

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

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

Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Held virtually through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89327569106?pwd=cW56K0tXTDdmK0RyS282Sjh5QXZKZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 2756 9106 Passcode: 581259

And with Council physically present in the County Council Chambers, Smoky Lake

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 **August 16, 2022** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: August 16, 2022 – **Action List.** ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

4.1 Policy Statement 62-28-05 Mowing Program ©

4.2 Problem Wildlife Technician ©

5. Issues for Information:

5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©

5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©

5.3 2022 Mowing Progress Map. ©

- 5.4 2022 Herbicide Progress Map. ©
- 5.5 2022 Pest Monitoring Update. ©
- 5.6 2022 Report Card on the Resolutions. ©
- 5.7 2022 Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference. ©

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 Letter received from Jan J. Slaski, CHTA Director & Expert Researcher, Plant Sciences, InnoTech Alberta, dated September 12, 2022 RE:2022 National Hemp Conference. ©

Recommendation: Councils decision.

- 6.2 Letter received from Connie Huelsman, Agricultural Service Board Chair, Red Deer County, dated September 20, 2022 RE: Adequacy and Affordability of Crop Insurance for Market Gardens. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

7. Delegation(s):

- 7.1 Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Program Manager, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) @9:30 am 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, **August 16, 2022**, at 1:06 P.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in County Council Chambers.

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

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Present in Chambers
Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Tori Stang	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Communications Tech	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
GIS Operator	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present

Delegation: Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), was virtually present.

No Members of the Media were Present.
No Members of the Public were Present.

2. Agenda:

888-22: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, be adopted as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

889-22: Halisky That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.
Carried.

890-22: Fenerty That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Friday, June 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.
Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

No Requests for Decision.

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 - July 25 2022

Dan Gawalko councillor division one

- Wanda gave the chair report she attended the Ft. Kent field day on July 21 and will be meeting with RDAR on July 25.
- Still looking at purchasing a hauling truck some electrical issues with it this week.
- FARM RITE they are working on harmonized based funding,
- Kellie gave the executive director report she met with Brian Jean last week and told him about LARA Dave Hansen was out at our field day and will be meeting with him also.
- Amanda gave the research report maintaining plot sites and Megan will be starting silage trials soon.
- AESA report by Kellie doing CAP grant applications put out info on blue green algae for livestock.
- LFA report by Jay bulls are coming out on July 29 and lots of good grass so far.
- Financials were given and everything good maxing out on our fertilizer and chemical budgets because of cost increases.
- Discussed safety @ LARA purchased ratchet boomers not using old boomers with snipes no more inspecting fire extinguishers and will be placing 2 large ones in our trucks looking at working alone and updating other safety policies.
- All financials and meeting minutes can be viewed by contacting a staff member at the LARA office.
- Next meeting will be on Monday September 26/22 at Ashmont 9:00 am.

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson's Report

891-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman's report for the period: June 14, 2022 to August 11, 2022 in regard to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), be accepted for information.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board Department's Report

892-22: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board department's written Report as of August 16, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually joined the meeting, time 1:22 p.m.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:24 p.m.

2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map

893-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Mowing Progress Map as of August 8, 2022, for information.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program

894-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board bring forward the Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program, to the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting for review.

Carried.

2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map

895-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Roadside Spraying Progress Map as of August 8, 2022, for information.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Virtually present before Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from 1:31 p.m. to 1:37 p.m., was Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), to provide Council a verbal report of LARA activities, including but not limited to the following points:

- There were 20 people that attended the LARA Field Day in Smoky Lake County on August 10, 2022.
- Oats, top dressing, and hemp trials are left to harvest, all other trials were turned into silage on August 8 and 11, 2022.
- There will be a hemp demonstration (when it is ready to be cut down) at Charlie Leskiw's around the end of August or beginning of September with a couple days' notice to attend.

Amanda Mathiot, Cropping Coordinator, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), virtually left the meeting, time 1:38 p.m.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

896-22: Serben 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 August 16, 2022.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

2022 Weed Inspection Update

897-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board accept Smoky Lake County's Year-2022 Weed Inspection Update as of August 4, 2022, for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Government of Canada's Emissions Target for Synthetic Fertilizers

898-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledge receipt of the letter received from the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change, dated June 10, 2022, stating "the strengthened climate plan will invest \$165.7 million over seven years to support the agriculture industry in developing transformative clean technologies and help farmers adopt commercially available clean technology", in response to the County's letter in respect to the Government of Canada's Emissions Target for Synthetic Fertilizers.

Carried.

Wild Boar Containment Standards under the Agricultural Pests Act

899-22: Serben That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from Bruce Hamblin, Director Inspection and Investigation Section, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, dated June 14, 2022, in respect to an agreement for the Implementation of Wild Boar Containment Standards under the Agricultural Pests Act, be filed for information.

Carried.

Impact of Veterinary Medicine Education Opportunities and Entrance Requirements

900-22: Fenerty That the letter received by Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board from Neil Woitas, ASB Chair, Lamont County, dated June 23, 2022, in respect to a statement related to the Impact of Veterinary Medicine Education Opportunities and Entrance Requirements – Specifically for Rural Students, be filed for information.

Carried.

Ag for Life - Connecting Kids to Agriculture Funding

901-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board **take no action** to the letter received from Beth Halford, Manager Strategic Partnerships, Ag for Life, dated June 29, 2022, requesting funding for connecting Kids to Agriculture.

Carried.

Next Meeting

902-22: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, October 11, 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:

903-22: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of August 16, 2022, be adjourned, time 1:46 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

S E A L

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



ASB MEETING ACTION LIST FROM AUG. 16, 2022 AS OF 2022/10/05

6
GOALS

100%
GOAL COMPLETION

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

GOAL

Meeting...	Motio...	Goal	Details	Owner	Progress Update	Curr...
		2022 08 16 Agricultural Service Board				Comple 100 / 100
2022/08/1 6	894-22	→ Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program	That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board bring forward the Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program, to the next Agricultural Service Board Meeting for review.	Agricultural Fieldman	Amanda Kihn: Achievements: Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-28-05: Mowing Program will be brought forward to the October 11, 2022 ASB meeting. Challenges: <i>No value</i> Next Steps: <i>No value</i>	Comple 100 / 100
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REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	October 11 th , 2022	4.1												
TOPIC	Policy Statement 62-28-05 Mowing Program															
PROPOSAL	<p>BACKGROUND: A guideline for mowing the County right-of-ways to control noxious weeds and keep sightlines clear for traffic safety.</p> <p>Policy Statement No. 63-M-02: was originally adopted on (01) April 8, 2010. The objective of the Mowing Program was to control vegetation on County right-of-way, thereby providing improved sightlines for traffic as well as improving country-side esthetics and helping to control weeds in the mowed area. These guidelines were based on a two tractor/mower – two operator system.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white;"> <th style="width: 20%;">POLICY STATEMENT NO 62M-02 Management</th> <th style="width: 20%;">AMENDMENTS: Reason</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr style="background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <td>(01)</td> <td> <p>April 8, 2010</p> <p>All roads within the County will receive a shoulder pass once as a minimum. The County will be divided into two halves using RR 160 as a boundary. Priority roads (paved/oiled, high traffic, lakes/resorts) will be mowed three times coinciding with long weekends and special events. Every effort will be made to mow each zone twice.</p> </td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <td>(02)</td> <td> <p>November 6, 2014</p> <p>The County Council amended the received Management Policy to reflect the change in the number of mower operators and the right-of way. Changed wording “the Agricultural Fieldman or his designate” to “<u>their</u> designate.” Parks and Recreation will mow lakes/resorts, Hamlets, ball diamonds, Iron Horse Trail, etc..</p> </td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <td>(03)</td> <td> <p>October 12, 2017</p> <p>All County roads will receive a shoulder pass once as a minimum. The County will be divided into 3 zones, using RR 150 and HWY 855 as boundaries. Main roads into lake resorts will be mowed prior to the 4 long weekends in the summer.</p> </td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <td>(04)</td> <td> <p>April 17, 2018</p> <p>All roads within the County will receive one shoulder pass to the fenceline once as a minimum per year. The Iron Horse Trail will only be mowed once per growing season. Main roads into lake resorts will be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends in the summer, and only two passes per year.</p> </td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <td>(05)</td> <td> <p>May 24, 2018</p> <p>To ensure that Smoky Lake County Mowing Program is established and adhered to in accordance with <i>Policy Statement 62-28: Mowing Program</i>. Seasonal Mower operations will cease no later than November 1st. (<i>Most of the guidelines were removed from the management policy and included in new policy NO 62-28</i>).</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				POLICY STATEMENT NO 62M-02 Management	AMENDMENTS: Reason	(01)	<p>April 8, 2010</p> <p>All roads within the County will receive a shoulder pass once as a minimum. The County will be divided into two halves using RR 160 as a boundary. Priority roads (paved/oiled, high traffic, lakes/resorts) will be mowed three times coinciding with long weekends and special events. Every effort will be made to mow each zone twice.</p>	(02)	<p>November 6, 2014</p> <p>The County Council amended the received Management Policy to reflect the change in the number of mower operators and the right-of way. Changed wording “the Agricultural Fieldman or his designate” to “<u>their</u> designate.” Parks and Recreation will mow lakes/resorts, Hamlets, ball diamonds, Iron Horse Trail, etc..</p>	(03)	<p>October 12, 2017</p> <p>All County roads will receive a shoulder pass once as a minimum. The County will be divided into 3 zones, using RR 150 and HWY 855 as boundaries. Main roads into lake resorts will be mowed prior to the 4 long weekends in the summer.</p>	(04)	<p>April 17, 2018</p> <p>All roads within the County will receive one shoulder pass to the fenceline once as a minimum per year. The Iron Horse Trail will only be mowed once per growing season. Main roads into lake resorts will be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends in the summer, and only two passes per year.</p>	(05)	<p>May 24, 2018</p> <p>To ensure that Smoky Lake County Mowing Program is established and adhered to in accordance with <i>Policy Statement 62-28: Mowing Program</i>. Seasonal Mower operations will cease no later than November 1st. (<i>Most of the guidelines were removed from the management policy and included in new policy NO 62-28</i>).</p>
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POLICY STATEMENT NO 62-28 Governance	AMENDMENTS: Reason	
(01)	May 24, 2018	The mowing program will be developed and planned by the Agricultural Service Board and implemented through the Agricultural Services Department. The defined mowing area will consist three zones, divided using RR 150 and HWY 855 as boundaries. The mowing program will commence in June and will cease no later than November 1st. Developed road allowances: all grassy areas along oiled, or gravel, roads will be mowed once a year with a single pass (one cut) mowing from the roads edge to the fenceline where conditions allow. Main roads into lake resorts will only be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends (two passes per year). The Iron Horse Trail shall only be mowed once per season. <i>Schedule "A" <u>Approved Additional Mowing</u> was created.</i>
(02)	October 22, 2018	The Mowing Program will commence in the last week of June and will cease no later than November 1 st .
(03)	April 13, 2021	Ditch cleanup and equipment maintenance will commence 2 weeks prior to mowing program start date. One-pass herbicide mowers will begin mowing operation in the first week of June for more effective weed control. Non-herbicide mower operations will begin the last week of June. All mowing operations will cease no later than November 1 st . Developed Road Allowances will be mowed once a year mowing from roads edge to property line where conditions allow. Which may require several mowing passes to accomplish. The secondary passes should be a minimum of 5ft.
(04)	August 10, 2021	TWP 610 from RR 181 East to HWY 855 will be mowed in conjunction with the lake resorts prior to July and August long weekends (two seasonal passes per year).
(05)	December 14, 2021	A second seasonal shoulder pass will be completed once all developed road allowances have received the first seasonal pass to the property line. The second seasonal pass will be completed where the mowers began mowing in the early season and if there is high grass regrowth, and approved by the Agricultural Fieldman. This second seasonal pass will only be a 'shoulder pass' meaning one width of the mower, mowers will not need to go to the property line on this second seasonal pass.

Summary of recommended changes:

Return to two seasonal passes of mowing per season. Operators will start work at the beginning of May for 2 weeks of roadside prep and equipment maintenance. This will also allow for herbicide applicator mowers to attend herbicide stewardship and weed identification training via the AAAF spring training for seasonal staff.

The first seasonal mowing pass will be a shoulder pass to ensure every road in the county is mowed at least once in a timely fashion. Administration recommends Mowers will mow outwards from their 'home base' as opposed to starting in the north or south of their mowing zone. This will eliminate some of the high blading that was done traveling as mowing will be done as they work to and from where they are stationed.

The second seasonal mowing pass mowers will mow to the property line where able, with secondary passes being a minimum of 5 feet. This will control a lot of encroaching brush and weeds in the county right-of-way. Completing the wider mowing pass later in the season will enable mower operators to mow further in spots where it is usually too wet to mow in late May and early June with the spring runoff. Main roads into lake resorts will be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends. The Iron Horse Trail will be mowed once per season at the request of the Parks & Recreation Manager.

CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN

Mowing is a core program under the Weed Control Act section of the Ag Service Board Business Plan.

LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Fulfilling legislative duties under the Weed Control Act of Alberta

BENEFITS

By returning to a second seasonal pass mowing system, it will provide a higher level of safety to our ratepayers improving visibility of wildlife and the motoring public in a timely matter, and better weed management in the right-of-way. Where mowers begin mowing early in the season, on years with ideal growing conditions, grass grows back rapidly as if it were never mowed by August. As per the current policy we begin receiving ratepayer complaints in July wondering where the mower is and when they will be getting their road mowed as the grass is extremely tall. Going back to a two seasonal pass mowing system will alleviate these issues.

DISADVANTAGES

Will be more costly

ALTERNATIVES


FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget Available: \$100,690

Source of Funds: Operating Budget

Year	Expenses	Number of Passes
2021	76,556.63	1
2020	72,703.59	1
2019	61,515.19	1
2018	76,354.11	1
2017	100,167.90	2
2016	104,126.06	2
2015	91,300.34	2 (three operators)
2014	76,247.39	2 (two operators)

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	

RECOMMENDATION	
That the Smoky Lake County Council amend <i>Policy Statement 62-28-05 Mowing Program</i> , as presented.	
<i>Agricultural Fieldman</i>	

new changes

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Title: Mowing Program		Policy No.: 28-05
Section: 62	Code: P-R	Page No.: 1 of 3 <i>E</i>

Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes
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Purpose:	Smoky Lake County will govern the municipal mowing program on developed road allowances and County lands under the Agricultural Service Board.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. STATEMENT:

- 1.1 Smoky Lake County will mow developed road allowances annually to maintain safe visibility for the travelling public and to improve drainage of infrastructure.
- 1.2 The mowing program promotes effective control of weeds and brush within the municipal right-of-way encroaching the roads surface.
- 1.3 The County will mow County lands on a as needed basis.

2. DEFINITION(S):

- 2.1 **County Lands:** Property owned and/ operated by Smoky Lake County
- 2.2 **Developed Road Allowances:** Road allowances containing a gravel or hard surfaced roadway under the jurisdiction of Smoky Lake County.

3. OBJECTIVES:

- 3.1 Define areas that will be mowed within the right-of-way and on County lands.
- 3.2 Provide the level of right-of-way mowing as set out by the Agricultural Service Board.
- 3.3 The County's desire to achieve the following objectives with its roadside mowing program:
 - to assist with weed control by preventing the seed set of noxious weeds in the right-of-way and to cut any brush regrowth encroaching on the road
 - to enhance road maintenance with minimal gravel loss and allow positive drainage of rainwater to be more efficiently channeled to the right-of-way
 - to increase visibility of wildlife crossing and reduce obstructed visibility of signs at intersections for the safety of the travelling public
 - to provide a fire break and reduce the amount of fire load material in right-of-way.
 - To prevent drifting on roads, where the blowing snow will travel across the road, rather than being trapped by standing vegetation which will travel across

4. GUIDELINES:

- 4.1 The mowing program will be developed and planned by the Agricultural Service Board and implemented through the Agricultural Services Department. The defined mowing areas consist of three (3) zones, divided using range road 150 and Highway 855 as boundaries.

Title: Mowing Program		Policy No.: 28-05	
Section: 62	Code: P-R	Page No.: 2 of 3	E

Policy Statement and Guidelines:

- 4.2 Ditch clean-up **Roadside Prep** and equipment maintenance will commence 2 weeks prior to mowing program start date.
- 4.3 ~~One pass herbicide~~ Mowers will begin mowing operations the third week in May ~~the first— week of June for more effective weed control.~~ Non-herbicide mower operations will begin the last week of June. All mowing operations will cease no later than November 1st.
- 4.4 Mowing Operations consist of three (3) tractors and mowers used to cut grass, brush, and noxious weeds. These mowers are able to accomplish a significant amount of mowing and right-of-way clearing very efficiently when compared to other methods of mechanical control.
- 4.5 Without limiting the program or its effectiveness, it will generally be planned as following:
- 4.5.1 Developed Road Allowances **will be mowed twice a season:** All grassy areas along, oiled, or gravel roads will ~~be mowed once a year mowing from roads edge to property line where conditions allow~~ receive a **shoulder pass first, meaning one width of the mower.** A second seasonal ~~shoulder pass to the property line~~ will be completed once all developed road allowances have received the first seasonal **shoulder pass to the property line.** The second seasonal pass will be completed where the mowers began mowing in the early season and if there is high grass regrowth, and approved by the Agricultural Fieldman. ~~This second seasonal pass will only be a 'shoulder pass'— meaning one width of the mower, mowers will not need to go to the property line on this second seasonal pass.~~
- **Mowers will begin mowing outwards from their 'home base' to avoid high blading and eliminate unnecessary travel**
 - These secondary passes **to the property line** should be a minimum of 5ft.
 - Main roads into lake resorts will only be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends (two seasonal passes per year)
 - Township Road 610 from Range Road 181 East to Hwy 855 will be mowed in conjunction with the lake resorts prior to July and August long weekends (two seasonal passes per year)
 - The Iron Horse Trail shall only be mowed once per season
 - It is recognized that inclement weather, such as rain and early winter could prevent completion of the program
- 4.6 All other mowing requests will be at the discretion of the Agricultural Service Board and added to **Schedule "A" Approved Additional Mowing**

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved	May 24, 2018	# 581-18 - Page # 13130
Amended	October 22, 2018	#1030-18 - Page # 13312
Amended	April 13, 2021	# 572-21 - Page # 14597
Amended	August 10, 2021	#1009-21 - Page # 14755
Amended	December 14, 2021	# 108-21 - Page # 14883

Section 62

Policy: 28-05



SCHEDULE "A"
APPROVED ADDITIONAL MOWING

<p>Metis Crossing</p> <p>Smoky Lake Rodeo Grounds</p> <p>Smoky Lake Air Strip</p> <p>Hamlin Ball Diamonds</p> <p>Waskatenau Ball Diamonds</p> <p>Bellis Ball Diamonds</p> <p>Bonnie Lake Enviro Reserve 7921626</p>

Original

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Title: Mowing Program	Policy No.: 28-05
Section: 62	Code: P-R
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Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes
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Purpose:	Smoky Lake County will govern the municipal mowing program on developed road allowances and County lands under the Agricultural Service Board.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. STATEMENT:

- 1.1 Smoky Lake County will mow developed road allowances annually to maintain safe visibility for the travelling public and to improve drainage of infrastructure.
- 1.2 The mowing program promotes effective control of weeds and brush within the municipal right-of-way encroaching the roads surface.
- 1.3 The County will mow County lands on a as needed basis.

2. DEFINITION(S):

- 2.1 **County Lands:** Property owned and/ operated by Smoky Lake County
- 2.2 **Developed Road Allowances:** Road allowances containing a gravel or hard surfaced roadway under the jurisdiction of Smoky Lake County.

3. OBJECTIVES:

- 3.1 Define areas that will be mowed within the right-of-way and on County lands.
- 3.2 Provide the level of right-of-way mowing as set out by the Agricultural Service Board.
- 3.3 The County's desire to achieve the following objectives with its roadside mowing program:
 - to assist with weed control by preventing the seed set of noxious weeds in the right-of-way and to cut any brush regrowth encroaching on the road
 - to enhance road maintenance with minimal gravel loss and allow positive drainage of rainwater to be more efficiently channeled to the right-of-way
 - to increase visibility of wildlife crossing and reduce obstructed visibility of signs at intersections for the safety of the travelling public
 - to provide a fire break and reduce the amount of fire load material in right-of-way.
 - To prevent drifting on roads, where the blowing snow will travel across the road, rather than being trapped by standing vegetation which will travel across

4. GUIDELINES:

- 4.1 The mowing program will be developed and planned by the Agricultural Service Board and implemented through the Agricultural Services Department. The defined mowing areas consist of three (3) zones, divided using range road 150 and Highway 855 as boundaries.

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Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
4.2	Ditch clean-up and equipment maintenance will commence 2 weeks prior to mowing program start date.
4.3	One-pass herbicide mowers will begin mowing operation the first week of June for more effective weed control. Non-herbicide mower operations will begin the last week of June. All mowing operations will cease no later than November 1 st .
4.4	Mowing Operations consist of three (3) tractors and mowers used to cut grass, brush, and noxious weeds. These mowers are able to accomplish a significant amount of mowing and right-of-way clearing very efficiently when compared to other methods of mechanical control.
4.5	Without limiting the program or its effectiveness, it will generally be planned as following:
4.5.1	Developed Road Allowances: All grassy areas along, oiled, or gravel roads will be mowed once a year mowing from roads edge to property line where conditions allow. A second seasonal shoulder pass will be completed once all developed road allowances have received the first seasonal pass to the property line. The second seasonal pass will be completed where the mowers began mowing in the early season and if there is high grass regrowth, and approved by the Agricultural Fieldman. This second seasonal pass will only be a 'shoulder pass' meaning one width of the mower, mowers will not need to go to the property line on this second seasonal pass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These secondary passes should be a minimum of 5ft. • Main roads into lake resorts will only be mowed prior to the July and August long weekends (two seasonal passes per year) • Township Road 610 from Range Road 181 East to Hwy 855 will be mowed in conjunction with the lake resorts prior to July and August long weekends (two seasonal passes per year) • The Iron Horse Trail shall only be mowed once per season • It is recognized that inclement weather, such as rain and early winter could prevent completion of the program
4.6	All other mowing requests will be at the discretion of the Agricultural Service Board and added to Schedule "A" Approved Additional Mowing

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved	May 24, 2018	# 581-18 - Page # 13130
Amended	October 22, 2018	#1030-18 - Page # 13312
Amended	April 13, 2021	# 572-21 - Page # 14597
Amended	August 10, 2021	#1009-21 - Page # 14755
Amended	December 14, 2021	# 108-21 - Page # 14883



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SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Title: Mowing Operations	Policy No.: 02-05
Section: 62 – M	Code: P-R
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Purpose:	To outline mowing operational procedures and give guidance to the Agricultural Services Mower Operators. Mowing operational procedures are based on a three tractor / mower – three operator system.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
1. STATEMENT:	
1.1 To ensure Smoky Lake County Mowing Program is established and adhered to in accordance with <i>Policy Statement 62-28: Mowing Program.</i>	
2. OBJECTIVES:	
2.1 The objective of the Mowing Program is to control unwanted vegetation, such as Noxious weeds and/or brush within the County Right-of-Way, thereby providing improved safety for the motoring public, while improving country-side esthetics and helping to control weeds in the mowed area. Smoky Lake County will mow from the roads edge to the municipal right-of-way boundary wherever possible.	
3. GUIDELINES:	
3.1 Each mower operator will be assigned a zone within the County.	
3.2 Seasonal mowing operations will cease no later than November 1 st .	
4. PROCEDURES:	
4.1 Mower Operators	
4.1.1 Mower Operators must be knowledgeable of and adhere to the Smoky Lake County Safety Policies.	
4.1.2 As this is a seasonal position, mower operators will be required to put in overtime hours to reach targets. A minimum of 50 hours per week the operator will be required to reach targets.	
4.1.3 Mower Operators will plan out a weekly mowing schedule on Monday mornings after the safety meeting. Every effort will be made to operate as efficiently as possible (e.g., not leaving un-mowed areas, eliminating unnecessary travel and eliminating as much “highblading” as possible).	

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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

4.1.4 Mowing Maps are to be updated and handed in weekly with time sheets.

4.1.5 Mower Operators may be expected to complete other duties as directed by the Agricultural Fieldman.

4.2 Equipment Maintenance

4.2.1 Mower Operators will be fully competent in the operation of the day-to-day maintenance of tractor and mower, and be able to carry out the mowing program in a safe and timely manner.

4.2.2 All maintenance must be recorded and Mower Operators will assist shop staff in maintenance and repair of mowing equipment.

5. MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Agricultural Fieldman or their designate will be responsible for the direction and management of the mowing program. Complaints should be directed to the Agricultural Fieldman or their designate.

5.2 Record and maintain a current daily account of areas mowed, associated problems occurred and other requested relevant information.

5.3 Report all accidents and/or near accidents to the supervisor in the earliest possible time frame.

5.4 Assist in the removal of all brush, stones, and/or debris from municipal property prior to roadside mowing as directed by the immediate supervisor.

5.5 In cooperation with other employees, ensure the County shop yard is in a clean and orderly fashion.

	Date		
Approved	April 8, 2010	#527-10 - Page 9329	Chief Administrative Officer
Amended	November 6, 2014	#115-14 - Page 11460	
Amended	October 12, 2017	#1121-17 – Page 12817	
Amended	April 17, 2018	# 439-18 - Page 13070	
Amended	May 24, 2018	# 582-18 - Page 13131	



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	October 11 th , 2022	4.2
TOPIC	Problem Wildlife Technician			
PROPOSAL	<p>The need for a beaver and muskrat management plan for Smoky Lake County has become apparent with the influx of beaver population and the severely wet years. Most recently there has been policy changes at both the Federal and Provincial levels. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) now requires a Request for Review for any blasting activity that is going to take place, and blasting must take place from July 15th- November 1st. If the County chooses to remove a dam via hand methods, or equipment then a Notification Form is required to be filled out and sent into the DFO. Additionally, Smoky Lake County has been notified that any trapping that needs to take place on <i>Crown Land</i> should be taking place during the trapping season which begins October 1st- June 1st North of Hwy 28 and begins October 15th- May 15th South of Hwy 28. The need to have a Problem Wildlife Technician on year-round would benefit Smoky Lake County as all DFO requirements could be dealt with in the winter months for preapprovals for blasting and if the Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is going to require that all <i>Crown Land</i> trapping take place in the winter months this will allow us to prevent problems areas from popping up when Spring thaw occurs. Trapping in winter allows us to protect shorelines of our lakes. It is hazardous to trap these areas when there is open water due to pets, children and the general public activities that take place during the summer.</p> <p>In addition to the AEP trapping requirements and DFO permitting, the County dog catching has also been integrated into the Problem Wildlife Technician duties. If we choose to have the dog catching service in-house there needs to be someone who is available to go and deal with strays year-round. This has proven to be successful over the Problem Wildlife Technicians trial period.</p> <p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior to 2016 Smoky Lake County did not employ a full-time seasonal trapper for the purpose of trapping problem beavers within County right-of-ways. Beginning in the early 2000's there was an independent contractor who installed and maintained flow devices and trapped seasonally on an as needed basis. - 2016 an in-house seasonal trapper was hired to trap in the spring and fall. A third-party contractor was still installing and maintaining flow devices and trapping. - In 2018 the seasonal trapper that was hired began learning how to install and maintain the flow devices from the contractor, who was retiring, in addition to beaver trapping duties. - In 2019 the seasonal trapper took over all flow device installation and maintenance as well as began cleaning culvert grates and culverts with the Public Works Department. Also began addressing damage caused to roads by muskrats. - In 2020 a secondary contract trapper was hired to assist the in-house trapper with trapping, pond leveler installation and maintenance, culvert grate cleaning and blasting. - In 2021 Smoky Lake County Council approved a year's trial of a fulltime Problem Wildlife Technician. The Problem Wildlife Technician was able to trap many hard to access and unsafe locations over the winter that would not have been accessible in the spring or fall. The Problem Wildlife Technician took over all stray dog catching for the County. <p>The Problem Wildlife Technician is currently providing all of the above duties to the County. He currently has 95 banked hours in excess of his designated hours.</p>			



	<p>Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Policy Statement No. 01-03-28: Organizational Chart – Personnel Positions. <p>1. Agricultural Service Board Department: Position re-classification. <u>Problem Wildlife Technician</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Background for Staffing Position(s). Outlines detailed information how the staffing position impacts the Department with the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Proposed Enhancement. ▶ Opportunity for Improvement. ▶ Operations Overview and Implications. ▶ Budget. ▶ Supporting Documentation. ■ Policy Statement 1-M-35-01: Problem Wildlife Technician – Job Description.
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CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN

4. Problem Wildlife Program

LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS	Policy 62-10-06 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart
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BENEFITS	Increase internal efficiencies by having one individual responsible for the entire problem wildlife permitting process including but not limited to beaver management, and dog catching.
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DISADVANTAGES	<i>none</i>
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ALTERNATIVES	Contract trapping, flow device installs/maintenance and dog catching.
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FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Operating Costs: 57,000	Capital Costs:
Budget Available:	Source of Funds:
Budgeted Costs:	Actual Costs:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS	
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COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	
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RECOMMENDATION

That Smoky Lake County Council approve a permanent full-time salaried Problem Wildlife Technician position.

Agricultural Fieldman	
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SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Title: Animal Control Technician	Policy No.:
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Classification:	Out of Scope
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Purpose:	<p>The Trapper shall report directly to the Agricultural Fieldman.</p> <p>As part of a municipal team, the Problem Wildlife Technician provides coordination, and technical expertise to environmentally responsible trapping. The purpose of the position is to facilitate the humane and responsible removal of problem beavers to maintain County owned infrastructure. The Problem Wildlife Technician is also responsible for maintenance and installation of all County owned flow devices "pond levelers". Additionally, to the beaver trapping the Problem Wildlife Technician is responsible for dog catching within Smoky Lake County and other problem wildlife as needed.</p>
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Administrative

- 1.1 Assist the Agricultural Fieldman in all required Federal and Provincial documentation including but not limited to Department of Fisheries and Oceans permits.
- 1.2 Collect any easements for work required on private land to protect County infrastructure.
- 1.3 Ensure any Agricultural Service Board policies pertaining to trapping or dog catching are reviewed annually with the Agricultural Fieldman to ensure they are maintained up to date.
- 1.4 Maintain daily records of beavers, muskrats and dogs caught.
- 1.5 Document any complaints received and report to Agricultural Fieldman.
- 1.6 Update and maintain GIS records
- 1.7 Attend Workshops and Training to keep up to date on current humane trapping methods.
- 1.8 Host public education and awareness workshops on an as need basis.

Title: Problem Wildlife Technician	Policy No.:
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
<p>2. <u>Problem Wildlife Control:</u></p> <p>2.1 Assess damages to County owned infrastructure caused by problem wildlife and remove when necessary.</p> <p>2.2 Install and maintain flow devices “pond levelers” to prevent damages where possible.</p> <p>2.3 Respond to ratepayer complaints originating from County property.</p> <p>2.4 Clean culverts that have been blocked by beaver and muskrat activity.</p> <p>2.5 Reporting incidental catches to Fish & Wildlife.</p> <p>2.6 Contacting stakeholders in regards to collaboration efforts.</p> <p>3. <u>Dog Catching:</u></p> <p>3.1 Respond to ratepayer reports of loose dogs within Smoky Lake County</p> <p>3.2 Pick-up or capture dogs and take them to the local pound or if possible, reunite them with owners.</p> <p>3.3 Ensure adequate records are kept regarding stray pick-ups and ratepayer interactions</p> <p>3.4 Injured dogs must be taken to the vet for assessment.</p> <p>4. <u>Flow Devices and Blasting:</u></p> <p>4.1 Assist the Agricultural Fieldman in all required Federal and Provincial documentation including but not limited to Department of Fisheries and Oceans permits</p> <p>4.2 Maintaining explosives magazine inventory and ensuring all proper documentation is completed.</p> <p>4.3 Complete private land blasting as required and when time permits.</p> <p>4.4 Install flow devices on County right-of-way's and private property when in the interest of the County.</p> <p>4.5 Pick-up flow device supplies from suppliers when needed.</p> <p>4.6 Attend workshops and training to strengthen existing knowledge on flow device design, installation processes, and legal responsibilities required when installing devices.</p>	

Title: Problem Wildlife Technician	Policy No.: 13-01
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	Date	<hr/> Chief Administrative Officer
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GOALS

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GOAL COMPLETION

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PLAN

(ASB) PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
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Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Administrative Activity 2022 : 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend weekly toolbox meetings @ shop • Weekly Managers Meetings • ASB Meeting August 16 • Budget Prep & Capital Budget forms • Landowner inquiries regarding weed awareness letters • Surface Lease discussions August 22 & 31 • Using eDNA to detect Wild Boar webinar September 6 • Tori & Amanda took Weed Free Forage Inspector training September 14 • Joint Health & Safety Committee meeting August 18 & September 15 • LARA check-in call September 19 • County Departmental Meeting September 20 • Received a surprised pesticide storage inspection from Alberta Environment on October 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ awaiting the formal report but there are some problems we have corrected in the meantime such as disposing of old pesticide and additional signage • Strategic Planning Sessions September 27 & 28 • Ag Budget Meeting October 3 • ASB Meeting prep October 3, 4, 5 <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/09/15</p>	80% 80 / 100% 38% ahead	2022/08/02	2022/12/31
ASB Environmental Services 2022 : 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ag Department staff attended LARA Smoky Lake Summer Field day on August 10th • Jimmy Emmons: Long Live the Soil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ can find video of this day on LARA's Youtube • Upcoming Events: 	75% 75 / 100% 25% behind	2017/12/31	2022/12/31

Cowbytes Workshop October 26th

Learn how to make the most of your feed, and meet all of your livestock's nutritional requirements by creating your own rations through Cowbytes, led by Barry Yaremcio.

Forage Webinar Series

Join us November 8, 22, and 29th for all things forages. A great array of speakers and different forage topics throughout the series including seeding perennial forages, stand rejuvenation techniques and species selection.

Lesley Kelly - November 17th

Lesley will once again be joining us for an evening at Ashmont for a presentation of When Stress is More than a Season. Farming can be both a rewarding and demanding occupation where farmers experience highs and lows and mounting stress. Everyone feels stress and there can be lots of negative stress on the farm. As farmers, we know how to recognize stress in our livestock, crops, and equipment. But do we know how to recognize when stress is too much for us and what we can do to help get through those stressful times?

In this presentation, Lesley will share 5 tips using her "Weather the STORM" strategy and the things she's learned that have helped her family and farm get through stressful times such as:

- S - Stress: What stress is and the signs and symptoms to watch out for
- T - Take Action: How to recognize and ask yourself when stress is too much; and knowing that your stress is real but it may be different to what someone else is going through
- O - Open Communication: How our farm overcame the stresses together through communication and how to talk about mental health on the farm and in agriculture.
- R - Relationships: What to do when stress from the farm and relationships spill over into each other and can impact our relationships and potentially, the farm
- M - Management: Stress management tips and tools to help yourself and others when stress is high and immediate and long term strategies

Young Farmers Social - November 18th

A night for young farmers to network, have a fantastic meal and a short presentation by Lesley Kelly on leadership lessons to create positive change.

Innovation on the Ranch - November 23rd

Take the day to learn about new technologies and innovations that can help improve efficiencies and profitability on your livestock operation. The day will feature virtual fencing, GPS tags, electrical fencing, offsite watering systems, herd health improvements, drones and so much more!

Growing Your Profit From the Ground Up - December 16th

Jay Fuhrer, Jimmy Emmons and Dr. Kris Nichols will be joining us on December 16th for a fantastic day to discuss soil health and how to gain profitability from different

management strategies.

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2022/09/15

Council Member Inquiry 2022 : 100%

NEW Amanda Kihn:

Achievements: Council Member inquiries tracked tracked via Service Tracker

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2022/10/05

Crop Surveying 2022 : 100%

NEW Amanda Kihn:

Achievements:

- Completed 2 wheat head surveys for Alberta Agriculture
 - 500 wheat heads collected per field and sent away to test for Fusarium levels
- Grasshopper surveys for Alberta Ag were completed August 15-18
- Have begun our Clubroot surveys - we aim to do 100 Canola fields every year
 - 63 Clubroot surveys completed as of October 4th
 - 12 new positive locations

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2022/09/15

Mowing Activity 2022 : 100%

NEW Amanda Kihn:

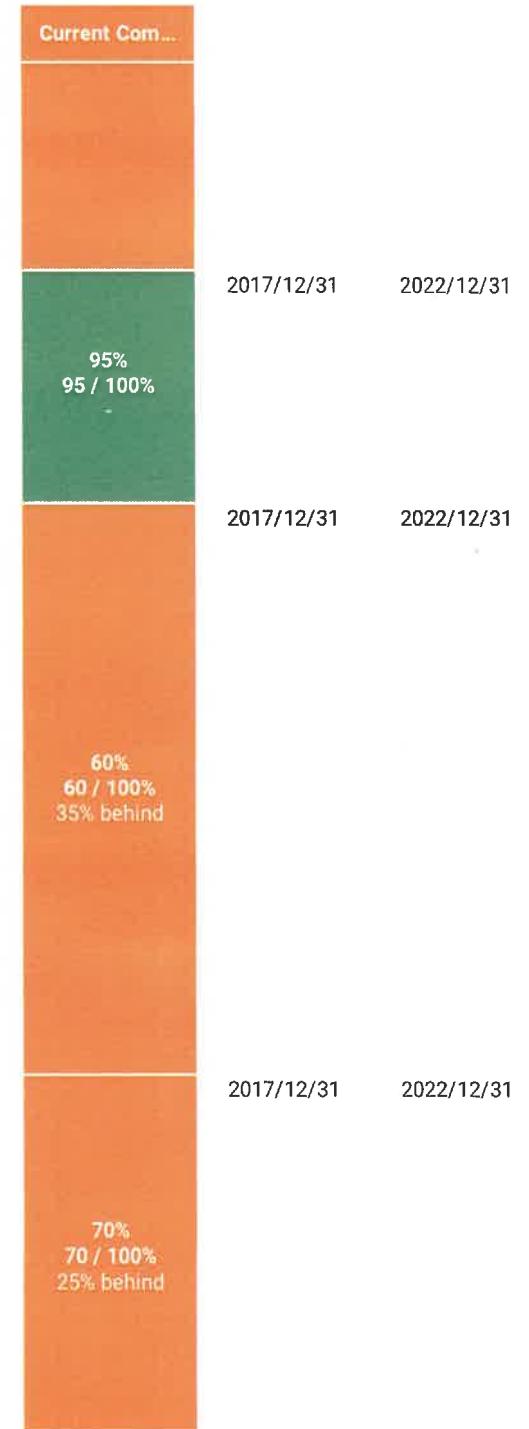
Achievements:

- Mowers in all 3 zones have completed their first mowing pass as of September 30th and are beginning on their second seasonal shoulder pass where they mowed early on in the season and the grass has high regrowth.

Challenges:

Next Steps: *No value*

2022/09/15



Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Pest Control 2022 : 100% ↳ Problem Wildlife (Beaver Control) 2022	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since August 16th report for council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 30 beavers ◦ 1 wild boar call ◦ 6 dog calls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2 dogs taken to pound ◦ 2 pond levelers repaired <p>Challenges: AB Environment submissions for work on Crown Land continue to be a challenge.</p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/08/02</p>	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 0% 0 / 100% 95% behind </div> <div style="background-color: #4CAF50; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> 60% 60 / 100 60% ahead </div>	2017/12/31 2020/01/01	2022/12/31 2022/12/31
Spraying 2022 : 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spraying has been completed for the season as of September 12th <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winterize spray trucks • Triple rinse and take in herbicide jugs <p>2022/09/15</p>	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 72% 72 / 100% 23% behind </div>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31

Goal	Progress Update	Current Com...	Start Date	Due Date
Training Activity 2022 : 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda & Tori attended a Weed Free Forage Inspector training day on September 14th in Yellowhead County put on by the Alberta Invasive Species Council <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: Prepare some guidelines for Ag Fieldmen performing inspections on private land and advertise the program. 2022/09/15</p>	<p>84% 84 / 100% 11% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31
Weed Control 2022 : 100%	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements: Weed Inspections have been wrapped up for the season as of September 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 716 Weed Inspections on private land completed <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/10/05</p>	<p>85% 85 / 100% 10% behind</p>	2017/12/31	2022/12/31
<p>→ Weed Inspections (Copy) 0 Inspection(s)</p>		<p>101% 77 / 100 Inspection(s)</p>	2021/01/01	2021/12/31
Safety Activity 2022	<p>NEW Amanda Kihn:</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend weekly toolbox meetings at the Shop Attend Joint Health & Safety Meetings August 18th and September 15th <p>Challenges: <i>No value</i></p> <p>Next Steps: <i>No value</i> 2022/10/05</p>	<p>76% 76 / 100 16% behind</p>	2020/01/01	2022/12/31

Alberta Crop Report



Crop Conditions as of September 27, 2022 (Abbreviated)

Over the past week, harvest completion of major crops across the province has increased from 76 to 88 per cent. As can be seen on the below map, with exception of the Peace region, Alberta was well below historical normal for September precipitation allowing harvest to proceed without significant interruption. Spring wheat, barley and dry peas are nearing completion at 95, 95 and 99 per cent harvested respectively. Oats, at 86 per cent harvested, and canola, at 75 per cent harvested, are the major crops with significant acreage left still standing or in the swath. Over the past week, combining of canola has increased from 54 per cent completion to now 75 per cent, with an additional 14 per cent swathed. Only seven per cent of major crops in Alberta are now left standing, much lower than the 24 per cent five-year average. Many producers across the province have or will finish their harvest season earlier than long-term normal.

Table 1: Estimates of Crop Harvest Progress as of September 27, 2022

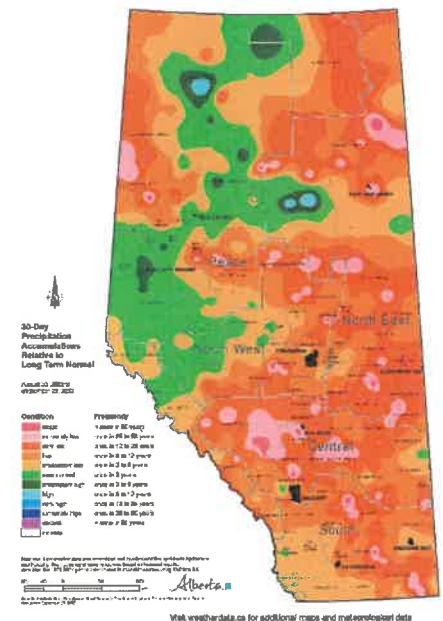
	Per cent of Crops Combined					
	South	Central	N East	N West	Peace	Alberta
Spring Wheat*	98.4%	95.9%	97.6%	89.3%	87.4%	95.3%
Barley*	99.2%	96.6%	95.5%	91.2%	83.2%	95.4%
Oats*	99.0%	91.5%	92.4%	78.1%	80.7%	85.9%
Canola*	92.2%	64.1%	81.0%	55.2%	74.3%	74.8%
Dry Peas*	99.9%	100%	100%	100%	93.4%	98.6%
Major Crops (*), Sep 27	97.0%	85.5%	90.2%	75.1%	81.1%	87.6%
Major Crops (*), Sep 20	91.5%	75.9%	72.7%	59.1%	68.3%	75.6%
Major Crops, Last Year	94.0%	94.1%	95.5%	80.4%	71.3%	89.5%
5-yr (2017-2021) Avg	85.9%	60.7%	48.1%	37.3%	36.6%	57.3%
10-yr (2012-2021) Avg	86.3%	58.4%	55.4%	48.3%	54.6%	62.6%

Source: AFRED/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Table 2: Alberta Surface Soil Moisture Ratings as of September 27, 2022

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excessive
South	39.3%	49.7%	10.4%	0.6%	0.0%
Central	23.1%	44.9%	32.0%	0.0%	0.0%
North East	39.8%	38.2%	21.4%	0.6%	0.0%
North West	15.8%	43.8%	39.5%	0.9%	0.0%
Peace	28.9%	21.6%	45.6%	4.0%	0.0%
Province	31.2%	42.6%	25.4%	0.8%	0.0%
5-year (2017-2021) Avg	17.9%	23.0%	41.6%	16.1%	1.5%
10-year (2012-2021) Avg	14.1%	24.1%	44.5%	16.1%	1.2%

Source: AFRED/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey



Pastures are being reported at below historical normal growing conditions and 31 per cent of Alberta pasture land is reported as poor. Currently only 25 per cent of Alberta's pasture land is reported as good or excellent, well below the 10-year average of 44 per cent. Late summer and fall drying trends continue across the province. The Peace region is reporting 60 per cent of pastures as poor and also reports some of the lowest sub-surface soil moisture ratings in the province. The Peace received significant rainfall last week. However, despite this rain and favorable spring moisture even the Peace is now below average long-term soil moisture. Other regions and especially the South are reporting continued decreases to surface soil moisture. Across the province, 31 per cent of farmland is reported as poor surface soil moisture, more than double the 10-year average of 14 per cent. Only one percent is reported as excellent surface soil moisture and there is no reported excessive moisture.



Our thanks to Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen and staff of AFSC for their partnership and contribution to the Alberta Crop Reporting Program.

The climate map is compiled by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Natural Resource Management Branch.



Regional Assessments:

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

- Warm, dry conditions have led to the harvest season for major crops nearing completion. With exception of canola, which is four per cent still standing and another four per cent in the swath, all major crops are basically finished harvest at 98 per cent or higher of combining completed.
- Surface soil moisture conditions (sub-surface shown in brackets) are rated as 39 (49) per cent poor, 50 (42) per cent fair, 10 (nine) per cent good and zero (zero) per cent excellent.

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

- Dry peas are 100 per cent harvested and spring cereals from 92 to 97 per cent complete. Canola is 64 per cent combined and 23 per cent in the swath. Pastures and fall-seeded crops are reported stressed from lack of moisture. Seventy per cent of fall-seeded crops are reported as poor or fair.
- Surface soil moisture conditions (sub-surface shown in brackets) are rated as 23 (28) per cent poor, 45 (43) per cent fair, 32 (28) per cent good and zero (zero) per cent excellent.

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

- Dry peas are 100 per cent harvested and spring cereals from 92 to 98 per cent complete. Canola is 81 per cent combined and seven per cent in the swath and is reported in highly variable maturity.
- Surface soil moisture conditions (sub-surface shown in brackets) are rated as 40 (26) per cent poor, 38 (38) per cent fair, 21 (33) per cent good and one (three) per cent excellent.

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

- Dry peas are 100 per cent harvested and spring cereals from 78 per cent (oats) to 91 per cent. Canola harvest is the regionally lowest progress of the province at 55 per cent harvested and another 31 per cent in the swath. Variable canola maturity and yields are reported. Eighty-eight per cent of fall-seeded crops are reported as poor or fair.
- Surface soil moisture conditions (sub-surface shown in brackets) are rated as 16 (three) per cent poor, 44 (29) per cent fair, 40 (67) per cent good and one (zero) per cent excellent.

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

- Dry peas are 93 per cent harvested, spring cereals from 81 to 87 per cent harvested and canola is 74 per cent harvested. Last week's reported rains only delayed harvest by one or two days across the region. Pasture is variable and reported mostly as either good (30 per cent) or poor (60 per cent).
- Surface soil moisture conditions (sub-surface shown in brackets) are rated as 29 (42) per cent poor, 22 (18) per cent fair, 46 (28) per cent good and four (two) per cent excellent.

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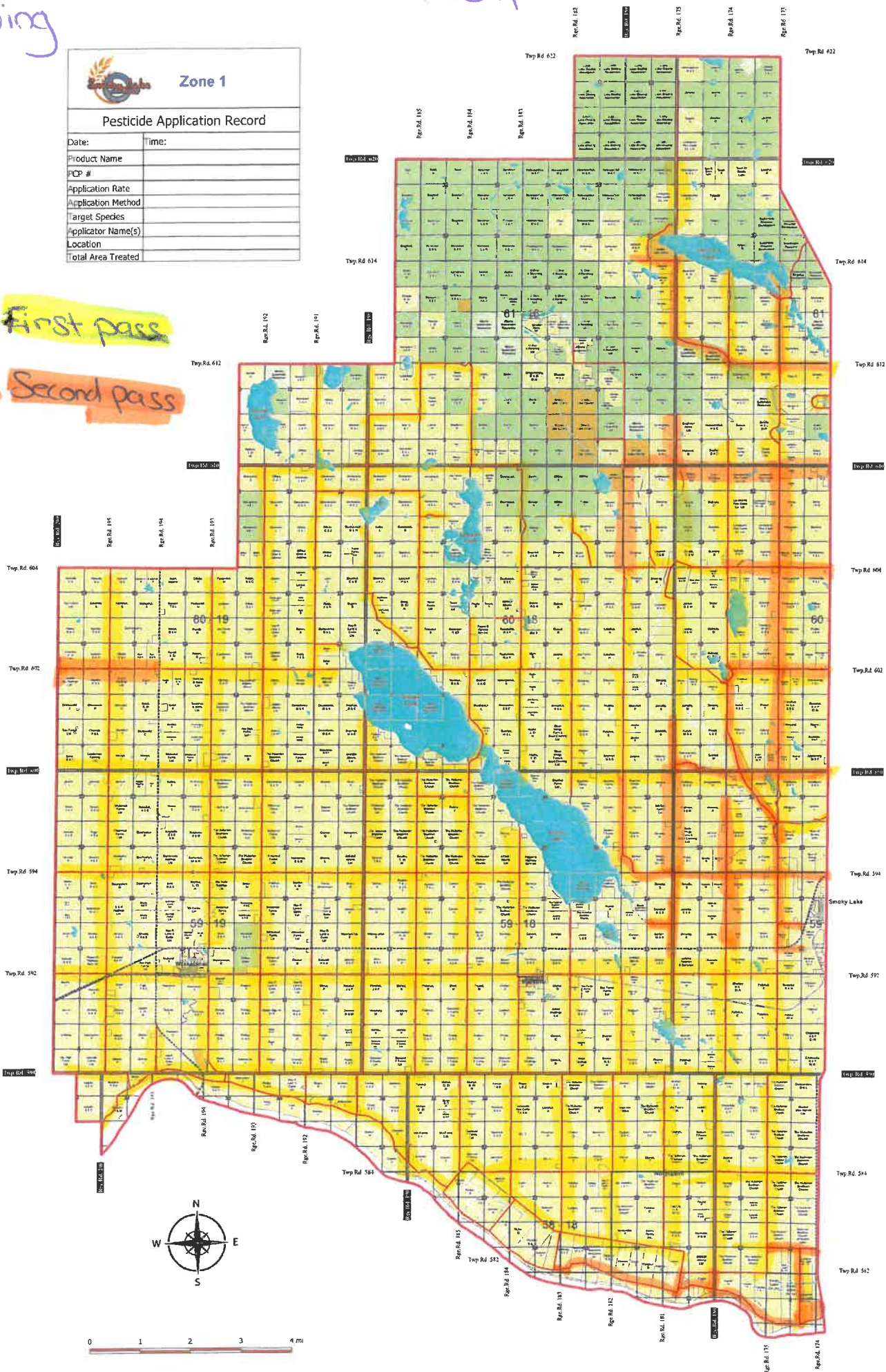
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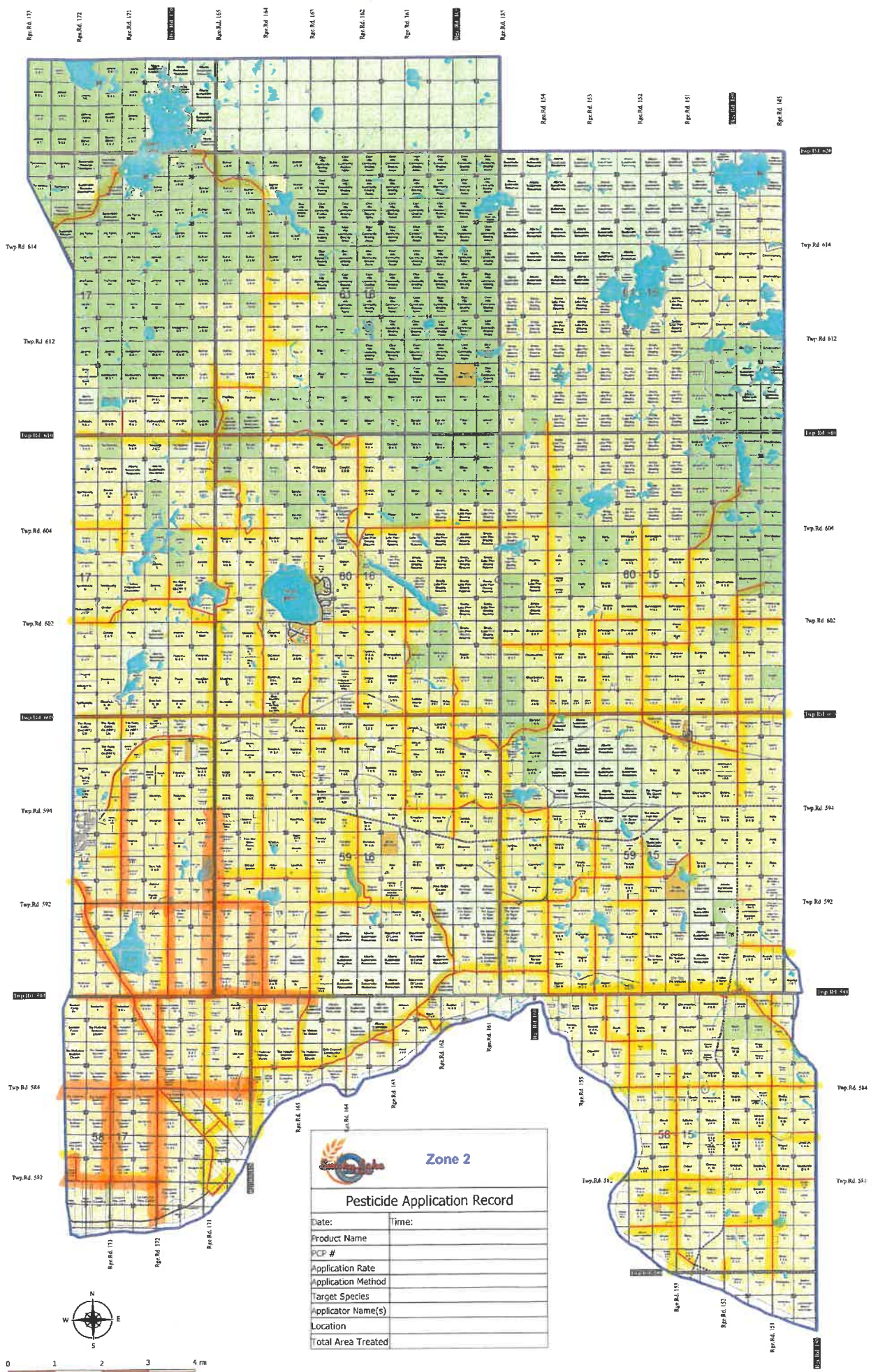
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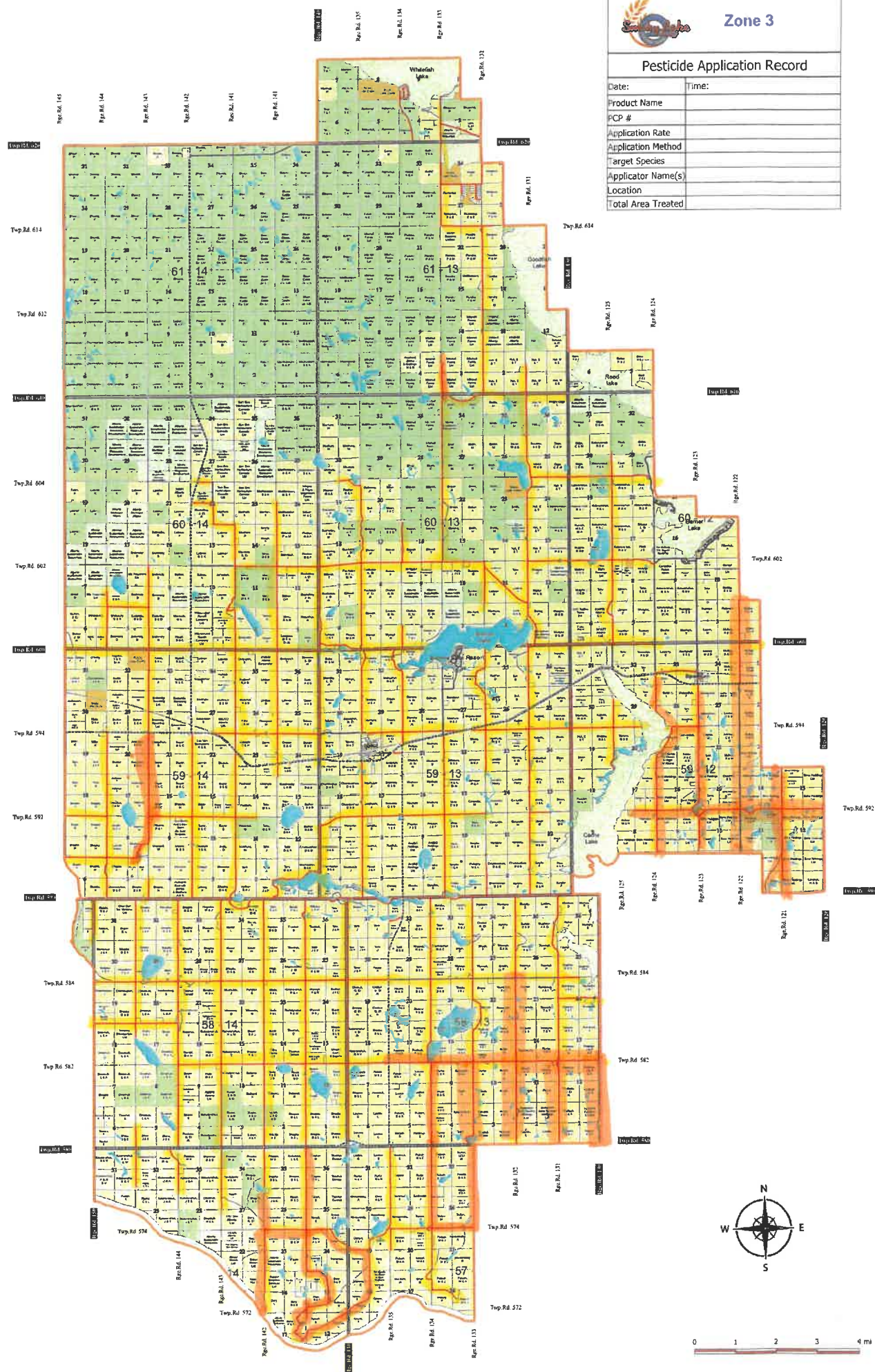
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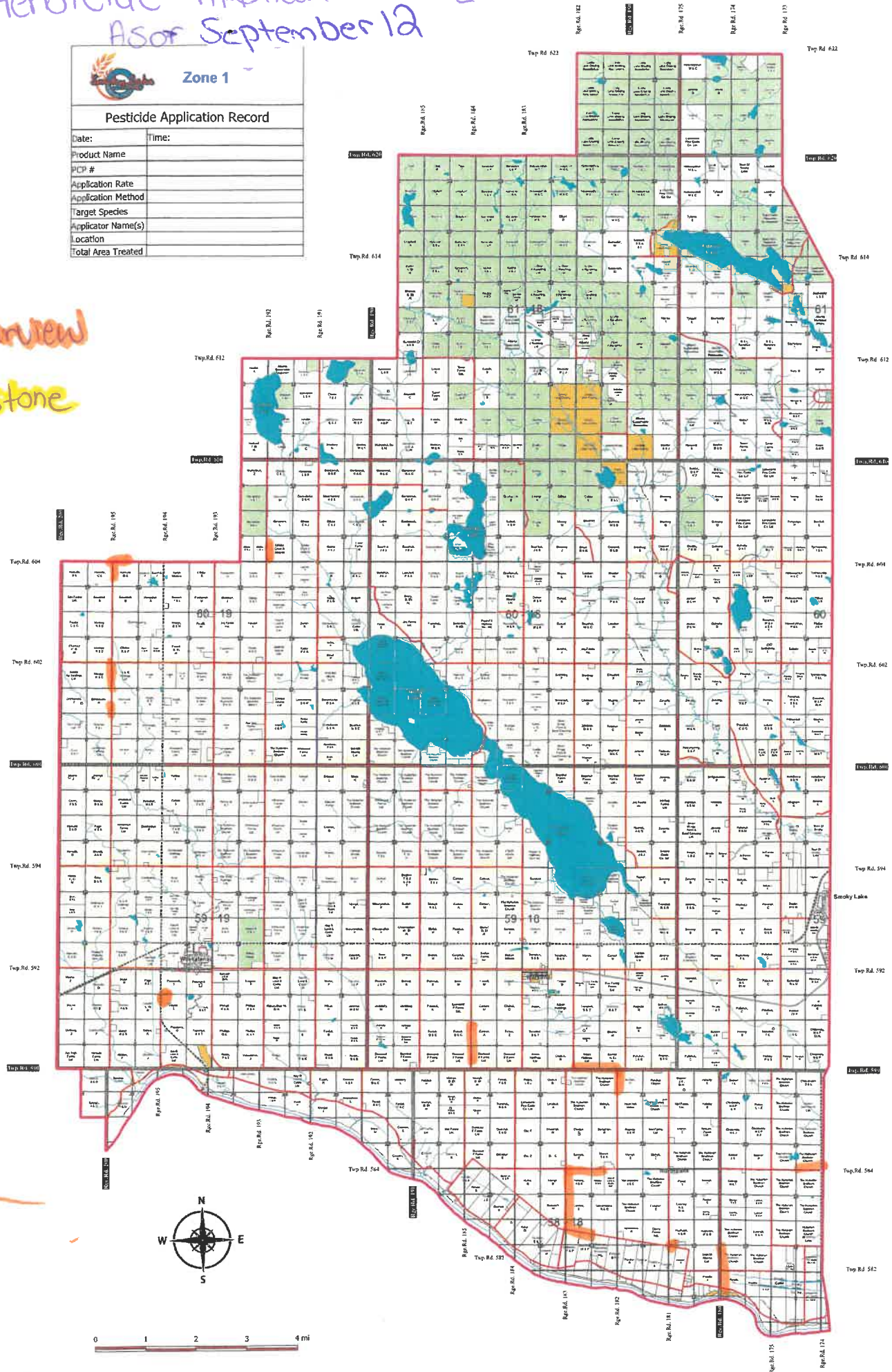


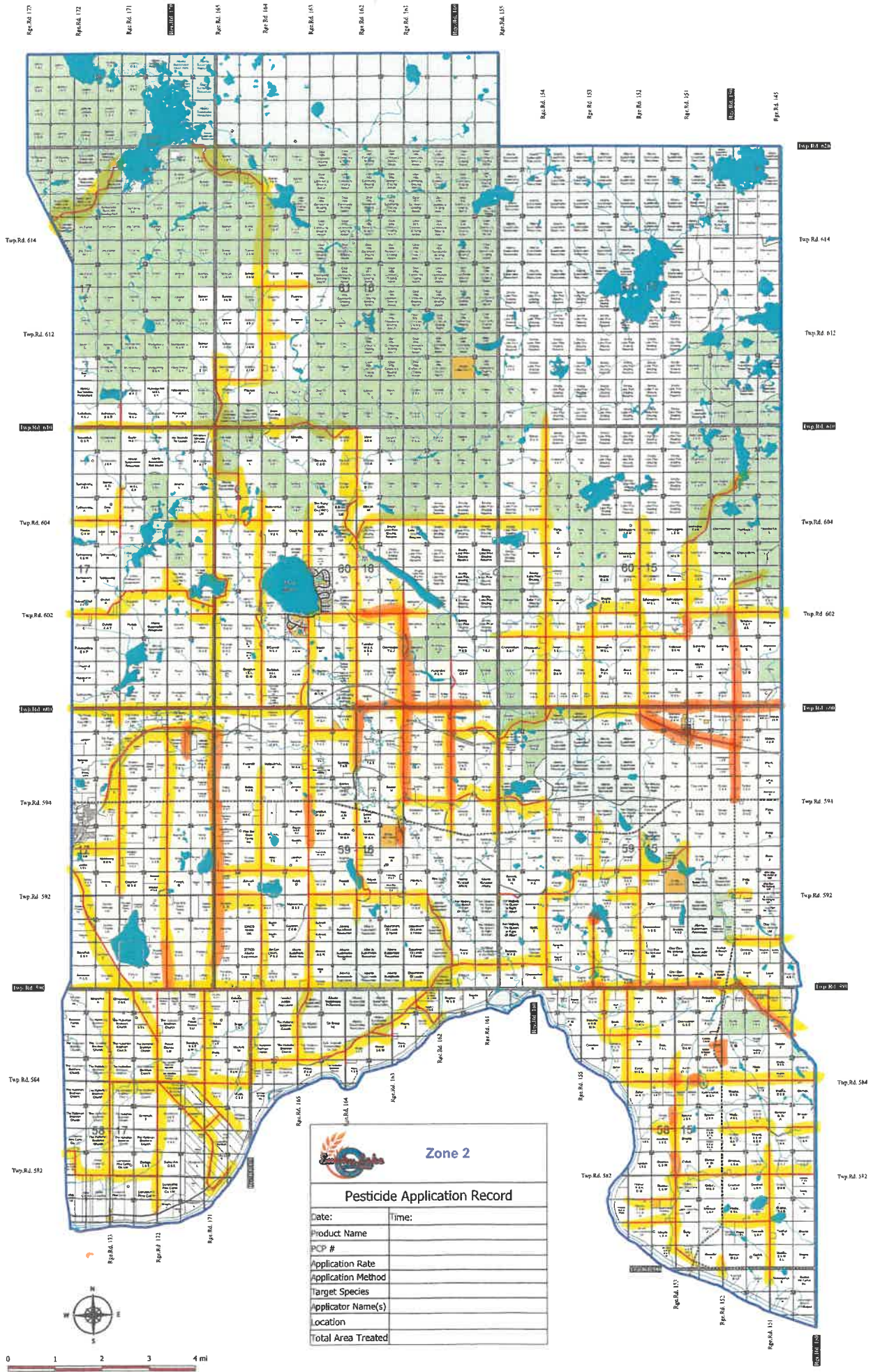
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Location	
Total Area Treated	

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Zone 2

Pesticide Application Record

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2022 Bertha Armyworm Monitoring

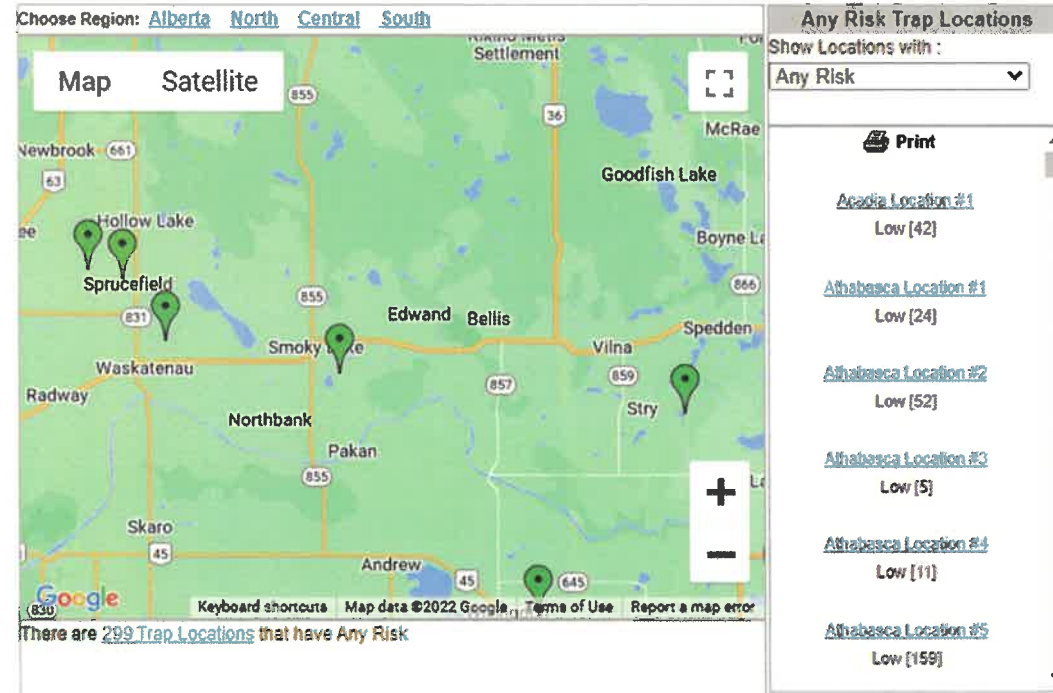
Date			June 6	June 22	July 29	July 6	July 21	July 26
West			1	0	3	0	2	8
<i>NE-18-60-19 W4</i>								
			1	0	0	5	33	12
Central			0	0	2	1	50	41
<i>NE-11-59-17 W4</i>								
			0	0	1	1	49	36
East			0	0	0	5	12	55
<i>SE-25-58-12 W4</i>								
			0	0	0	2	38	14

Traps set up on: June 7, 2022

Traps taken down on: July 26, 2022

2022 Bertha Armyworm Monitoring

Bertha Armyworm Survey Results (forecast)



Legend

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

2022 Bertha Armyworm Monitoring

It will be critical to have very good coverage of pheromone traps in 2022 to develop an early warning of potential problems during the coming season. This trend, however, indicates that a bertha armyworm outbreak is possible or even likely in Southern and Peace regions of Alberta.

Normally, weather and natural enemies keep bertha armyworm populations in check. Parasitism rates of 50 to 60% in bertha larval populations have indicated the end of a local outbreak in the following year. In addition, as we saw in 2013, disease outbreaks can have a major impact on the bertha armyworm populations. Snow cover encourages successful overwintering, in contrast low snow cover with cold temperatures reduces winter survival. Monitoring, even in low flight years, allows us to pick up trends and better predict when bertha armyworm populations start to build-up and lead into new outbreaks.

Potential damage from bertha armyworm may be more or less severe than suggested by the moth count data depending on weather and crop conditions and localized population dynamics. An insecticide application is recommended when the larval numbers meet the [economic threshold](#).

During the monitoring season, the reported trap counts are displayed on a Google map. The map allows the viewer to zoom in and click on the individual balloons. Clicking on a balloon will display the organization responsible for the trap location, municipality where the trap is located, and both the weekly and cumulative counts. All counts displayed are the average of the two traps at the site. (All counts displayed are the average between the two traps at a site). During the trapping period, the information is updated as the entries are made into the data collection website. The resolution is not so fine as to pinpoint the exact location of individual trap locations.

The objective of the monitoring is to increase the awareness of canola producers to the damage potential of bertha armyworm. Forecast maps DO NOT replace field scouting. No field should be treated for bertha armyworm without proper field scouting. Moth catches indicate the potential for damage but the actual populations must be assessed. Experience from previous outbreaks has shown us that adjacent fields or even different parts of the same field can have greatly different bertha armyworm numbers. Producers growing peas and faba bean also need to pay close attention to the bertha monitoring system as bertha armyworm has been known to feed on both those crops.

Date Surveyed	Wind <small>or blurb</small>	Sunlight cloud; intermittent cloud; overcast or sunny	Temperature °C	Quarter	Section	Township	Range	Meridian	Roadside vegetation	Field vegetation	FROM SWEEPNET															Comments					
											Road Count stop 1	Road Count stop 2	Road Count stop 3	Road Count stop 4	Road Count stop 5	Field Count stop 1	Field Count stop 2	Field Count stop 3	Field Count stop 4	Field Count stop 5	Area measured per m2; per 1/2 m2; per ft2 please indicate the	MIGRATORY Actual	CLEARWING Actual number	TWO STRIPE Actual	Packards Actual		BRUNERS Actual	OTHER Actual	% adult from sweep net		
Aug 15/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	27	S W	29	58	13	4	GRASS	WHEAT	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	m2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	
Aug 15/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	27	S E	11	59	13	4	GRASS	OATS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Aug 15/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	28	N W	88	60	13	4	GRASS	CANOLA	0	0	1	1	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	m2	0	0	1	0	0	0	100		
Aug 17/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	24	N W	24	59	19	4	GRASS	WHEAT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	m2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	%	

Smoky Lake County

Grasshopper Surveys 2022

Aug 17/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	24	S W	59	58	18	4	GRASS	CANOLA	0	0	0	0	1	/	/	/	/	/	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Aug 17/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	26	S E	25	58	18	4	GRASS	WHEAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	m2	0	0	1	0	1	0	50%	
Aug 17/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	27	S E	35	58	17	4	GRASS	WHEAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	m2								
Aug 17/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	27	N W	14	59	17	4	GRASS	PEAS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Aug 18/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	19	S E	90	60	19	4	GRASS	PEAS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Aug 18/22	LIG HT	SUN NY	21	S W	16	60	18	4	GRASS	CANOLA	1	0	0	0	2	/	/	/	/	/	m2	0	0	1	0	0	0	100%	

Smoky Lake County

Grasshopper Surveys 2022

Aug 18/2 2	LIG HT	SUN NY	2 3	N E	1 2	6 0	1 7	4	GRASS	CANOL A	1	3	1	1	0	/	/	/	/	/	m2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10 0 %
Aug 19/2 2	LIG HT	SUN NY	2 6	S W	2	6 0	1 6	4	GRASS	CANOL A	0	0	0	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 22/2 2	LIG HT	SUN NY	1 8	S W	6	5 9	1 5	4	GRASS	CANOL A	2	0	0	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	m2	0	0	0	0	0	3	10 0 %	
Aug 22/2 2	LIG HT	SUN NY	2 0	S W	1 5	6 0	1 5	4	GRASS	OATS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 22/2 2	LIG HT	SUN NY	2 0	S W	1 3	6 0	1 4	4	GRASS	PASTU RE	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	m2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 22/2 2	LIG HT	SUN NY	2 2	S W	2 5	5 9	1 4	4	GRASS	WHEAT	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	m2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Report Card on the Resolutions

2022

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

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Introduction

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee is pleased to provide Agricultural Service Board (ASB) members and staff with the 2020 Report Card on the Resolutions. This report contains the government and non-government responses to resolutions passed at the 2020 Provincial ASB Conference. The Report Card on the Resolutions includes the *Whereas* and *Therefore Be It Resolved* sections from the resolutions, response, response grade and comments from the Committee and ASBs for each resolution. The resolutions and responses are also posted on the Agricultural Service Board website at agriculturalserviceboards.com. Actions taken by the Committee on current and prior resolutions are also included in this report.

2022 ASB Provincial Committee Members

2022 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS		
COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Agriculture Plastics Recycling Group	Walter Preugschas	Brenda Knight
Alberta Game Policy Advisory Committee Previously the Alberta Game Management Advisory Group (AGMAG)	Brenda Knight	Walter Preugschas
Alberta Endangered Species Conservation Committee (ESCC)	Brenda Knight	Walter Preugschas
Clubroot Action Committee	Walter Preugschas	Christi Friesen
Fusarium Action Committee	Morgan Rockenbach	Sebastian Dutrisac
Wildlife Predator Compensation Committee	Christi Friesen	Sebastian Dutrisac
Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (Alternate for RMA appointment)		Sebastian Dutrisac
Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta working group	Brenda Knight	Walter Preugschas

The Committee reviewed the responses and assigned one of four grades: *Accept the Response*, *Accept in Principle*, *Incomplete* and *Unsatisfactory*. The Committee considers the quality of each response and grading and comments submitted by ASBs when grading the resolutions. The grades assigned by the Committee are intended to provide further direction for advocacy efforts for each resolution. Please contact your Regional Representative if you have questions or comments about the grade assigned to a resolution or advocacy efforts.

A summary of grading provided by ASBs is attached for information. The Committee appreciates the input of ASBs into the grading process.

Executive Summary

The ASB Provincial Committee has assigned the following grades to responses by government and non-government organizations for resolutions passed at the 2020 Provincial ASB Conference.

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade	Updated
1-22	VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ON ALBERTA PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS	Accept in Principle	
2-22	RESTORATION OF ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS	Accept in Principle	
3-22	CELEBRATE CANADA AGRICULTURE DAY IN ALBERTA SCHOOLS (FEB 22, 2022)	Accept the Response	
4-22	PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS	Incomplete	
5-22	EXEMPTION OF NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE FOR AGRICULTURE UNDER THE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION PRICING ACT	Incomplete	
6-22	AMENDMENTS TO THE ASB CONFERENCE RESOLUTION RULES OF PROCEDURE	Accept the Response	

Response Summary

Number of ASBs that Responded

Region	#ASBs Responding	% of Region 2022	% of Region 2021	% of Region 2020
South	6	33	33%	33%
Central	13	93	43%	43%
Northeast	9	82	15%	15%
Northwest	5	38	31%	31%
Peace	5	38	23%	23%
Overall	38	55%	32%	32%

Summary of Grading Responses Submitted

Resolution No.	Accept the Response	Accept in Principle	Incomplete	Unsatisfactory
1-22	1	34	1	2
2-22	3	25	0	2
3-22	19	3	1	15
4-22	0	1	26	11
5-22	0	10	24	4
6-22	7	21	2	0

2022 Activities

ASBPC Regular Meetings

Date	Delegations
October 14, 2021	Travis Ripley regarding Wildlife Predator Compensation Program
November 16, 2021	ASBPC Orientation
November 22, 2021	Organizational Meeting; ADM Conrad, DM Marchand
January 25, 2022	Parliamentarian Todd Brand
March 14, 2022	RMA and ADM Conrad
April 1, 2022	
April 20, 2022	
May 16, 2022	RDAR Mark Redmond and Dave Chalack
Sept 2, 2022	

Engagements:

Date	Event
November 23, 2021	RMA Appreciation Reception
December 13, 2021	ADM Town Hall
January 25, 2022	Dinner with Minister Horner
April 14, 2022	Wild Boar Bounty Program Discussion
May 16, 2022	National Fire Codes Adoption – farm buildings
May 25, 2022	Stakeholder engagements CAP in new Ag Policy Framework
May-June	RDAR and Applied Research and Forage Association extension meetings (EA)
June 8, 2022	ADM Town Hall
June 27, 2022	TIER (Technological Innovation and Emission Reduction) engagement
June 30	Extension Survey
July 21, 2022	Innotech Tour Hemp Production

Committee Appointments and Activities:

Date	Committee	Member Attending
September 20, 2021	Weeds on Well sites Working Group	Corey B
October 13, 2021	Mental Health Steering Committee	Linda Hunt
October 25, 2021	Weeds on Well sites Working Group	Corey B
October 29, 2021	ESCC meeting	-
December 3, 2021	Weeds on Well sites Working Group	Walter
January 24, 2022	ESCC training	Brenda
January 26, 2022	ESCC meeting	
March 24, 2022	Mental Health Steering Committee	Linda Hunt
April 13, 2022	ESCC meeting	Brenda
July 14, 2022	Ag Plastics Recycling	Walter

Definition of Terms

The Provincial ASB Committee has chosen four indicators to grade resolution responses from government and non-government organizations.

Accept the Response

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

2022Resolutions

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:

Ministry of Transportation:

"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

GRADE: ACCPET IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	3%	
Accept in Principle	89%	#1 The program level review will need to address the vegetation management issues progress is being made with new ASB programming in 2021. Steps should be made to determine effectiveness and province wide application. #2 municipalities are being offered service agreements but there is no budgeting in place for control work IF the municipality doesn't take advantage of the service agreements. This is not viable control - many municipalities do not have the resources to enter into such agreements; Allows follow-up if need be
Incomplete	3%	Didn't address service agreements with municipalities
Unsatisfactory	5%	Provincial legislation is not being supported under the Alberta Weed Control Act. Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weed species legislated are not actively being controlled on provincial highways.

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE: 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.

ASBPC will inquire about the progress of the review and ask for the Minister of AFRED's assistance to ensure the ASB concerns are addressed in the 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

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.

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	10%	
Accept in Principle	83%	Allows follow-up if need be
Incomplete	0%	
Unsatisfactory	7%	The Provincial ASB grant has been cut and the loss of staff at the Provincial level has resulted in increased expectations on Municipal staff for advice that was previously available through qualified specialists.

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE: 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 on May 16th and asked for an update on this progress at the June 8, 2022 townhall with ADM John Conrad but it was not addressed.

RDAR update, July 18, 2022:

“The plans continue to evolve, and RDAR is receiving strong support to bring together all the stakeholders in the ecosystem for a meeting during the second half of October. This will be a ‘first of its kind event and lead to a broad appreciation and understanding of each other’s role in powering agriculture.

Leading up to this event, it may help for us to meet with the ASBPC to set the scene for October and potentially assign some background tasks and pre-reading. This preparative meeting can take place anytime in the later part of August or September.

Kindest regards,

Dr. Mark Redmond
CEO RDAR”

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the ASBPC surveyed the AAAF and ASBs to try to determine the collective voice across the province on the topic of agriculture extension. The intention of the Committee was to prepare to speak on behalf of the ASBs at the extension discussions set to happen later this year. On September 2, the Committee passed a motion to establish an ad hoc “Extension Committee” of ASB members and AAAF that can work together to define the clear position for the ASBs in the upcoming RDAR discussions and in future discussions with the minister directly.

14 ASB members and 19 Agfieldmen responded to the survey and 10 people volunteered to engage in the extension discussion. The ASBPC is sending a letter to the AAAF executive asking how they would like to be represented on the committee. And will be connecting with the volunteers directly.

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 can 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:

Ministry of Education:

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

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	50%	The Board will be contacting the Local School District
Accept in Principle	8%	
Incomplete	3%	
Unsatisfactory	39%	Did not discuss the core item of resolution, only discussed the curriculum, and left it to the teachers to determine what will be taught/celebrated. Leaving discretion to the teachers/school without a consensus on information to be presented, can create a bias. There should be a mandated statement for Agriculture Day, with specific information presented that will change every year, EX: A statement regarding regenerative farming/environmentally friendly agricultural practices, including soil carbon storage/ world food shortages. A science-based message with content consistent throughout schools debunking common agricultural misconceptions; Should have been addressed as well to the Minister of Agriculture; Asked for designation of a specific day and this was not addressed;

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE: 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.

All resolutions that are directed to other ministries are also sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development for their information and attention.

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:

Minister of Environment:

"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 licenses 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 license 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

GRADE: INCOMPLETE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	0%	
Accept in Principle	3%	
Incomplete	68%	Implications on producers livestock could be detrimental from the increase in ungulate populations and should be considered (ex. red water); Effectiveness of the response, the Minister outlined the programs that are available to producers. (1 board member answered Accept in principle); The Board marked this as incomplete as the 'Therefore be it resolved...' were not answered. They believe

		there should be more engagement with producers, and question what needs to happen in order to have accurate, current population data.
Unsatisfactory	29%	The responsibility is being passed to producers and homeowners; they have not proposed any new strategies for mitigation, nor have they provided any solution for completing regular ungulate population surveys; Did not address the resolution (which is a request for better data);

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE: 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. This resolution will be brought up with the Minister at the end of summer meeting, with the request for his assistance to engage with Alberta Environment and Parks, particularly since they have a new minister.

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

critical part of Canada's action.

The Government is aware that producers and farm families are important drivers of the economy. This is why the carbon pollution pricing system has been designed to provide targeted relief to limit its impact on the agriculture sector and reflects the realities of Canada's agriculture industry. Emissions from biological processes associated with agriculture production are not priced, and the carbon pollution pricing system includes exemptions for gasoline and diesel fuel used by producers for agricultural activities.

Moreover, the Government intends to return a portion of the proceeds from the price on pollution directly to producers in provinces that do not have a carbon pricing system that aligns with the federal benchmark and are therefore subject to the Government of Canada's carbon pricing backstop. These proceeds are intended to support particularly affected players, such as small and medium enterprises, including producers, to implement projects that cut emissions and use new, cleaner technologies and processes. The 2021 Economic and Fiscal Update contains a commitment to return these funds to producers through a tax rebate. The proceeds to be returned to producers will increase from \$100 million in 2021–22 to \$122 million in 2022–23 and will continue to increase in future years, consistent with the rise in overall fuel charge proceeds. Future payment rates to producers will be presented as more data becomes available.

The Government is also working with its provincial and territorial partners as well as with industry to improve its business risk management programs. Grain and oilseed producers—and all other agricultural producers in Canada—have access to these programs. They can use them to protect against severe risks that threaten the viability of their farms.

Additionally, the \$165.7-million Agricultural Clean Technology Program provides funding to producers and agri-businesses to help them develop and adopt the latest clean technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance their competitiveness. The Government has made grain drying and barn heating a priority focus under this Program. Investments in high efficiency grain dryers provide not only environmental but also economic gains by producing high-quality grain and reducing the risk of weather damaged crops at harvest time, while at the same time drying grain with fewer carbon emissions.

Moreover, the commitments outlined in my mandate letter highlight measures to support efficiency and climate resiliency by working closely with provinces and territories as well as producers to support the sustainable growth of the agricultural and agri-food sector, with an aim to establish Canada as a global leader in the sector. This will be accomplished in part through a green agricultural plan for Canada, which seeks to increase support to producers to develop and adopt agricultural management practices to reduce emissions, store carbon in healthy soil and enhance resiliency and to triple funding for clean technologies on farms, including for renewable energy, precision agriculture and energy efficiency.

I trust that this information will be of assistance to you. Again, thank you for writing to me on this matter.

Sincerely,
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/en>

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Jason Nixon
Minister

GRADE: INCOMPLETE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	0%	
Accept in Principle	26%	
Incomplete	63%	Agree with Provincial ASB Committee grading and response; The Board marked this incomplete taking into account the two letters that were sent by Honourable Chrystia Freeland. They would like to know why Carbon Sequestration is not taken into account.
Unsatisfactory	11%	There was no response direct to the resolution; Federal Minister dismissed concern(s)

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE: 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.

On May 11 the ASBPC posted a blog entitled "[Bill C206 and Bill C234- Exemption of propane and natural gas from the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act](#)" that talks about the two private member bills tabled that address the topic of this resolution. At the time of this report Bill C234 has passed the second reading and was considered by the Standing Committee on Agriculture, but the report from the committee had not yet been released.

Responses to the original request and the further request were received on June 10, 2022 and are included below. No changes or adjustments were made to the original grade by the ASBPC or the ASBs.

LATE RESPONSES AAFC Honourable Chrystia Freeland:

P.C., M.P. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 12:37 PM

Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 1, 2022, written on behalf of the Alberta Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs) Provincial Committee, regarding the federal carbon pricing system as it relates to farmers.

I know that our economy and the quality of life we have in Canada is deeply connected to the health of our environment. Carbon pollution is not free. Canadians pay the price when extreme weather threatens their safety, their health, their communities and their livelihoods. That is why the Government of Canada has taken action to ensure that there is a price on carbon pollution across Canada, as of 2019.

The purpose of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA) is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by ensuring that carbon pollution pricing applies broadly throughout Canada. The GGPPA is comprised of a regulatory charge on fossil fuels (the “fuel charge”) and an output-based pricing system for large final emitters.

As you noted, the GGPPA provides targeted up-front relief for farmers from the fuel charge. Notably, the GGPPA provides farmers with relief from the fuel charge for gasoline and light fuel oil (e.g., diesel) used in tractors and other farm machinery. The relief is provided through the use of exemption certificates when certain conditions are met.

Recognizing that many farmers also use natural gas and propane in their operations, our Government has proposed a refundable tax credit for farm businesses operating in backstop jurisdictions, starting in 2021-22. It is estimated that farmers would receive \$100 million in the first year with this amount expected to increase as the price on carbon pollution rises.

This initiative will help farmers transition to lower-carbon ways of farming by providing support to farmers while also maintaining the price signal to reduce emissions.

Thank you for writing on behalf of ASB Provincial Committee.

Sincerely, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 12:42 PM

Dear Mr. Dutrisac:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 1, 2022, written on behalf of the Alberta Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee, and for providing its ideas and suggestions. Please excuse the delay in replying.

The pandemic has been a challenging time but Canada is succeeding because we are doing what Canadians do in a crisis – we are helping each other, we are working together and we are doing what needs to be done. We know there will still be obstacles ahead but Canadians are resilient.

With regard to the federal carbon pollution pricing fuel charge, the direct proceeds from the federal carbon pollution pricing system remain in the province or territory of origin. The program is revenue neutral to the Government of Canada. In other words, all money collected is returned. In Prince Edward Island, Yukon and Nunavut, the direct proceeds from the federal system are returned to the governments of these jurisdictions. In

jurisdictions that do not have their own fuel charge consistent with the federal benchmark criteria – Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta – approximately 90 percent of direct proceeds from the fuel charge are returned to residents of those provinces through Climate Action Incentive (CAI) payments. Most households get more in CAI payments than the increased costs they face from the federal carbon pollution pricing system. The remaining fuel charge proceeds are used to support small businesses, farmers, Indigenous groups and other organizations. As announced in Budget 2021, we have committed to earmarking funds for return to farmers. Farmers are expected to receive roughly \$100 million this fiscal year and returns in future years will be based on proceeds from the price on pollution collected in the prior fiscal year, and are expected to increase as the price on pollution rises.

Your thoughts and suggestions will help our Government move Canada forward for everyone.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

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:

ASBPC

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: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	23%	
Accept in Principle	70%	We'll see how they do going forward; Allows follow-up if need be; The Board looks forward to seeing the suggested changes at the 2023 Provincial ASB Conference;
Incomplete	7%	Details were not provided.
Unsatisfactory	0%	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE: The Committee did not grade this resolution as it was directed to the Committee. The membership graded this resolution Accept in Principle in anticipation of changes to the rules of procedure being presented and voted on by the membership at the Provincial ASB Conference in January.

The Committee consulted the RMA process, as well as reviewed emails/letters/survey feedback from the members. Changes to the PROP were worked on over the summer and reviewed at the Sept 2 meeting of the ASBPC. Changes will be presented at the regional conferences by the ASBPC reps and sent out in the Provincial ASB Conference agenda package.

Update on Previous Years' Resolutions

2021 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade	Updated
1-21	Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - three working groups were held in 2021/22 to discuss the issue; government and AER are reviewing potential changes to the legislation/regulations to address the gaps identified. 	Accept in Principle	
2-21	Pesticide Container Collection Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CleanFarms is transitioning the collection program to ag-retail based program which will align the delivery model in Alberta with the rest of Canada – Blog post on April 20, 2022 with the details 	Unsatisfactory	Accept the Response
3-21	An Effective Solution for Control of RG Squirrels in Alberta	Accept the Response	
4-21	Registration of 2% Liquid Strychnine	Accept the Response	
5-21	Fusarium Testing After Cleaning	Incomplete	
6-21	Agriculture Research Association Check Off Option	Accept the Response	
7-21	Delegation of ASBs and AAAF to Agriculture Associations and Commodity Groups	DEFEATED	
8-21	Reinstating Provincial Agriculture Department Staff	Accept the Response	
9-21	Protect Farmers Right to Farm Saved Seed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further discussion occurred at the 2022 Provincial ASB Conference 	Incomplete	
10-21	Federal Fuel Charge	Accept the Response	

2020 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution Grade	Grade	Updated
1-20	Ropin' the Web <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFIN and other associations continue to advocate to receive the Ropin the Web documents that are no longer posted - Market place is now available through AFIN (2021) called Farming the web 	Accept the Response	
2-20	Weed and Pest Surveillance and Monitoring Technology Grant	Incomplete	
3-20	Clubroot Pathotype Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UofA funding continues for this testing into 2021 	Unsatisfactory	<i>Accept in Principle</i>

4-20	Education Campaign for Cleanliness of Equipment for Industry Sectors	Unsatisfactory	
5-20	AFSC Assist in Preventing the Spread of Regulated Crop Pests	Unsatisfactory	
6-20	<p>Beehive Depredation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2022 ASBPC and AB Beekeepers Commission (ABC) advocated for inclusion in the AFSC Wildlife Compensation Program. Brought up with the minister of Ag at the Provincial ASB Conference, Follow up letter with details from ABC, Second letter with ABC content, Brought up with ADM, followed up with a Letter including details from ABC - 2022 AFSC is working with Alberta Beekeepers Commission on the details to include Beehive Depredation in the Wildlife Compensation Program - United Beekeepers of Alberta – also sent in letter with ASBPC support to include all beekeepers in the developing AFSC insurance program, even if less hives than the 100 cut off for ABC membership, so long as they are qualified farmers. 	Accept in Principle	
7-20	Agricultural Related Lease Dispositions	Accept in Principle	
8-20	Emergency Livestock Removal	Accept in Principle	
9-20	Mandatory Agriculture Education in the Classroom	Unsatisfactory	
10-20	Reinstate a Shelterbelt Program	Accept in Principle	
11-20	Compensation to Producers on Denied Land Access to Hunters	Defeated	
12-20	Proposed Amendments to Part XV of the Federal <i>Health of Animals Regulations</i>	Accept in Principle	
13-20	Canadian Product and Canadian Made	Incomplete	
E1-20	<p>Review of Business Risk Management Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2022 amendments to the BRM programs have been made to the new programs under the next Ag Policy Framework rolling out in April 1, 2022 - August 24, 2022 Blog post contains a link to a summary document that refers to some of the changes. (see below) - “At the recent FPT meeting, July 20-22, Ministers of Agriculture agreed to implement new measures to the suite of BRM programs, which will make them more 	Unsatisfactory	

	<p>timely, equitable and easy to understand, as well as to better protect producers against climate risk going forward. These changes will be implemented for or during the next policy framework (SCAP) that comes into effect on April 1, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beginning in 2023, FPT governments will engage in a one-year review on the implications of climate change and how to integrate climate risk and readiness in BRM programs, along with opportunities to enhance producers’ resilience to climate risk.” - See the Blog post for details on the proposed changes to each of the BRM programs. 		
E2-20	Initiate Agri-Recovery Framework	Unsatisfactory	
E3-20	<p>Agri-Invest and Agri-Stability Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 2022 announcement of changes to Agri-Invest and Agri-Stability - “AgriInvest : The AgriInvest program is administered by the federal government. As of 2025, in order to receive a government contribution under the AgriInvest program, large farms will need to have an agri-environmental risk assessment in place (e.g. an environmental farm plan). Large farms are defined as producers with allowable net sales (ANS) of at least \$1 million. - AgriStability: AgriStability provides support when producers experience a large decline in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions. - To enhance economic sustainability under SCAP, the AgriStability compensation rate will rise from 70% to 80% beginning in 2023, bringing up to an additional \$72 million per year to better support farmers across Canada in times of need. - There is also continued work on a new AgriStability model for SCAP to improve the timeliness and predictability of the program. The administrative changes within the new “ 	Unsatisfactory	

	- model are targeted to be implemented in 2024 after further consultation with industry.		
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2019 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution Name	Grade	Update
1-19	<p>Loss of 2% Liquid Strychnine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Resolution Ask</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health Canada/PMRA leave 2% LS permanently available to farmers for control of RGS ● <i>Follow Up</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ discussed with Agriculture Minister who expressed support to maintain registration ○ Agriculture Minister requested that letter be sent to PMRA with concerns for alternate products – letter dated Dec 19, 2019 cc Minister Dreeshen ● <i>2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 4, 2020, Re-Evaluation Decision by PMRA is published https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/pesticides-pest-management/decisions-updates/reevaluation-decision/2020/strychnine.html ○ The Committee’s letter was included in PMRA’s Re-evaluation Decision, however as stated in the final decision our letter had no effect on the decision. ○ A reversal of the decision requires significant scientific evidence to show that there is little risk to non-target species, particularly species at risk. ● <i>Recommendations</i> 	Accept in Principle	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate for research into adapting or improving alternative RGS control methods, or further scientific evaluation of methods to use 2% liquid strychnine in a way that is safe for non-target species. ○ Tracer products be included with Strychnine ○ Producers using Strychnine be trained 		
2-19	<p>Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Resolution Ask</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement using smartphone technology to provide photographic/video evidence for confirmation of livestock injury and death in a timely and prompt manner ● <i>Follow Up 2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is connecting with the Predator Compensation Program working group ● <i>Follow Up 2021-22</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emails and phone calls left with the Director of the program but no response, no committee meetings were held to discuss the “review”. No further communications from the program. ○ ASBPC has added this to list of items to discuss with the Minister of Environment and Parks and continues to try to meet with them. 	Incomplete	Accept in Principle
3-19	<p>Deadstock Removal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Resolution Ask</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Province compensates producers 50% of deadstock pick up fees ● <i>Follow Up 2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuing to monitor what other provinces are doing to find a recommendation for the minister 	Unsatisfactory	
4-19	<p>Carbon Credits for Permanent Pasture and Forested Lands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Resolution Ask</i> 	Accept in Principle	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of process to allow farmers to access carbon credits under permanent cover (pasture, perennial forage crops, forested) ● <i>Follow Up 2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting to see how to engage with the Ministry of Environment consultations on carbon credits ● <i>Recommendation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep tabs on the Carbon offset market and continue to advocate for perennial cover carbon off sets. <p>The Canadian Forage and Grassland Association (CFIA) partnered with a carbon offset company called Climate Action Reserve out of California to develop a Canadian Grassland Protocol. The Protocol Version 1 was announced in October 2019, and is available through their website http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/canada-grassland/</p> <p>This is a “conversion avoidance” protocol that pays to producers who can convert grassland into cropland but choose not to. Eligibility and process are available through the Climate Action Reserve website.</p> <p>CFGAs media release can be viewed here: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Media-Release--CFGAs-leads-First-Ever-Canadian-Grassland-Offset-Protocol-for-Producers.html?soid=1104692932142&aid=BUbfaGjEokk</p>		
5-19	<p>Multi-Stakeholder Committee to Work at Reducing the Use of Fresh Water by the Oil and Gas Industry in Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Resolution Ask</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Govt of Alberta sets up a multi-stakeholder committee to work at reducing the use of fresh water by the oil and gas industry in Alberta ● <i>Follow Up 2020</i> 	Incomplete	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ referred the committee to ‘Directive for Water Licensing of Hydraulic Fracturing Projects – Area of Use Approach’ found at the following link : https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/ef2df211-1091-4470-9b42-defe6529a862/resource/abce01b3-2011-494c-bc50-a42774d49995/download/directivehydraulicfracturing-feb16-2018.pdf ● Follow up 2021-22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On March 14, 2022 the Committee presented the idea of this resolution becoming an item for the Alberta Water Council discussion and asked ADM John Conrad who is working on the new Water for Life Strategy to have this resolution in mind so the issues can be addressed. ○ John committed to bringing this concern to the Water for Life Strategy discussions and help by finding connections in AEP and AE. (<u>March 14 Minutes</u>.) ○ The Committee also discussed the <u>Agri-Environmental Partnership</u> as a potential way for the ASBs to discuss the issues addressed by this resolution. This Partnership is a sub committee of the Alberta Water Council and provides direct policy feedback to the Alberta Water Council. They are open to having more ASB members attend and contribute. ASBPC reps went back to their regions to find volunteers to champion this discussion and so far no volunteers have been appointed. ○ 		
6-19	STEP Program Agricultural Eligibility	Accept the Response	
E1-19	Access to Agriculture Specific Mental Health Resources https://www.farms.com/mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-resources/	Unsatisfactory	

	https://www.farms.com/mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-resources/alberta.aspx		
E2-19	<p>No Royalties on Farm Saved Seed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Resolution Ask</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AAFC/CFIA abandon the proposal to implement royalties on farm saved seed ● <i>Resolution Response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CFIA is still doing consultation ● <i>Follow Up 2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter of 2020 is when the federal government decision on which royalty option will be pursued is expected. ○ Engaging commodity groups to gather further information 	Accept in Principle	

Expiring Resolutions

The Provincial Rules of Procedure state in section 3(10) that the ASB Provincial Committee will actively advocate for resolutions for a period of five years. Any expiring resolutions that an ASB wishes to remain actively advocated for must be brought forward for approval at the next Provincial ASB Conference.

The following resolutions are set to expire December 31, 2022.

2018 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution Name	Grade	Update
1-18	Environmental Stream Funding of the Agriculture Service Board Grant	Accept in Principle	
2-18	<p>Appeals to the Minister Under the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversation had in 2019, GOA would review the issue and make recommendations 	Unsatisfactory	
3-18	Requirement to Report Certain Pests to the Local Authority	DEFEATED	
4-18	Weed Control on Alberta Vacant Public Lands Within Green Areas	Incomplete	
5-18	Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement	Accept in Principle	

6-18	Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Crop Insurance Program	Unsatisfactory	
7-18	Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers	Accept the Response	
8-18	Increasing limits for Farm Direct Marketing of Chickens for All Farm Direct Producers	DEFEATED	
9-18	Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products using Eggs	Accept in Principle	
10-18	Proposed Federal Tax Changes	Accept the Response	
11-18	Organic Food Testing and Labeling	Accept in Principle	
12-18	Chemical Control of Wireworms	DEFEATED	

Current Advocacy

WILD BOAR Eradication program

AG PLASTICS

E-19: ACCESS TO AG SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

6-20: BEEHIVE DEPREDATION

2-21: PESTICIDE CONTAINER COLLECTION PROGRAM

2-22: RESTORATION OF ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS (ASB extension Committee formed, preparation for Fall engagements)

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



COUNTY OF
ST. PAUL

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
CONFERENCE**

“Rural Community Innovation for the Future”

Draft Agenda Package

November 4, 2022

Ashmont Agriplex- Ashmont, AB

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2022 Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

Draft Agenda

Friday, November 4, 2022

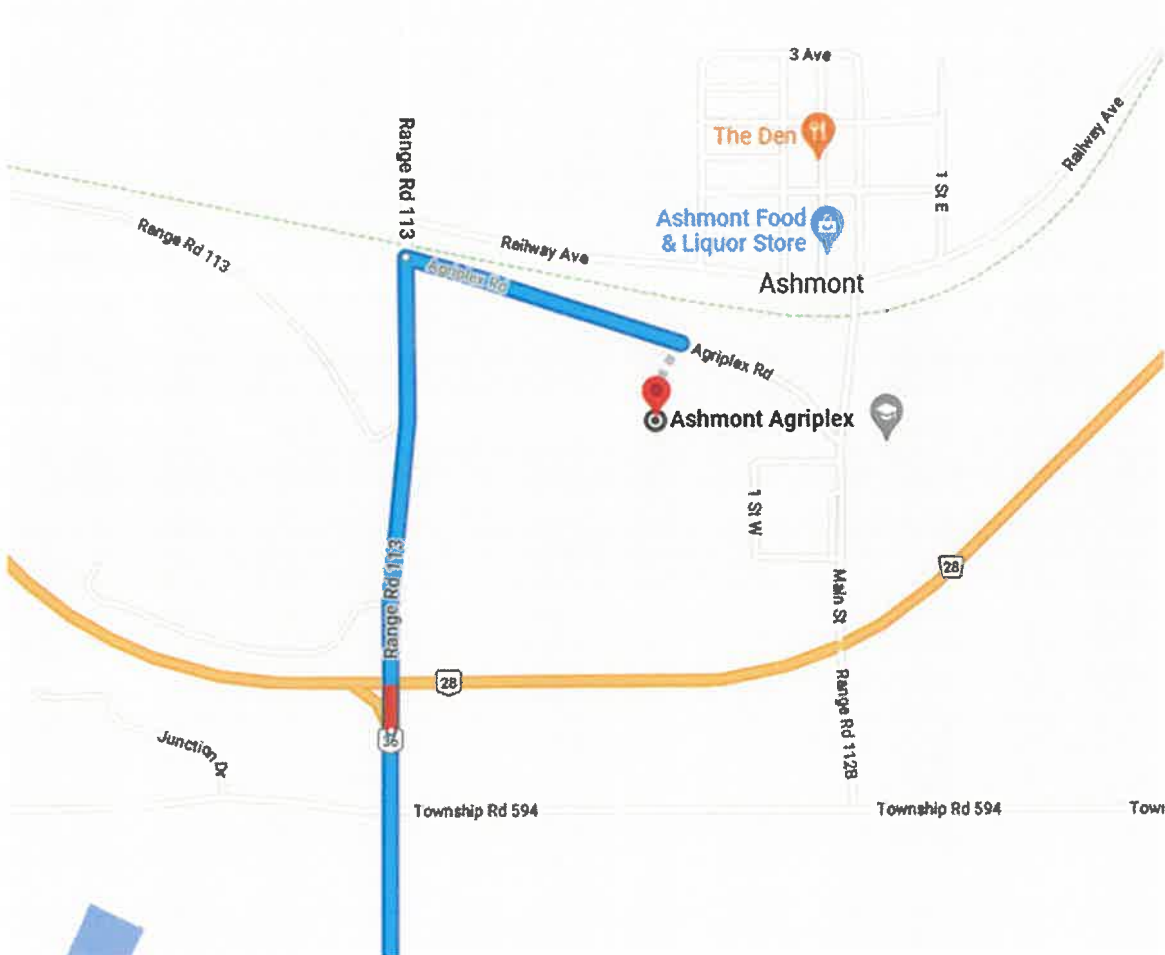
Ashmont Agriplex, Ashmont, Alberta

- 8:30 – 9:00 Coffee & Registration
- 9:00 – 9:30 Call to Order (County of St. Paul ASB Chair)
 - Nominations for Recording SecretaryWelcome & Introductions
 - Reeve/ASB Chair/MLA(s)Adoption of 2022 Regional ASB Conference Agenda
Adoption of 2021 Regional ASB Conference Minutes
- 9:30 – 10:00 ASB Program Update – Doug Macaulay, Manager, ASB Program
- 10:00-10:15 Stakeholder Update – LARA or AFSC
- 10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Presentation - Sharon Hanson Hutterite Colonies Info Session**
- 11:15 – 12:00 Elections – Nominations for Regional ASB Committee Representatives/Alternate
Update from Provincial ASB Committee – Sebastien Dutrisac
Review 2020 Report Card/Review ASB Rules of Procedure – Sebastien Dutrisac
Resolutions 1 – Sebastien Dutrisac
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:00 Stakeholder Update – LARA or AFSC
- 1:00 – 2:00 Resolutions 2 – Sebastien Dutrisac
- 2:00 – 2:45 **Presentation – Investment in Agriculture w/ Invest Alberta & AB Hub**
- 2:45 – 3:00 Invitation to Next Regional Conference – Smoky Lake County/Close Conference
- 3:00 Adjournment

Directions to the 2022 Northeast Regional ASB Conference

Ashmont Agriplex

Agriplex Road, Ashmont AB.



The Hamlet of Ashmont is located near the intersection of Highway 28 and Highway 36, approximately 33 kilometres northwest of the Town of St. Paul. To access the Agriplex go north on range road 113 and turn east on Agriplex Road.

2021 Northeast Regional ASB Conference

November 5, 2021

Myrnam, Alberta

Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives from the following municipalities attended the 2021 Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference.

Beaver County

MD of Bonnyville

Lac La Biche County

Lamont County

County of Minburn No 27

MD of Provost No 52

Smoky Lake County

County of St. Paul

County of Two Hills

County of Vermilion River

MD of Wainwright No. 61

Speakers/Guests:

- Doug Macaulay, Manager Agricultural Service Board Unit, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
- Jordan Jensen, Farm Safety
- Simon Noster, Ezra Noster and Dylan Kozniecny, Derwent Fire Department
- Shannon Stubs, Member of Parliament
- Village of Myrnam
- Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, United Conservative Party of Alberta. Ruven Rajoo, Vice President of Communications for the United Conservative Party of Alberta.

Call to Order

ASB Chairman Murray Phillips, Councillor Division 2 of the County of Two Hills called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Chairman Phillips called for nominations to appoint a Recording Secretary.

Moved by Dianne Saskiw that Sara Miller of the County of Two Hills be appointed as the Recording Secretary.

CARRIED

Opening Remarks and Greetings

Reeve Don Gulayec, on behalf of the County of Two Hills welcomed all delegates and guests to the 2021 North East Regional ASB Conference, introduced the County of Two Hills Council and ASB and gave an overview of the County of Two Hills. Shannon Stubs Member of Parliament, Donna Rudolf Mayor of Myrnam gave greetings.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Stacey Hryciw, County of Vermilion River to accept the agenda as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Roger Knoziency that the minutes of the 2020 Northeast Regional ASB Conference be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Presentations:**ASB Programs Update**

Doug Macaulay, Manager Agricultural Service Board Unit provided an update on the Agricultural Services Board Programs. There was an update on the Agriculture and Forestry Structure. There was an update about the 2020-2024 ASB Program Grant as well as an update on 2021 field visits. Launched new program called the ASB Regional Liaison Program, the goal is to provide updates to Agricultural Fieldman to share with ASBs and their colleagues on AF programming and initiatives; Northeast liaison is Cassandra Docherty.

Doug also updated the group on the Wild Boar Eradication Program, the Crop Disease Monitoring Program, the Insect Monitoring Program and the Weed Surveillance Program.

Session Break

Delegates recessed for a short break.

Farm Safety

Jordan Jensen, Farm Safety Centre. Each grade gets a new safety smart presentation. Reached about 23, 568 rural students within Alberta. New program introduced for adults called the Rural Health Initiative doing a full health assessment.

Provincial ASB Committee Update/2020 Resolutions Report Card

Northeast Regional Representative and alternate up for discussion.

Northeast Regional Representative, Dianne Saskiw nominates Sebastian Dutrisac, Carl Ogradnick County of Minburn nominates Cliff Wowdzia.

Vote was anonymous; **MOVED** Sebastian Dutrisac to be the Northeast Regional Representative.

CARRIED

MOVED to destroy the ballets, Kevin Smook.

Seconder, Elroy Yakemchuk

CARRIED

MOVED, Elroy Yakemchuk nominated Cliff Wowdzia for the alternate Northeast Regional Representative.

CARRIED

Northeast Regional ASB Representative, Kevin Smook gave an update from the Provincial ASB Committee.

Resolutions Session:

County of Two Hills resolution was brought forward.

Resolution brought for discussion; amendment brought forward.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST THAT the enhanced plan includes but not be limited to an appropriately timed herbicide application in order to control all legislated weeds, which would make the Ministry of Transportation compliant with the Weed Act.

MOVED, Amendment made by Sebastian Dutrisac, County of Two Hills.

Seconded, Barry Bruce, Beaver County.

CARRIED

Presentations Continued

Derwent Fire Department

Dylan Kozn, Ezra Noster and Simon Noster presented information on the Derwent Fire Department. Showed drone footage on how they check for hot spots for fires and talked about their STARS fundraiser project and how much they raised.

Greetings from Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, local MLA United Conservative Party of Alberta.

Invitation to the 2021 Regional ASB Conference

Darrell Younghans ASB Chairman, County of St. Paul, invited delegates to attend the 2022 North East Regional Conference, which will be hosted by the County of St. Paul. Date and location to be determined.

Grace done by Gary Dupuis, Village of Myrnam.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Closing Remarks

Councillor/ASB Chair Murray Phillips thanked everyone for attending the conference.

The afternoon session took place at CTec School in Myrnam, where everyone learned about the initiative programs going on.

CARRIED

Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference

Resolutions Rules of Procedure

Purpose: The purpose of this procedure is to formalize the parameters involved for the resolution process used by the Regional Resolution Committee (RRC). It includes aspects of the resolution process including oversight, guidelines, resolution types, writing and submission guidelines, the resolution session and the handling of endorsed resolutions.

Scope: As a method of deriving member direction, the resolution process is fundamental to informing the Agricultural Service Board's advocacy priorities. As such, this policy formalizes all aspects of the resolution process to provide clarity and consistency.

1. Regional Resolution Committee a. Shall consist of:

- i. A representative or alternate elected at the Regional Conference to sit on the Provincial ASB Committee and to act as the Chairman of the Regional Resolutions Committee.
- ii. The Agricultural Fieldman or their designate who must be an Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) member from the hosting Agricultural Service Board as Secretary.
- iii. The Regional Director of AAAF.
- iv. An Agricultural Service Board member from the hosting Board selected by that Board.
- v. The ASB Grant Program Manager representing Agriculture and Forestry (AF) or their designate.

b. The representative and alternate elected at the Regional Conference to sit on the Provincial ASB Committee shall be an elected or appointed member of an ASB in that region.

c. Election of the representative and alternate shall take place at the beginning of the Resolution session in odd numbered years at each ASB Regional Conference, term of office to be two years. The representative (or alternate) shall assume the chair immediately following the conclusion of the resolution's session.

2. Responsibilities of Regional Resolution Committee Members

a. The Chairman shall:

- i. Chair Regional Resolutions Committee meetings
- ii. Chair the presentation of Resolutions at the Regional Conference
- iii. Attend all Provincial ASB Committee meetings
- iv. Assist in presenting Resolutions at the Provincial Conference

b. The Secretary shall:

- i. Advise Agricultural Service Boards that Resolutions must be forwarded four weeks prior to the Regional Conference
- ii. In conjunction with the Regional Resolutions Committee, review, seek clarification, if necessary, compile, and distribute resolutions to Agricultural

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Service Boards in the Region, at least one week prior to the Regional Conference

iii. Record proceedings of Regional Resolutions Committee meetings, and the presentation and voting on resolutions at the Regional Conference

iv. Forward all approved resolutions to the Provincial ASB Committee Secretary.

c. All other members shall:

i. Assist with presentation of resolutions at the Regional Conference

d. All costs incurred by the members of the committee for attending meetings will be reimbursed by each individual member's employer.

3. Resolutions

a. Resolutions shall be submitted in an approved format and shall follow the procedures for selecting, preparing and drafting resolutions as set out in Appendix "A" attached to this document.

b. Resolutions, regional or provincial in scope, and having been passed by a majority at a local Agricultural Service Board meeting shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Regional Resolutions Committee four weeks prior to the Regional Conference.

c. Late resolutions must be either:

i. Submitted to the Regional Conference with sufficient copies for all voting delegates and attendants (approximately 125); or

ii. Be displayed in a manner that all persons are able to review the resolutions, for example, projected on a screen for all to read.

d. Late resolutions must be accepted by a simple majority of the assembly.

4. Procedures

a. Resolutions submitted to the Regional Conference shall be handled in the numerical order assigned by the Chairman unless 3/5 of the voting delegates on the floor agree to accept a resolution out of numerical order.

b. Each resolution must have a Mover and a Seconder.

c. Only the "Therefore Be It Resolved" section will be read.

d. The Chairman shall call on the Mover and Seconder to speak to the resolution and then immediately call for anyone wishing to speak in opposition.

i. If there is no one to speak in opposition, the question shall be called

ii. If there are speakers in opposition, the Chairman shall at his discretion call for anyone other than the Mover or Seconder to speak to the resolution before the debate is closed

e. Anyone wishing to amend a resolution must then speak to the resolutions as written, or anyone wishing clarification must speak up. All amendments must have a Mover and Seconder.

f. The Committee requests the submission of proposed amendments prior to the resolution session for administrative ease

g. Only one amendment will be accepted at a time and only one amendment to the amendment is permitted at a time.

h. The Chairman has the discretion to request a written amendment.

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- i. The Mover and Secunder are allowed five minutes in total to speak to the resolution or amendment. The Secunder may waive his right to speak and the Mover would be allowed the full five minutes.
- j. The Mover and Secunder have the right to close the debate and a maximum of two minutes each will be allowed for this.
- k. All other speakers, for or against the resolution, are allowed a maximum of two minutes.

5. Voting and Speaking a. Voting members of Agricultural Service Boards/Agricultural Committees shall be recognized voters on any resolution. i. In the South Region, each ASB shall select two voting delegates to the Regional Conference who shall display the voting credentials and be recognized voters on any resolution (October 1997).

ii. In the Peace Region, each ASB shall select two voting delegates to the Regional Conference who shall display voting credentials and be recognized voters on any resolution (ratified by ASB Provincial Committee November 2016).

- b. An Agricultural Service Board member may have any person speak to a resolution by their request.
- c. All resolutions are passed or defeated by simple majority.

6. Procedures for Approved Resolutions a. Secretaries of the Regional Resolutions Committee shall: i. Submit Regional Resolutions to the appropriate agencies as soon as possible following the Regional Conference.

ii. Regional Resolutions shall also be submitted to the Provincial ASB Committee for information.

b. Submit Provincial Resolutions to the Provincial ASB Committee Secretary within five working days of the Regional Conference.

7. Amendments to the Regional Rules of Procedure a. An amendment to Regional Rules of Procedure may be initiated by simple motion from: i. The Provincial ASB Committee

ii. Any Voting Delegate at the Provincial ASB Conference

iii. The Regional Resolutions Committee if the proposed amendment were to affect only that Regional, subject to ratification by the Provincial ASB Committee

iv. Any Voting Delegate at a Regional Conference if the proposed amendment were to affect only that region, subject to ratification by the Provincial ASB Committee.

b. Amendments must be accepted by a simple majority of all voting delegates at the Provincial ASB Conference.

c. Amendments that are carried will take effect at the next Regional Conference.

APPENDIX "A" – AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS

REGIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE 4

REGIONAL PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING, PREPARING AND WRITING RESOLUTIONS

1. Well in advance of the regional conference, discuss as a board the concerns of your farmers. Determine the factors affecting their economic well-being as well as those limiting their capability to maintain or improve agricultural production.

2. Make a list of concerns and rate each as to its level of importance.

3. Divide your concerns into the following categories: a. Local Concerns i. Concerns that are local in nature.

ii. Your board has the authority and capability to deal with these concerns. If local or provincial finances are available you may wish to initiate programs or projects or policy to satisfy these concerns.

b. Regional Concerns i. Concerns that are regional in nature.

ii. You have the authority and capability to deal with these concerns but wish to request the support (cooperative action) of bordering Agricultural Service Boards, government departments or other agencies. Note: These concerns may be taken to the regional conference with a request for action at the regional level. e.g., You may be concerned about scentless chamomile, its movement and spread in hay, crop seed in the region, etc. You would like the support of all boards in the region as well as government agencies in slowing down spread and in working towards common objectives. If such a resolution were passed at the regional conference, your regional resolutions would forward the request for support to all boards in the region plus the appropriate government agency.

c. Provincial Concerns i. Concerns that are provincial in nature.

ii. In order to deal with these concerns at the local level, you require a change in provincial policy. Note: When writing your resolutions make certain you do not ask the province to do something that you already have authority at the local level to do. Because most concerns will ultimately need to be dealt with locally, ask for a change in provincial policy that would enable you as a board to take the necessary action. Resolutions that are provincial in scope, if passed by the regional conference, could be forwarded to the provincial conference for action.

4. Conduct some research on your regional and provincial concerns to: a. Ensure that these concerns were not submitted as resolutions previously and that action has already been taken regionally or provincially.

b. Check with those agencies that you expect to respond to your concern (resolution). Determine if they are aware of the need and whether any action is being considered.

c. Obtain sufficient background information to be able to write and defend your resolution.

5. Write your resolutions with sufficient "whereas" statements to ensure that those reading the resolution will be able to understand your request. a. All "whereas" statements should relate specifically to your request.

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b. Resolutions need to be presented with only one "Therefore Be It Resolved" statement. i. If other closely related requests are required in the resolution, it may be appropriate to add no more than two 'Further Therefore Be It Resolved' statements.

ii. If you wish to make additional requests for action, it is appropriate to write another resolution.

6. Each resolution submitted for consideration must be accompanied by background information consisting of the history of the issue and potential impacts for the sponsoring municipality and the province-wide impacts for municipalities.

7. The resolution shall be presented in the approved format as indicated on the following page.

Regional Resolutions Format

TITLE

WHEREAS

WHEREAS

WHEREAS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

SPONSORED BY:

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED

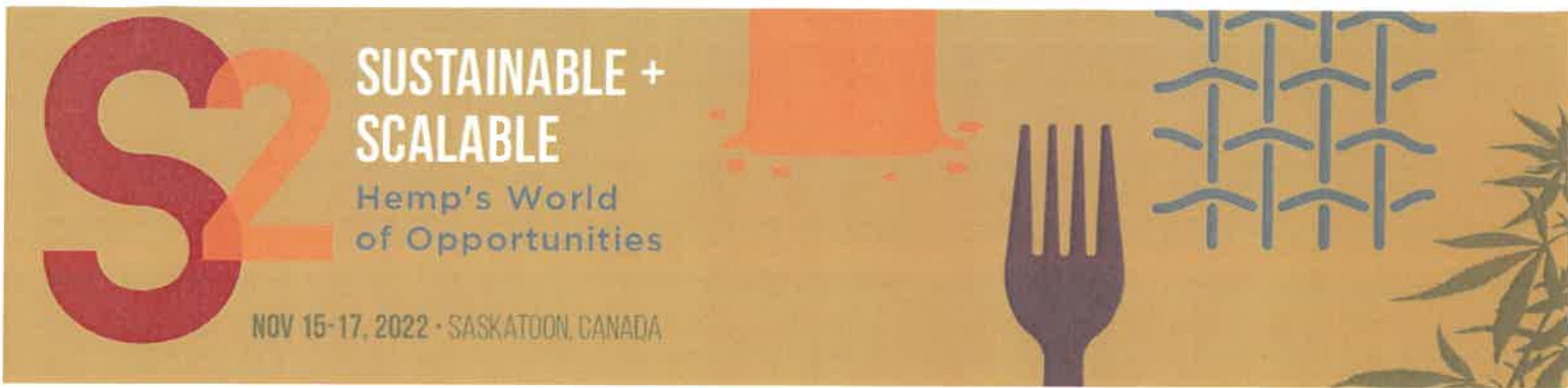
DEFEATED

STATUS

DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background information should include the history of the issue, potential impacts for the sponsoring municipality and the province-wide impacts for municipalities.



6.1

September 12, 2022

Reeve Lorne Halisky
Smoky Lake County
4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Dear Lorne,

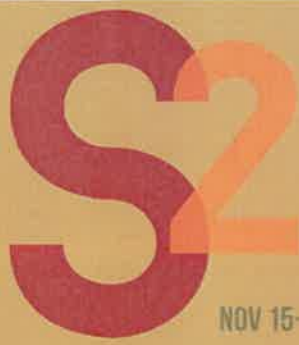
We are pleased to announce that our 2022 National Hemp Conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from 15-17 November 2022. The theme is **S² Sustainable + Scalable - Hemp's World of Opportunities**. We are all looking forward to getting together in person to enjoy the sessions, trade show, Gala reception, and networking opportunities.

As a leader in the Canadian hemp industry, you are an important part of our community. Since its inception the Canadian hemp industry has grown over 800% and is projected to become a \$1 billion industry in less than 5 years.

This past year has shown the importance of investing in our industry, and the resiliency of our networks. The CHTA's National Hemp Conference brings together producers, processors, retailers, academia, and consumers to report on the advancements and challenges the industry is facing while driving growth and sustainability from field to home.

CHTA stayed the course and remains dedicated to supporting our members. Increasingly, sustainable agriculture is championed as a climate solution and hemp is an ideal crop to contribute to Canada's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint. The scaling up of hemp acres and processing capacity is also a source of economic activity and wealth creation in Canada. As Canada's only national hemp organization we are committed to creating larger markets by promoting Canadian interests and expertise in the global hemp industry.

Thanks to our previous sponsors, the 2021 National Conference was a remarkable success, and we are asking you to consider being a part of that success for 2022. We are pleased to offer multiple corporate sponsorship opportunities ([please see the attached flyer for the full details](#)). Each corporate sponsorship includes perks like complimentary conference registrations, and opportunities for exposure on our website and conference platform.



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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP					
Perks	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Friend	Tradeshow
Free Registration	4	2	1	0	0
Tradeshow Booth	1	1	1	0	1
Delegate Bag					
Branded Products	5	3	1	0	0
Promo Literature	5	3	2	1	1
Corporate Logo					
• Website	1	1	1	1	0
• Printed Material	1	1	1	0	0
• Session Intros	1	1	1	0	0
• Post Conference	1	0	0	0	0
Announced	1	1	0	0	0
Written Message	1	0	0	0	0
Video Message	1	1	0	0	0
Panel Speaker	1	1	0	0	0
Hosted Session	1	0	0	0	0
Value	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$750

Please let me know if you would like to sponsor the 2022 CHTA National Hemp Conference. I will put you in touch with Kristine Langlois, who will follow-up to assist in setting up your profile to ensure you receive the best possible exposure and experience at the conference.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you choose to support the CHTA and the Canadian hemp industry.

Sincerely,

Jan J. Slaski, Ph.D., P.Ag. (Dist.)
CHTA Director & Expert Researcher, Plant Sciences

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$12,000

Use this exclusive opportunity to direct delegates to your brand and promote your company. With 4 conference passes, get your key customers, clients, or staff involved.

- Top-level placement of your organization's logo on the conference website
- Tradeshow booth space (10 feet by 10 feet)
- Opportunity to provide branded products and up to 5 pieces of marketing literature in the Delegate Kit
- Video message to represent your brand with CHTA chair or emcee, organized by CHTA
- Member of your company to be part of a panel
- Your logo appearing on screen as a session introduction
- Opportunity to have one communication of up to 150 words included in an email sent to all main conference delegates before the event
- An opportunity to host a breakout session or workshop
- Acknowledgement of your sponsorship during the opening of the conference
- Your logo included in the printed materials of event
- Your logo included in the "After-Conference Thank You Email" sent to all delegates

GOLD SPONSOR \$6,000

This level of sponsorship will enable you to raise the profile of your company locally, regionally, and internationally. With 3 conference passes, get your key customers, clients, or your staff involved.

- Prominent placement of your organization's logo on the conference website
- Tradeshow booth space (10 feet by 10 feet)
- Opportunity to provide branded products and up to 3 pieces of marketing literature in the Delegate Kit

- Video message to represent your brand with CHTA chair or emcee, organized by CHTA
- Member of your company eligible to be part of a panel
- Your logo appearing on screen as a session introduction
- Your logo and company details listed on all printed event material
- Acknowledgement of your sponsorship during the opening of the conference

SILVER SPONSOR \$3,000

The Silver Package gives you full exposure to promote your brand, enabling maximum contact with all the delegates and includes 2 conference passes for the event.

- Your logo and company details listed on the event website and all printed event materials
- Tradeshow booth space (10 feet by 10 feet)
- Your logo included on screen as a session introduction
- Acknowledgement of your sponsorship during the opening of the conference
- Opportunity to provide 1 branded product and two (2) pieces of marketing literature in the Delegate Kit

FRIEND \$1,000

As a Friend of the conference, you will positively enhance the reputation of your business through this high-profile association with the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance (CHTA).

- Your logo and company details listed on event website
- Opportunity to include one (1) item of company literature in the Delegate Kit

TRADESHOW BOOTH \$750

- One 10 foot by 10 foot space (includes one 6 foot table and one chair)
- Opportunity to include one (1) item of marketing literature in the Delegate Kit



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CHTA 2022 SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW

Level	Workshop	Tradeshow Booth	Free Registrations	Video Message	Email Newsletter	Delegate Kit	Printed Materials	Online Representation
Platinum	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	5 items	✓	✓
Gold	-	✓	3	✓	-	3 items	✓	✓
Silver	-	✓	2	-	-	2 items	✓	✓
Tradeshow	-	✓	-	-	-	1 item	✓	✓

ACTIVATIONS AND PRODUCTS

A great option for companies who do not have a retail product to share with attendees. CHTA will look after the ordering and distribution of these items. If you have product ideas, please let us know.



Delegate Bags

\$3000 or in-kind donation of hemp cloth bags



Branded Phone Charging Stations
\$1500



Skincare

Price to be determined based on product - international skincare company will create branded hemp-based product for your company



Straws

\$1500 for branded hemp straws to be used at the venue and for each delegate to receive a box of 100

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL: CONFERENCE@HEMPTRADE.CA



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September 20, 2022

Via e-mail

The Honourable Nate Horner, MLA
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development
131 Legislature Building Edmonton,
Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Horner:

RE: ADEQUACY AND AFFORDABILITY OF CROP INSURANCE FOR MARKET GARDENS

On behalf of Red Deer County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB), we would like to encourage your ministry to review the adequacy and affordability of crop insurance as it relates to market gardens.

This summer numerous large hailstorms passed through our region stranding motorists, damaging property and destroying crops. Market Gardens were particularly impacted by these storms. Crop insurance is available to market gardens however, they are not eligible for subsidized crop insurance similar to other producers. Many market gardens find it too expensive to purchase crop insurance or they do not meet eligibility requirements.

Resolution 7-18 from the 2018 Provincial ASB Conference identified many of these same concerns affecting the fruit industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) review its AgrilInsurance Products list and consider providing crop insurance coverage for fruit producers in Alberta including saskatoons, haskap, strawberries, raspberries, sour cherries, currants and other fruit and change their AgrilInsurance Products listing to include multi-year or long-term crops.

The response from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) and AFSC encouraged fruit growers to meet with AFSC and assess the feasibility of developing an insurance program for the fruit sector. Red Deer County Agricultural Service Board supports these meetings and would like them to include the entire market garden industry and not be limited to fruit growers.

The lack of adequate and affordable crop insurance for market gardens is a deterrent for producers to enter into and stay in the industry. Market gardens have become an important source of local produce. We encourage your Ministry to review the equitability of crop insurance for market gardens.

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Respectfully,

RED DEER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Huelsman".

Connie Huelsman, Chair

cc: Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament, Red Deer - Lacombe
Earl Dreeshen, Member of Parliament, Red Deer – Mountain View
Devin Dreeshen, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Innisfail – Sylvan Lake
Agriculture Financial Services Corporation
Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee
Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards