



AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Committee Room

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AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 26, 2022

9:06 AM

Committee Room
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, AB T4A 0X2

Present: Chair G. Boehlke
Vice Chair L. Gallelli
Councillor S. Samra
Councillor S. Wright (arrived at 9:11 a.m.)
T. Fehr
T. Birchall

Absent: L. Reicheneder

Also Present: J. Fleischer, A/Manager, Agriculture & Environmental Services
C. Nelson, Manager Corporate Business Development
D. Kalinchuk, Manager Economic Development
L. Poile, Agricultural Services Officer, Agriculture & Environmental Services
M. Mitton, Legislative Officer, Legislative and Intergovernmental Services
T. Norman, Customer Care Clerk, Customer Care & Support
P. Salvatore, Municipal Experts, Consultant

A Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. with all members present, with the exception of Councillor Wright.

B Updates/Approval of Agenda

Chair Boehlke asked that a conversation be added about a Bylaw or Procedure for topsoil.

MOVED by Trevor Birchall that the September 21, 2022 Agricultural Services Board meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

C-1 May 21, 2022 Agricultural Services Board Minutes

MOVED by Leisa Gallelli that the May 26, 2022 Agricultural Services Board meeting minutes be approved, as amended.

Carried



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D-1 All Divisions – Agricultural Fieldman Report

File: N/A

Councillor Wright arrived to the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Jeff Fleischer, A/Agriculture and Environmental Services Manager, reported on the following:

1. Seasonal agricultural operations are nearing completion for the 2022 season.
 - The Agricultural Tour was held on July 21, 2022. This year's tour stopped at the Calgary Farmyard, Prairie Berry YYC, Wilderness Alpacas, Alberta Carriage Supply and Decisive Farming. There was also a presentation from 4H and the 2022 Rocky View County Master Farm Family Award was awarded to the Cleveland Family (Cleveland Ventures Ltd.)
 - Herbicide application to control prohibited noxious and noxious weeds on County roads is completed on a three-year rotation. This year the roadside ditches in Division 5 were inspected and spot treated to control invasive weeds. The roadside spraying program began in mid-June.
 - The roadside mowing program will be completed in early October. The operators have completed one pass on all roads and completed a second pass in select areas of the County.
 - The grasshopper, elm bark beetle, emerald ash borer and bertha armyworm insect surveys have all been completed and the County remains at a low risk for the insects.
 - Currently administration is finalizing the clubroot surveys throughout the County. To date we have not identified any new clubroot infected crops in 2022.
2. Rocky View County will be seeking one member at large from east of Highway 2 to sit on the Agricultural Service Board. Ludwig Reicheneder has successfully completed his second term on the ASB. The new member-at-large will be appointed by Council at the organizational meeting on October 25, 2022. Members-at-large may serve for a maximum of two consecutive three- year terms; at the discretion of Council, a member-at-large may be appointed for one additional term.
3. Recently the federal, provincial, and territorial agriculture ministers met to discuss objectives for the new Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) framework, that will commence on April 1, 2023. Details of each Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) agreement have not yet been determined and stakeholder input is still taking place.
4. Earlier this year, Cleanfarms announced that the <23L pesticide & fertilizer container recycling program will transition from a municipal-based collection model to retail-based collection model across the provinces of Alberta and Manitoba over the next three years. The transition will involve phasing out a portion of the municipal locations each year. The lowest-volume municipal sites in the province will close by end-of-year 2022, medium-volume municipal sites will close by end-of-year 2023, and the highest-volume sites will operate through to the end of 2024. Rocky View County currently has two pesticide collection sites, Irricana Transfer Station (medium-volume) and the Airdrie Transfer Station (low-volume).



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5. The 2022 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Fall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 in Lacombe, Alberta. The agenda has not been released but will be shared with the ASB as soon as it is available.

MOVED by Tricia Fehr that the Agricultural Fieldman Report be received as information.

Carried

D-2 All Divisions – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Agricultural Service Board Regional Liason
File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, A/Agriculture and Environmental Services Manager, reported on the following on behalf of Kellie Jackson, Agricultural Service Board Regional Liaison:

- Surveillance and monitoring is winding down for 2022 season; will provide initial updates once the data has been assessed
- Update to weed reporting tool (EDDMapS) <https://abinnovatives.ca/take-action/#eddmaps-alberta>
- Weed Review survey for Ag Fieldmen is being sent out this week – short webinar on Wednesday is scheduled to launch the survey (will be recorded)
- Preparing for the 2022 ASB Regional Conferences – I'll be attending Central Region on Nov 1
- Pilots for the draft seed cleaning form and guide will be scheduled between Oct – Dec 2022 – will be doing a short update at IST on Thursday Dec 8th
- Setting up ADM/ASB Fall Town Hall – tentative date is Thursday Nov 24th, if you have any topics you'd like ADM Conrad to cover, please let us know by the end of October
- Working on webinar topics for Ag Fieldmen for winter 2023 – if you have any topics you'd like us to provide updates on, please let me know by end of November
- Next Policy Framework for CAP is under development – will be known as SCAP with emphasis on sustainability; initial results from Guelph statement survey are being analyzed and a 'what we heard' will be released shortly; will likely have another opportunity this fall to provide input into specific programs. It's expected there will be environmental and water programs for producers with continuity of existing programs during the 1st year SCAP modified to align with Guelph statement
<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/about-our-department/key-departmental-initiatives/meetings-federal-provincial-and-territorial-ministers-agriculture/guelph-statement>
- \$150 M announced in federal 2022 budget for a resilient agricultural landscape program to support carbon sequestration, adaptation and address other environmental co-benefits. (i.e., land management, BMP's) <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agri-info/budget-2022-and-canadas-agriculture-and-agri-food-sector> ; https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/news/news_release.2022.07.038.1.html ; <https://www.albertafarmexpress.ca/news/federal-provincial-governments-partner-on-ecological-goods-and-services-program/>



MOVED by Councillor Samra that the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Report be received as information.

Carried

The Chair called for a recess at 9:47 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 9:51 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

E-1 All Divisions – Economic Development Strategy – SOAR engagement session with the ASB

File: N/A

Presenter: Cole Nelson, Manager Corporate Business Development
David Kalinchuk, Manager Economic Development
Paul Salvatore, Municipal Experts, Consultant

MOVED by Councillor Samra that the Economic Development Strategy – SOAR engagement session be conducted with the ASB.

Carried

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is identified as a vital group to engage in regards to agricultural production, value added agricultural, agribusiness, agricultural education and protection and all other matters related. The project team will be working to uncover important information from the board and other stakeholders via a SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results) discussion and subsequent analysis, purpose being for proper alignment with technical studies, current policy and finally for inclusion within the final project report.

As such, a project plan has been created; the plan requires several groups both inside the County administration and external to the County be engaged and determine the best possible strategy to see economic growth in the County.

Chair Boehlke left the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

The Chair called for a recess at 11:22 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:30 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Councill Wright left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

The Chair called for a recess at 12:11 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 12:45 p.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Council Samra left the meeting at 12:55 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 12:56 p.m.



F-1 All Divisions – Upcoming Events
File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, A/Agriculture and Environmental Services Manager, reported on the following:

The events below are identified for the Board’s and Council’s information:

1. RDAR funding for rotational grazing, nitrogen use and cover crop projects. Please click [here](#) for more information.
2. Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Awareness Training, October 4th & 5th, 2022 Olds, AB. To register, click [here](#).
3. Low-stress Livestock Handling Workshop - Live Demonstration (Dylan Biggs, TK Ranch), Manning – October 13, 2022. Registration, please click [here](#).
4. Abattoir Tour, Wetaskiwin hosted by Grey Wooded Forage Association, October 15th, 2022. To register click [here](#).
5. Central Region ASB Conference, November 1st, 2022, Lacombe, AB.
6. Provincial ASB Conference January 17th to 19th, 2023, Grande Prairie, AB.

MOVED by Tricia Fehr that the Upcoming Events Report be received as information.

Carried

G-1 Farm Member Reports

Tricia Fehr

- Most of the peas and cereals have been harvested in the area, some canola out there that hasn’t been harvested yet
- Could use moisture for the pastures
- Lack of pasture is a concern with price of feeder cattle next year

Leisa Gallelli

- West of Crossfield is pretty much the same, with the exception of canola. Canola took a beating with Berta Army Worms, Lygus bugs and flea beetles.
- Canola yields are about in half as previous years, probably due to weather
- Calf sales the market is really high, 700 lb weight steers selling for \$2.60/lb

Trevor Birchall

- Nothing else to add
- A few frosts had to harvest the garden
- Pastures are looking slim but there is more hay than past years
- Mostly all is harvested except canola



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H Next Meeting

November 17, 2022

I Adjourn the Meeting

MOVED by Leisa Gallelli that the September 21, 2022 Agricultural Services Board meeting be adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Carried

Chair or Vice Chair

Chief Administrative Officer or Designate



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Agricultural Service Board
DATE: November 17, 2022 **DIVISION:** All
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: Agricultural Fieldman Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides updates on Agricultural Services matters since the last update provided on September 21, 2022. The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) should be aware of the following items for County Council consideration.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Agricultural Fieldman report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Since the last meeting of the ASB, the following highlights have taken place within the Agricultural Services section.

DISCUSSION:

1. Agricultural and Environmental Services seasonal operations have concluded for 2022.
 - Our weed inspectors, sprayers and crop inspector’s season began on May 16th.
 - The weed inspectors conducted 5, 935 inspections, managed 718 weed cases and issued 38 notices in 2022.
 - Roadsides in Division 5 were inspected, and the noxious weeds were spot treated with herbicide to prevent further spread.
 - The roadside mowing program was completed ahead of schedule. The operators completed one pass on all roads and a second pass in select areas of the County where required. Approximately 8,253 km’s of roadsides were mowed.
 - No clubroot was confirmed in the County for 2022. Our total remains at 10 infected fields.

Weed Inspection	
Number of County Owned Land Inspections	186
Number of City View Weed Cases	718
Number of Letters Issued	481
Number of Notices Issued	38
Number of Landowner Meetings	123
Total Number of Inspections	5, 935



Weed Control	
Roadside Weed Control	1,400 km's
County Land (MR) Weed Control	30 MR's (3-year rotation)
Crop Inspection/Agricultural Pests	
Number of Canola Fields in the County	617
Number of Canola Fields Inspected for Clubroot	611
Number of Confirmed Clubroot Cases	0 in 2022, 10 Total
Number of Fields Inspected for Fusarium G.	7
Number of Blackleg Inspections	7
Number of Other Agricultural Insect Inspections	96
Roadside Mowing/County Land Mowing	
Roadside Ditch Mowing	8,253 km
County Land (MR) Mowing	469.5 ac

- Administration completed the annual seed cleaning plant inspection on October 31, 2022, and they received a final rating of 99.5% K.I.B.A. The Seed Cleaning Plant cleaned a total of 873,000 bushels and treated 212,000 bushels of grain.
- The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference is an annual conference held in January. The conference allows ASBs from across the province to learn about new agricultural issues and discuss resolutions to improve the agricultural industry within Alberta. The 2023 ASB Conference is scheduled for January 17th – 19th in Grande Prairie and the agenda will be sent out, along with registration details as soon as it becomes available.
- Administration was contacted by the office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian of another positive avian influenza case within Rocky View County. The positive case was found in a small, non-commercial flock in the southwest portion of the county. This is the second case of Avian Influenza this year in Rocky View County. CFIA oversees the response and will notify administration if any additional resources are needed.
- The importation of topsoil for agricultural purposes has been a growing concern for agricultural producers and residents throughout the County. Administration has been tasked with creating a policy to outline the specific conditions that must be met prior to importing topsoil to agricultural land in Rocky View County. The draft policy is attached for the ASB's review.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.



OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the Agricultural Fieldman Report be received as information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Jeff Fleischer”

“Byron Riemann”

Manager, Operational Services

Executive Director, Operations

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment ‘A’ – Draft Importation of Topsoil on Agricultural Land Policy



IMPORTATION OF TOPSOIL ON TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS

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Policy Number:	C-###
Policy Owner:	Agricultural and Environmental Services
Adopted By:	Council
Adoption Date:	YYYY Month DD
Effective Date:	YYYY Month DD
Date Last Amended:	YYYY Month DD
Date Last Reviewed:	YYYY Month DD

Purpose

- 1 This policy outlines the specific conditions that must be met prior to importing topsoil to agricultural land in Rocky View County (the County).



Policy Statement

- 2 The County acknowledges that placing excessive or low quality topsoil on agricultural lands can have a negative impact on soil health and increase the potential for soil erosion.
- 3 Importing topsoil onto agricultural land can benefit soils of a poorer quality, provided that the imported soil quality is adequate and the legal requirements and environmental impacts are managed properly.
- 4 Land owners/developers should prioritize accommodating excess soils onsite. Onsite accommodation strategies may include: using soil on land in need of reclamation, to improve topography, for site screening (i.e. berms), or for landscaping purposes
 - (1) The County considers innovative approaches to deal with excess soils as a result of land development. Suitable analysis and details of the anticipated outcomes should be included with any application of innovative approaches to deal with excess soils.
- 5 The County follows provincial requirements to protect soil from erosion and supports agricultural producers in maintaining healthy and viable agricultural land.



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Policy

- 6 The County authorizes and regulates the movement of topsoil through the development permit process.
- 7 An applicant must apply for and secure a development permit in accordance with the County's Land Use Bylaw prior to importing topsoil onto agricultural lands.

Quality of soil and testing requirements

- 8 Prior to importing topsoil onto agricultural lands within the County, the applicant provides a stamped and endorsed statement from a qualified professional confirming the:
 - (1) soil quality of the destination location;
 - (2) source of the new topsoil;
 - (3) soil quality of the new topsoil; and
 - (4) anticipated agricultural benefits achieved by the proposed addition of topsoil.
- 9 The soil tests must confirm that:
 - (1) the soil texture is balanced and less than or equal to 40.00% clay;
 - (2) organic matter is a minimum of 3.00% and equal to or greater than the organic matter of the soil on the destination site;
 - (3) the sodium adsorption ratio and electrical conductivity rating of the topsoil is at least "Good" as defined by the Soil Quality Guidelines for Unrestricted Land Use from Salt Contamination Assessment and Remediation Guidelines (AENV, 2001c)
 - (4) the PH value is within the range of 6.0-7.5.
 - (5) the soil is negative for the clubroot pathogen.
- 10 The applicant engages a qualified professional to conduct routine soil testing at the destination location of the topsoil material. Testing occurs at a frequency of one test per 5,000 cubic



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metres to ensure the standards as outlined in Section 8 of this policy are met. Council reserves the right to adjust the frequency of testing as required.

- 11 If the applicant imports less than 10,000 cubic metres of topsoil, a minimum of three soil tests must be conducted. All three tests must meet the same standards as outlined in Section 9 of this policy; and are conducted according to the following schedule:
 - (a) one soil test prior to the release of the development permit;
 - (b) one soil test at the midpoint of the hauling process; and
 - (c) one soil test when the project has been completed.
- 12 The topsoil must not contain concrete, large rocks, rebar, asphalt, building materials, foreign materials or other metal.

Dust mitigation requirements

- 13 The applicant implements dust control measures at the destination site so that dust does not become a nuisance to adjoining property owners and others in the vicinity.
 - (1) Potable water must not be used for grading and/or construction purposes.
 - (2) Water trucks must be available at all times onsite to control dust blowing from the site and/or roadways.
 - (3) If at any time the removal/placement of the topsoil creates a visible dust problem, the removal or handling of the topsoil shall cease immediately until remedial measures are taken.
- 14 In addition to the requirements of Sections 8-13, an applicant must meet all requirements established in the development permit issued for the importation of topsoil.

Development permit application requirements

- 15 Prior to importing topsoil onto County lands, the applicant must apply for a development permit.
- 16 The applicant must submit a construction management plan in accordance with Section 1100 of the County's Servicing Standards.



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- 17 The Applicant/Owner must submit a letter of credit or refundable security in accordance with County Policy C-407.
- 18 The applicant must contact the County with haul details for materials and equipment needed during construction/site development to confirm if road use agreements are required for any hauling along the County road system and to confirm the presence of County road ban restrictions.
- 19 The applicant shall submit a limited scope stormwater management plan, for the destination site prepared by a professional engineer, licensed by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA), in accordance with County Servicing Standards. The stormwater management plan must include:
 - (1) an evaluation of possible impacts that the proposed site grading will have on adjacent lands and any on-site wetlands;
 - (2) mitigation measures, if necessary, for any impacts the work may have on adjacent lands and any on-site wetlands; and
 - (3) both pre and post-development site grading must be included in the report.

Managing Impacts

- 20 The area covered with topsoil must be left in a condition suitable for seeding or planting.
- 21 The topsoil must be uniformly spread in accordance with the requirements of the approved development permit.
- 22 All large rocks, concrete, rebar, asphalt, building materials, foreign materials and other metal must be removed and disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the County.
- 23 The applicant is responsible for rectifying any adverse effect on adjacent lands, including drainage alterations and erosion related concerns.

Exemption

- 24 This policy does not apply to agricultural land receiving less than 1,000 cubic metres of topsoil.





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References

Legal Authorities

- *Soil Conservation Act*, RSA 2000, c S-15

Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.

- Rocky View County Land Use Bylaw C-8000-2020
- Road Use Agreement Bylaw C-8065-2020
- County Policy C-407
- County's Servicing Standards

Related Procedures

- N/A

Other

- N/A

Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description

- N/A

Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description

- N/A

Definitions

25 In this policy:

- (1) "Administration" means the operations and staff of Rocky View County under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer;
- (2) "agricultural land" means the land used for the raising of crops or the rearing of livestock, either separately or in conjunction with one another or or Land zoned as Agricultural General District or Agricultural Small Parcel District.
- (3) "applicant" means a person who is lawfully entitled to make, and makes, an application for any document, approval, permit or other thing that may be issued, made or done under the authority of the Bylaw.;
- (4) "clubroot" means is a serious disease of cruciferous crops (i.e. mustards, canola, etc.) which can result in reduced to severe yield losses. Clubroot was declared a pest under Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act in April 2007;
- (5) "County" means Rocky View County;



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- (6) “development permit” means a document or permit, which may include attachments, issued pursuant to the County’s Land Use Bylaw, authorizing development;
- (7) “electrical conductivity” is a measure of the ability of a substance to conduct electricity. It is directly related to the total concentration of all dissolved cations and anions, and is used to express the magnitude of the total dissolved salt concentration in the soil solution;
- (8) “excessive topsoil” means more than 8” of topsoil placed on agricultural land;
- (9) “large rocks” means any rock greater than 70 millimetres in size;
- (10) “low quality topsoil” means soil not meeting these requirements;
 - (a) Soil Texture is balanced and not over 40.00% clay;
 - (b) Organic matter is a minimum of 3.00%, and equal to or greater than the organic matter of the soil on the destination site;
 - (c) SAR/EC rating is at least “good”; and
 - (d) PH value is in the “acceptable” range for crop growth.
- (11) “qualified professional” means Professional Agrologist or Certified Crop Adviser;
- (12) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires;
- (13) “servicing standards” means the County’s technical requirements that govern infrastructure design, construction, testing, inspection, maintenance, and transfer of public works;
- (14) “Sodium Adsorption Ratio” means the mathematical expression developed as an index of the sodium hazard in soils;
- (15) “Soil Conservation Act” means the Province of Alberta’s *Soil Conservation Act*, RSA 2000, c S-15, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (16) “Road Use Agreement” means a written agreement between the County and the Persons wishing to conduct Transport Operations on County roads;



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- (17) "topsoil" means means the uncontaminated uppermost part of the soil profile (A or Ap horizons) that is ordinarily moved during tillage, containing a balance of clay, silt, and sand, with an organic matter content of at least 3%, a SAR/RC rating of 'good', and PH values in an 'acceptable' range for crop growth;

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AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Agricultural Service Board

DATE: November 17, 2022 **DIVISION:** All

TIME: 10:00 AM

FILE: N/A

SUBJECT: 2022 Ag Recycling Roundups

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the Solid Waste and Recycling 2022 Agriculture (Ag) Recycling Roundups. Of note, 2022 was the last year for pesticide container collection at the Roundup events. This is because the national pesticide container collection program is moving to a return-to-retail system.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the 2022 Ag Recycling Roundups report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Rocky View County hosted eight Ag Roundup events across the County in the summer of 2022. The goal of these events is to encourage residents to safely recycle their hard to handle agricultural materials commonly used on farms and acreages. Items collected at each event include grain bags (over 50 bushels), plastic twine, wire, pesticide containers, tires, unused pesticides, and other chemicals, used oil, livestock lick-tubs, cardboard, electronics, paint, and batteries.

Ag Roundups are held on an annual basis, and 2022 marks the 14th year that the County has run these events. 2022 also marks the last year that empty pesticide containers will be accepted at the Ag Roundups. These materials will gradually transition towards retail collection per the national collection program administered by Clean Farms, which will be fully implemented by the end of 2024. This change will align Alberta's collection program with other provinces, with the goal of providing more convenient recycling options for farmers by bringing empty containers back to the point of purchase for recycling. The Irricana Transfer Site will continue accepting empty pesticide containers until Dec. 31, 2023, to accommodate this transition.

The total attendance across all the Ag Roundup events was 296. This is a slight decrease from the 339 visits made by residents in 2021. The average attendance across all events decreased from 48 to 37 over the last year. This decrease in attendance could be caused by the nice weather this summer, which may have been more ideal for farming activities rather than attending one of the events. Residents may also be taking advantage of the year-round collection of these materials offered at all County transfer sites.



Weights for the materials collected year-to-date (YTD) are in the table below. Many of the numbers are estimated based on volume and then converted to metric tonnes (MT) to allow for comparison. The amount of materials collected so far in 2022 is comparable or higher than previous years. This is likely due to the increased popularity of the year-round programs offered at the transfer sites, not just the use of the Ag Roundup program. Specifically at the events, volumes of oil, paint, and tires remain higher than historic years e.g., 2019 and before.

Year	Grain Bags*	Twine*	HHW**	Oil**	Paint**	Tires**	Wire**
2022	51.36	7.30	2.12	9.50	3.20	11.83	11.64
2021	63.88	7.66	3.14	9.56	2.12	17.99	9.53
2020	46.31	6.30	3.05	13.25	3.17	15.40	16.18
2019	71.94	7.80	5.10	1.00	2.10	7.03	24.14

* Denotes weights for materials shipped YTD including year-round programs at transfer sites

** Denotes estimated weights for materials collected at Ag Roundup events only

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Over the past four years, the annual cost of the program has come in below the anticipated budget. This is partially due to the participation in the provincial ag recycling program, which helps offset the costs for two commodities: grain bags and plastic twine. However, some costs, such as for used oil and hazardous waste treatment, are going up. The 2023 budget is projected to be the same as 2022.

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the Ag Recycling Roundups report be received as information.

Option #2 THAT the Agricultural Service Board provides alternative direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Jennifer Koole”

“Jeff Fleischer”

Jennifer Koole

Jeff Fleischer

Manager, Utility Services

Manager, Operational Services



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TO: Agricultural Service Board

DATE: November 17, 2022 **DIVISION:** All

FILE: N/A

SUBJECT: Alberta Agricultural and Forestry
Kellie Jackson, Agricultural Service Board Regional Liaison

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides updates from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, presented by Kellie Jackson, Strategic Evaluation Specialist and Regional Liaison for Rocky View County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Alberta Agricultural and Forestry Report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Alberta Agricultural and Forestry transitioned the Agricultural Service Board Key Contact Program to a Regional Liaison approach. The intent of the program remains the same and serves to promote open and effective communication between ASB's and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF).

DISCUSSION:

- AI Update – Alberta continues to see AI cases; since spring we've had 52 confirmed with ~ 1.39 million birds affected and had a stretch of 10-15 cases near the end of September with 3 confirmed in Oct. A non-commercial small flock in Lacombe County was identified on Oct 14th. SK and MB are now getting hit with snow geese. The migratory pattern is expected to continue through the fall migration, drop off in winter and re-emerge in spring. Increased vigilance during migratory periods is recommended.
 - Best advice to producers is to maintain biosecurity as one positive case results in depopulating the entire flock which must be properly disposed of. For example, one producer has a 6300m³ disposal site!
 - You can find current information on <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/hpai-in-canada/status-of-ongoing-avian-influenza-response/eng/1640207916497/1640207916934>



- SCAP Update – the ‘what we heard report’ from the online survey (May 9 – June 6, 2022) is available <https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/Npf> The survey gauged public understanding of the 5 priority areas in the Guelph statement.
 - July 22, 2022, the FPT Ministers of Agriculture reached an agreement in principle for SCAP (Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership) Work is continuing the multi-lateral agreement with bilateral agreements to follow that will include Alberta specific content. This phase is likely to include further targeted discussions with stakeholders and CAP evaluation activities to inform SCAP development. No significant changes are expected for year 1 SCAP with changes coming in year 2 of the program. The federal Resilient Agricultural Landscape program (RALP) will be launched in year 1.
- Regional Liaison’s will be attending regional meetings. As the Regional Liaison program has been operating for ~ a year we will be sending a short survey to Ag Fieldmen to see how they feel the program is meeting their needs.
- ADM ASB Fall Town Hall is tentatively scheduled for December 16th, 10:30-11:30am. Once we have confirmation, we will be sending out meeting invitations.
- The ASB team is preparing for Ag Fieldman orientation, policy and resolution writing sessions at IST in December and working on topics for our fall and winter webinars – let us know if you have any topics you’d like covered
- Weed survey responses are being assessed and further work with continue recommendations for regulated weeds.
- Pilot project will launch this fall to make changes to the Seed Cleaning Facility licensing form and process to better align it with the enabling legislation. All licensing inspections will be done using the current form and process this year with an expected roll out of the new form and process in 2023.
- Krista deMilliano is our new Chief Provincial Plant Health Officer and is based out of CDC North.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1 THAT the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Report be received as information.
- Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Jeff Fleischer”

“Byron Riemann”

Manager, Operational Services

Executive Director, Operations



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Agricultural Service Board
DATE: November 17th, 2022 **DIVISION:** All
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: Report Card on the Resolutions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Committee has provided ASB members and staff with the Report Card on government and non-government responses to the 2022 Provincial ASB Resolutions.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Report Card on the Resolutions be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

At the annual Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference resolutions are presented and voted on by Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs). The resolutions that are passed at the conference are then sent to the appropriate Government and/or Non-Government agencies for review. After they have been reviewed, they are sent back to the Provincial ASB Committee for grading and further review by municipal ASB's.

DISCUSSION:

The 2022 Report Card on Resolutions is attached for review. The report card has the Whereas and Therefore Be It Resolved sections, response, response grade, and comments from the ASB Committee for each resolution that was passed at the 2022 ASB Provincial Conference. There are four grades that can be assigned to a resolution's response:

- Accept the Response.
- Accept in Principle.
- Incomplete, and
- Unsatisfactory.

The quality of the response determines the grade that is assigned to each resolution. This report also summarizes actions undertaken by the Provincial ASB Committee on current and previous resolutions. The grades assigned by the Committee are intended to provide further direction on advocacy efforts for each resolution.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.



OPTIONS:

- Option #1 THAT the Report Card on the Resolutions be received as information.
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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment ‘A’ – 2022 Report Card on the Resolutions
- Attachment ‘B’ – Report Card on Resolutions Summary



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. (March 14 Minutes.) ○ The Committee also discussed the Agri-Environmental Partnership 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

RESOLUTION 1-22: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways

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.



RESOLUTION 1-22: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways

GRADE: Accept in Principle

COMMENTS: All 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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE 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 ASB's as an expert source of the timely, detailed and unbiased information that ASB's are now expected to deliver.

GRADE: Accept in Principle

COMMENTS: The response from the government addresses the resolution and indicates that work is in progress to design a cooperative model. The ASBPC has discussed this process with RDAR executives on May 16th and asked for an update on this progress at the June 8th, 2022, townhall with ADM John Conrad but it was not addressed.

RESOLUTION 3-22: Celebrate Canada Agriculture Day in Alberta Schools (February 22, 2022)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

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

GRADE: Accept the Response

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

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 populations 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.

GRADE: Incomplete

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

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.

GRADE: Incomplete

COMMENTS: The ASBPC graded this response as incomplete as it did not provide enough detail to determine if the measures referred to in the response address the concern of the ASBs. The Committee sent the minister of AAFC a letter requesting further details by May 15. 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.



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

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.

GRADE: Accept the Principle

COMMENTS: 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 will be presented at the regional conferences by the ASBPC reps and sent out in the Provincial ASB Conference agenda package.



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Agricultural Service Board

DATE: November 17th, 2022 **DIVISION:** All

FILE: N/A

SUBJECT: Upcoming Events

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The itemized upcoming events listed below include those hosted by Rocky View County Agricultural Services and others, and relate to production, marketing, sustainability, and community.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Upcoming Events Report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

One of the recommendations within the Agriculture Master Plan is to foster capacity building for the agriculture community in areas of enhanced educational services and programs. The intent is to provide support and information resources to producers for specialized opportunities and diversification within the ag industry. ASB meetings provide the opportunity to learn of local and regional conferences and training sessions of interest.

DISCUSSION:

The events below are identified for the Board's and Council's information:

1. Agricultural Excellence Conference November 22nd to 24th, 2022, Canmore. For more information and to register <https://account.canapji.com/events/agex2022>
2. Agricultural Society Innovation Award accepting applications. Deadline is November 30th, 2022. For more information visit <https://www.alberta.ca/agri-news-agricultural-society-innovation-award-accepting-applications.aspx>
3. Prairie Cereals Summit 2022, Banff [December 7-9](#)
4. Fall ADM ASB Town Hall Friday, December 16th from 10:30 – 11:30 am.
5. Western Canada Conference on Soil Health & Grazing, Edmonton [December 13-15](#)
6. Provincial ASB Conference January 17th to 19th, 2023, Grande Prairie.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the Upcoming Events Report be received as information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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