service Board Provincial Committee (Committee) has the privilege of serving the 69 ASBs across the province by working to achieve a collective voice that would facilitate and represent both the diversity and commonalities of ASBs. The Committee strives to provide better information and communication to ASBs about current issues and government policy, act as a resource for government ministries for policy and program review and development and elevate the significance of ASBs. The resolution process is a well-established process that plays a significant roll in achieving these objectives.

The Committee values the feedback from its members and is committed to continuous improvement. Since 2020, the Committee has increased communications through regular blog posts, submissions to the ASB newsletter, and direct email. Resolution responses are now posted on the blog and sent directly to the sponsoring municipality for their comments. Grading sheets are available online giving ASBs the ability to grade resolution responses as they are received. Changes have been made to the resolution report card to better capture the activities of the Committee and advancement of the resolutions. In addition, the executive assistant for the Committee has been available to engage with ASBs during resolution development to review and offer suggestions based on the current advocacy efforts.

The Committee is reviewing Resolution 6-22 and discussing changes to the Rules of Procedures. We have obtained a copy of the Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Resolution Process Policy and have been in contact with their staff on the same topic. In addition, the parliamentarian hired for the 2022 Resolution Session has provided the Committee with a report detailing suggestions for improvement. The Committee has committed to presenting changes to the Provincial and Regional Rules of Procedure at the 2023 Provincial ASB Conference for vote by the assembly.

In service,
Sebastien Dutrisac
ASB Provincial Committee Chair

GRADE:

COMMENTS: As this resolution is directed to the ASBPC, the grade will be determined by the submissions from the membership.