



Mountain View C O U N T Y

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD AGENDA

The Agricultural Service Board will hold a meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 10-1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB, and live streamed via Zoom Cloud Meetings.

1. Call to Order
2. AGENDA
 - 2.1 Adoption of Agenda
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - 3.1 Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2022.
4. BUSINESS ARISING
5. DELEGATIONS
 - 9:00 a.m. Nicole Baldwin, Regenerative Agriculture Program Manager, ALUS (*Old Business 6.1*)
 - 11:00 a.m. Doug Sell, Director – Region 2, Alberta Seed Processors
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - 6.1 ALUS Update and Projects
 - 6.2 Policy/Procedure 6302 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property
 - 6.3 Resolution – Rural Student Acceptance into Veterinarian Program
 - 6.4 ASB Field Visit Results
 - 6.5 Sustainable Farm Families Workshop
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - 7.1 FarmTech Sponsorship Changes
8. REPORTS
 - 8.1
 - a. Seed Plant Updates (*verbal report*)
 - b. Workshop updates
 - c. Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan
 - d. Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan Report
9. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 9.1
 - a. Agricultural Service Board Chair Report
 - b. Living in the Natural Environment Even Sponsorship
10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
11. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 21, 2022

MINUTES

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 10-1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB, and live streamed via Zoom Cloud Meetings.

PRESENT:

B. Rodger, Chair
B. Buschert, Vice Chair
D. Fulton, Councillor
S. LaBrie
T. Huyzer
K. Overguard
Councillor A. Miller
Councillor G. Krebs

ABSENT:

C. Cameron

IN ATTENDANCE:

J. Fulton, Assistant Director of Legislative, Community and Agricultural Services
L. Grattidge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist
C. Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
C. Verpy, Agricultural Coordinator
T. Neufeld, Administrative Support

CALL TO ORDER

B. Rodger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB22-077 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the agenda of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2022, as presented.

MINUTES

Moved by B. Rodger
ASB22-078 That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the Minutes of the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of July 18, 2022.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

NIL

DELEGATIONS

Kellie Jackson, Strategic Evaluation Specialist, Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

Kellie explained the audit process to the ASB: timeline, requirements, compliance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Soil Conservation Act, Animal Health Act and corresponding regulations. The ASB Chair will receive a report. The report will contain recommendations. K. Jackson is also the Central Region Liaison and can be contacted for support.

OLD BUSINESS

ALUS Projects

L. Grattidge presented ALUS Projects for approval consideration and mentioned that almost all of the ALUS funding for 2022 has been used. ALUS has allocated an additional \$30,000 from the Sustainable Development Technology Canada Grant.

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB22-079 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for 75% of the materials, to a maximum of \$679.50 for the riparian fencing project and 25% of the materials for a solar watering system to a maximum of \$1,962.50 on the NE 01-32-06-W5, and additionally \$817.50 to annual payments for the maintenance of these projects from the 2022 ALUS budget.

Carried.

Moved by B. Buschert

ASB22-080 That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for 100% of the materials, to a maximum of \$546 for the riparian fencing project and 25% of the materials for a solar watering system to a maximum of \$1,125 on the SW 15-32-02-W5, and additionally \$465 to annual payments for the maintenance of these projects from the 2022 ALUS budget

Carried.

Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Projects

L. Grattidge presented a Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Project for approval consideration.

Moved by T. Huyzer

ASB22-081 That the Agricultural Services Board approves funding for the dugout fencing project on the SW 06-31-26-W4 for 100% of the material costs to a maximum of \$435, 25% of the material costs for the solar watering system project to a maximum of \$1,568.75 and 100% of the costs for the grass seed mix to a maximum of \$275 from the 2022 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program budget.

Carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

B. Rodger recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

Fiona Briody, On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) Program Manager, Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR)

F. Briody provided a presentation on OFCAF and explained how this program will work with the ALUS Program

Moved by D. Fulton, Councillor

ASB22-082 That the Agricultural Service Board accept for information the two presentations from:

- Kellie Jackson, Strategic Evaluation Specialist, Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development
- Fiona Briody, On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) Program Manager, Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR)

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Reporting

J. Fulton presented the various year end reports for the ASB's consideration in relation to strategic planning reports. Direction was provided to have a brief report with the various graphs.

Moved By T. Huyzer

ASB22-083 That the Agricultural Service Board received for information and provided direction for reporting to bring back to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - Attraction and Retention of Veterinarians to Rural Veterinary Practice

Discussion was held on focusing the resolution on rural student acceptance into the veterinarian program.

Moved by Councillor G. Krebs

ASB22-084 That the Agricultural Service Board bring back the resolution to the next Agricultural Service Board meeting with the edits discussed.

Carried.

D. Fulton, Councillor left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and returned at 11:28 a.m.

Livestock Handling in Emergencies for First Responders

Moved by Buschert

ASB22-085 That the Agricultural Service Board received the discussion for information the discussion on livestock handling for first responders and look forward to updates on the Council initiative.
Carried.

Absinthe Wormwood Review Direction was provided to deliver information on Absinthe Wormwood to raise awareness and encourage control.

Moved by D. Fulton, Councillor

ASB22-086 That the Agricultural Service Board receives the Absinthe Wormwood discussion for information.
Carried.

REPORTS

Seed Plant Updates
(Verbal Report)

T. Huyzer stated there was no meeting so no official information to report on. Construction is making good progress, by October the plant could all be in working order.

S. LaBrie stated that Olds Seed Processing Co-op nothing to report

Workshop Updates

L. Grattidge highlighted the County and various workshops included in the agenda package.

Moved by T. Huyzer

ASB22-087 That the Agricultural Service Board receives the workshop updates for information
Carried.

Cleanfarms 2022 Unwanted Pesticides
& Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collection

Collection site in Innisfail on October 7th, 2022.

Canadian Agricultural
Partnership (CAP) update
Sustainable Canadian
Agricultural Partnership
(SCAP) Key Facts

L. Grattidge provided an update, there is still funding available, program completes in March and a new program will be launched in April. The framework is still being worked on. Still opportunity to provide feedback on the SCAP program.

Moved by Councillor A. Miller

ASB22-087 That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following as information:

- Seed Plant Updates (Verbal Report)
- Cleanfarms 2022 Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collection
- Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) update
- Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) Key Facts

Carried.

Central Region ASB Conference

J. Fulton to put date on the calendar, conference is hosted by Lacombe County November 1, 2022.

2022 ASB Resolution Report Card

Moved by S. LaBrie

ASB22-088 That the Agricultural Service Board receives the 2022 ASB Resolution Report Card for information

Carried.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

B. Rodger recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE
NIL

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Fulton

ASB22-089 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2022, go into closed meeting at 12:16 p.m. to deal with items relative to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 25.

Moved by B. Buschert

ASB22-090 That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2022, return to the open meeting at 1:25 p.m. Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 17, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. LaBrie

That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2022 be adjourned.

Carried.

Chair B. Rodger adjourned the Agricultural Service Board Meeting of September 19, 2022, at 1:26 p.m. .

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Assistant Director of Legislative, Community
and Agricultural Services

DRAFT



Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: ALUS Update and Projects

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for 25% of the materials, to a maximum of \$2,125 for the solar watering system on the E 09-33-27-W4 from the 2022 ALUS budget.

That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for 100% of the materials, to a maximum of \$3,785 for the riparian fencing project on the SW 27-33-06-W5, and additionally \$1,620 to annual payments for the maintenance of these projects from the 2022 ALUS budget.

That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for 75% of the materials, to a maximum of \$750 for the riparian fencing project and 25% of the materials for a winter watering system to a maximum of \$2,750 on 01-30-01-W5, E-03-30-29-W4, and additionally \$4,980 to annual payments for the maintenance of these projects from the 2022 ALUS budget.

That the Agricultural Service Board approves funding for 75% of the materials, to a maximum of \$1,080 for the riparian fencing project on 15-29-02-W5, and additionally \$4,920 to annual payments for the maintenance of these projects from the 2022 ALUS budget.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: That the Agricultural Service Board receives for information the ALUS project applications as presented.

BACKGROUND: At the October 17, 2022 ASB meeting an ALUS representative will be providing a presentation which summarizes the growth and impact of ALUS from 2015-2022.

In 2022, we have 41 projects funded through the Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program and ALUS. Our 2022 ALUS targets have been met as twelve producers have been approved for ALUS funding impacting 376 acres of wetland, riparian and upland areas. Projects will be presented for approval consideration. Project Decision Consideration Guidelines are attached for reference purposes. Applications have been scored using the project rating form and funding recommendations are based on the rating. Agricultural Services has developed a funding spreadsheet based on these evaluations for review.

RELEVANT POLICY: [Policy/Procedure #6309 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding](#)

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

1. 2022 Mountain View County Project Funding: \$25,000
 2. W. Garfield Weston Foundation: \$30,000
 3. Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk: \$33,560
 4. Grazing Forward: \$12,500
 5. 2022-23 Alberta Conservation Association Grant: \$25,000
 6. Sustainable Development Technology Canada Grant: \$30,000
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Attachments Nil

1. ALUS National Impacts Presentation
 2. MVC PAC Project Decision Consideration Guidelines – Oct. 2022
 3. ALUS Projects – Oct. 2022
 4. ALUS Project Spreadsheet – Oct. 2022
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PREPARED BY: LG
REVIEWED BY: JF



National Impacts

Summary of Growth and
Impacts from 2015 – 2021



Program Growth 2015 - 2022

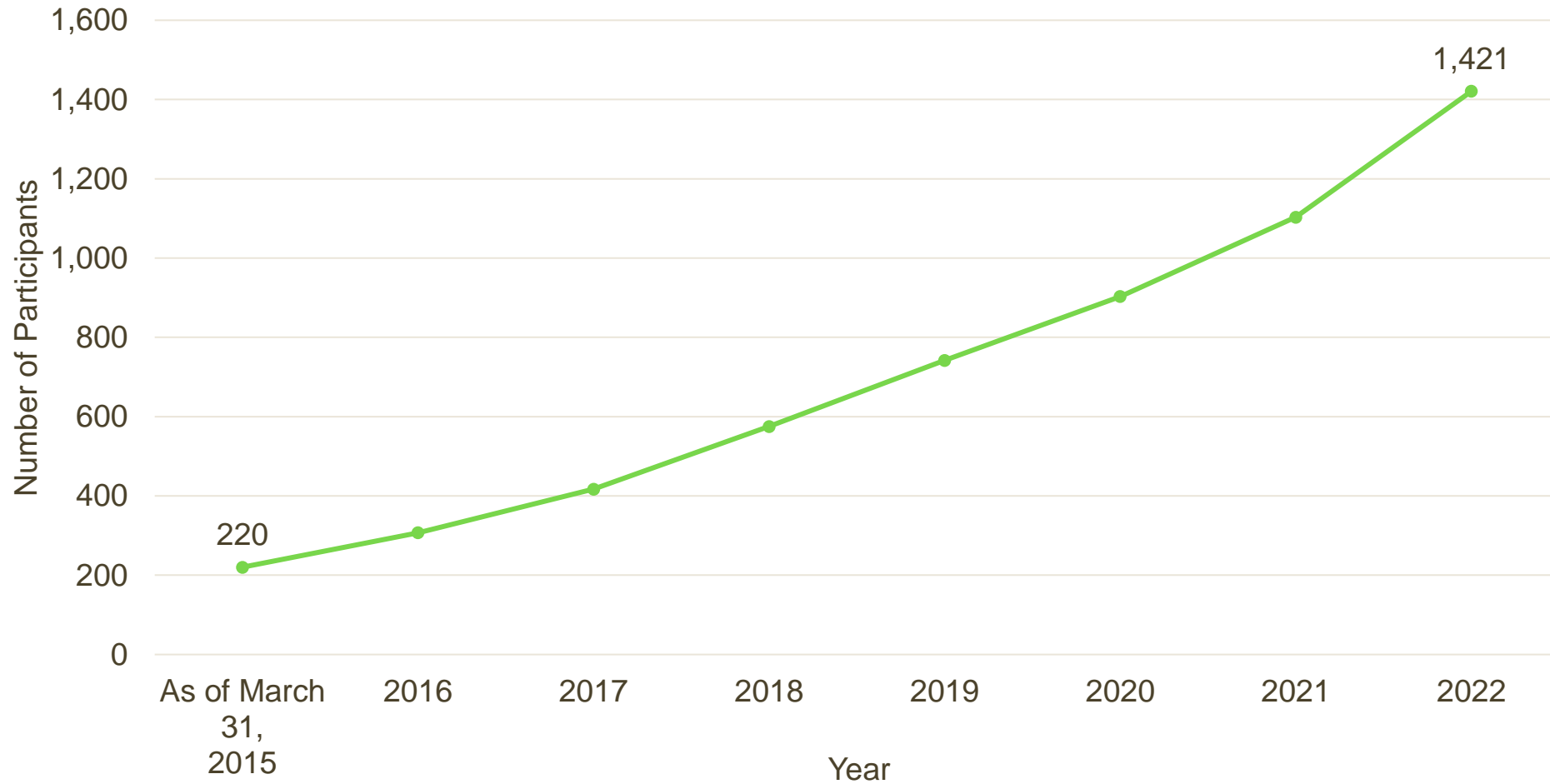


➤ Communities

- 4 New Communities in 2022
 - Barrhead-Westlock-Athabasca, AB
 - Sturgeon County, AB
 - Region of Peel, ON
 - Lanark County, ON
- Average annual growth of 18% since 2015

	March 31 2015	March 31 2022	Cumulative Growth April 2015 – March 2022
Number # of Provinces	4	6	50%
Total # of ALUS Communities	11	35	218%
Total # of ALUS Participants	220	1,421	546%

National Participant Growth 2015-2022





Financials

Financial data confirmed as of
January 2022

Funding Sources: ALUS Canada vs Community - National



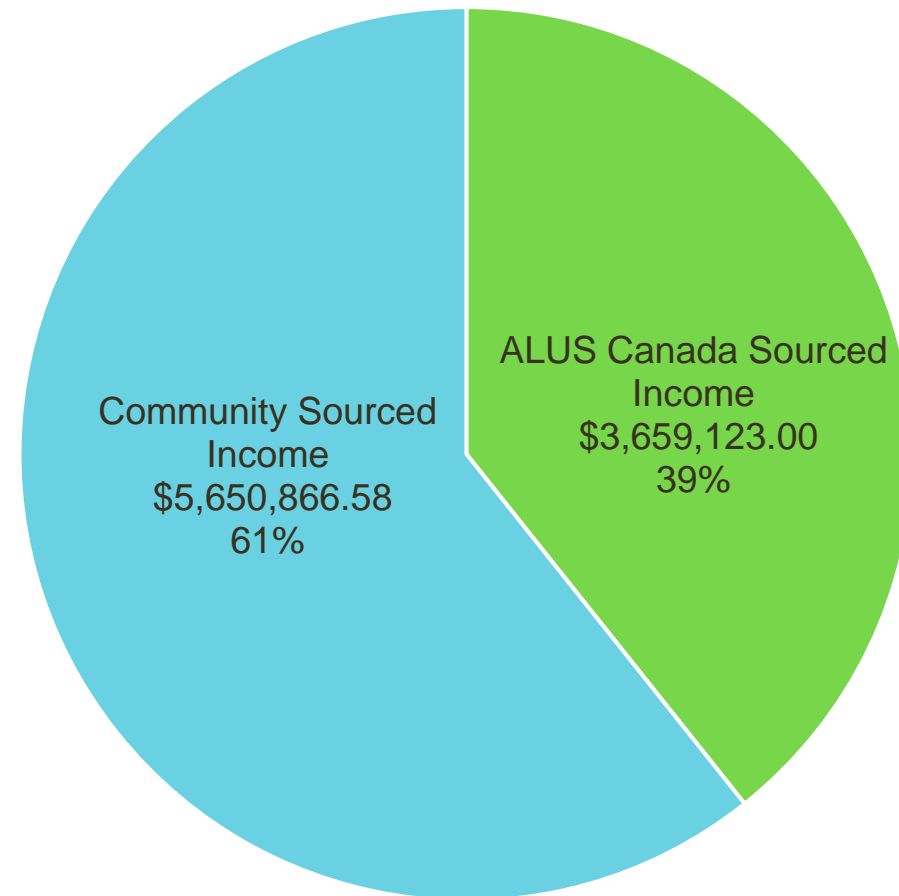
- » ALUS Canada-sourced Income: 39%
- » Community-sourced Income: 61%

» Key Takeaways:

ALUS disbursed over \$3.6 million in funding to ALUS communities in 2021.

This investment was nearly doubled by the farmers, ranchers and communities on the ground.

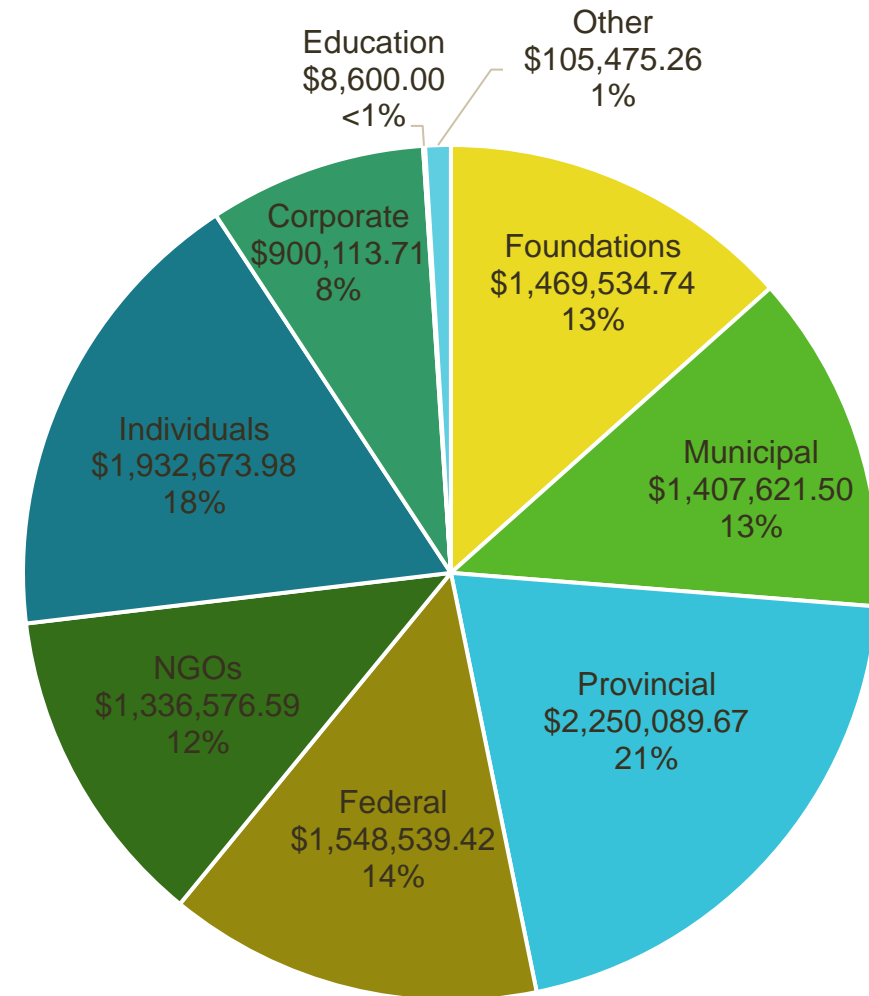
Income to support 2021 program year.
Does not include carry-forward from previous years.
Cash income only.



Community Program Income By Funding Sector - National



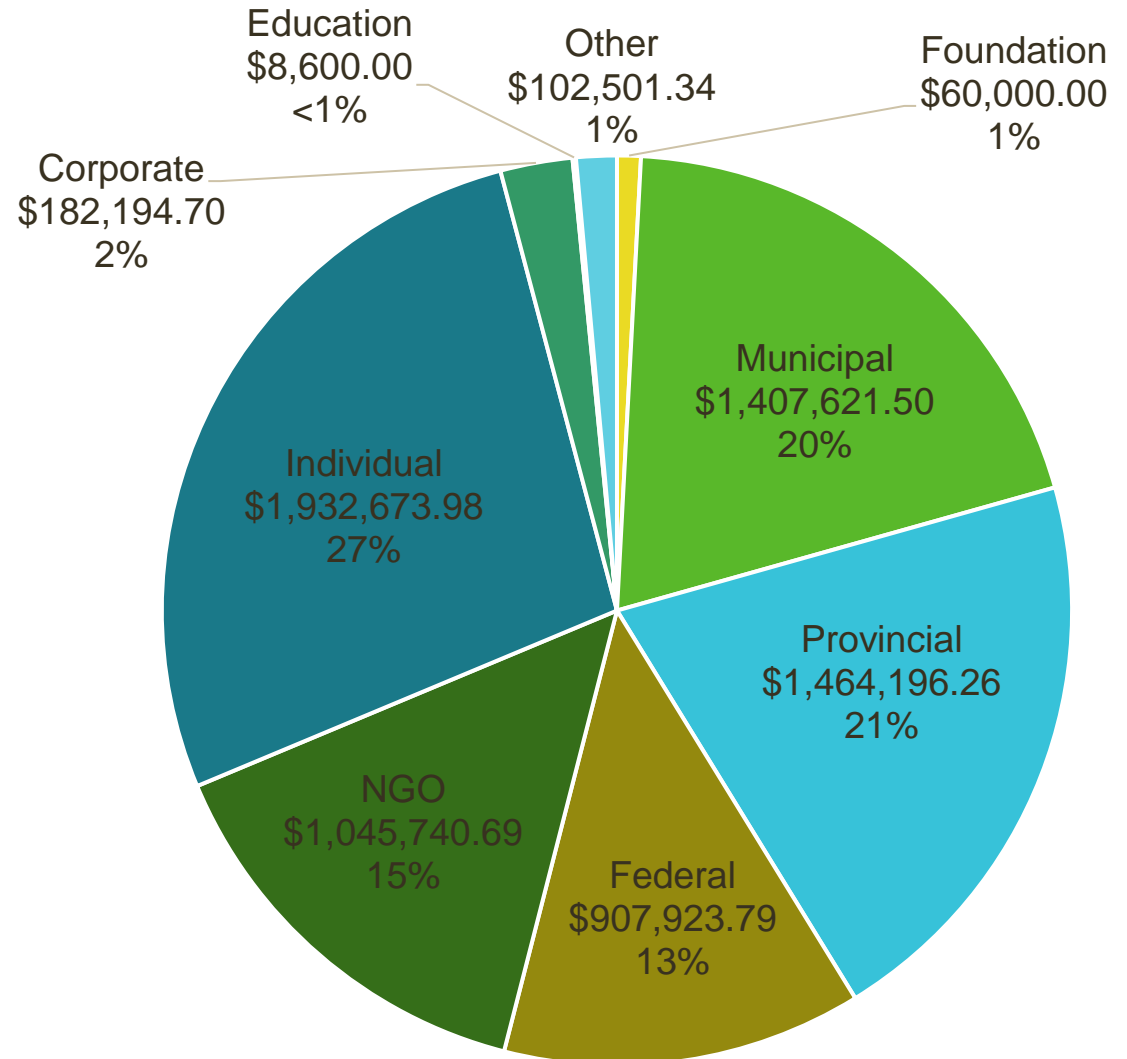
- » Funding to operate ALUS Community Programs is sourced from a diverse group of funding sectors.
- » This chart reflects cash and in-kind funding sourced by both ALUS communities and ALUS Canada.
- » **Total Income: \$10,959,224**
 - 2021 Income: \$10,565,018
 - Carry Forward: \$394,206
- » Participant Contributions are captured in the 'Individual' category.
- » ALUS Canada's direct investment is captured in the 'NGO' category.



Community Sourced Funding By Funding Sector - National



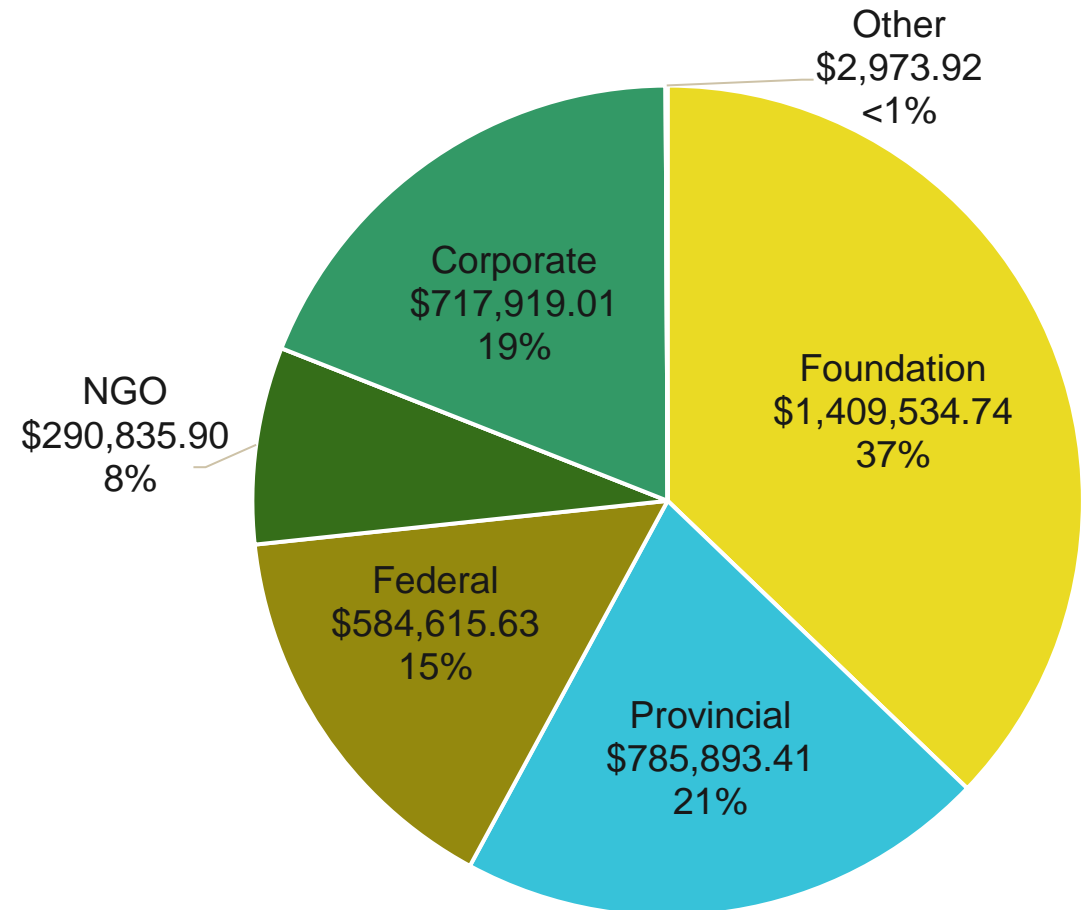
- » Every ALUS Community leverages ALUS' investment in their community to secure funding from a variety of sources to deliver the program.
- » This chart reflects cash and in-kind funding sourced by ALUS communities across Canada.
- » **Total Income: \$7,111,452**
 - Carry Forward: \$206,806
 - 2021 Income: \$6,904,645
- » Participant Contributions are captured in the 'Individual' category.
- » ALUS Canada's direct investment is captured in the 'NGO' category.



ALUS Canada Allocations by Funding Sector - National



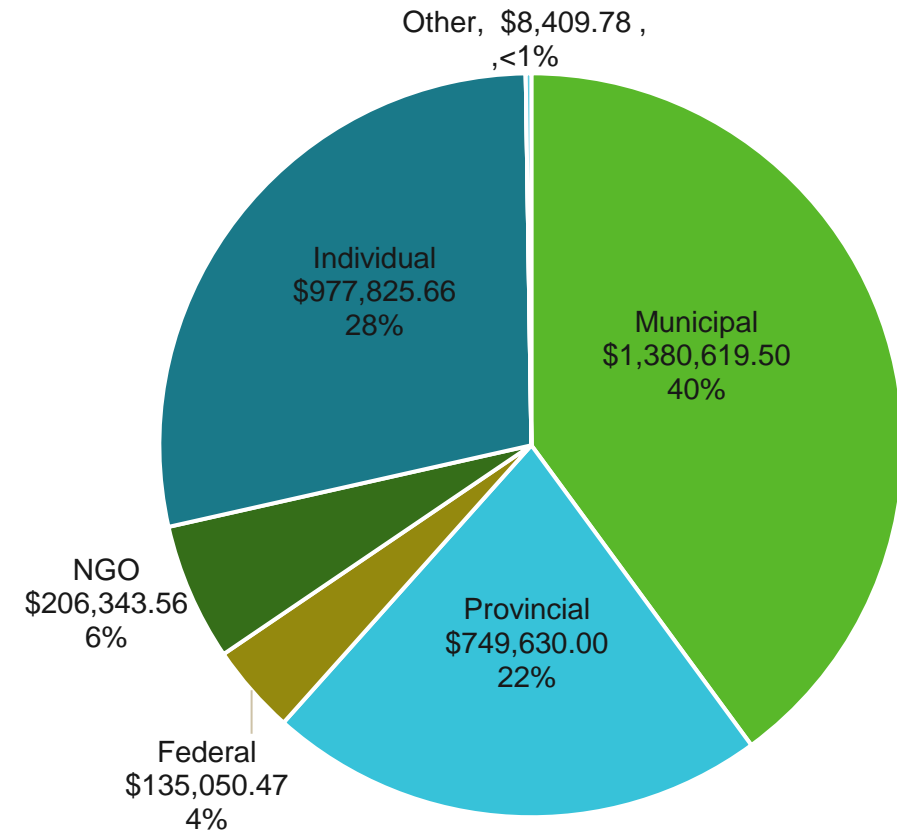
- » In 2021, ALUS Canada invested **\$3,791,772** to support community programming.
- » New funding sources secured in 2021 include:
 - Cargill and A&W Canada (Corporate)
 - Bonneville Environmental Foundation (Corporate)
 - Greenbelt Foundation (Foundation)
 - WWF-Canada (Foundation)
 - NRCan – Growing Canada’s Forests (Federal)
- » ALUS Canada’s direct investment is captured under ‘NGO’.



Community Sourced Funding By Funding Sector– West Hub



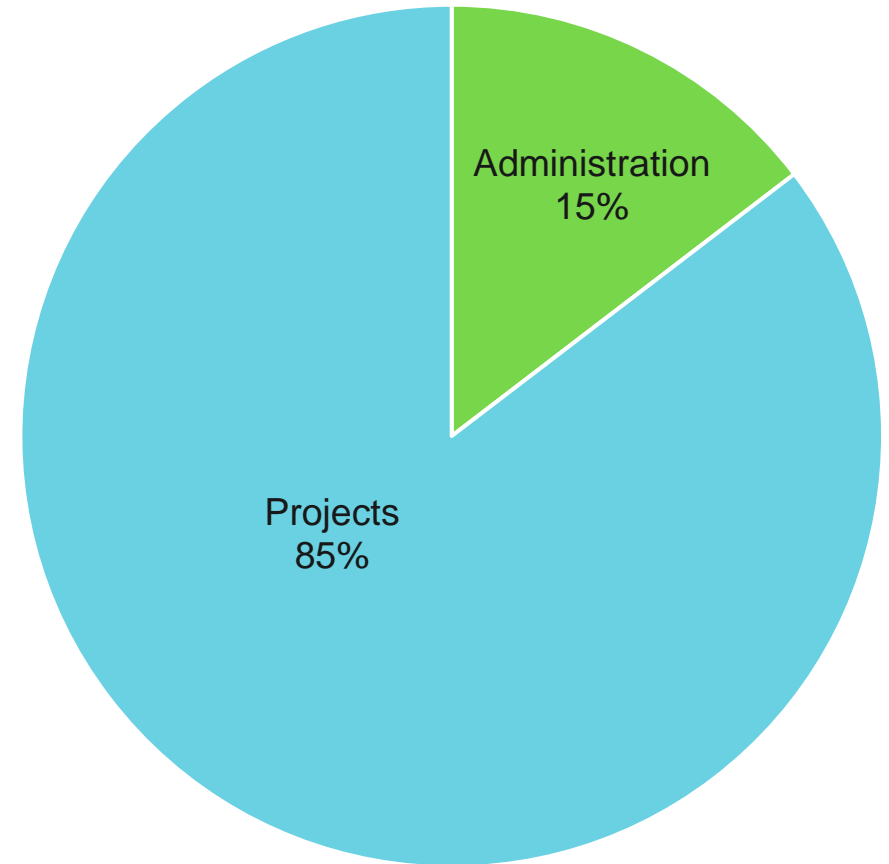
- » Every ALUS Community Program leverages ALUS' investment in their community to secure funding from a variety of sources to deliver the program.
- » This chart reflects cash and in-kind funding sourced by ALUS communities in Alberta.
- » **Total Income: \$3,457,878**
 - Carry Forward: \$151,818
 - 2021 Income: \$3,306,060
- » Participant Contributions are captured in the 'Individual' category.



Administration vs Project Expenses

» Nationally, community program expenses were:

- 15% Administration
- 85% Projects



Project expenses include:

- Establishment (Labour and Materials)
- Annual Payments
- PAC Per Diems
- Database and Mapping
- Monitoring
- Extension Services (Farmer Liaisons)
- Portion of Salary
- Portion of Mileage

Administration expenses include:

- Outreach
- Communications
- Overhead Administration
- Portion of Salary
- Portion of Mileage



Project Data

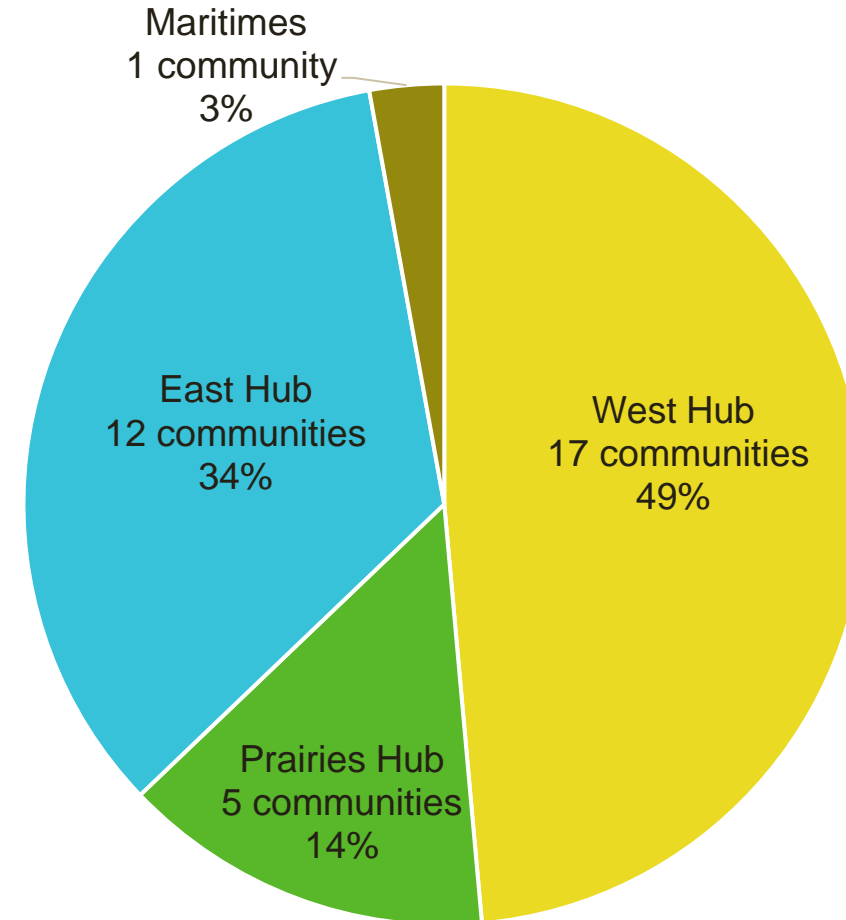
2021 Program Season



Communities by Hub



- » As of March 31, 2022, ALUS is being delivered in **35** communities across **6** provinces.
- » 4 new communities in 2021:
 - Barrhead-Westlock-Athabasca, AB
 - Sturgeon County, AB
 - Region of Peel, ON
 - Lanark County, ON

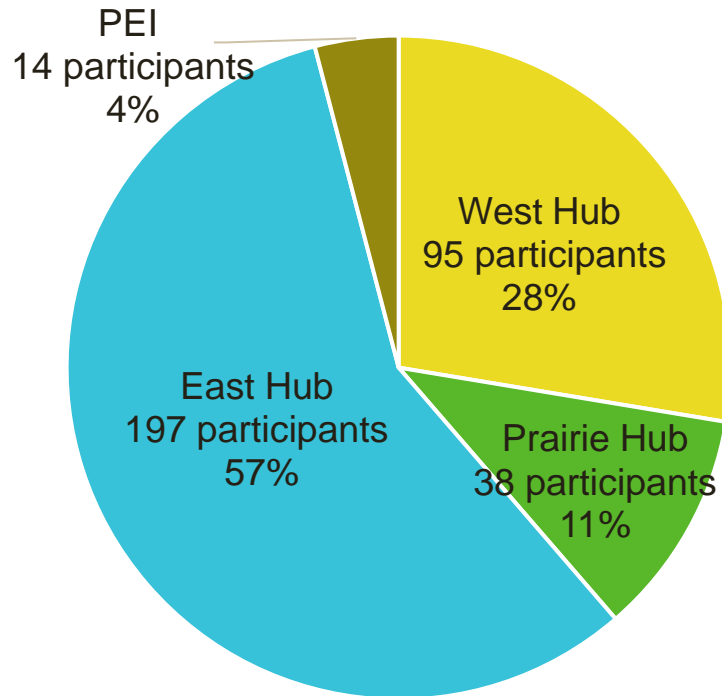


Participants By Hub



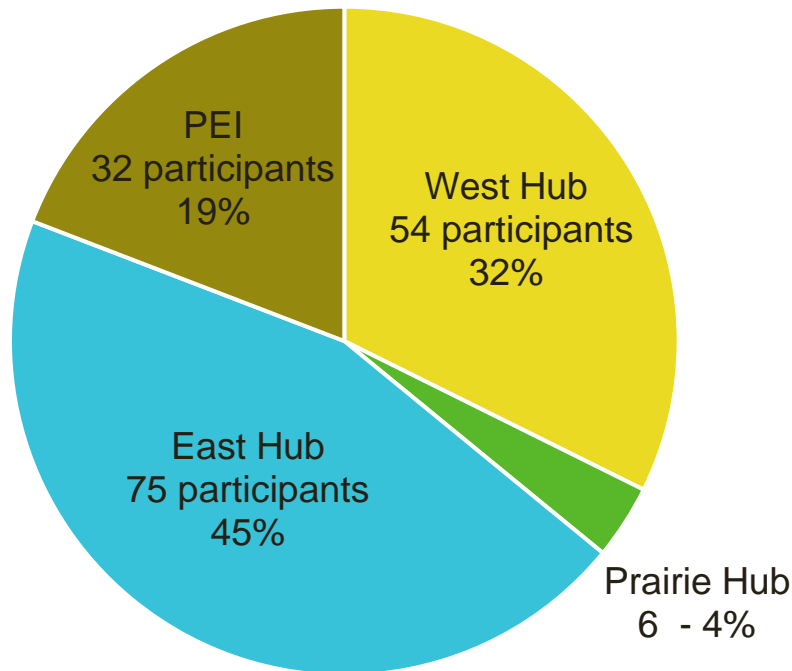
New Participants

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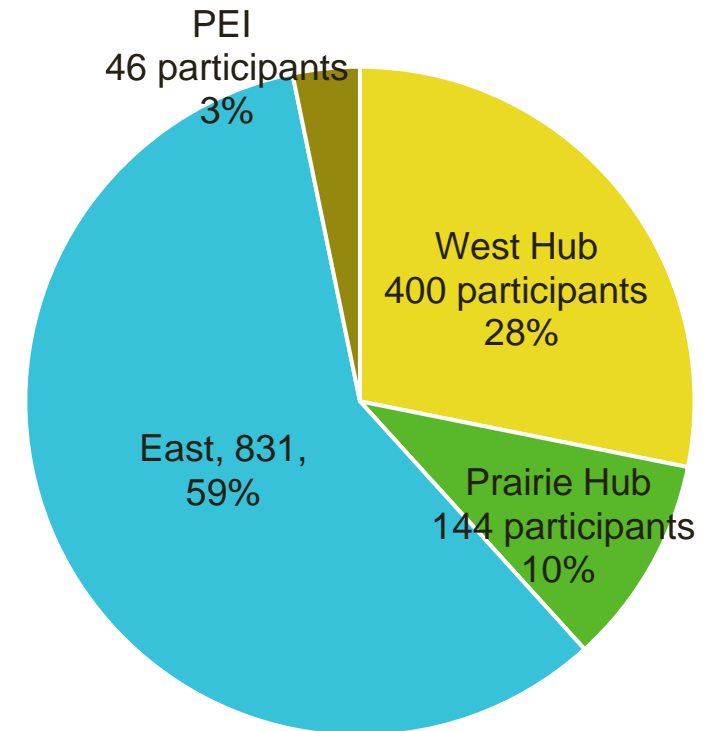
Renewed Participants

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Participants To-Date

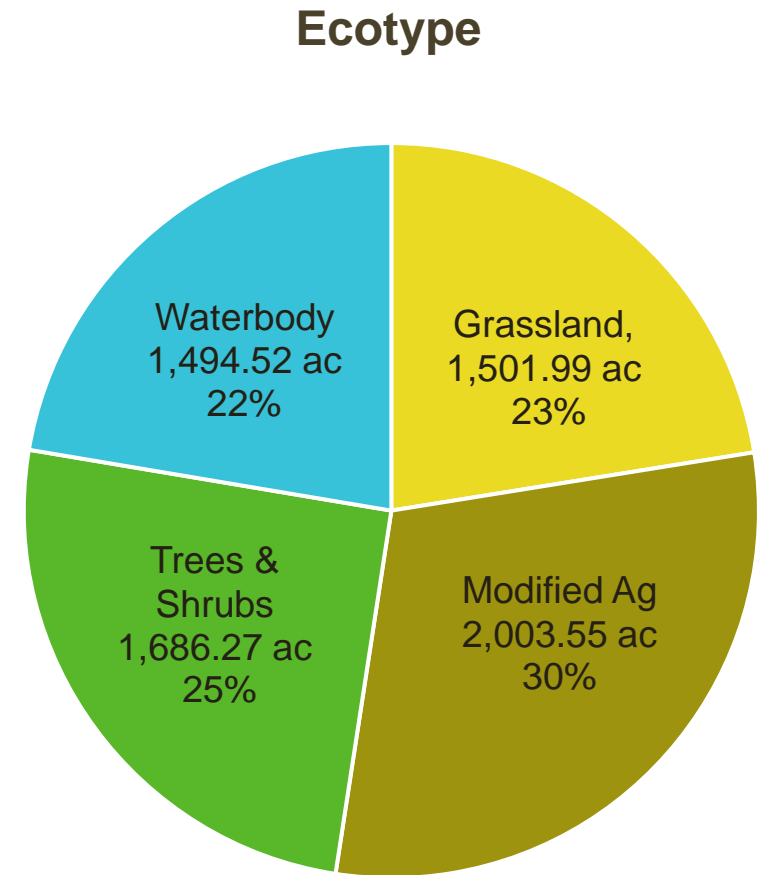
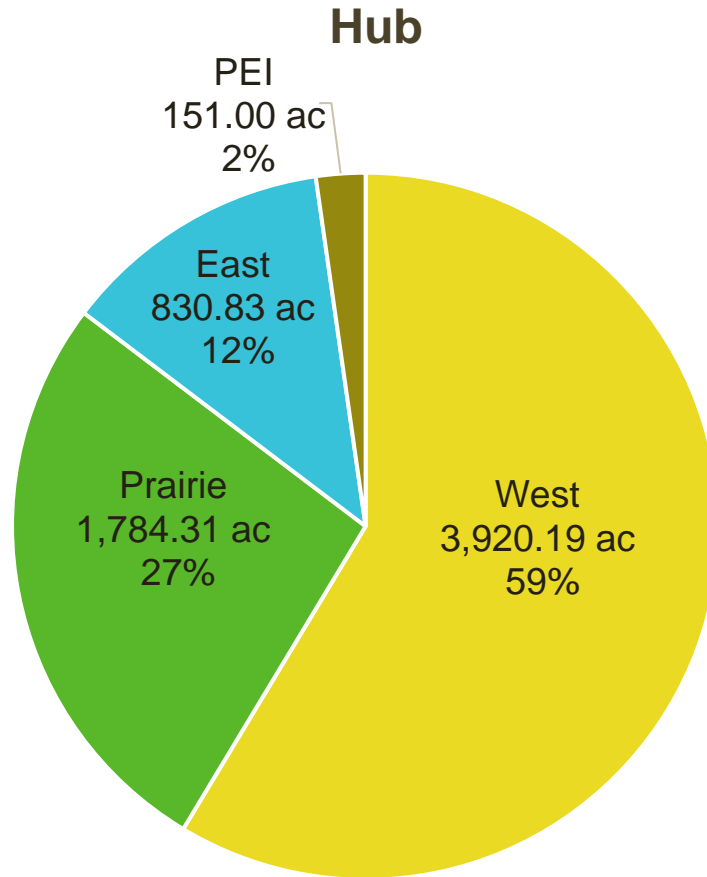
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New Acres



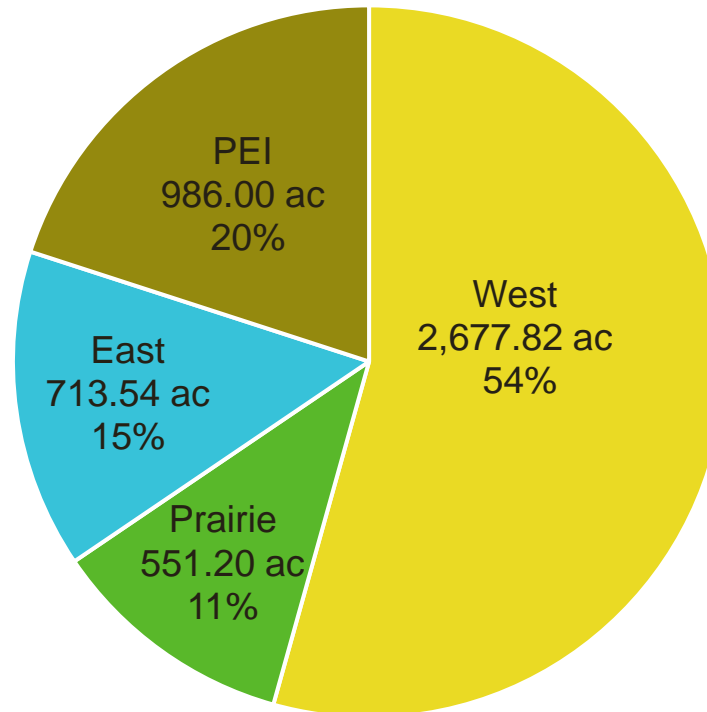
- » Acres enrolled in the program for the first time in 2021.
- » Includes projects classified as:
 - New, By Their Own Hand and Conserved
 - Created, Restored and Enhanced
- » **Total New Acres: 6686**



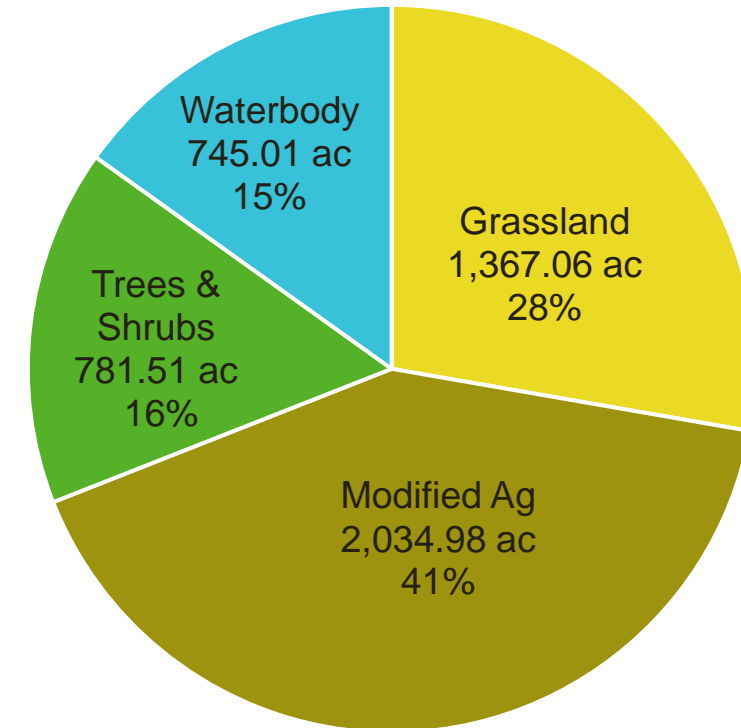


- » Acres re-enrolled in the program in 2021 after the end of a contract term.
- » Includes projects classified as:
 - New, By Their Own Hand and Conserved
 - Created, Restored and Enhanced
- » **Total Renewed Acres: 4,928**

Hub



Ecotype





ALUS

Thank You!

ALUS, originally an acronym for Alternative Land Use Services, is an innovative community-developed and farmer-delivered program that produces, enhances, and maintains ecosystem services on agricultural lands. Mountain View County receives funds from ALUS to administer a program to meet the vision and mission of the organization.

Vision Statement

Sustaining agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for communities and future generations.

Mission Statement

ALUS helps farmers and ranchers build nature-based solutions on their land to sustain agriculture and biodiversity for the benefit of communities and future generations.

Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board and Partnership Advisory Committee

The Mountain View Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is acting as the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC). All members of the ASB/PAC are encouraged to promote and participate in ALUS projects.

Goals

Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) / Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) values, protects and promotes a thriving agricultural community and the preservation of the Region's unique and precious natural environment. The administration and delivery of the ALUS program encourages and supports agriculture into the future, promoting beneficial management practices that are environmentally sustainable. Mountain View County's agricultural community implements projects on working landscapes to create, restore and enhance natural areas such as wetlands, grasslands, riparian areas and treed areas; resulting in cleaner air and water, healthy soils, sustainable food production and habitat for: fish and wildlife, species at risk and native pollinator insects.

Mountain View County identified areas of focus for ALUS program

- Preserving and establishing trees in areas of low concentration
- Reclaiming Alkali or Marginal Soils to Native stands
- Increasing and promoting pollinator establishment
- Reclaiming marginal cropland for buffering around streams; preserving potholes or wetlands
- Education focused on enhanced grazing practices and soil health improvements on productive farmland

ALUS Applicants

- Farmers or ranchers with a registered or legally defined farming operation are eligible recipients of ALUS annual payments.
- Land zoned Agriculture in MVC is eligible for ALUS projects.
- Land renters with a registered or legally defined farming operation are eligible recipients of ALUS payments (a letter of authorization from the landowner is required) or the owner of rented farm land may qualify if they are receiving less rent due to the establishment of a project.
- Rural non-farm landowners are ineligible for payments under ALUS.

To compare the Canadian Agricultural Partnership definition to be eligible for funding is:

Active producer: An individual or a registered corporation responsible for the day-to-day management and work on the farm, including responsibility for input costs for agricultural crops or livestock producing at least \$10,000 worth of farm commodities annually, but does not include a landlord whose only interest in the crop or livestock is that of ownership of the land.

As stated above generally non-farmers are ineligible to participate in ALUS. ALUS projects have been implemented on a couple of commercial properties to showcase the concept and the project, but no annual payments are made.

ALUS priority targets

- Improvements to environmentally-sensitive, marginal or inefficient farm land.
- Enhancing natural features contained within the farmed portion of the land.
- Complexes of wetlands, riparian zones and grassed uplands on and adjacent to selected parcels of farmland.
- Working lands and adjacent areas with special biodiversity features or ecological assets/opportunities.

ALUS does not want to retire productive farm land but there are exceptions. Rental rates for productive farm land are generally higher than the ALUS annual payments and thus there is increased risk of reversal of ALUS projects when commodity prices are high. However, there are a couple of examples where productive land might be retired to conservation – i.e. on productive but environmentally sensitive lands such as a floodplain beside a water body or where the productive lands are inefficient to farm. Additionally, this could include odd areas, narrow corridors along shelterbelts, corners of fields, or where farm equipment is too large to efficiently work the ground.

Project Selection Guidelines

All projects funded are guided by the principles and criteria outlined in [Policy/Procedure #6309 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding](#).

Things to consider when approving a New Project proposal

- Is the project on marginal or environmentally sensitive lands that are currently under agricultural production?
- Does the project meet current local environmental priorities?
- Does the project provide new or complement existing “ecosystem services”?
- Does the project improve diversity?
- Does the project complement existing programs ie: EFP, Canadian Agricultural Partnership?
- Has the Participant shown interest in contributing to project establishment?
- Are there opportunities for delivery partnerships, cost savings, non-duplication etc.?
- Will this project likely remain if annual payments cease to continue?
- Can this project be used as a Demonstration Site?
- Does the Landowner plan to retain the property for at least 10 years?
- Does the project link existing natural features?
- Is the project on less than 20% of the farmed portion of the land?

ALUS projects for review by the PAC's should make note of the local environmental priorities identified by locally driven environmental report cards, studies, or environmental assessments.

Initial Project Establishment costs

Funding amount allocated will be prorated based on other funding received for the project. The maximum amount an applicant can receive per voluntary project will be evaluated case by case.

Material costs for project establishment are eligible for funding. Additional expenses may be eligible for funding in Wetland restoration projects due to expertise required to ensure success ie: consultation, planting, monitoring, and reporting costs. In the event of poor initial vegetation establishment, reseeding will not be considered for funding.

Project Annual Payments (November or December)

PAC's should consider:

Land rental rate base

Cropland vs pasture vs marginal land – link to opportunity costs

Extent of continued agricultural use/benefits

Existing vs new services; recognition for existing services

ALUS MVC payment schedule - updated December 2020, should be reviewed regularly

	Maximum amount	Use adjustment
Cropland	\$50/acre	If grazed or Hay / 50% approved practice
Pasture	\$30/acre	If grazed or Hay / 50% approved practice
Existing native upland*	\$15/acre	If grazed or Hay / 50% approved practice
Permanent wetland (sm)*	\$30/acre	n/a
Permanent wetland (lg)*	\$10/acre	n/a
Ephemeral wetland*	\$30/acre	n/a
Restored/created wetland	\$50/acre	n/a

* These areas will only be consolidated if new creation, enhancement, or restoration has taken place on the property.

Cropland - this is based on the average rental rate for the county. Restoration, enhancement, or creation of habitats in these areas receive the cropland payment. This could include the establishment of new shelterbelts or eco-buffers. ALUS is not meant to compete for good cropland areas, rather it focuses on marginal and odd areas that will complement adjacent natural areas. Cropland rates will also be paid for pasture/hayland areas if the soils are good.

Pasture - this is areas that are marginally productive that are in either pasture or hayland, often in riparian areas. Should the pasture be hayed or grazed later season (after Aug 1) or during dormant season (Oct 15-Mar 15), the payment will be reduced accordingly (typically by 50%) unless this is deemed necessary for maintenance. Restoration, enhancement, or creation of habitats in these areas receive the pasture payment. This could include the establishment of new shelterbelts or eco-buffers.

Existing Native uplands - these are areas that have often been left unused/untouched on a farm or areas that are enhanced or protected. These include areas surrounding a wetland or riparian area, bush, forested area, grasslands, etc. Existing shelterbelts or eco-buffers will be considered at similar payment rates.

Permanent Wetlands - this includes any waterbody, focuses on sloughs (potholes) but also includes creeks. Different sizes of wetlands are generally more or less vulnerable to being drained so payments are greater for smaller (up to 2 acres) versus larger wetlands. A payment may be considered for shallow, temporary, ephemeral wetlands (potholes) in annual cropland if they are not ditched or drained, farming through is acceptable if feasible; payments will continue in dry years.

Use Adjustment - In some cases the PAC might allow the farmer/rancher to use the ALUS project for part of their farm operation. For instance, the farmer may want to let their cows pasture on the prairie project, or even bale those acres for winter feed. To encourage management practices that ensure the project still offers the ecosystem services, the PAC may agree to a partial payment to the farmer. An example of this might be allowing a farmer/rancher to hay the prairie acres only once in August so the prairie can provide nesting habitat for grassland birds.

By your own hand

This refers to projects that have been completed in the past by a farmer now applying to ALUS. In some communities the PAC has recognized existing projects if they were done *since 1990 by the farmer's own hand AND that acreage is matched by a new project*. ie: If the participant had 8 acres of hedgerow already on the farm and they put in a new project of 8 acres of new prairie, the participant could receive annual payments for 16 acres. *Another example in Western Canada includes existing wetlands and bush that have not been drained or cleared whereby we can enroll such existing habitats into ALUS assuming some improvements are made on the same parcel of land.*

Annual payment agreement terms

ALUS payment agreement terms are for 5 years. Consideration should be given to allowing term renewals.

Project Monitoring

All projects will be monitored on an annual basis and the farmer will be responsible for maintenance, 10% of past projects will be verified by a third party annually.

ALUS Funding History

National Wetland Conservation Fund / National Conservation Plan (NCP) of Environment Canada (wetland associated projects only, up to 15% for administration)

Year 1 (2014): \$36,812.50, Year 2 (2015): \$30,000

W. Garfield Weston Foundation (new acres, renewals, annual payments, program delivery)

Year 1 (2015): \$2,000, Year 2 (2016): \$10,000, Year 3 (2017): \$10,000, Year 4 (2018): \$52,000, Year 5 (2019): \$28,381.29, Year 6 (2020): \$2,225

Bissett Action Fund (new acres establishment costs and annual payments)

Year 1 (2017): \$40,000

ACA Conservation, Community and Education Grant (establishment costs)

Year 1 (2017): \$11,800

Year 2 (2018): \$14,083.50

Year 3 (2019): \$14,697.04

Year 4 (2020): \$17,595

Year 5 (2021): \$20,507.51

Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (90 new acres, establishment costs, year one of annual payments, program delivery, priority is the improvement of aquatic habitat that can support fish species)

Year 1 (2019): \$2,429.26

Year 2 (2020): \$47,484

Year 3 (2021): \$40,002

RBC – (administration, outreach activities, establishment costs, annual payments)

Year 1 (2020): \$1,700

Anonymous Donor – (50 new acres, establishment costs, year one of annual payments, program delivery)

Year 1 (2020): \$20,000

Grazing Forward (A&W Canada & Cargill) – (60 new acres, establishment costs, annual payments, program delivery, must have cattle grazing as part of farming operation, adaptive multi-paddock grazing and other enhanced grazing practices are supported, maximum cost/acre supported is \$250)

Year 1 (2021): \$15,000

Environment and Climate Change Canada EcoAction – (81 new acres, establishment costs, annual payments, program delivery, priority is the engagement of producers in environmental restoration and enhancement projects in the Red Deer River Basin)

Year 1 (2021): \$14,000

Sustainable Development Technology Canada – (160 new acres, establishment costs, annual payments, program delivery and administration)

Year 1 (2022): \$30,000

ALUS Projections

2022: 8 new ALUS participants with projects covering a total of 180 acres



Tributary to Spruce Creek
Dugouts/Class 3/4 wetlands
200 cow/calf
Adjacent to Moderate ESA
Kneehills Creek Watershed
Rating: 100%, 37/50

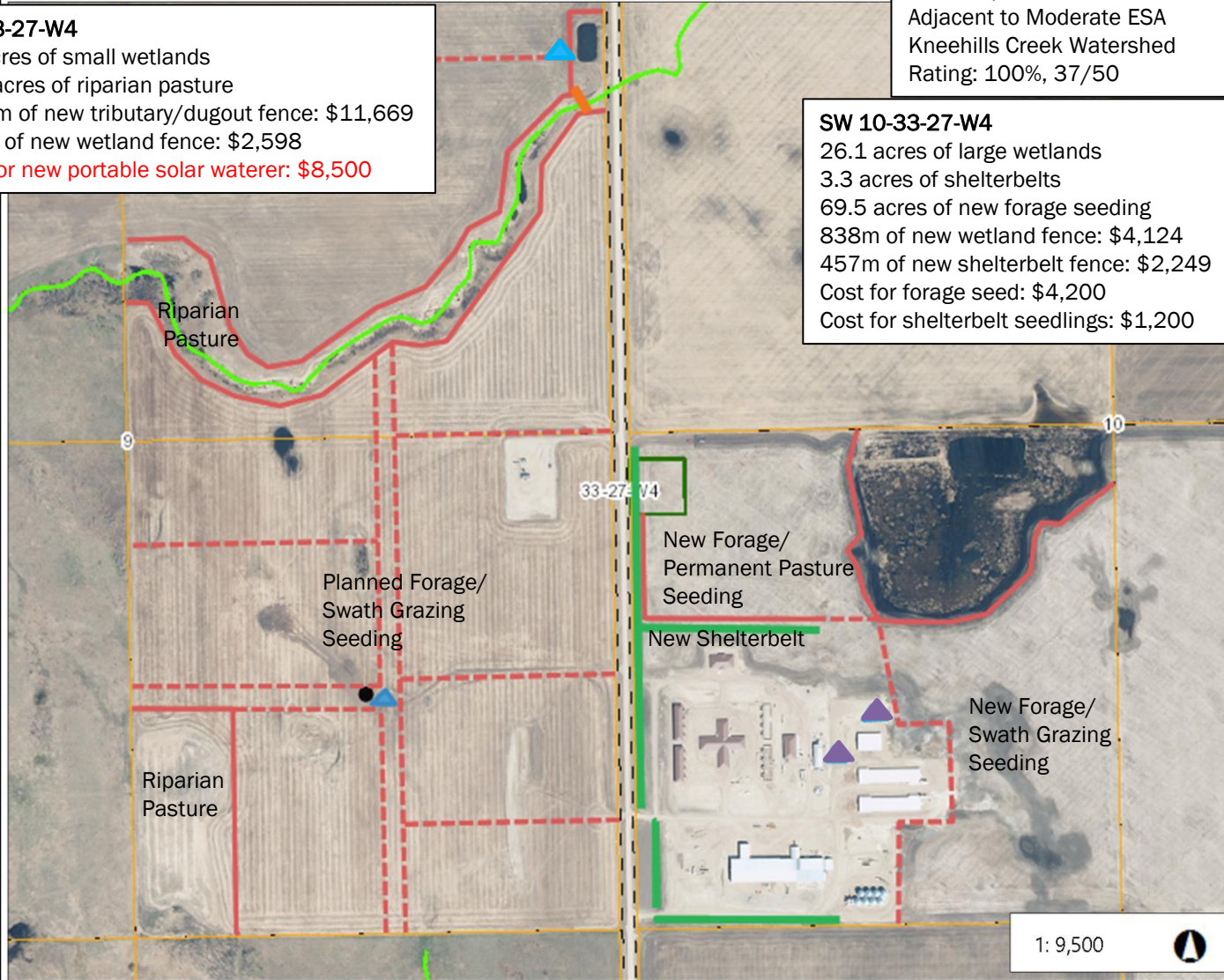


E 9-33-27-W4

0.5 acres of small wetlands
36.4 acres of riparian pasture
2371m of new tributary/dugout fence: \$11,669
528m of new wetland fence: \$2,598
Cost for new portable solar waterer: \$8,500

SW 10-33-27-W4

26.1 acres of large wetlands
3.3 acres of shelterbelts
69.5 acres of new forage seeding
838m of new wetland fence: \$4,124
457m of new shelterbelt fence: \$2,249
Cost for forage seed: \$4,200
Cost for shelterbelt seedlings: \$1,200



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 - SD - Conditionally Approved
 - SD - Endorsed
 - SD - Endorsed Closed
 - SD - Expired Application
 - SD - Refused
 - SD - Under Review
 - SD - Withdrawn
 - Quarter Section Grid
 - Section Number Grid
 - Township Grid
- New Fence (funding requested)
- - - New Fence (no funding)
- New Well
- ▲ New Watering System (future)
- ▲ Existing Watering System
- 2 row shelterbelts
- Crossing

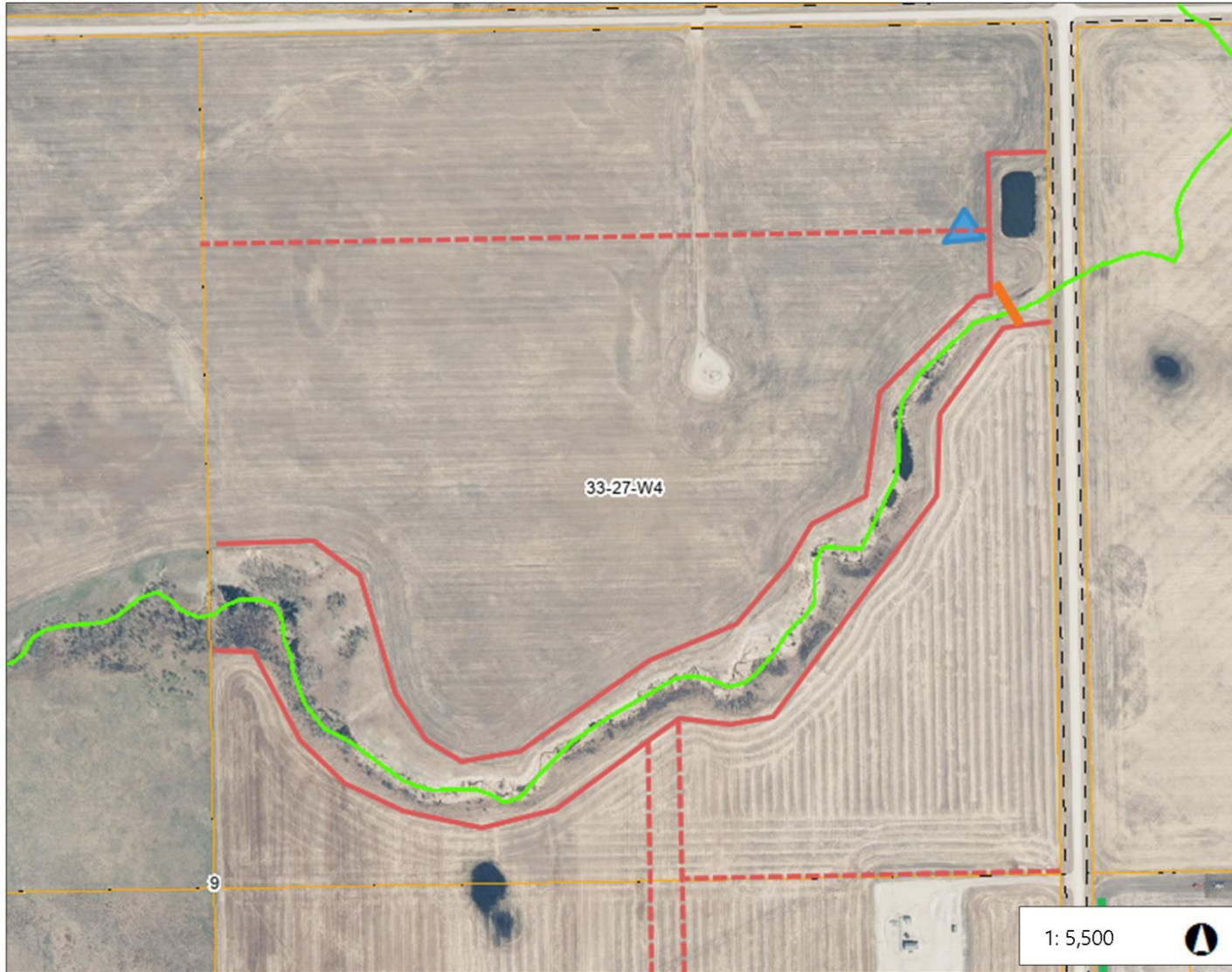
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Parcels (PGIS)

Quarter Section Grid

Section Number Grid

Township Grid

New Fence (funding requested)

New Fence (no funding)

New Watering System

Crossing

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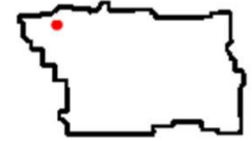
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Tributary to Jackson Creek
 Class 5 Wetlands
 35 cow/calf pairs
 Moderate ESA
 Red Deer River Watershed
 770m of new fence
 12.6 acres of large wetlands
 6.6 acres of riparian pasture
 Cost for fencing: \$3,785
 Rating: 100%, 37/50



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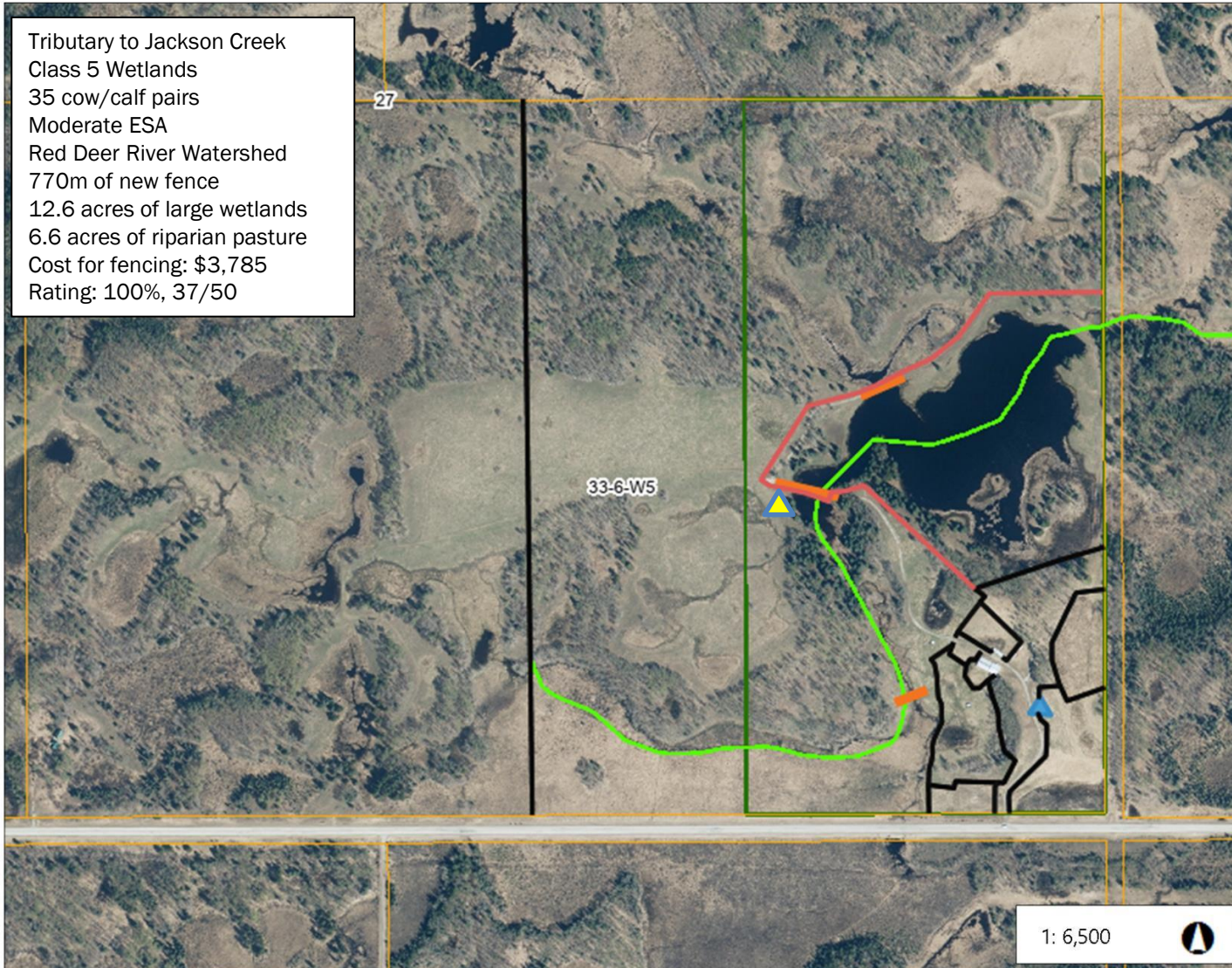
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- Existing Fence
- New Fence
- Crossings
- ▲ Existing Waterer
- ▲ Watering location

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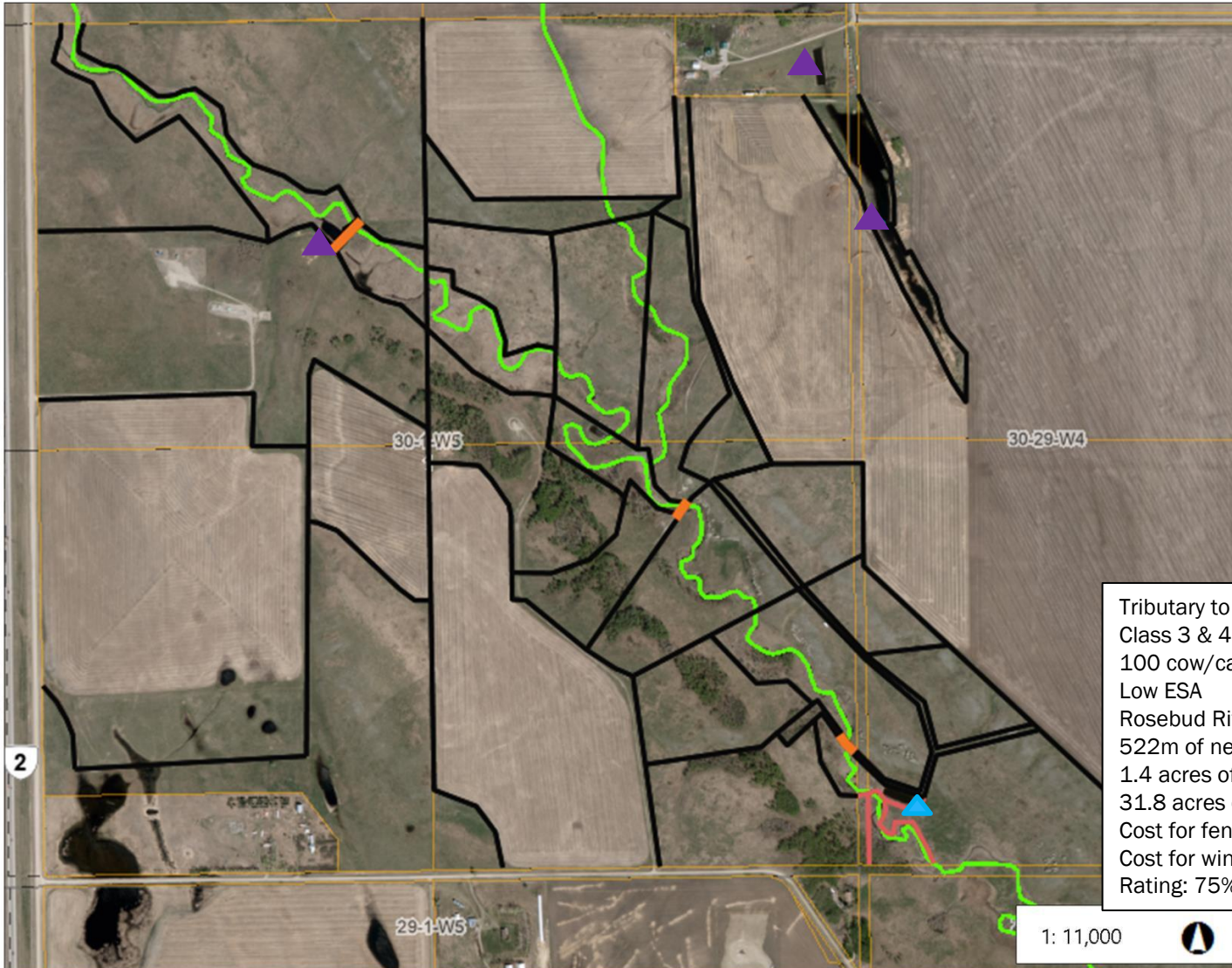
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- Existing Fence
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- New Fence
- Existing Watering System
- New Watering System



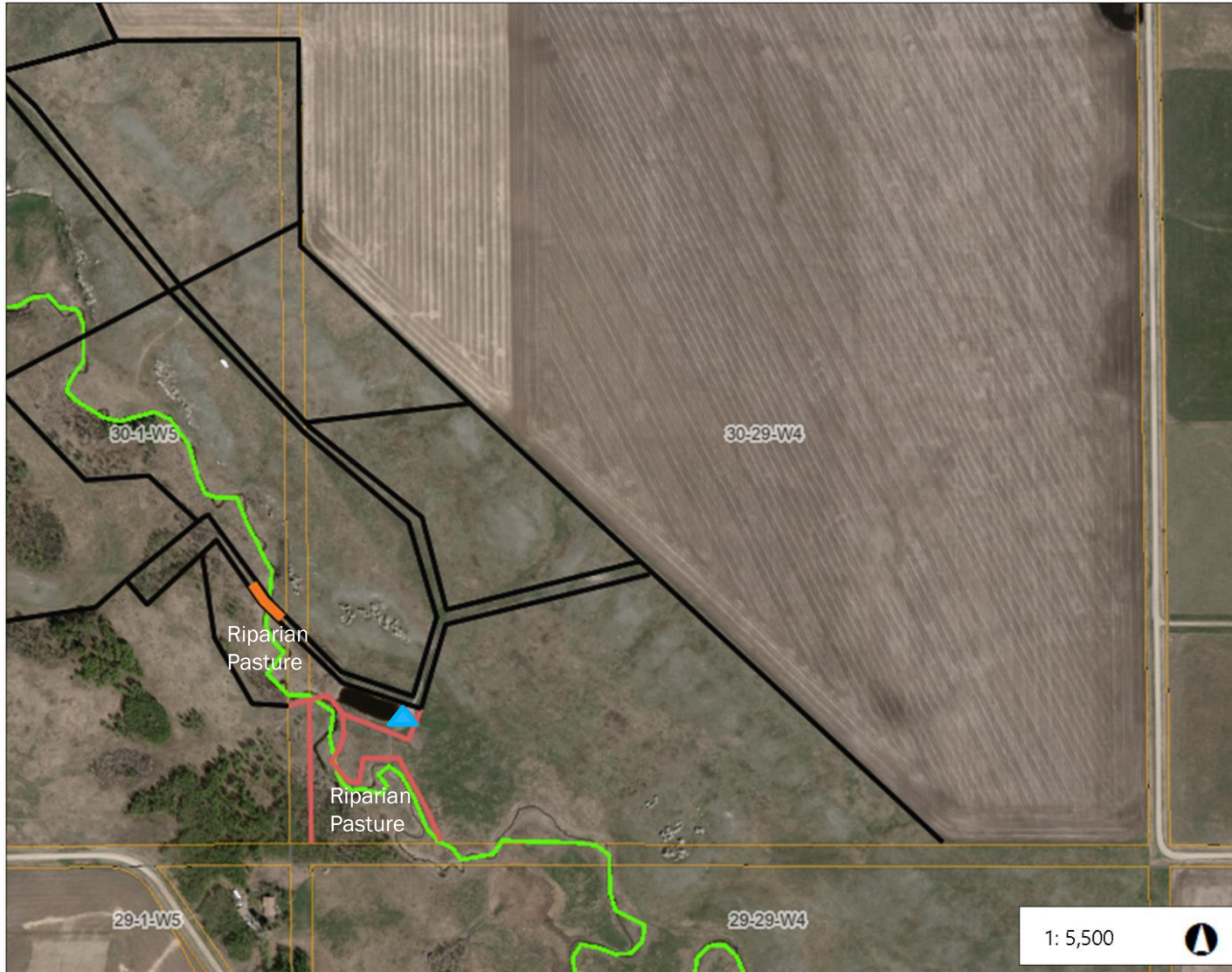
Tributary to the Rosebud River
 Class 3 & 4 Wetlands
 100 cow/calf
 Low ESA
 Rosebud River Watershed
 522m of new riparian fence
 1.4 acres of small wetlands
 31.8 acres of riparian pasture
 Cost for fencing: \$1000
 Cost for winter solar waterer: \$11,000
 Rating: 75%, 34/50

1: 11,000



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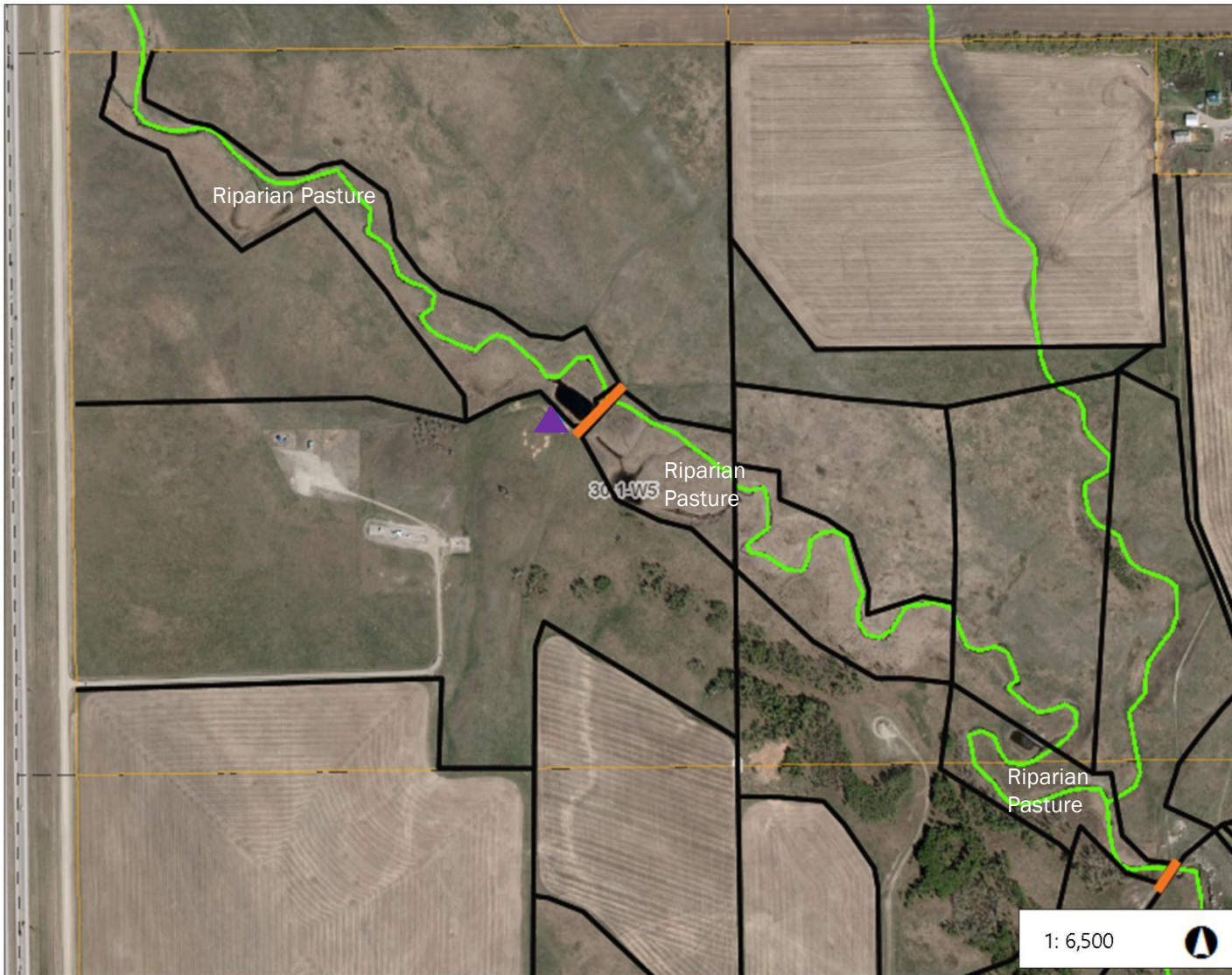
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- Existing Fence
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- New Fence
- New Watering System

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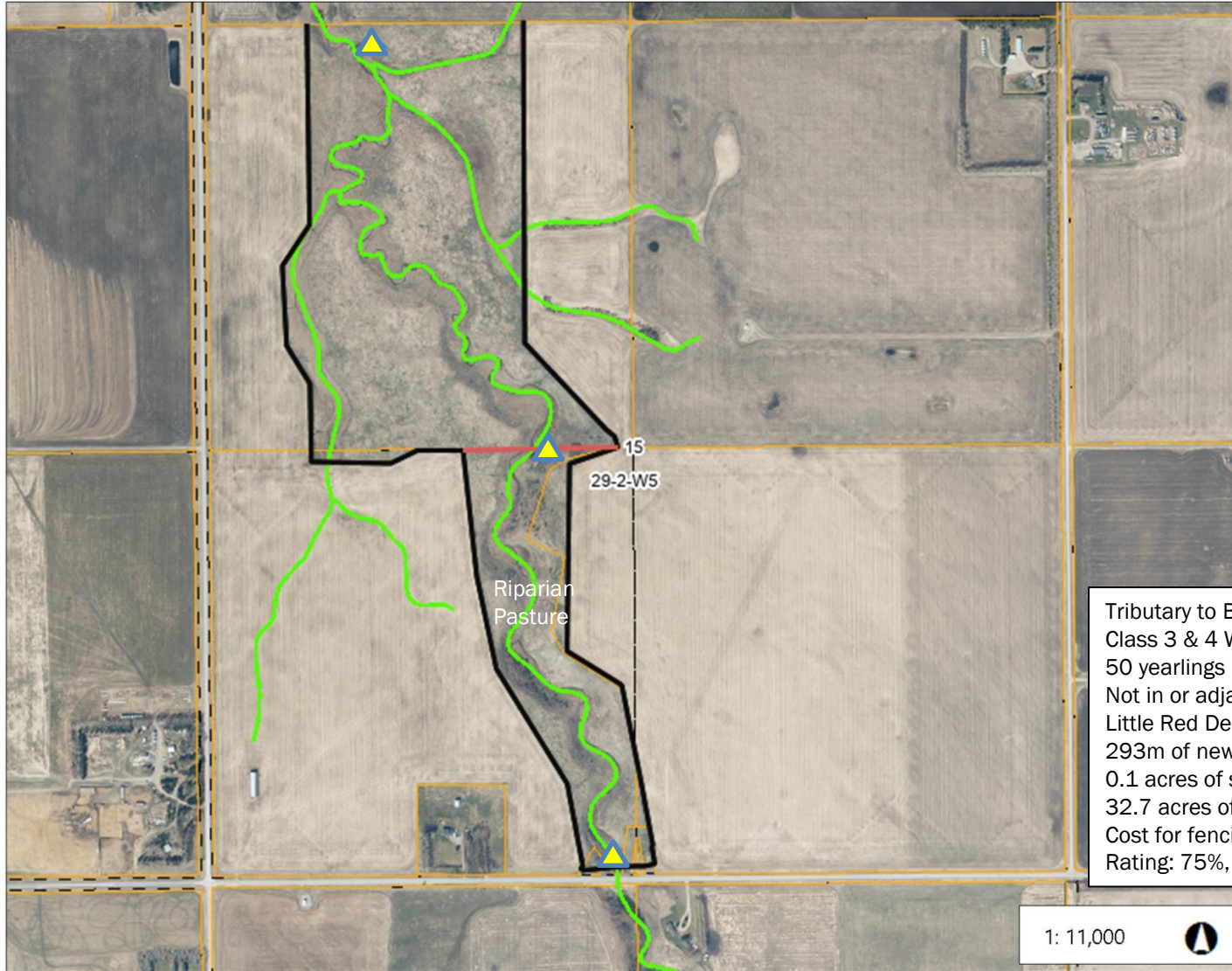
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- Existing Watering System

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 - Quarter Section Grid
 - Section Number Grid
 - Township Grid
 - Existing Fence
 - New Fence
 - Existing Watering Locations

Tributary to Beaverdam Creek
 Class 3 & 4 Wetlands
 50 yearlings
 Not in or adjacent to an ESA
 Little Red Deer River Watershed
 293m of new riparian fence
 0.1 acres of small wetlands
 32.7 acres of riparian pasture
 Cost for fencing: \$1,440
 Rating: 75%, 35/50

1: 11,000



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ALUS 2022 Projects

Total ALUS Project Funds									\$87,900.00
Total ACA/MVC allocated from REEP									\$41,000.00
Total Carry-over from projects not completed/Interest etc.									\$870.99
MVC Administration & Outreach									\$18,160.00
ALUS Project - SW-10-33-27-W4									
Project Expenses	Estimated Costs	CAP%	MVC%	Acres	\$/acre	5 year Contract Annual Payment	\$ CAP Estimated	\$ MVC Allocated	
Fencing Materials - Wetland	\$4,124.00		100.00%				\$0.00	\$4,124.00	
Fencing Materials - Shelterbelts	\$2,249.00		25.00%				\$0.00	\$562.25	
Fencing Labour & Equipment	\$6,373.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Forage Seed	\$4,200.00		100.00%				\$0.00	\$4,200.00	
Shelterbelt seedlings (row north of yard)	\$1,200.00		25.00%				\$0.00	\$300.00	
Seeding/Equipment	\$5,000.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual Payments									
Large Wetlands				26.1	\$10.00	\$261.00		\$1,305.00	
Shelterbelts				3.3	\$15.00	\$49.50		\$247.50	
New Forage Seeding (50% use adjustment on cropland rate)				69.5	\$25.00	\$1,737.50		\$8,687.50	
Total Annual Payment						\$2,048.00		\$10,240.00	
Totals	\$23,146.00			98.9		\$2,048.00		\$19,426.25	
Total ALUS Project Funds									\$76,113.74
Total ALUS Funds Remaining									\$56,687.49
ALUS Project - E-09-33-27-W4									
Project Expenses	Estimated Costs	CAP%	MVC%	Acres	\$/acre	5 year Contract Annual Payment	\$ CAP Estimated	\$ MVC Allocated	
Fencing Materials - Tributary & Dugout	\$11,669.00		42.85%				\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Fencing Materials - Wetland (SW corner)	\$2,598.00		100.00%				\$0.00	\$2,598.00	
Fencing Labour & Equipment	\$14,267.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Portable Solar Waterer	\$8,500.00		25.00%				\$0.00	\$2,125.00	
Forage Seed (future project)	\$0.00		100.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Seeding/Equipment	\$0.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solar Winter Watering System (future project)	\$0.00		25.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual Payments									
Small Wetlands				0.5	\$30.00	\$15.00		\$75.00	
Riparian Pasture				36.4	\$30.00	\$1,092.00		\$5,460.00	
New Forage Seeding (50% use adjustment on cropland rate)				0	\$25.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total Annual Payment						\$1,107.00		\$5,535.00	
Totals	\$37,034.00			36.9		\$1,107.00		\$15,258.00	
Total ALUS Project Funds									\$56,687.49
Total ALUS Funds Remaining									\$41,429.49
ALUS Project - SW-27-33-06-W5									
Project Expenses	Estimated Costs	CAP%	MVC%	Acres	\$/acre	5 year Contract Annual Payment	\$ CAP Estimated	\$ MVC Allocated	
Fencing Materials	\$3,785.00		100.00%				\$0.00	\$3,785.00	
Fencing Labour & Equipment	\$3,785.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual Payments									
Large Wetlands				12.6	\$10.00	\$126.00		\$630.00	
Riparian Pasture				6.6	\$30.00	\$198.00		\$990.00	
Total Annual Payment						\$324.00		\$1,620.00	
Totals	\$7,570.00			19.2		\$324.00		\$5,405.00	
Total ALUS Project Funds									\$19,925.49
Total ALUS Funds Remaining									\$14,520.49
ALUS Project - 01-30-01-W5, E-03-30-29-W4									
Project Expenses	Estimated Costs	CAP%	MVC%	Acres	\$/acre	5 year Contract Annual Payment	\$ CAP Estimated	\$ MVC Allocated	
Fencing Materials	\$1,000.00		75.00%				\$0.00	\$750.00	
Fencing Labour & Equipment	\$1,000.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00	
Solar Winter Watering System	\$11,000.00		25.00%				\$0.00	\$2,750.00	
Annual Payments									
Small Wetlands				1.4	\$30.00	\$42.00		\$210.00	
Riparian Pasture				31.8	\$30.00	\$954.00		\$4,770.00	
Total Annual Payment						\$996.00		\$4,980.00	
Totals	\$13,000.00			33.2		\$996.00		\$8,480.00	
Total ALUS Project Funds									\$14,520.49
Total ALUS Funds Remaining									\$6,040.49

ALUS Project - 15-29-02-W5								
Project Expenses	Estimated Costs	CAP%	MVC%	Acres	\$/acre	5 year Contract Annual Payment	\$ CAP Estimated	\$ MVC Allocated
Fencing Materials	\$1,440.00		75.00%				\$0.00	\$1,080.00
Fencing Labour & Equipment	\$1,440.00		0.00%				\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Payments								
Small Wetlands				0.1	\$30.00	\$3.00		\$15.00
Riparian Pasture				32.7	\$30.00	\$981.00		\$4,905.00
Total Annual Payment						\$984.00		\$4,920.00
Totals	\$2,880.00			32.8		\$984.00		\$6,000.00
Total ALUS Project Funds								\$6,040.49
Total ALUS Funds Remaining								\$40.49



Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Policy/Procedure 6302 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board provides comment on Policy/Procedure 6302 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property for Council's consideration.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

BACKGROUND: Mountain View County Council has requested written feedback from the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) regarding Policy/Procedure 6302 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property. A review of the policy was completed at the June 21, 2021 ASB meeting, while no recommended changes were received there was extensive discussion held at the meeting. To better capture the discussions held by the ASB for Council's information the items that received the most discussion are listed below with comments and information from past meetings. During the meeting the ASB is asked to discuss the four areas identified and provide comment supported by the majority of the Board.

1. Lease Length

Past ASB Discussion

- 5-year lease provides certainty, lessee more likely to maintain fence, watering system, weed control
- 5-year lease provides ability to dictate crop rotation
- Fixed rate for term or Automatic rate adjustments could be considered from year to year
- 3-year renewals allow for easier ability to adjust lease more frequently should there be problems or changes to the land

2. Limited Term or Renewal of Lease

Past ASB Discussion:

Reasons for continued renewal of land lease:

- Good land management
- Maintains fence and watering system
- Controls weeds
- Assists with fence replacement or reclamation to reduce County costs
- Limited access to the parcel or lack of perimeter fence
- Proximity to lease to provide water or rotational graze
- Historical agreement
- Community use

Reasons for limiting term or renewal of land lease:

- Ensures transparency and equal lease opportunity
- Maximize lease profit through tender process
- Provides competitive pricing when considering other leases

Maximum term length options:

- Tender every expiring lease
- Allow 1 or 2 renewals with a review of comparable rates

Provincial and neighboring municipalities land lease information:

- The majority of provincial lease are for ten (10) year terms with a few that meet specific stewardship criteria being granted a twenty (20) year lease. Provincial grazing leases have no maximum on number of renewals and are rarely forfeited or lost and placed for tender.
- Lacombe County does a five (5) year term with the successful bid applicant. At the end of the five (5) years, the parcel is tendered.
- Red Deer County does an initial five (5) year with the successful bid applicant with the option of an additional five (5) year term provided both parties are in agreement and the lands have been managed appropriately. At the end of the five (5) year term, or ten (10) years if the renewal was granted, the lease is tendered.
- Kneehill County does a five (5) year term with the successful bid applicant. At the end of the five (5) years, the parcel is tendered.
- Rocky View County does a five (5) year license with the successful bid applicant and has no maximum on term length.
- Clearwater County does not have a standard lease, some of the leases are five (5) year terms with the option to renew and some are year to year. For Clearwater it seems to be handled on more of an individual parcel basis and the lease is typically leased to the former owner or the neighbor.

3. Selection Criteria for Tender/Proposals

- The type of animals to be pastured
- The projected number of months / days of grazing and which months grazing will occur
- Strategies for obtaining uniform grazing and understanding of the importance of maintaining pasture health
- Schedule for monitoring of pasture and herd health
- Commitment to fence and water system maintenance
- Commitment to completing weed control
- Commitment to crop rotation
- Individuals' ability and experience
- Price per animal unit and total annual payment
- Resident of Mountain View County
- Prequalification criteria confirming suitability of potential bid could be considered

4. Limitations to Tendering all Leases

- Active gravel pits that have the potential to expand
- Lack of perimeter fencing with low carry capacity reduces lease revenue to offset improvement cost
- Landlocked parcel
- Access to lands through lessee's land
- Lease holders recently completed perimeter fencing which significantly lowered County's capital expenses
- Lease lands were purchased from leaseholder for gravel extraction
- Proximity of lease holder to lands
- Lack of water on site

RELEVANT POLICY: [#6302 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property](#)

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: The revenue collected from each lease ranges from \$725.00 per year to \$14,500.00 and totals \$93,215.00 in 2022.

Attachments Nil

PREPARED BY: JF
REVIEWED BY: JF



Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution - Rural Student Admission to Veterinary Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board approve the Resolution - Rural Student Admission to Veterinary Program to be forwarded to the 2022 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: That the Agricultural Service Board amend the Resolution - Rural Student Admission to Veterinary Program.

BACKGROUND: A resolution from Mountain View County was brought forward and passed at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Conference. The resolution addresses the shortage of rural based, large animal veterinarians in Alberta. The RMA resolution was amended to reflect the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee.

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) requested the resolution to also go the Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference. Amendments were made based on the discussion at the September 19th ASB meeting. Should the ASB approve the resolution another municipality will have to second the resolution at the Conference.

The 2022 Central Region ASB Conference is hosted by Lacombe County. The members attending will vote on resolutions brought forward by ASBs within the Central Region. The submitted resolutions will be circulated via email prior to the Conference. Agricultural Service Board members in attendance will have the opportunity to vote on the resolution, recommend amendments or seek further clarification from on-the-floor discussion. The Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolutions Rules of Procedure link is below for review.

RELEVANT POLICY: [Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolutions Rules of Procedure](#)

Attachments Nil

1. Draft ASB Resolution - Rural Student Admission to Veterinary Program
2. 2022 Central Region Agricultural Service Board Conference Agenda

PREPARED BY: JF
REVIEWED BY: JF

RESOLUTION X-22

Rural Student Admission into Veterinary Program

WHEREAS veterinary medicine is critical to rural Alberta’s economy, rural community sustainability and quality of life via its contributions to agriculture, food safety, and animal health and welfare; and

WHEREAS over the past 30 years there has been an increasing shortage in Alberta for rural based veterinary medical professionals (veterinarians and veterinary technologists); which has now reached a crisis level, and

WHEREAS there are not enough training spaces for Alberta students choosing a career in rural veterinary medicine to address the shortage; and

WHEREAS there are five veterinary schools in Canada students may only attend school in the region where they live. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary currently accepts fifty (50) students into the program each year, expanding to one hundred (100) students in 2024; and

WHEREAS it has been shown that students originating from rural areas and/or having significant interest in and experience with rural veterinary practice and the rural lifestyle are far more likely to locate and be successful in rural veterinary practice; and

WHEREAS current program selection process is not resulting in enough graduates to sustain rural veterinary practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Alberta aid the crisis of rural veterinary shortage by improving veterinary education opportunities for rural Alberta students by providing credit for rural acuity in the admission of students into the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

SPONSORED BY: Mountain View County

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Education, Advanced Education, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Finance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Definitions:

ABVMA – Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

GOA – Government of Alberta

GPA – Grade Point Average

MCAT- Medical College Admissions Test

MMI – Multiple Mini Interview

RMA – Rural Municipalities of Alberta

UCVM – University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

There is a crisis level global shortage of veterinarians and veterinary technologists, affecting Alberta. It is estimated that there are currently at minimum 864 veterinary professional vacancies in Alberta (377 veterinarians and 487 veterinary technologists). The job vacancy rates for veterinarians (16.7%) and veterinary technologists (18.8%) far exceeds the provincial average of 2.6% for all professions. The April 2021 ABVMA/ABVTA Veterinary Professional Workforce Study projected that due to increasing expansion demand (demand for service increases due to pet ownership, increased disposable income and increasing livestock numbers) and due to replacement demand, the shortage of professionals will increase more than 3.5 times by 2040. Using current trends, in 18 years, the shortage of veterinary professionals is estimated to be more than 3371 people (1331 veterinarians and 2407 technologists).

While the labour shortage is an issue throughout Alberta, rural practices are particularly impacted due partly to recruitment and admissions challenges. Further, rural communities are impacted acutely in the current environment and face restricted economic growth post-COVID without targeted and immediate actions to address the shortages. Attraction and retention of rural based veterinary medical professionals has not been keeping pace with increasing demand.

UCVM is one of five veterinary schools in Canada and was the last Canadian veterinarian program to begin operations. It was developed to meet Alberta's need for highly skilled veterinary graduates to support rural Alberta, production animal and equine industries, animal and human health research, and public health. In the 15 years since inception, UCVM has become one of the top 40 veterinary schools in the world. In 1999, RMA passed resolution 3-99F "Establishment of a School of Veterinary Medicine in Alberta."

Established in 2005, UCVM commenced with a class of 30 students which was augmented by the transfer of the 20 funded Alberta students at Saskatchewan's Western College of

Veterinary Medicine (WCVM). In 2017, Alberta's government reduced funding for the 20 WCVM seats and transferred the funding to UCVM. These 50 seats for veterinary education of Alberta students have remained unchanged despite shifting demand pressures. The RMA passed resolution 16-01F that urged "the Government of Alberta to provide additional funding to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in order to ensure future accreditation and to provide sufficient veterinary graduates to meet Alberta's needs." Today, UCVM needs RMA's support to expand its capacity and to adapt its programming.

Currently, UCVM selects 50 Alberta students per year to enter the four-year veterinary medicine program. In August 2021, there were 5.4 qualified applicants for every educational seat at UCVM. Alberta students are demanding veterinary education be available at home rather than pursuing their education and career in other jurisdictions.

Starting with the incoming class for 2022, all applicants must write the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). A pre-determined minimum MCAT score is required to advance to the interview stage of the application process. This minimum score is to ensure that successful applicants can handle the academic requirements of the curriculum. Applicants who successfully meet the pre-determined MCAT score then enter an interview process that involves multiple mini interview (MMI) scenarios. The MMI is designed to gauge a successful applicant's knowledge of a career in veterinary medicine and their likelihood to succeed in such a career. It would be advantageous for RMA to establish a strong relationship with UCVM which would provide opportunity for RMA to be part of the recruitment, selection and retention of UCVM graduates.

The long-standing shortage of rural veterinary practitioners in Alberta is well known. It has been shown that the likelihood of someone entering and succeeding in rural veterinary practice is much higher if they have significant knowledge and experience with rural practice and the rural lifestyle. A UCVM partnership with RMA will assist in identifying suitable candidates for the DVM program. Members of these communities are in the ideal position to judge "best fit". The "grow your own vet" model will increase the likelihood that veterinary students will go back to their home community after graduation.

In 2020, there were 1832 registered veterinarians in Alberta and 1852 registered veterinary technologists, working in 554 veterinary practices, employing over 6600 full time equivalent employees. The total output of Alberta veterinary practices was estimated to be \$2.021 billion. This does not include the contributions made by veterinarians to Alberta's agriculture sector, which contributed \$9.68 billion in GDP and employed 69,800 Albertans. As such, access to local veterinary services for farmers and livestock producers is essential for the sustainability of the primary agriculture industry as well as Alberta's overall economy. Further, sustainability and growth of our rural communities is dependent on access to veterinary services both today and in the foreseeable future.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

Thank you for your March 30, 2022, email regarding RMA Resolution 3-22S: Attraction and Retention of Veterinarians to Rural Veterinary Practice. The Government of Alberta recognizes the importance of the veterinary profession to the health of the province and recognizes the veterinary workforce shortage is a pressing issue. We will continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders to address it.

As you are aware, the issue of attracting and retaining veterinary professionals in rural areas, as with other health professions, is a complex and multifaceted problem with no simple solutions. University of Calgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) and other schools have been extensively studying the admissions process so more graduates enter and remain in rural veterinary practice. The faculty's most recent approach, which was implemented just this past year, requires a minimum academic performance. Following that requirement, the majority of ranking is based on a comprehensive file review of the applicants. The department remains engaged through the participation of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian in the UCVM Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

With respect to the need to increase training spaces for veterinary professionals, I am pleased to say that through the Alberta at Work initiative, Budget 2022 provided \$59 million in capital investment over three years to expand UCVM infrastructure. This initiative will also enable targeted expansion in enrollment for veterinarians and veterinary technologists at the UCVM and technical colleges in Alberta. In addition, a three-year grant was provided to the UCVM in 2021 for veterinary diagnostics to support livestock producers in Alberta and enhance training opportunities for students from those submissions.

The Ministry of Labour and Immigration will also provide support to the Alberta Veterinary Medicine Association. This will include identifying potential Labour Market Partnership grant projects that support veterinary attraction and retention initiatives, promotion of occupation and opportunities, exploring international labour pools and labour mobility matters. The Ministry of Labour and Immigration will also support sector employers with the guidance and resources they need for attraction, recruitment and retention activities.

Dr. Renate Weller, dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine says to fulfill the demand in the next five years will require doubling of the current graduate number of 50 per year to 100 per year. However, following the recent expansion of UCVM's student numbers from 30 students entering the program per year to 50, the UCVM staff and facilities are at capacity. (Excerpt from UCalgary News)

CENTRAL REGION ASB CONFERENCE

Location: Lacombe Memorial Centre – Centennial Hall

Date: November 1, 2022 | Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Brenda Knight (Lacombe County)

1. **Registration and Coffee**
(9:00 a.m.)
2. **Opening Remarks – Brenda Knight, Central Region ASB Chair**
(9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
 - a. Additions and Approval of the Agenda
 - b. Approval of the 2021 CRASB Minutes
 - c. Approval of the Recording Secretary
3. **An on-Farm Composting Project**
(9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

Jeannie Bertrand; Recycling Council of Alberta
4. **Simply Straw – Agriculture Business Spotlight**
(10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)

Trevor and Dustin Ekkel, Owners of Simply Straw
5. **COFFEE BREAK (10:45 a.m.)**
6. **Shelterbelts are MORE than just TREES; they are a GROWING investment**
(11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Toso Bozic; Yard Whispers



7. LUNCH

(12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

8. ASB Program Update

(1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Doug Macaulay – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

9. Update from Provincial ASB Committee – Brenda Knight

(1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- a. 2022 Resolution Report Card Review
- b. Resolution Session
- c. Invitation to the 2023 Regional ASB Conference – Flagstaff County

10. Adjournment



Mountain View
C O U N T Y

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: ASB Field Visit Results

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board accept the 2022 ASB Field Visit recommendations.

BACKGROUND: Kellie Jackson, Strategic Evaluation Specialist, Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development joined us on September 19, 2022 as part of the County's ASB Grant audit. The Auditor General requires the Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development department responsible for the ASB Grant to conduct a field visit approximately every five years to ensure that the grant dollars allocated are supporting activities related to enforcement of delegated legislation and resource management extension activities. The results from the field visit are attached and require the ASB to accept the recommendations.

RELEVANT POLICY: Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

Attachments Nil

1. ASB Field Visit Results

PREPARED BY: TN

REVIEWED BY: JF

Mountain View County Field Visit

September 19, 2022



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INTRODUCTION

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Program conducts field visits annually to ensure ASB Grant funding appropriately supports ASB Grant Program objectives. Information gathered from field visits also benefits other ASBs in the development and delivery of programs related to the ASB Grant and provides evidence to the Office of the Auditor General on the effective and efficient use of ASB Grant dollars to support programs related to the *ASB Act*, environmental extension and awareness and rat control.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) visited 16 municipalities in 2022 under the field visit program. 3 municipalities from the South, 3 from Central, 4 from Northwest, 3 from Northeast, and 3 from the Peace region received a field visit in 2022.

South	Central	Northwest	Northeast	Peace
Foothills	Mountain View	Lac Ste. Anne	Beaver	Greenview
Cardston	Stettler	Brazeau	Provost	Big Lakes
Willow Creek	Kneehill	Parkland	Minburn	Peace
			Lac la Biche	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kellie Jackson, CARPB Strategic Evaluation Specialist met with the Jane Fulton, Agricultural Fieldman for Mountainview County on September 19, 2022, to review programs and projects implemented under the various Acts the ASB is delegated to enforce.

Mountain View County receives funding under the Legislative and Resource Management Funding Streams of the ASB Grant.

Based upon our field visit findings and observations, Mountain View County, were able to demonstrate that they had programs related to each of these funding streams indicating effective use of ASB Grant dollars to support activities related to the administration of legislative requirements under the *Agricultural Service Board Act* and enhanced environmental awareness.

FIELD VISIT AGENDA - FIELD OFFICE & TOUR SITES:

- Met with Jane Fulton, the Agricultural Fieldman, Chris Chrenek, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Chad Verpy Ag Co-ordinator, Lorelee Gratridge, Sustainable Agricultural Specialist, Brian Rodger, the ASB Chair, Brent Buschert, Vice Chair, Councillors Dwayne Fulton, Alan Miller, Gord Krebs, Members at Large, Sean LaBrie, Tietza Huyzer, Caith Cameron and Karlee Overguard - ASB Board.
- A documentation package for the field visit requirements was sent in advance of the field visit
- Participated in the ASB meeting
- Visited sites in the county with Assistant Ag Fieldman and Sustainable Agricultural Specialist to view ALUS, REEP projects and Ag Services programming

OBSERVATIONS:

- Collaborative dialogue and discussion between Ag services staff and ASB on all services and programs
- Programming and services are reviewed and structured to meet the needs of the agricultural industry in the county
- Compliance to legislative requirements is primarily achieved through awareness and education with landowners and responsible parties including co-operative efforts for the control of weeds and pests
- All legislative and resource management programming is thoroughly supported and documented
- Significant leveraging of programming resources through ongoing collaborations with adjacent counties and organizations
- Extensive resources and links on MVC Ag Services website

Section 1: Legislated Duties & Requirements

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Requirement 1: Legislated activities are reported to council as per section 4 of ASB Act (Summary of activities - Minimum annually)					
Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting		Not Meeting	
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations	
		Yes	No	Critical	Significant
ASB is appointed by council	ASB is made up of 3 council members – Gord Krebs, Dwayne Fulton, Alan Miller, members at large - 4 county resident producers and 2 young producers (under 35) OR21-005 adopted - council appointed ASB pg 29/30/46 10.5/13.1 RC22-070 ASB (Young Farmer) Committee appointments carried pg 44/46/286 2021 report states ASB appointed by a motion in Council	X			
Ag Fieldmen is appointed by council ASB 8(1)	Bylaw 17/19 SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY 1.01 The Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 Statues of Alberta 2000, and amendments section 205(1) authorizes Council, by bylaw, to establish a position of Chief Administrative Officer. SECTION 3 Responsibilities 3.01 d. performs the duties and functions and exercises the powers assigned to a Chief Administrative Officer by the Municipal Government Act and other enactments or assigned by council. SECTION 6 - DELEGATED AUTHORITIES 6.01 In addition to those authorities granted to the Chief Administrative Officer as outlined within this Bylaw, the Municipal Government Act, or any other Bylaw or Provincial Legislation, the Chief Administrative Officer shall also be delegated the following responsibilities under Section 203(1) of the Municipal Government Act: a. Authority to appoint the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board under Section 627.1 of the Municipal Government Act; b. Authority to appoint fire guardians to enforce the Forest and Prairie Protection Act under Section 4(2) of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act; c. Authority to appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with the Weed Control Act under Section 7(1) of the Weed Control Act; d. Authority to appoint inspectors to carry out the Agricultural Pests Act under Section 9(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act; e. Authority to appoint soil conservation officers to carry out the Soil Conservation Act under Section 15(1) of the Soil Conservation Act; f. Authority to appoint an agricultural fieldman to carry out the		X	Include appointment of Ag Fieldman by council as per ASB 8(1)	

	<p>Agricultural Services Board Act, and other Provincial Legislation, under Section 8(1) of the Agricultural Services Board Act.</p> <p>pg 50 Section 6 – Delegated Authorities 6.01 f. authority to appoint an agricultural fieldman to carry out the ASB Act and other provincial legislation under Section 8.1 of the ASB Act</p> <p>Effective August 25, 2020 Ag Fieldman appointed by CAO Jeff Holmes pg 53/54; Ag Fieldman is also appointed as Fire Guardian, rep on Dog Control Review Committee Motion by council to appoint Ag Fieldman (2021 report – Ag Fieldman appointed)</p> <p>Under the ASB Act Agricultural fieldman 8(1) If a council has established a board, the council, in consultation with the board, must appoint a qualified person as agricultural fieldman to implement agricultural policies and programs and to manage the agricultural resources of the municipality</p>				
ASB members meet section 3 (3) of ASB act (knowledgeable on ag and qualified to develop ag related policies)	<p>All members at large are producers/young producers in the County and have knowledge and experience to provide advice on the agricultural needs of the county. (able to develop ag related policies).</p> <p>Application for appointments to committees, boards and commissions where they provide their qualifications for the relevant position pg 170</p> <p>ASB Terms of Reference specify qualifications for ASB members pg 57</p> <p>ASB took board orientation – 11/15/21 (ASB Program Manager and Ag Fieldman) pg 59, 60, 109</p> <p>Meeting minutes: Jan 18, 2021, Mar 15, 2021, April 19, 2021, June 21, 2021, Aug 16, 2021, Sept 20, 2021, Nov 15, 2021, Dec 13, 2021; Jan 17, 2022, Feb 14, 2022, Mar 21/22 pp 172-237</p>	X			
Summary of activities provided to council	<p>2021 report states ASB provides a summary to council</p> <p>10.8 RC21-628 Oct 13, 2021 Council committee annual reports a) Agricultural Service Board (Brian Roger ASB Chair) provided the report pg 238,246</p>	X			
Minimum one report(s) provided to council per year	<p>Annual and quarterly reports are provided to council</p> <p>Feb 9, 2022 ASB quarterly report: Nov 1, 2021 – Jan 31, 2022 provides a detailed breakdown of all activities, services and budget pg 252</p> <p>9.4 RC22-053 Council receive the Legislative, community and agricultural services quarterly report as information – carried pg 283</p>	X			
Council accepts the annual report	<p>10.8 RC21-628 Oct 13, 2021 Council committee annual reports a) Agricultural Service Board (Brian Roger ASB Chair) Carried pg 246</p>	X			

Requirement 2: ASB acts as an advisory body to council to support section 2 (a) through (e) of ASB Act.

<u>Fully Meeting</u>	Partially Meeting	Not Meeting
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Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations	
		Yes	No	Significant	Enhancement
ASB provides input into municipal plans on areas of agricultural interest	<p>Draft strategic plan reviewed at 3 21 22 ASB meeting and was amended to rearrange strategic priority sub points and added a new subpoint for youth programming and youth ASB member positions. Carried pg 294/295</p> <p>April 19, 2021 – land use bylaw review pg 290</p> <p>June 20, 2022 ASB Livestock Response Trailer pg 299, 300/304</p> <p>July 13, 2022 Emergency Livestock Handling Equipment Trailer pg 310 (photos)</p> <p>June 20, 2022 ASB meeting to July 13, 2022 council – intergovernmental 1 pg to Minister of Agriculture pg 312, 313</p> <p>Rural Vet Shortage pg 313; RMA resolution pg 315; letters of support AB Milk pg 319; AB Beef Producers pg 320</p>	X			

**Requirement 3: Promote and develop agricultural policies as per ASB Act Section 2e
(Minimum annually; Current within year; policies and bylaws for the following:**

- *Weed Act*
- *Agricultural Pests Act*
- *Soil Conservation Act*
- *Animal Health Act*
- *ASB Act*

<u>Fully Meeting</u>	Partially Meeting	Not Meeting
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Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations		
		Yes	No	Critical	Significant	Enhancement
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for <i>WCA</i>	2021 report have policies, by laws or procedures for <i>WCA</i> Website: #6305 Roadside Brush Control #6310 Vegetation Management #6315 Weed Inspection Scentless Chamomile Noxious Weed Bylaw 53-94 Consolidated Wild Caraway Noxious Weed Bylaw 46-04 Consolidated	X				
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for <i>APA</i>	2021 report states have policies, bylaws or procedures in place for <i>APA</i> : Website: Procedure #6303-01 Clubroot Management #6307 Norther Pocket Gopher Control – Incentive Program	X				
ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for <i>SCA</i>	No <i>SCA</i> policies on website Have land use bylaws; 21/21 Have topsoil bylaw 11-20 2021 report – have policies, bylaws or procedures for <i>SCA</i> ; actively monitoring soil erosion risks and events – development/construction related	X				

<p>ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for <i>AHA</i></p>	<p>AHA policies are being updated and have been pulled from website (Animal Control by-law 10-19) Have Terms of Reference for Animal Control Appeal Committee pg 331 2021 report – have policies, bylaws or procedures for AHA Have a separate Livestock Emergency Response Plan 2 14 22 ASB minutes – resolution on Attraction and Retention of Veterinary Practice to the 2022 Central Region ASB Conference</p>	<p>X</p>				
<p>ASB has and applies policies and/or bylaws for <i>ASB act</i></p>	<p>2021 report states have policies, bylaws or procedures in place supporting ASB Act 12 15 2021 Council minutes 10.2 ASB Terms of Reference Proposed Revisions RC21-762 Council approve the amended ASB Terms of Reference – carried; RC21-763 Council rescind Policy 6301 – Agricultural Services Board – carried Website - #6302 Agricultural lease of MVC Owned Property; #6304 Undeveloped Road Allowance Licenses; #6308 Management of MVC Fee Simple Property; #6314 County Equipment Rental; #6309 Riparian Ecological Enhancement Program</p>	<p>X</p>				

Requirement 4: Appeal committees meet requirements of Acts.						
Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting			Not Meeting	
Criteria	Notes	Status		Appeal Committee Names	Recommendations	
		Yes	No		Critical	Significant
ASB has appeal committee that meets the WCA	2021 report states appointed an independent appeal committee for WCA Oct 27/21 Terms of Reference Weed Control Appeal board pg 325 organizational meeting: members at large appointed to the subdivision and development appeal board (SDAB) will receive a concurrent appointment to the Agricultural Pest Appeal board: (3 yr term rotating basis)	X		Thomas Boucher (2022), Jack Brander (2022), Gil Hegel (2022), Tris Reeves (2023), Alana Gibson (2024)		
ASB has appeal committee that meets the APA	2021 report states APA appeal committee appointed for start of calendar year Oct 27/21 organizational meeting: same as above APA Appeal board ToR states appointment is for calendar year pg 327	X				

<p>ASB has an appeal committee that meets the SCA</p>	<p>2021 report states ASB acts as appeal committee for SCA SCA Composition of appeal committee 14 An appeal committee shall consist of (a) in the case of a municipal district, the Board, or, if there is no Board, at the discretion of the council, (i) the council, or (ii) at least 3 members of the council appointed by a resolution of the council; Topsoil Appeal Board has ToR but it doesn't reference SCA legislated composition requirements pg 329 Membership – MVC residents – members at large appointed to the subdivision and development appeal board will receive a concurrent appointment to the Topsoil Appeal Committee; applicable legislation bylaw 11/20 – Topsoil Bylaw references the SCA (Section 1 – Authority 1.02 The Soil Conservation Act,</p>		<p>X</p>			<p>Follow SCA section 14 (a) – ASB is appeal committee Include reference to SCA in Top soil ToR</p>
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	<p>R.S.A. 2000, c. S-15 authorizes the municipality by bylaw to provide for the issuance of permits governing the removal of Topsoil from land and prescribe and govern the terms and conditions under and Bylaw 13/20 Committees of Council bylaw Section 1 Authority 1.01 Section 145 (a) of the MGA R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 provides that a Council may pass bylaws for the establishment, functions and procedures of Council Committees and other bodies. 1.02 Section 203 of the MGA R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 provides that a Council may delegate by bylaw any of its powers, duties or functions to Council Committees and other bodies.</p>					
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Requirement 5: Inspector Appointments and Inspections						
Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting		Not Meeting		
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations		
		Yes	No	Critical	Significant	Enhancement
Local authority appoints inspectors under the WCA 7(1)	2021 report – 6 weed inspectors appointed L. Grattidge pg 339; C. Chrenek pg 342; C. Verpy pg 345	X				
Local authority provides inspectors with identification WCA 10 (1)	Valid photo ID for Jane Fulton and Chris Chrenek pg 336	X				
Local authority appoints sufficient # inspectors under the APA 9 (1) (2) 10 (1) (2)	2021 report states 3 pest inspectors were appointed: L. Grattidge pg 337; Chris Chrenek pg 340; C. Verpy pg 343	X				
Local authority provides inspectors with identification APA 17 (3)	Photo ID provided post field visit. No photo ID for inspectors appointed for APA APA Powers of inspector (3) An inspector shall carry the identification supplied to the inspector by the local authority or Minister appointing the inspector and shall show it on request to a person owning or in charge of anything affected by the inspector’s activities under this Act or the regulations.	X				
Inspector(s) with Form 7 certification APA Regulation 14 (2)	2021 report states have 3 valid Form 7 holders: Jane Fulton – expires Dec 31, 2023 pg 346; Chris Chrenek – expires Dec 31, 2026 pg 347; Chad Verpy – expires Dec 31, 2023 pg 348	X				
Local authority appoints at least one inspector under the SCA 15 (1) (2)	2021 report: 3 soil conservation officers appointed: L. Grattridge pg 338; C. Chrenek pg 341; C. Verpy pg 344	X				

Municipality meets requirements listed in section 2c of ASB Act for AHA	2021 report states prepared to support AHA (have separate Livestock Emergency Response Plan); 0 notifiable diseases reported Programs lists on website MVC Exercise – Animal Welfare Pre and Post Wildfire Situation Manual – Ag Services team contributed to this exercise and manual (June 14, 2022) pg 463 – 516 Hen Health Workshop pg 517	X				
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Requirement 6: Act Compliance & Enforcement						
Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting		Not Meeting		
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations		
		Yes	No	Critical	Significant	Enhancement
Local authority has procedures in place for issuing notices and tracking enforcement under the WCA Part 3	Operate 2 tandem spray trucks with 2 staff/vehicle – brushing staff typically switch to spraying; 2 tractor/mowers with 2 staff – plan their own routes to cover entire county and document roads/areas covered at the end of each day Mow/spray all county business parks; brush clearing (even private land) at intersections Spot spray on highways Have no spray options for landowners and work with landowners on weed control options 3 disc mowers with 1 replaced every 3 years 3.5 boom hitch mower for brushing – brushing head for skid steer	X				

	<p>Herbicides selected with lowest PPE/health effects (no smell) helps with spray acceptance</p> <p>Good working relationships with Transportation, railways, oil & gas companies – work collaboratively on weed control</p> <p>Seeing increased toadflax in 2022 – full flower in June in towns; also finding on dead end roads in ditches. Targeting control where present outside of usually areas but seeing throughout county</p> <p>Computerized tracking system for all weed and mowing activities.</p> <p>Have an integrated system in truck for weed, mowing, vegetation that identifies spots for follow up</p> <p>2021 report – 2508 km sprayed for control of regulated weed spp (33%)</p> <p>1 weed notice issued at old gravel pit, 1 enforcement action taken, 943 weed issues resolved to compliance; 35 prohibited noxious weed sites investigated and destroyed; 908 noxious weed sites invested, 662 sites controlled; wild caraway controlled and elevated through bylaw as noxious (Bylaw 46-04); scentless chamomile elevated through bylaw as prohibited noxious (Bylaw 53/94)</p>					
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	<p>Inspectors notice - copy of prohibited noxious weed notice pg 349 , letter pg 351, maps pg 352, photos pg 353 – 356 and follow up – scentless chamomile Mountain View Connection – weed inspection program pg 357; 358</p> <p>Joint municipal weed inspection program with Town of Didsbury (letters, photos, maps) pg 359 - 376</p>					
Seed cleaning plants licensed WCA Regulation Part 1 (2) – (7)	<p>2021 report – 3 seed cleaning plants located/operating with 2 static and 1 mobile inspected and licensed</p> <p>Reports and licenses provided pg 378 - 396</p>	X				
Local authority has procedures in place for issuing notices and tracking enforcement under the APA 12 (1) – (4) 13 (1) and APA Pest & Nuisance Control Regulation 14 (2) (3) (6) (7) (8) (9) (13)	<p>Herbicide storage room at shop with meets AWSA (audit every 2 years). Curbing, pallet storage, heater, lights and fan – 2 full air exchanges every 4 hours and an alarm monitoring system. 1080 is kept in room in a separate locked storage.</p> <p>Chemical usage is documented</p> <p>All vehicles with chemical are parked inside overnight.</p> <p>Catchment system has capacity to contain spills/leaks from an entire spray truck.</p> <p>5 pull type sprayers, 2 spray trucks, ATV</p> <p>Wash bay to clean and sanitize equipment as needed</p>	X				

	<p>Computerized tracking system for all pest issues 2021 report states 0 pest notices issued; 2 enforcement actions taken and 2 issues resolved to compliance 2022 – Clubroot protocol and photos pg 397– 400 minimum of 35 canola fields in county are checked for clubroot (photos of clubroot inspection) 2019, 2020 Clubroot management letter (follow up) pg 401 - 403 2021 report: 67 fields surveyed for clubroot; 6 fields for virulent black leg and 6 fields for wheat head pathogens (AFRED) 33 fields surveyed for grasshoppers; 6 fields for wheat midge, 1 field for diamondback moth and 2 for bertha army worm (all AFRED) 0 wild boar sightings 2 14 22 minutes Olds Seed Processing Co-op update – Fusarium found in soil samples NE of Bowden but source of seed is in question</p>					
<p>Local authority has procedures in place under the SCA 4 (1) (2), 5 6 (1) – (3) * procedure to monitor soil condition is mandatory; actions taken are based upon local circumstances</p>	<p>Topsoil removal/import permit – specifies conditions for the permit i.e. quantity, weed control, road weight limits pg 404 - 409 2021 report – 1 SCA inspection. 0 notices issued, 1 enforcement</p>	X				

	action taken to achieve compliance; 1 acre land affected currently being mitigated or improved					
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Requirement 7: Program & Policy Awareness (Section 2 of ASB Act)						
Fully Meeting		Partially Meeting			Not Meeting	
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations		
		Yes	No	Significant	Enhancement	
ASB has E&A programs in place for all legislated responsibilities under ASB Act 2 (b) – (c)	<p>Toured sites: F/I) – 20% herbicide rebate; G/M) inspected and sprayed; N) clubroot – 3 year no canola then clubroot R variety planted in rotation</p> <p>20% Herbicide rebate on pasture was expanded to include more products – seeing more getting sprayed as economy improves; added biocontrol products (now available – wasn’t during covid)</p> <p>Weevil Biocontrol Canada thistle project – at county office site; control plus trial for past 5 years – some success where applied but minimal spread</p> <p>Agricultural services programs: https://www.mountainviewcounty.com/p/agriculture-services-programs</p> <p>2021 report – have supported legislation for APA, WCA, SCA, AHA and ASB: website (APA, WCA, SCA, ASB), fact sheets (APA, WCA, SCA, AHA and ASB); events (AHA and ASB); 1:1 (APA, WCA, SCA, AHA and ASB); projects with partners (AHA); municipal programs (APA, WCA, SCA, AHA and ASB); social media (APA, WCA, and ASB); newsletters/articles (APA, WCA, and ASB)</p> <p>Mowed 7642 km of ditches; mowing operations photos before and after</p> <p>Hen Health Workshop – Sept 12 & 14/22 - pg 517</p> <p>Mountain View County Connection – Roadside Vegetation Management; MVC Roadside Brushing</p>	X				

	<p>Program - Brushing example photos; MVC Invasive Plant Management Programs, incentives and services to assist landowners in controlling prohibited noxious and noxious weeds; Noxious Weed Notice – Wild Caraway Weed Free Hay Inspections, weed free forage certificate of inspection (NAISMA) Thistle Stem Mining Weevil Establishment project – partnership agreement with Grey Wooded Forage Association (photos) Equipment rentals: pasture sprayers – 75 rentals; skunk traps – 6 rentals; tag reader – 2 rentals; cattle scale – 4 rentals; plastic mulcher – 1 rental; tree planter – 1 rental; weed free hay inspections – inspected 140 acres, certified 140 acres; rebate for herbicide or biocontrol for regulated weeds in range and pasture – 33 participants - \$13407.71 funds rebated (still looking for ways to increase uptake – potential for rebates for those renting pasture sprayers); invasive plants intro and impacts webinar – 44 attendees; conditioning cattle to eat weeds webinar – 63 attendees; working with cattle, working with people workshop (Foothills Forage & Grazing Association) 24 attendees 1/17/22 ASB Meeting – Cover Crops for Cows and Soils webinar series Nutrient Management webinar series Rural roots to climate solutions webinars; ladies livestock lesson, ranching opportunities conference (ASB22-008 motion carried) Beaver Co-existence Tool Site Visit (photos) Pg 747 - 750</p>				
<p>ASB has programs in place for all legislated responsibilities under ASB Act 2 (d) (e)</p>	<p>2 14 22 ASB meeting – ASB Programs 2021 Year End Report provided and reviewed with board motion ASB22-017 Carried Upcoming workshops: Preparing for the Grazing Season, Working Well Online workshop</p>	<p>X</p>			

	<p>3 21 22 meeting ASB22-027 Agriculture Service Board host an in person ReConnect with the Farm Tour, bus tour, in conjunction with Open Farm Days. Carried.</p> <p>ASB22-028 That the Agricultural Service Board promote Re-Connect with the Farm Tour, encourage host farms to participate, and encourage youth groups to attend. Carried</p> <p>Workshops proposed and completed 3 21 22 ASB meeting included: Finding Fairness in Farm Transitions webinar (resources and link to presentation) and AWES – Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Health webinars</p> <p>ASB22-032 motion carried</p> <p>Talk, Ask Listen – Mental Health in AB (23 registered); Farm Transition webinar (213 reg'd/163 attended)</p> <p>Aggie Days – May 13-14, 2022</p> <p>AB Open Farm Days promotion – 2022 (social media)</p> <p>MVC Connection - Farm Family recognition (Miller Family 2020)</p> <p>Rural Living in Mountain View County pg 727</p> <p>Septic Sense – solutions for rural living virtual workshop May 13, 2021 pg 734</p> <p>Water well management for well owners (Kneehill & MV county) pg 734</p> <p>Tree Care webinar – April 13 pg 740, 744</p> <p>Working with Cattle, Working with People – how to get along workshop – Oct 4/5/21 pg 745</p> <p>Ladies Livestock Lessons MVC Connector 1/4/22 pg 746</p> <p>Ranching Opportunities Conference MVC 14/22 pg 746</p>				
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Section 2: Resource Management Requirements

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Requirement 8: Resource Management Programming (as per grant agreement) - describe activities and programming supported under this funding stream. Does it align with programming outlines in application?					
Received Resource Management Funding: <u>Yes</u> No Partnership (list)					
<u>Fully Meeting</u>		Partially Meeting		Not Meeting	
Criteria	Notes	Status		Recommendations	
		Yes	No	Significant	Enhancement
ASB – CAP programming	June 21, 2021 Feedback for CAP in AB (Farm Technology and Efficient Grain Handling Programs) – # applications submitted and approved Aug 16, 2021 ASB Meeting - CAP Update provided pg 522, 529 - 539 2021 report: met with 125 clients (water quality)	X			
ASB – EFP programming	AB EFP Operations Committee Meeting – May 9, 2022 pg 540, Sept 15, 2021 pg 542 EFP Workshops: Sept 22, Oct 19, Nov 24, Dec 14 pg 547 EFP Webinars – Oct 7, Nov 16, Dec 7; pg 547 2021 – Oct 13, Nov 16, Dec 7 pg 549 2021 report: met with 60 clients 1/17/22 ASB Meeting – EFP workshops and webinars (ASB22-008 motion carried)	X			
ASB – Resource management programming	Use decision guidelines and rating criteria to assess all ALUS and Riparian Ecological Enhancement Projects (REEP) Viewed multiple ALUS and REEP projects (audit tour agenda): B) REEP fencing project around dugout, landowner planted treed;	X			

	<p>C) REEP wetland and dugout fencing projects, solar waterer/ALUS shelterbelt and Eco-Buffer planting projects</p> <p>D) ALUS watering systems, riparian pasture management</p> <p>E) New wet well off dugout project for winter waterer and fencing around dugout</p> <p>F) REEP watering system project, landowner fenced dugout; herbicide rebate</p> <p>H) ALUS dugout fencing projects, watering system, riparian pasture management</p> <p>J) ALUS wetland/creek fencing project, riparian pasture management</p> <p>K) ALUS wetland tributary fencing project, solar waterer, riparian pasture management (new in 2022)</p> <p>L) REEP fencing project, hen houses, AWES planting project</p> <p>Ag Plastics Recycling Site – unmanned ag plastics site with largest volume collected in AB – picked up by Clean Farms. It will be one of the last sites to change to retail pick up</p> <p>Planning & Development Policy #6102 Guidelines for the Identification of Environmentally Significant Areas 2021 report: fact sheets – water quality (15), soil quality (4), biodiversity (5)</p> <p>1:1 - Other RM concerns – water quality (150), air quality (100), soil quality (60), GHG reduction (60), biodiversity (100)</p> <p>Events: soil quality (2 webinars); water quality (1 webinar), (1 field tour), (1 workshop); GHG reduction (1 workshop)</p>				
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	<p>Purchased road signs to recognize riparian and ecological projects and ALUS program participants</p> <p>Equipment rentals: wire roller – 3 rentals; hay probe – 2 rentals</p> <p>40,527 kg wire recycled, 125 bags of twine (2,197 kg) pg 713</p> <p>Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program – pg 709; ToR Ag Plastics Research Committee; Potential Ag Plastics and Recycling program with AB Milk - June 21, 21 ASB21-048 motion for administration to bring this to the attention of AB Milk to collaborate with Clean Farms</p> <p>Clean Farms Demo – June 2, 2022 at Ten Brummelhuis Dairy</p> <p>Clean Farms 2021 Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine Mediations Collection – Oct 25-29 Southern AB pg 707</p> <p>33 projects completed by 16 producers funding through county’s Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP) and ALUS program – includes 14 new ALUS conservation agreements for projects focused on enhancement of water bodies and adjacent uplands.</p> <p>Funded projects include: 21 fencing projects, 11 off site watering systems, 1 planting project</p> <p>111.5 hectares of wetland, riparian and upland areas have been protected, enhanced with total length of newly installed fencing of 13.5 km</p> <p>\$98,420.25 funds awarded to assist with completion of these projects</p> <p>1 17 22 ASB meeting – Dogpound Creek Riparian project (with AB Conservation</p>				
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	<p>Association (ACA) – Buck for Wildlife Trust Fund past projects included riparian fencing and streambank maintenance along Dogpound Creek; ACA Riparian Habitat Enhancement Agreements 10-2-year terms, 30 m buffer from waters edge and annual compensation for acres in agreement: wildlife exclusion fencing options, offsite watering systems and bioengineering projects/tree planting – partnered with Cows & Fish, Trout Unlimited Canada, ALUS, landowners and MVC</p> <p>ALUS Year end activity report 2021 pg 550 (project photos) pg 556 - 626</p> <p>ALUS project decision consideration guidelines pg 629</p> <p>MVC Connection pg 634 – program promotion riparian and ecological enhancement projects -more funding available; ALUS program ad: Farmer? Rancher?</p> <p>2021 Riparian Grazing and Power Fence Field Schools: June 22, 23, 24 pg 636, 702</p> <p>ALUS participant profiles in Trailblazers (photos) pg 637 – 661</p> <p>Hen Houses pg 703/4</p> <p>ALUS in Mountain View County pg 662</p> <p>Riparian Conservation Program – landowner sign pg 665</p> <p>REEP program signage (photos) pg 667;</p> <p>ALUS Tour of REEP Projects 668 - 670</p> <p>ACA – interim report Sept 1, 2022 pg 674 and mpas/photos pg 679 - 689; final report March 15, 2022 pg 690 (photos)</p> <p>Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program brochure pg 698 - 701</p>				
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	<p>Cows & Fish – worked with MVC, ALUS and ACA on Dogpound Creek, (riparian fencing) Bearberry Creek and Jackson Creek and monitoring riparian health (2021 Riparian health inventory in MVC) MVC setting baseline for the project so they can repeat the inventories in future to demonstrate benefits of riparian health (5 year summary of 2016 projects); beaver co-existence workshops in surrounding counties; train the trainer sessions open to municipal and other organizations</p> <p>Motion ASB22-003 Carried: ALUS 2021 summary; Grazing Forward presentation Motion ASB22-033 included ads for Agricultural Wire Recycling and Agricultural Twine Recycling</p> <p>Motion ASB22-007 Carried recommend CAO approve amendments to the Procedures #6309-01 Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program Funding</p> <p>2 14 22 ASB meeting – tour of the pond leveler demonstration site will be organized with dates for spring or summer</p> <p>June 21, 2021 – approved funding for 3 riparian fencing projects - ASB21-040; 2 riparian fencing projects ASB21-041; 2 riparian fencing projects ASB21-042</p> <p>Green Acres – stewardship for small acreages pg 714 – 726; 732</p> <p>MVC Connection - Shelterbelt & Ecobuffer Health from establishment to restoration Building Soil Carbon Through Regenerative Agriculture – Sept 14, 2021 pg 737, 741</p> <p>Soil Health Field Tours pg 739</p>				
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Recommendation Categories & Process

Recommendations Categories

Critical: directly impacts legislated or grant program requirements with implications for grant fund disbursements

Significant: directly impacts legislated or grant program requirements without implications for grant fund disbursements

Enhancement: indirectly impacts legislated requirements and provided for continuous improvement

Recommendations Process

- √ Recommendations for the ASB are categorized based upon the criteria's impact on the requirement.
- √ Due dates reflect the timeframe permitted for the identified issue to be resolved by the ASB.
 - Critical recommendations are to be resolved within the calendar year of the field visit
 - Significant recommendations are to be resolved within the calendar year following the field visit
 - Enhancement recommendations are to be considered with steps taken where appropriate, by the next field visit
- √ Signatures accepting the critical and significant recommendations reflect the ASB's commitment to resolve the issue by the due date.
- √ Actions taken to resolve the issue are provided by the ASB to the Minister's representative by the due date.
- √ The Minister's representative in conjunction with the ASB unit reviews all submitted materials to assess whether the actions taken are sufficient to resolve the issue and meet the requirements' criteria.
- √ If the issue is assessed as resolved, the Minister's representative will sign off on the recommendation. If further actions are required, the ASB Unit Manager and Minister's representative will work with the ASB until the issue is closed and requirements are met.

Field Visit Recommendations Plan Summary (for all critical and significant recommendations)					Recommendation Tracking	
Requirement	Recommendation	Critical	Significant	Due Date	Decision	Approved by/Date
Ag Fieldmen is appointed by council ASB 8(1)	Include appointment of Ag Fieldman by council as per ASB 8(1)	X		Fall 2022		
ASB has an appeal committee that meets the SCA	Follow SCA section 14 (a) – ASB is appeal committee Include reference to SCA in Top Soil ToR		X	Fall 2022		

Once you have reviewed and accepted the recommendations, please sign and send a signed copy to your AF Field Visit staff

Recommendations accepted:

ASB Chair: [insert name]

Signature of ASB Chair: _____

Date: _____

Agricultural Fieldmen: [insert name]

Signature of Ag Fieldmen _____

Date: _____

Recommendation's solution assessment:

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Assessment decision: _____

Date: _____

Date Closed _____

Appendix 1

Section 1

Requirement 1 Legislated Activities Reported to Council

2020/2021
 Appointments to Committees
 Commissions & Boards
 OR20-004
 Moved by Councillor Milne
 That Council approve the 2020/2021 Councillor and Member at Large appointments to Committees, Commissions and Boards as attached to the minutes; and further, that alternate appointees be indicated.

Carried.

Agricultural Service Board (ASB)
 Councillor Alan Miller
 Councillor Gord Krebs
 Councillor Dwayne Fulton
Members at Large - (3-year term rotating basis)
 Brent Buschert (2022)
 Sean LaBrie (2022)
 Tietsia Huyzer (2023)
 Brian Rodger (2024)
Young Farmer Members at Large - (2-year term)
 Caith Cameron (2024)
 Karlee Overguard (2024)

In accordance with Section 203 (1) of the Municipal Government Act Mountain View County Council has delegated authorities to the Chief Administrative Officer to perform on their behalf including the responsibility to appoint individuals to specific positions.

Therefore, as authorized through Mountain View County Bylaw 17/19 "Establishing the Position of the Chief Administrative Officer" I, Jeff Holmes, make the following appointment:

Employee: Jane Fulton
 Appointed as: Agricultural Fieldman
 Effective: August 25th 2020
 Legislative Reference: Agricultural Services Board Act Section 8(1)

This appointment shall remain effective until such time that the individual is no longer employed by Mountain View County.

Figure 2 2021-2022 ASB appointment

Figure 3 Ag Fieldman appointment

10.8 - Council Committee
 Annual Reports
 RC21-628
 Moved by Councillor Aalbers
 That Council receive the following Committees of Council verbal and written year end reports as information:
 a) **Agricultural Service Board**
 b) Appeal Board
 c) Cremona & District Recreation Board
 d) Library Board - Carstairs
 e) Library Board - Sundre
 f) Municipal Planning Commission
 g) Strings & Keys Music Education Fund Committee

Carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS
- 9.1 Corporate Services Department Quarterly Report
 - 9.2 Operational Services Department Quarterly Report
 - 9.3 Planning and Development Department Quarterly Report
 - 9.4 Legislative, Community Services and Agricultural Services Quarterly Report
 - 9.5 CAO Services Quarterly Report

9.4 - Legislative, Community Services and Agricultural Services Quarterly Report

Moved by Councillor Lutz
 RC22-053 That Council receive the Legislative, Community and Agricultural Services Quarterly Report as information.

Carried.

Figure 4 ASB Annual Report to Council

Membership
 Councillors - 3
 Citizens at Large - 4
 Citizen at Large (Young Farmer) - 2

Citizens at Large shall reside within Mountain View County who are interested in the betterment of Agriculture and meet the following criteria:

- o Be an active Agricultural Producer;
- o Be well versed in diversified County Agriculture;
- o Be able to attend Regional and Provincial Agriculture Service Board Conferences and monthly Board Meetings.

Citizen at Large (Young Farmer)
 Council may choose to appoint two additional Citizens at Large that meets the following criteria:

- o The individual is 35 years of age or younger at time of appointment.
- o The individual's primary residence is located in Mountain View County.

o The individual's primary source of income is from farming (agribusiness is excluded).

The Agricultural Service Board will hold a meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 10-1408 Twp. Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB.

1. Call to Order
2. AGENDA
 2.1 Any Additions to the Agenda
3. DELEGATIONS
 3.1 9:00 a.m. Macaulay, Doug, Manager, Agriculture Service Board/Entomologist Agriculture and Forestry
4. ORIENTATION
 4.1 Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Agricultural Service Board Orientation
 4.2 Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board Orientation
 4.3 History of Agricultural Service Boards
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Figure 5 ASB Qualifications

Figure 6 ASB Application (insert)

Figure 7 ASB Orientation

Requirement 2 ASB Advisory Body

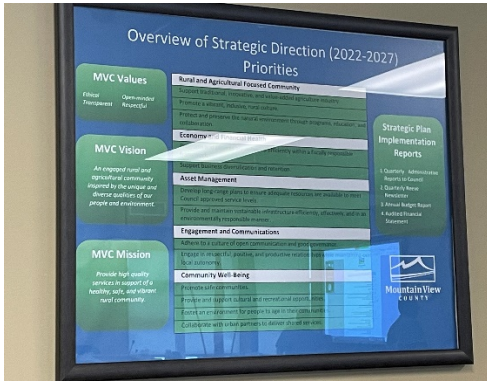


Figure 8 Strategic Priorities 2022 – 2027

OLD BUSINESS
Draft Strategic Plan
Review

J. Fulton provided an overview of the changes to the draft Strategic Plan for review.

The amendments to the Strategic Plan include:
1. Rearranging Strategic Priority 4c subpoint under 4b
2. Provide a new subpoint for 4c that captures the programming for youth and include the Youth ASB Member positions.

Moved by T. Huyzer

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March 21, 2022

Diversifying Ag Sector – Economic Rebound: Path Forward

Ask/Solution

- That the Minister allocate Administrative Staff to meet with Mountain View County Administration to provide clarity on how the County can play a larger role in the diversification of the Agricultural Sector and how the County can access programs and services that support the existing Agricultural Sector.

ADOPTED
ASB22-023 That the Agricultural Service Board receive for information the drafted Strategic Plan, as amended.
Carried.

Figure 9 Updating Strategic Plan

Figure 10 Minister Request

Requirement 3 Agricultural Policies

MAIN FOLDER > 6300 - AGRICULTURAL

- #6302 Agricultural Lease of MVC Owned Property
- #6303 Clubroot Management
- #6304 Undeveloped Road Allowance Licenses
- #6305 Roadside Brush Control
- #6307 Northern Pocket Gopher Control - Incentive Program
- #6308 Management of MVC Fee Simple Property
- #6309 Riparian Ecological Enhancement Program
- #6310 Vegetation Management
- #6314 County Equipment Rental
- #6315 Weed Inspection

Figure 11 Ag Policies

SECTION 3 - ENACTMENT

- 3.01 Therefore the Council of Mountain View County hereby enacts as follows:
- That Scentsless Chamomile be designated as a prohibited noxious weed within the County of Mountain View as per Section 9 of the Weed Control Regulations of Alberta, AR 19/2010.

Figure 12 Scentsless Chamomile Bylaw

SECTION 2 - ENACTMENT

- 2.01 NOW THEREFORE the Council of Mountain View County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:
- That Wild Caraway be designated as a noxious weed within Mountain View County as per Weed Control Regulation, AR 19/2010 Section 9.

Figure 13 Wild Caraway Bylaw

Requirement 4 Appeal Committees

Weed Control Appeal Board

Members at Large appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will receive a concurrent appointment to the Weed Control Appeal Board.

Figure 14 Weed Control Appeal Board

Preamble
Established annually by Council, the Weed Control Appeal Board is established to administer appeals filed under Part 4 of the Weed Control Act.

Scope/Purpose
The Weed Control Appeal Board is responsible for the following:
- Administration of Appeal Board Processes and Hearings as required under Part 4 of the Weed Control Act and the Weed Control Regulation.

Applicable Legislation
Weed Control Act, SA 2008, Chapter W-5.1
Bylaw 13/20 - Committees of Council Bylaw

Appeal Boards
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)
Reeve Angela Aalbers
Councillor Peggy Johnson
Councillor Jennifer Lutz
Members at Large
(3-year term rotating basis)
Thomas Boucher (2022)
Jack Brander (2022)
Gil Hegel (2022)
Tris Reeves (2023)
Alana Gibson (2024)

Figure 15 SDAB Appointment

Agricultural Pest Appeal Board

Members at Large appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will receive a concurrent appointment to the Agricultural Pest Appeal Board

Preamble
Established by Council, the Agricultural Pest Appeal Board is established at the beginning of each calendar year to administer appeals filed with Mountain View under Section 14(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act.

Scope/Purpose
The Agricultural Pest Appeal Board is responsible for the following:
- Administration of Appeal Board Processes and Hearings as required under Section 14(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act.

Applicable Legislation
Agricultural Pests Act, RSA 2000: Chapter A-8
Bylaw 13/20 - Committees of Council Bylaw

Figure 16 APA Appeal Board

Topsoil Appeal Committee

Members at Large appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will receive a concurrent appointment to the Topsoil Appeal Committee

Preamble
Established by Council, the Topsoil Appeal Committee is established to administer appeals filed under Mountain View County's Topsoil Bylaw.

Scope/Purpose
The Topsoil Appeal Committee is responsible for the following:
- Administration of Appeal Board Processes and Hearings as required under Mountain View County's Topsoil Bylaw

Applicable Legislation
Bylaw 11/20 - Topsoil Bylaw
Bylaw 13/20 - Committees of Council Bylaw

Figure 17 Topsoil Appeal Board

Requirement 5 Inspector Appointments and Inspections

Therefore, as authorized through Mountain View County Bylaw 17/19 "Establishing the Position of the Chief Administrative Officer" I, Jeff Holmes, make the following appointment:

Employee: Lorelee Grattidge
Appointed as: Weed Control Inspector
Effective: August 25th 2020
Legislative Reference: Weed Control Act Section 7(1)

This appointment shall remain effective until such time that the individual is no longer employed by Mountain View County, changes positions within the organization or appointment is revoked by written notice of the Chief Administrative Officer.



Figure 18 WCA Inspector Appointment

Therefore, as authorized through Mountain View County Bylaw 17/19 "Establishing the Position of the Chief Administrative Officer" I, Jeff Holmes, make the following appointment:

Employee: Lorelee Grattidge
Appointed as: Agricultural Pest Inspector
Effective: August 25th 2020
Legislative Reference: Agricultural Pest Act Section 9(1)

This appointment shall remain effective until such time that the individual is no longer employed by Mountain View County, changes positions within the organization or appointment is revoked by written notice of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Figure 19 WCA Inspector ID

Therefore, as authorized through Mountain View County Bylaw 17/19 "Establishing the Position of the Chief Administrative Officer" I, Jeff Holmes, make the following appointment:

Employee: Lorelee Grattidge
Appointed as: Soil Conservation Officer
Effective: August 25th 2020
Legislative Reference: Soil Conservation Act Section 15(1)

This appointment shall remain effective until such time that the individual is no longer employed by Mountain View County, changes positions within the organization or appointment is revoked by written notice of the Chief Administrative Officer.

DELEGATED – UNDESIGNATED AUTHORITIES

- 6.01 In addition to those authorities granted to the Chief Administrative Officer as outlined within this Bylaw, the Municipal Government Act, or any other Bylaw or Provincial Legislation, the Chief Administrative Officer shall also be delegated the following responsibilities as under Section 208(1) of the Municipal Government Act:
- Authority to appoint the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board under Section 627.1 of the Municipal Government Act;
 - Authority to appoint fire guardians to enforce the Forest and Prairie Protection Act under Section 4(2) of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act;
 - Authority to appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with the Weed Control Act under Section 7(3) of the Weed Control Act;
 - Authority to appoint inspectors to carry out the Agricultural Pests Act under Section 9(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act;
 - Authority to appoint soil conservation officers to carry out the Soil Conservation Act under Section 15(1) of the Soil Conservation Act;
 - Authority to appoint an agricultural fieldman to carry out the Agricultural Services Board Act, and other Provincial Legislation, under Section R(1) of the Agricultural Services Board Act.

Figure 20 Form 7

Emergency Livestock Handling Equipment Trailer
J. Fulton provided information on the item for discussion.
Moved by S. LaBrie
ASB22-063 That the Agricultural Services Board recommend to Council, for their consideration, an increased service level of having an Emergency Livestock Handling Equipment Trailer available for first responders, tailored to the needs of our fire departments.
Carried.
Re-Connect with

Figure 21 APA Inspector Appointment

Figure 22 SCA Inspector Appointment

Figure 23 CAO Delegated Authority

Figure 24 AHA support

Requirement 6 Act Compliance & Enforcement

Government of Alberta **INSPECTOR'S NOTICE**

To: [Redacted]
 Address: [Redacted]

You are hereby directed to:

Destroy the prohibited noxious weeds Control

1. Scintless Chamomile 1. [Redacted]
 2. [Redacted] 2. [Redacted]
 3. [Redacted] 3. [Redacted]

Which are infesting the property:
 Municipally known as:
 Aggregate Pit Within [Redacted]



Figure 25 Inspectors Notice WCA

Figure 26 WCA Enforcement Pre/Post/Regrowth - Follow-up/Spraying

Re: 2021 Weed Inspection Program

Thank you for your continued partnership and support with our joint municipal weed inspection program.

Attached for your review, a binder containing the following:

- A copy of the Alberta Weed Control Act
- A copy of the Weed Control Regulation
- An electronic and hard copy of a map containing the locations of the inspections
- A summary of all the inspections completed

We continuously review the Weed Inspection Program and would value your input on this year's activities, any suggestions and expectations would be appreciated. As well, please let us know if you would be interested in Weed Identification training for your staff or have any other related training needs.



Figure 27 Joint Municipal Weed Inspection Program

Figure 28 Roadside weeds pre and post spraying



Figure 29 Mowing program – before to after

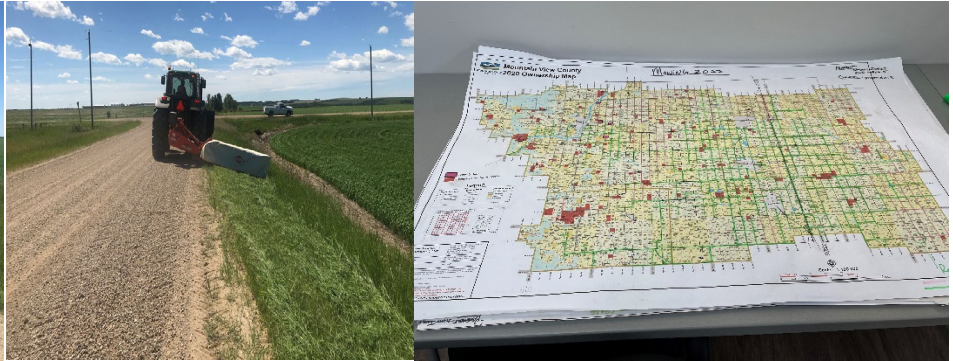


Figure 30 Mowing Tracking



Figure 31 Brush removal – before and after

<p>LICENCE TO OPERATE A SEED-CLEANING FACILITY</p> <p>Authority is hereby given to:</p> <p>Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant</p> <p>To operate a seed-cleaning facility or the purpose of cleaning seed under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> (Alberta).</p> <p>Issued by: </p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Restrictions: _____</p> <p>October 27, 2022</p> <p>Expires: _____</p> <p>Rating: 99.6%</p>	<p>LICENCE TO OPERATE A SEED-CLEANING FACILITY</p> <p>Authority is hereby given to:</p> <p>Olds Seed Processing Co-op Ltd.</p> <p>To operate a seed-cleaning facility or the purpose of cleaning seed under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> (Alberta).</p> <p>Issued by: </p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Restrictions: _____</p> <p>October 27, 2022</p> <p>Expires: _____</p> <p>Rating: 99.2%</p>	<p>LICENCE TO OPERATE A MOBILE SEED-CLEANING FACILITY</p> <p>Authority is hereby given to:</p> <p>T. Bischke Seed Cleaning Ltd</p> <p>To operate a mobile seed-cleaning facility for the purpose of cleaning seed under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> (Alberta).</p> <p>Issued by: </p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Restrictions: _____</p> <p>March 14, 2023</p> <p>Expires: _____</p> <p>Rating: 98.1%</p>	
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Figure 32 SCF Licenses – Stationary and Mobile

Figure 33 SCF Product Check

Fields Checked
Inspectors will check a minimum of 35 Canola fields in the Municipality for Clubroot during the growing season.

Sampling Protocol
Random inspections will be focused on field entrances, low areas, and any other high-risk areas identified within the field. Select an area about 20-30 m in size around the main field entrance examine the roots of multiple (up to 100) plants within this area for the presence/absence of clubroot galls. If no clubroot symptoms are found, then no additional sampling for clubroot is required. If clubroot symptoms are found, please dig up and rate the roots of 10 plants at 10 additional locations evenly spaced (20m) along a W-shaped transect (Figure 1) and rate for incidence and severity (Figure 2).

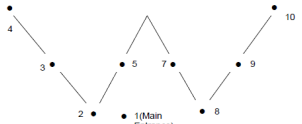


Figure 1. Canola survey pattern



Dear [REDACTED],

Re: Clubroot Found on the [REDACTED]

As we approach spring seeding, this letter serves as a follow up to our discussion on December 13th regarding management strategies for Clubroot found on [REDACTED]. Clubroot was declared a pest in Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act in 2007, and as such must be controlled. As discussed, the field has tested positive for clubroot, however, it is classified as small to moderate infestation in that approximately 1/3 of the plants showed small to moderate galling. At the time of our meeting it was indicated that provincial recommendations would be changing, and since then the Clubroot Management Plan has recently been updated. Please review this letter and the updated attached plan, and identify if any of the recommendation will affect your farming practices.

Figure 34 Clubroot Protocols

Figure 35 Clubroot Inspection

Figure 36 Clubroot Sample

Figure 37 Clubroot Letter

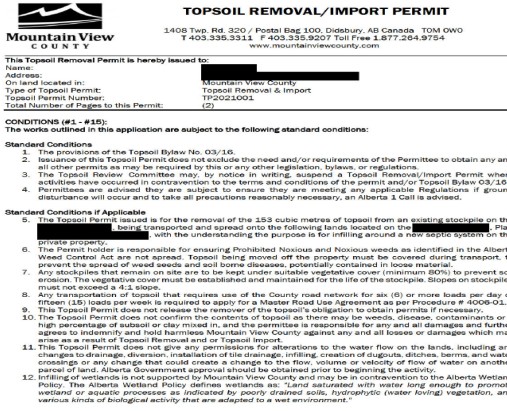


Figure 38 Insect Surveillance Kit

Figure 39 Topsoil Permit

Requirement 7 Program & Policy Awareness

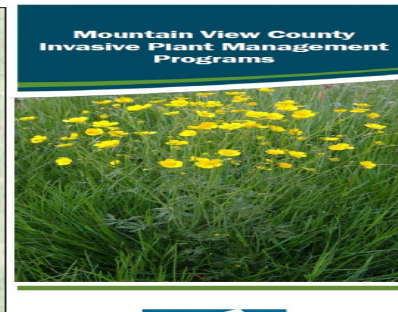
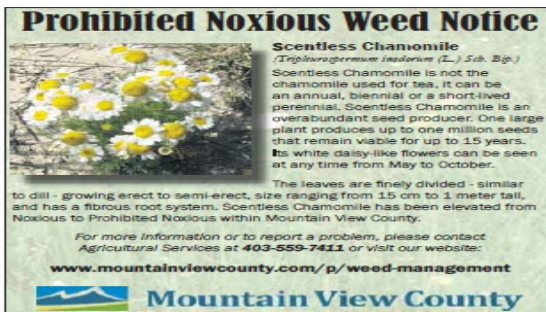


Figure 40 Weed Inspection Program Awareness Figure 41 Weed Education

Figure 42 Invasive Plant Awareness

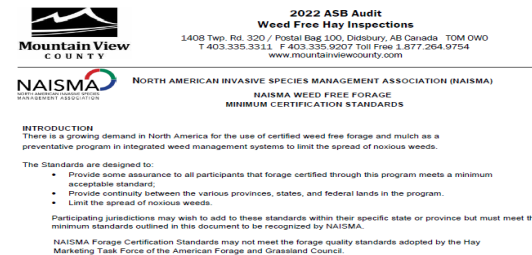
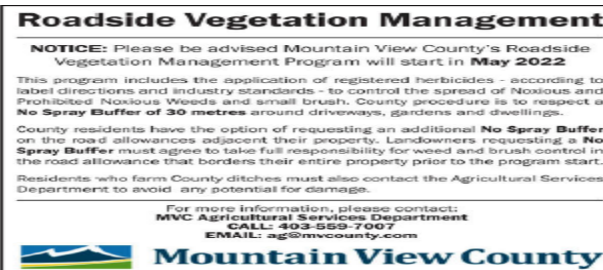
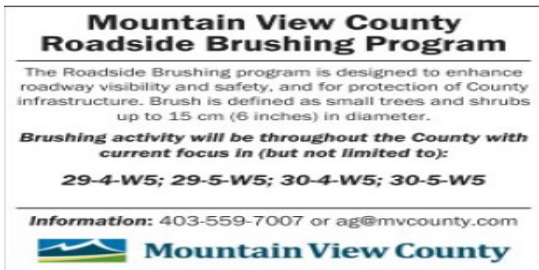


Figure 43 Roadside Brushing Awareness

Figure 44 Vegetation Management Awareness Figure 45 Weed Free Hay Inspections

Webinar Series

Invasive Plants: Introduction and Impacts

Guest Speaker Kelly Cooley will walk us through what identifies a plant as invasive, impacts on pasture and rangeland, identification of commonly found species and basic principles of integrated weed management.

June 1, 2021
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
 Zoom Registration - <https://bit.ly/3nKx6VA>

Conditioning Cattle to Eat Weeds and Range Health & Managed Grazing

Guest Speaker Kathy Voth will discuss range health, managed grazing and conditioning cattle to graze weeds using a systems approach.

June 8, 2021
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
 Zoom Registration - <https://bit.ly/3b2Rp9>

Webinars are free to attend, registration is required. You can register by typing the link into your web browser or you can visit <https://www foothillsforage.com/livewebinars>

Thistle Stem Mining Weevil Establishment Project

Background:
 Canada Thistle is a highly invasive colonizing species. It is a Noxious weed listed under the Alberta Weed Control Act. Its ability to rapidly spread through lateral roots and seeds, gives this plant a major competitive advantage. This major agricultural invader has been challenging farmers and ranchers since the first contaminated seed was brought over with the early settlers. Farmers have been spraying, mowing, grazing and even burning thistle to try and control its spread. Many of the areas that Canada Thistle is becoming problematic are areas in which equipment, herbicides, and livestock cannot be used. Most often these areas are riparian transition zones, fenceless, and sparse areas. There has been an increased interest in using alternative methods that are less environmentally impactful in part due to the cultural change in public view of weed control methods. Also some of the areas are difficult to get equipment and people in to do the work.

The Thistle Stem Mining Weevil lives almost its entire life cycle on or in the Canada Thistle plant. It feeds, lays its eggs, and spends most of its juvenile larval stage feeding within the stems and leaves of the plant. The only time to not be on or in the Canada Thistle plant is during its juvenile to adult transformation stage and over wintering. Both of those times the weevil burrows beneath the surface of the soil at the base of the Canada Thistle plants. Unfortunately, these tiny insects are unable to consume enough of the plant to actually destroy or prevent the plant from reproducing but do allow for control through secondary infections. The Weevils create access holes in the stems and leaves of the thistle when the larvae burrow through the plant. This allows bacteria and fungi to enter and infect the plant. This secondary infection stresses the plant and if conditions are right, destroys the plant and the weevils will slowly gain control over the colony.

The use of Thistle Stem Mining Weevils is not a fast acting control method. It takes several years to establish a population, however, using these weevils in environmentally sensitive areas where herbicides, mowing, and grazing cannot occur to control Canada Thistle.

Determine how many Weevils need to be released in order to establish a population, within an acceptable period of time, given a thistle colony density.

Determine the length of time it takes a test population of weevils to become established and begin reducing the thistle colony of known plant density.

Goals:

- Establish populations of Thistle Stem Mining Weevil in riparian areas where the use of herbicides, mowing, and grazing cannot occur to control Canada Thistle
- Determine how many Weevils need to be released in order to establish a population, within an acceptable period of time, given a thistle colony density
- Determine the length of time it takes a test population of weevils to become established and begin reducing the thistle colony of known plant density

Canada Thistle Stem Mining Weevil Partnership Agreement

This agreement ("Agreement") establishes a partnership ("Partnership") between the following parties:

Grey Wooded Forage Association and Mountain View County

and is undersigned and set forth this day, July 27, 2017.

The undersigned parties hereby agree to the following provisions as conditions of the Partnership:



Figure 46 Webinars: Weed Related

Figure 47 Biocontrol Project: Canada Thistle Stem Mining Weevil



AGGIE DAYS!

DATES: May 13 & 14

TIMES: 9 AM to 4 PM

LOCATION: The Heritage Centre
 4148 Highway 580
 (1 Mile East of Cremona)

EMAIL FOR INFORMATION:
 AggieDaysMountainView@gmail.com

*INDIVIDUALLY SPONSORED BY MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY

Figure 48 Workshop Promotion

Figure 49 Aggie Days

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY CONNECTION

Miller Family Celebrated as 2020 BMO Farm Family for MVC

Mountain View County Exercise

Animal Welfare Pre and Post Wildfire Situation Manual
 June 14, 2022

Figure 50 AB Open Farm Days

Figure 51 MVC Farm Family Celebration

Figure 52 AHA Programming: Animal Welfare Exercise

Join AFAC on **September 12 & 14** at 7:00 pm MST for the

Hen Health Workshop



2-part virtual workshop with **Cassandra Kirkpatrick** and **Dr. Margaret Fisher**

Covering everything you need to know about the health of your small flock

Figure 53 Hen Health Workshop Promotion

Mountain View County, Alberta
August 11 at 3:49 PM

Alberta Farm Animal Care presents this 2-part workshop for health of your small flock.

Join them virtually on September 12 & 14, 2022 at 7 PM MST

Register online: <https://event.me/EKD9B>

2 Comments 1 Share

Rural Living In Mountain View County

Rural Living Considerations
While rural living has many advantages, it's also important to consider some potential challenges and how to address them. This includes understanding the local environment, infrastructure, and services available in rural areas. It's important to research the area thoroughly before moving, including factors like internet access, healthcare, and educational opportunities. Understanding the local culture and community can also help you adjust to rural life more easily.

Rural Farming and Ranching
If you're moving to a rural setting, you may be interested in farming or ranching. This involves understanding the local market, infrastructure, and regulations. It's important to research the area thoroughly before moving, including factors like internet access, healthcare, and educational opportunities. Understanding the local culture and community can also help you adjust to rural life more easily.

Utilities and Services
Rural areas often have limited access to utilities and services. This includes understanding the local infrastructure, infrastructure, and services available in rural areas. It's important to research the area thoroughly before moving, including factors like internet access, healthcare, and educational opportunities. Understanding the local culture and community can also help you adjust to rural life more easily.

SEPTIC SENSE: Solutions for Rural Living Virtual Workshop

May 13, 2021, 7:00PM



Alberta Drainage Management Association

Learn what you can do to properly manage and maintain your septic system. Attend the virtual Septic Sense workshop hosted and presented by Knechill County and Mountain View County, with technical expertise provided by the Alberta Drainage Management Association (ADMA) and materials developed by Land Stewardship Centre (LSC).

During this live, online workshop you will learn:

- What a septic system is and how it works
- Regulation
- Design and installation
- Appropriate use of your septic system
- Maintaining your septic system
- Troubleshooting

To register, please e-mail Theresa Fletcher at: wfletcher@mvcvcounty.com or call at 403-559-9202

WATER WELL MANAGEMENT FOR WELL OWNERS

During this live, online workshop you will learn:

- The basics of groundwater and how your well works
- How to protect your well from contamination
- How to test your well water
- How to properly operate and maintain your well
- How and where to stock chemicals for your well
- What to do with old, abandoned wells on your property
- And more.

REGISTER AT THIS LINK: <https://www.knechill.ca/working-well-workshop>

WORKING WELL Clean water. Well protected.

Figure 54 Rural Living MVC Information and Workshops

TREE CARE WEBINAR

Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30PM

FREE virtual workshop covering tree and shelterbelt basics, pruning basics and tree pests featuring guest speaker Toso Bozic, ISA certified arborist, and tree expert from Yard Whispers.

Register in advance by emailing debs@clearwatercounty.ca or calling Clearwater County at 403-845-4444.



Figure 55 Tree Care Webinar

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY CONNECTION

Working with Cattle, Working with People How to get along

Workshop Details

- Date: October 4 & 5, 2021
- Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm both days
- Location: Classroom sessions are at the Stockmen's Library in the Cochrane Ranch/Headhouse (meet there on the first day). Field sessions are at Whiskey Ridge Cattle Co.
- Ticket Price: \$120.00 for FFSA Members, \$140.00 for Non-Members plus GST. Cost includes lunch on both days.

Register before September 20th at: www.foothillforage.com/events

Meet the Presenters

- Dylan Biggs with TK Ranch - Low Stress Cattle Handling
- David Irvine, the Leader's Navigator - The Human Element

*Please note that we are offering this workshop under the Restriction Exemption Program. You must provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test (within the last 72 hours) to attend!



Figure 56 Working with Cattle/People

Beaver Co-existence Test Site Visit Agricultural Services

1408 Hwy. 66 S202 • P.O. Box 100 • P.O. Box 100 • P.O. Box 100 • P.O. Box 100 • P.O. Box 100

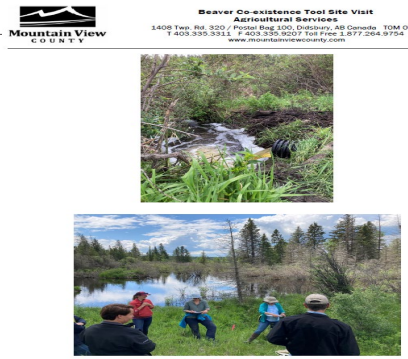


Figure 57 Beaver Co-existence Test Site (Cows & Fish)



Section 2

Requirement 8 - Resource Management



Mountain View COUNTY

**Terms of Reference
Agricultural Plastics Research Committee**

1408 Twp. Rd. 320 / Postal Bag 100, Didsbury, AB Canada T0M 0W0
T 403.335.3311 F 403.335.9207 Toll Free 1.877.264.9754
www.mountainviewcounty.com

Preamble
Established by Council, the Agricultural Plastics Research Committee is focused on working on behalf of producers to lobby for, or identify, additional programs required to deal with the ongoing issues of recycling Agricultural Plastics.

Scope/Purpose
The Agricultural Plastics Research Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- Review of existing studies, research and programs that deal with the recycling of Agricultural Plastics to identify ongoing industry challenges and gaps in service provision in the pursuit of developing a relevant study topic.
- Identification of Impacted Industry Partners and collaboration with Industry Partners to further develop the study topic
- Undertaking conversations with Provincial Ministries as required to understand Provincial direction and or funding opportunities available.
- Collaboration with Olds College to develop an applied research project that would have a focus on solving the issues identified in the study topic.

Applicable Legislation

The Alberta, Tuesday, May 17, 2022 · A17

Ag plastics recycling focus of committee work

By Dan Gregoire, staff

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY County council has been updated on the work of the multi-stakeholder Ag Plastics Research Committee at Olds College, which is looking at ways to improve and enhance the recycling of net wrap and other plastic products used in farming and ranching.

Mayor Wang is an alumnus of the emergency training system studied at the University of Alberta, with a placement at Olds College. She appeared before council as a delegate, outlining the committee's recent activities and plans going forward.

As part of her internship at the college she has been preparing a white paper focused on the committee's activities.

Project participants determined that there is indeed an interest in improving and enhancing ag plastics recycling in the province, she said.

"What we learned from the Alberta government and Alberta Beef Producers is that they are very interested in regarding ag plastics the same way that single-use plastics are currently being regulated under extended producer or responsibility legislation, which would allow plastic producing companies to take back materials and reprocess them at existing facilities. There are also doubts about the economic value of recycling net wrap, which is why some facilities are unwilling to accept it, and the danger of transporting and cleaning it would also cause a problem for recycling."

Plastic netting and silage wrap are but a small percentage of the total plastic used on Alberta farms.

Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program and Potential Pilot Project

J. Fulton briefly introduced the item.

Moved by T. Huyzer

ASB21-046 That the Agricultural Service Board request administration bring this item to the attention of Alberta Milk to collaborate with CleanFarms.

Carried.

Figure 58 Ag Plastics Recycling Program

Figure 59 Ag Plastics Research ToR

Figure 60 Ag Plastics Committee article

Figure 61 Ag Plastics Potential Pilot

East Olds Dairy Farmers

We would like to invite you again for our last meeting of this season:

When: Thursday June 2nd, 2022 at 11:00am with lunch to follow.

Where: in the yard of Ten Brummelhuis Dairy (from Olds, go east on Hwy 27 to Hwy 791. Go south, East side of road blue sign 32403).

What: Devin Johnson of CleanFarms from Lethbridge will bring and demonstrate a compactor for us to use and share amongst our farms. We will learn how to dispose it.

Spreading plastic evenly = uniform, dense bale

Mountain View COUNTY

Request for Decision

Date: August 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Canadian Agricultural Partnership Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board members receive for information the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) update.

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

CAP Update

Mountain View County
August, 2021

Alberta Canada

Presentation Outline

- What has changed...
- CAP:
- Farm Technology Program
- Efficient Grain Handling
- Water
- Other CAP programs

Figure 62 Ag Plastics Compactor Demo

Figure 63 CAP Updates to ASB

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE & TIME
May 9, 2022
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

LOCATION
<https://usd6web.zoom.us/j/86165047371?pwd=UHZtakhPCs8xDUNScFZFAEPAZEJTTZ09>

INTRODUCTIONS: KEN LEWIS, MURRAY WARNKE, SONJA BLOOM, KIM BARKWELL, JILL HENRY, LORELEE GRATTIDGE, SONJA SHANK, TANYA MOSKAL-HÉBERT, LACEY GOULD, KELLIE NICHIPORIK

Hi Lorelee-

I just posted a blog on our website for Emergency Planning-
<https://www.albertaefp.com/about/blog/recent/emergency-preparedness-134/>

Let me know if this will work for you.

Thanks
Sonja

Subject: emergency preparedness week

Hello Ladies,
I just wanted to touch base, we are looking at doing a social media campaign the first week of May as part of emergency preparedness week.
We were wondering if there would be anything EFP related that has been developed that we could share to highlight EFP but also how emergency preparedness is part of completing a plan?
Thanks for your help!
Lorelee

Lorelee Grattidge | Sustainable Agricultural Specialist

Figure 64 EFP Committee Meetings

Figure 65 EFP Emergency Preparedness Posting

Email info@albertaEFP.com or call 587-200-2552

EFP Workshops

September 22
1 pm - 3 pm

October 19
9 am - 11 am

November 24
9 am - 11 am

December 14
1 pm - 3 pm

EFP Webinars

October 7
10 am - 10:30 am

November 16
9 am - 9:30 am

December 7
1 pm - 1:30 pm

REGISTER
INFO@ALBERTAEFP.COM
587-200-2552

Figure 66 EFP Promotion

EFP Webinar Series

Join us on Zoom to learn more about the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan program, and why you would want to have an EFP for your farm.

October 13, 2021
2 pm - 2:30 pm

November 16, 2021
9 am - 9:30 am

December 7, 2021
1 pm - 1:30 pm

REGISTER
INFO@ALBERTAEFP.COM
587-200-2552

Figure 67 Cleanfarms Ad

Ag Wire Recycling

Terra Metals, in partnership with the Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board COLLECTS barbed, strand and page wire to be recycled at NO COST to Mountain View County producers.

Terra Metals
Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Located along Township Road 322 (Amarada Rd) west of Highway 2A
Just past the gas station entrance and before RV TO intersection

- Wire must be free of debris (dirt, mud, posts)
- All recyclable wire must be rolled tightly
- Wire must be loaded separately from other metals
- Loads falling to meet the requirements may be subject to a disposal fee

For more information contact: Terra Metals at info@terrametals.com
MVC Ag Services at 403-335-3311

Figure 68 Ag Wire Recycling

Twine Recycling Program

Through the Alberta Farm Plastic Recycling (AFPR) program you can bring in your used agricultural twine to the Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board for collection.

Netwrap Hay Tarp & Large Plastic

Photo is from a post: Mountain View County, Alberta March 31

Figure 69 Twine Recycling Post



Figure 70 Twine Recycling

ALUS YEAR-END ACTIVITY REPORT - JUL

Mountain View County

Total # of POLYLINE PROJECTS - STARTED in Current Year				
Project Description (Tier 2)	# of Structures	LENGTH (feet)	LENGTH (metres)	
Alternative Water System				
Pipe	0	0	0	0
Control Structure				
Water Control	0	0	0	0
Fence	23	43479.92	13243.1	
Erosion Control	0	0	0	0
TOTAL of Structures	23	43,480	13,243	
TOTAL Length				

Total # of POINT PROJECTS - STARTED in Current Year				
Project Description (Tier 1)	# of Structures			
Water Control				
Animal Structure				
Control Structure				
Habitat Nesting Structures				
Storage				
TOTAL of Structures				

Total # of Projects STARTED in Current Year: 68
*Automatically calculated from Polygon + Polyline + Point Tools above

Figure 71 ALUS Project Year End Reporting

2021 ALUS Projects

7 ALUS participants with fence establishment costs and/or first year of annual payments funded through CNFASAR

Project Description (Tier 2)	# of Structures	LENGTH (feet)	LENGTH (metres)
Alternative Water System			
Pipe	0	0	0
Control Structure			
Water Cor	3	0	0
Fence	52	115200.5	
Erosion Cc	1	0	0
TOTAL # of structures:	56		
TOTAL Length:		115200.46 ft	

Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)/ Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) Project Decision Considerations Guidelines

Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board and Partnership Advisory Committee

1408 Twp. Rd. 320 / Postal Bag 100, Didsbury, AB Canada T0M 0W0
T 403.335.3311 F 403.335.9207 Toll Free 1.877.264.9754
www.mountainviewcounty.com

Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) / Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) values, protects and promotes a thriving agricultural community and the preservation of the Region's unique and precious natural environment. The administration and delivery of the ALUS program encourages and supports agriculture into the future, promoting beneficial management practices that are environmentally sustainable. Mountain View County's agricultural community implements projects on working landscapes to create, restore and enhance natural areas such as wetlands, grasslands, riparian areas and tree areas; resulting in cleaner air and water, healthy soils, sustainable food production and habitat for: fish and wildlife, species at risk and native pollinator insects.

Mountain View County identified areas of focus for ALUS program

- Preserving and establishing trees in areas of low concentration
- Reclaiming Alkali or Marginal Soils to Native stands
- Increasing and promoting pollinator establishment
- Reclaiming marginal cropland for buffering around streams; preserving potholes or wetlands

Figure 73 MVC ALUS Project Decision Guidelines

Mountain View County NW 01-34-04-W5

Legend:
Rivers and Creeks (AB (S, and))
Unshaded
Activity Restrictions
No Activity Restrictions
Erosion (POND)
Quarter Section Grid
Section Number Grid
Township Grid

New Fence
New Watering System
Crossing

Notes:
Not responsible for errors or omissions
This map is an operational data product from an internet mapping site and is for reference only. Data accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Please refer to the source for more details.
THIS MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION.

Figure 72 2021 ALUS Project



Over 20 Years of Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Projects and Now More Funding Available

For more than 20 years, Mountain View County, in partnership with the Alberta Conservation Association, has delivered funding for riparian and ecologically sensitive area projects. And for the last 6 years, there have been opportunities for wetland enhancements and marginal land improvements through ALUS Canada.

Eligible projects include:

- Riparian & Sensitive Area Fencing
- Off-site watering systems
- Creek crossings
- Buffers for wetland and stream preservation

For information or applications contact:
Loelee Grattidge
403-335-3311 ext 163
ag@mvccounty.com

ALUS

FARMER? RANCHER?
Do you have marginal land? Sensitive ecology?

Our Program Focus

- Wetland Protection
- Riparian Areas
- Pollinator Habitat
- Habitat Houses
- Ecotourism
- And More...

Join Us!
36 farmers and ranchers
1,600 acres of land enrolled

For Details, Contact:
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ALUS.ca

Discover solutions for grazing your riparian pastures

2021 Riparian Grazing and Power Fence Field Schools

LIMITED ATTENDANCE
PLEASE CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES:

June 22	East of Buck Lake	9:30-11:30 a.m.
June 23	East of Blackfolds	1:30-3:30 p.m.
June 24	West of Sandon	1:30-3:30 p.m.

PRIZES!

- All registrants will be entered for a draw for prizes valued at \$500 each, which will be drawn during each of the six sessions.
- All attendees will receive a \$25 discount on the Large Wooded Fence power sale.

YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE FOR LOCATIONS AND FURTHER DETAILS
<https://riparian-grazing-and-power-fencing-2021.eventbrite.ca>

This is an outdoor event. Please dress for the weather and be aware that there are no washrooms. Covid rules will apply. Please bring your own face mask, hand sanitizer, snacks and beverages.

Brought to you by these sponsors

Trailblazers

ALUS Mountain View County participants Sean and Holly LaBrie

Alberta trailblazers Sean and Holly LaBrie participate in the ALUS Mountain View County program, a partnership between Mountain View County and ALUS Canada, a Weston Family Company and ALUS Canada, a Weston Family Company initiative.

ALUS Mountain View County participants Sean and Holly LaBrie have been running Calfkry Ranch, near Cardston, Alberta, since 2006. They have enrolled 66 acres into the ALUS program, where they manage 12 ALUS projects and counting as of May 2020.

ALUS helps the LaBries produce cleaner air, cleaner water and greater biodiversity by installing wetlands and riparian areas along the Dogpound Creek, which flows to the Little Red Deer River in the Red Deer River Watershed.

"We want to protect these riparian areas by reducing animal impact during sensitive times," said Sean, who is also an ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) member. "We also want to improve water quality both for our cattle and for downstream communities."

The LaBries have a longstanding commitment to making environmental improvements on their land.



Figure 74 ALUS Program Promotion

Figure 75 Riparian Grazing Workshop Figure 76 ALUS/EFP Participant Profiles



Figure 77 Program Photos

Riparian Conservation Program

This land is owned by **Diamond F Ranching**

The landowners are gratefully acknowledged for managing this habitat in cooperation with Alberta Conservation Association to enhance Alberta's wildlife and fish resources.

Please use respect when accessing this property.

ab-conservation.com toll free: 1-877-969-9091

Havens Cattle Co. Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Project
Little Red Deer River Watershed
HEALTHY LAND HEALTHY WATER
More Info: www.mountainviewcounty.com/riparian

Conrad Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Project
Little Red Deer River Watershed
HEALTHY LAND HEALTHY WATER
More Info: www.mountainviewcounty.com/riparian

Latimer Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Project
Rosebud River Watershed
HEALTHY LAND HEALTHY WATER
www.mountainviewcounty.com

Difficulty Ranch Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Project
Little Red Deer River Watershed
HEALTHY LAND HEALTHY WATER
More Info: www.mountainviewcounty.com/riparian

Board approves more ALUS conservation projects

BY Dan Singleton, MSP Staff

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY - The county's agricultural services board (ASB) has approved several land use conservation projects, including plans for wetland and dugout fencing.

The approvals came by way of motion at the board's recent regularly scheduled meeting and came under the ALUS program.

The ASB is made up of county councillors and appointed public members from the district's agriculture community.

The board approved 100 per cent of funding for materials, up to a maximum of \$969, for a dugout fencing project at NW 5-32-27-4.

The board approved \$3,191 for a wetland fencing project on the site, and 25 per cent of the materials for a solar watering system to a maximum of \$1,250 at the same site, located in the Knoehills Creek watershed.

The new dugout fences will be 197 metres long and the new wetland fence 648 metres long.

Annual payments for the maintenance of the projects totalling \$965 was also approved from the ALUS 2022 budget.

In a second project, the board approved funding for 100 per cent of materials, to a maximum of \$4,124, for a wetland fencing project on a property at NW 10-33-27-4.

The board also approved 25 per cent of materials, to a maximum of \$562, for the shelterbelt fencing project, and 100 per cent of the funding of material costs for the tributary and dugout fencing project, to a maximum of \$5,000 for a property at E 09-33-27-4, located on a tributary of the Spruce Creek.

The board also approved 100 per cent of the material cost for the wetland project to a maximum of \$2,598 and additionally \$5,535 to annual payments for project maintenance.

The project will involve 69.5 acres of new forage seeding, 838 metres of new shelterbelt fencing and 457 metres of new shelterbelt fencing.

The board also approved a separate project under the Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program.

Figure 78 Program Signage

Figure 79 ALUS Project Approval Article

Interim Report Submission Form
 2022-2023
 ACA Research Grants
 and ACA Conservation, Community, and Education Grants

Due by September 1, 2022
 Return to amy.mackenzie@albertaconservation.ca

Project Title Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program
ACA Project Code 016-00-002
Organization Name Mountain View County
Organization Type (check one) Academic Non-profit Other
Report Submitted by Loretta Gradiaga
Date September 1, 2022

Project Background: Briefly describe your project's background and objectives:
 Mountain View County (MVC) has been a partner with ACA since 2019 and has received an ACA grant since 2020 towards the delivery of a Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP). Funding is offered to encourage water stewardship, riparian, and wildlife habitat restoration and enhance riparian ecosystems, encouraging biodiversity and sustainability to and wildlife habitat using the following means:
 - placement of riparian revegetation and wildlife habitat using the following means:
 - water infrastructure improvement projects, tree and shrub preservation and establishment
 - off-site watering system installation
 - approved creek crossings

The funds received from ACA are used to contribute towards up to 100% of the material costs for constructing fences, creek crossings, or the purchase of riparian or non-riparian riparian revegetation seedlings. Off-site watering systems are funded at 20% of the material costs.

A riparian or ecological health assessment is performed for each project the year of designation and again in the year the term contract conditions are completed. The contract with the County also allows for the use of the riparian health assessment and riparian fee recovery in the project to be implemented.

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Mountain View County NW 01-34-04-W5

Legend:
 Riparian and Ecology (R/E)
 Riparian
 Ecological
 Water Features
 Parks (P/C)
 Cultural Heritage Dist
 Section Number Dist
 Township Dist

Legend:
 Existing Fence
 New Fence
 Tree Planting
 Wetlands
 ACA Project

Tributary to the Little Red Deer River, Class 4 Wetlands, Dugout, 100 acre (off)
 Little Red Deer River Watershed
 2.1 acres of tree planting
 14,120 of new fence
 Cost for tree planting: \$6,550
 Cost for new watering system: \$2,500
 Rating: 725, 34-05

Notes: This is a general overview of the project area and does not represent the actual project boundaries. The actual project boundaries will be determined by the ACA project team.

Mountain View County 27-31-02-W5

Legend:
 Riparian and Ecology (R/E)
 Riparian
 Ecological
 Water Features
 Parks (P/C)
 Cultural Heritage Dist
 Section Number Dist
 Township Dist

Legend:
 Existing Fence
 New Fence
 Tree Planting
 Wetlands
 ACA Project

Dugout Creek, Class 3 & 4 Wetlands, 200 acre (off)
 Little Red Deer River Watershed
 86,415 acre existing (0.57 - Sec 34)
 11 acres of tree planting
 22,420 of new fence
 Cost for tree planting: \$6,550
 Cost for new watering system: \$1,500
 Rating: 1000, 38-00

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Mountain View County N 08-31-05-W5

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 Riparian
 Ecological
 Water Features
 Parks (P/C)
 Cultural Heritage Dist
 Section Number Dist
 Township Dist

Legend:
 Existing New Fence
 New Riparian Fence
 New Watering System
 New Dugout

Tributary to Foothills Creek, Class 3 & 4 Wetlands, Dugout, 100 acre (off)
 Little Red Deer River Watershed
 11.8 acres of tree planting
 22,420 of new fence
 Cost for tree planting: \$6,550
 Cost for new watering system: \$1,500
 Rating: 200, 37-00

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Mountain View County NW 08-30-04-W5

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 New Riparian Fence
 New Watering System
 New Dugout

Little Red Deer River, 200 acre (off)
 Hwy 63A
 Little Red Deer River Watershed
 57.3 acres of riparian habitat
 180 of new fence
 Cost for new watering system: \$2,500
 Rating: 200, 46-00

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Final Report Submission Form
 2021-2022
 ACA Research Grants
 and ACA Conservation, Community, and Education Grants

Due by March 15, 2022
 Return to amy.mackenzie@albertaconservation.ca

Project Title Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program
ACA Project Code 016-00-002
Organization Name Mountain View County
Organization Type (check one) Academic Non-profit Other
Report Submitted by Loretta Gradiaga
Date March 16, 2022

Final Project Summary: Briefly describe the project objectives, main activities, and results and achievements in 2021 to 2022.
 Mountain View County (MVC) has been a partner with ACA since 2020 and has received an ACA grant since 2020 towards the delivery of a Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP). Funding is offered to encourage water stewardship, riparian, and wildlife habitat restoration and enhance riparian ecosystems, encouraging biodiversity and sustainability to and wildlife habitat using the following means:
 - placement of riparian revegetation and wildlife habitat using the following means:
 - water infrastructure improvement projects, tree and shrub preservation and establishment
 - off-site watering system installation
 - approved creek crossings

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Figure 80 ACA Projects

Green Acresages
 Stewardship for Small Acresages

Land Stewardship Centre

- Established in 1996
- Not-for-profit, charitable organization
- Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors
- Supported by program advisory committees
- Operated by core staff

Eligible Projects:

- Projects which enhance natural riparian habitats
- Wildlife and riparian habitat enhancement
- Watercourse management
- Wildlife rehabilitation and education
- Riparian revegetation
- Watercourse fencing, off-site watering systems and similar
- Use of riparian reserves for planting activities

Green Acresages Funding for Acreage Owners 2021

Step 1: 60-90 up to a maximum of \$25000 per project

Step 2: 60-90 up to a maximum of \$25000 per project

Step 3: 60-90 up to a maximum of \$25000 per project

Step 4: 60-90 up to a maximum of \$25000 per project

Green Acresages Project Funding

Alberta's Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Programs

Support from rural municipalities

60-90 up to a maximum of \$25000 per project

Locations that are impacted by flooding and drought (exacerbated by climate change)

Eligible Projects:

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- Wildlife and riparian habitat enhancement
- Watercourse management
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Step 4: 60-90 up to a maximum of \$25000 per project

Shelterbelt & Ecobuffer Health: From Establishment to Restoration

Two-Part Webinar Series
 7-9PM, April 11 & 12, 2022

Part One: Design & Planning
 April 11, 2022

Learn how to design and plan shelterbelts and ecobuffers, their objectives, the benefits they provide, and how to design and plan them.

Part Two: Establishment & Maintenance
 April 12, 2022

Learn how to establish and maintain shelterbelts and ecobuffers, the challenges you may face, and how to overcome them.

Speakers:
 Dr. Kris Nichols
 Kevin Elmy

Register by September 10 at
<https://buildingsoilcarbon.eventbrite.ca>

BUILDING SOIL CARBON THROUGH REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

LEARN PRACTICAL HANDS-ON SKILLS

Join Foothills Forage & Grazing Association and Grey Wood Forage Association for a workshop on Building Soil Carbon using Regenerative Agriculture. Speakers will focus on cocktail mixes & soil health, using soil health principals to build soil carbon on your farm or ranch, understanding soil sample results, practical application of various crops including perennial pasture for soil health and an insurance update from AFSC regarding drought & forage programs.

Speakers:
 Dr. Kris Nichols
 Kevin Elmy

Tour Details:

- September 14, 2021
- 9:30am to 3:30pm
- Morning at Eagle Hill Community Centre & convoy to field location in the afternoon.
- \$40 FFGA & CWFA Members, \$50 Non-members (plus GST). Includes lunch (if registered before deadline).

Register by September 10 at
<https://buildingsoilcarbon.eventbrite.ca>

SOIL HEALTH FIELD TOURS

FEATURING ODETTE MENARD

Odette Menard is an expert in regenerative agriculture who has been a leader in the field of soil health and regenerative agriculture for many years.

Locations:

- STRATHMORE**
July 14, 2022
- MADDEN**
July 14, 2022

Topics Include:

- Evaluating your grazing regime
- Adding to the land's natural value
- Reclaiming land for production
- Cover crops - tillage area under irrigation
- Soil health
- Speakers: Bob Vargesson, Ursiel Orjuela-Carmona and Odette Menard

Registration & Details: <https://www.cowbillsociety.com/events>

Costs:
 FFGA Member: \$40.00 + GST
 Non-Member: \$50.00 + GST

Figure 81 Green Acresages

Figure 82 Webinar & Workshops - Partnership



Figure 83 Tour Photos: County Hen House; REEP - Dugout Fencing; Winter Watering; Dugout System; Wetland Fencing; ALUS - Riparian Pasture & Fencing



Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Sustainable Farm Families Workshop

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board receive for information the Sustainable Farm Families Workshop.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

BACKGROUND: The Farm Safety Centre in partnership with Mountain View County is bringing the Sustainable Farm Families (SFF) Rural Health Initiative Workshop to the Mountain View County Office on November 15, 2022.

The SFF program was developed in Australia by the National Centre for Farmer Health. In 2014, the Farm Safety Centre in Alberta licensed the program and adapted it for delivery in Alberta. SFF focuses on the immense importance of individual health, well-being and safety to a successful farm. The preventative approach used by the SFF Rural Health Initiative takes seemingly healthy people living in rural communities and seeks to either uncover undiagnosed conditions or confirm their healthy status. [SFF Rural Health Initiative Video](#)

Research into the state of rural health has identified several health and well-being disadvantages faced by rural people which negatively impact their quality of life. The SFF Rural Health Initiative aims to remedy many of these disadvantages by providing rural Albertans who participate in this program with 3 annual, in-depth physical & mental health assessments. The SFF Rural Health Initiative is all about early identification of potential health concerns before they become a critical complication that requires a reactive treatment. The health assessments that are completed not normally checked until something goes wrong, they include: 90-day A1C diabetic levels, cholesterol levels and blood pressure. A full body composition scale is used that breaks down multiple factors including: basal metabolic level, visceral fat percentage, body water percentage, muscle mass, and bone mass. In addition to these health assessments, participants are educated about each aspect of the assessment to ensure they fully understand each of their measurements and know how to better manage their health and well-being. Those who participate in this program are only asked to commit 1 hour of their time each year over the course of the 3-year program.

Since 2014, the Farm Safety Centre has delivered over 135 SFF workshops to more than 1,300 participants across the province. Participant feedback from external evaluations have identified that 97% of SFF participants felt the workshops were a good investment of their time and that 92% recommended the program to others.

RELEVANT POLICY: N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: N/A

Attachments Nil

1. Sustainable Farm Families Workshop Poster Nov 2022
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PREPARED BY: LG

REVIEWED BY: JF



Sustainable Farm Families Rural Health Initiative Workshop

Sustainable Farm Families is a highly successful health and wellness initiative. It provides Farm Families with tools & techniques to effectively manage their health, well-being, and safety.

November 15th, 2022 - 1 hour appointments - available between 8am and 6pm

Mountain View County Office (1408 TWP Rd. 320, Mountain View County, AB.)

What you can expect in your one-on-one personal health assessment with a Registered Nurse:

- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Metabolic Age
- Visceral Fat
- Body Mass Index
- Muscle Mass
- Basal Metabolism
- Body Water Percentage
- Bone Density
- Mental Health Assessment
- Blood Sugar
- Diabetic Risk
- Triglyceride Levels
- Oxygen Saturation
- Eyesight

Scan the QR code or visit www.abfarmsafety.com and follow the link under Upcoming Workshops for more information and to register.



Questions?
Keylan Kado | Program Manager
Sustainable Farm Families™ Alberta
programs@abfarmsafety.com
(93) 752-4585





Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: FarmTech Sponsorship Changes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board approve sponsoring a producer to attend CrossRoads Conference (formally FarmTech).

BACKGROUND: The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) has a program to sponsor a young farmer to attend FarmTech (now called CrossRoads Conference). The CrossRoads - Alberta's Crop Conference is organized by the FarmTech Foundation of Alberta, a working collaboration by four of Alberta's crop commissions - Alberta Barley, Alberta Canola, Alberta Pulse Growers, and the Alberta Wheat Commission. The Alberta Seed Growers are the one Farmtech partner that will not be involved in the new event.

This event runs from Tuesday January 24th 2023 to Wednesday January 25th 2023 at the Edmonton Convention Centre. The cost for this conference is \$558.02. The application criteria set out by the ASB is as follows:

- must be 35 years of age or younger
- whose primary income is derived from farming

Sponsorship for his event will include the reimbursement to a maximum of \$1500 for:

- one (1) full registration for the successful applicant.
- 50% of the registration for the applicant's significant other
- two (2) night hotel stay

The successful candidate will:

- Pay all expenses and submit eligible expenses to Mountain View County after the completion of the CrossRoads Conference
- Present or provide a summary report of the scheduled sessions to the ASB within the calendar year

RELEVANT POLICY: Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

\$558.02 - CrossRoads 2 Day Registration

\$\$ - Hotel Accommodation

Attachments Nil

PREPARED BY: TN

REVIEWED BY: JF



Mountain View
C O U N T Y

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Request for Decision

Date: Meeting Date

SUBJECT: Decision-making topic - Title on Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Motion/Positive Motions(recommend defeat if necessary)

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

BACKGROUND: To include Key Issues/Desired Outcome/Response Options/Strategy/Implications/List Reports/Documents

RELEVANT POLICY: [Cite existing policies, practices and/or legislation\(Link only to website\)](#) ~~remove hyperlink if not linking to website~~

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: Current and/or future budget impact/source of funding

Attachments Nil

1.

PREPARED BY: Initials of Preparer

REVIEWED BY: Initials of Reviewer



Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Reports

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following as information:

- a. Seed Plant Updates (*verbal report*)
 - b. Workshop updates
 - c. Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan
 - d. Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan Report
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BACKGROUND:

Event Updates

Upcoming Workshops/Webinars:

Oct 19 - (6:30pm) - [On-Farm Producer Opportunities Webinar](#) - delivered by Results Driven Agriculture Research and Canadian Forage and Grassland Association, hosted by Foothills Forage & Grazing Association

Oct 20 - (1pm-5pm) - In-person Environmental Farm Plan Workshop - Hosted by Alberta EFP, Foothills Forage & Grazing Association, Grey Wooded Forage Association & Mountain View County - Mountain View County Office

Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15 (1pm-3:30pm) - [Alberta EFP Fall & Winter Online Workshops](#)

Nov. 3 & 4 (8:30am-4:30pm) - 2-day in person [Cattle Drone School with LandView](#) and Dr. John Church of Trinity University, hosted by the Grey Wooded Forage Association & Red Deer County, Benalto Ag Society

Nov. 15 (one-on-one health assessment by appointment between 8am and 6pm) - [Sustainable Farm Families Rural Health Initiative Workshop](#) with the Farm Safety Centre hosted by Mountain View County

Nov 30 (6:30pm-9:30pm)- [Working Well Virtual Workshop](#) presented by the Working Well Program with technical expertise provided by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Health Services and licensed water well contractors, hosted by Mountain View County

Past Workshops/Webinars:

Oct 5 - Using Cattle Behavior to your Advantage with Dylan Biggs, Joe Engelhart and Dave Voth hosted by Red Deer County, Lacombe County, Foothills Forage and Grazing Association, Grey Wooded Forage Association and Mountain View County - Benalto Rodeo Grounds - 35 registered

RELEVANT POLICY: Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

Attachments Nil

1. On-Farm Producer Opportunities Webinar Poster Oct 2022
8 1 - RFD - Reports - October 2022 (ID 639120).docx

2. EFP Workshop Poster Oct 2022
 3. Working Well Virtual Workshop Poster Nov 2022
 4. Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan
 5. Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan Reports
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PREPARED BY: LG

REVIEWED BY: JF



Funding Program Overview webinar



On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF)

**Rotational Grazing & Cover
Cropping programs**



CFGGA Grazing program

**Learning management
system, a demo of the content**

**Find out what you need to apply and what
you are eligible for.**

**Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 6:30pm MST
Register for free at:
<https://www.foothillsforage.com/livewebinars>**

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP) WORKSHOP

When: October 20, 2022

Where: Mountain View County Office

Workshop details:

- Workshop will begin at 1:00pm and wrap up around 5:00 pm.
- Please bring laptop or tablet if you have one
- Information on your water sources & water bodies
- If you are renewing your EFP and you have your old binder; please bring it as this can be helpful

To register visit:

<https://www.foothillsforage.com/efpworkshop>

Please Register before October 15, 2022



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WATER WELL MANAGEMENT FOR WELL OWNERS

During this workshop you will learn:

- The basics of groundwater and how your well works.
- How to protect your well from contamination.
- How to test your well water.
- How to properly operate and maintain your well.
- How and when to shock chlorinate your well.
- What to do with old, abandoned wells on your property.
- And more.

HOSTED BY:



Mountain View
COUNTY



JOIN US AT THIS LIVE, VIRTUAL (via Zoom)
WORKING WELL WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY: Mountain View County

DATE: November 30, 2022

START TIME: 6:30 pm

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://bit.ly/3S9vGBG>

WORKING
WELL

Clean water.
Well protected.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY

Agricultural
Service Board
Strategic Plan
2022 - 2025

DRAFT

Reviewed by Agricultural Service Board on XX, 2022

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Situation Assessment

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

Strategic business planning is creating a vision of the future and managing towards that future. It will focus the effort of Mountain View County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB) and provide an effective process to align short-term decisions with long-term goals. It will also aid in responding to changing environments.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY OVERVIEW

Mountain View County was established on January 1, 1961, as the Municipal District of Mountain View No. 49. Nestled against the picturesque foothills of the Canadian Rockies, Mountain View County is a mix of magnificent vistas, and some of the finest agricultural land in all of Canada. Mountain View County strives to maintain our rural lifestyle and heritage, while finding innovative ways to build sustainable communities for the future.

Mountain View County straddles the thriving Queen Elizabeth II Highway (Hwy 2), located directly between the metropolitan region of Calgary to the South and the Central Alberta hub of Red Deer to the north.

Our land base features 934,710 acres (378,264 ha), (3,782.64 km²) comprised of rich fertile soil and lush grazing land. Within our borders, Mountain View County features 2,898 km of road, making it the largest and most expensive piece of infrastructure, of which 1,975 km are gravel, 819 km are chip sealed, and 104 km are paved surface roads.

The 2021 Federal Census put Mountain View County's population at 12,981 rural residents. The population density in Mountain View County is 3.4 persons per square km. The urban municipalities within the municipal boundary are the Towns of Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, and the Village of Cremona.

It was agriculture that first brought settlers to Mountain View County over a century ago. Homesteaders wisely chose this region for its ample rainfall and fertile medium textured Black Chernozemic soils comprising much of the area, along with areas of dark grey soils and varying textures. Today, agriculture is still a vital economic engine of Mountain View County. Over 30 per cent of our labour force works in a sector that has now diversified into globally marketed value-added crops and livestock. The County has 5,010⁴ occupied private dwellings and over 1,500 farms. As per the 2021¹⁶ Federal Census Mountain View County has over 476⁵⁴⁰,000 acres in crop production and has over 105¹²¹,000 cattle on the landscape. From the 2021¹⁶ Census of Agriculture of the 944,761^{1,021,950} farming acres, 54⁵ per cent is owned with the remaining either leased, rented or crop-shared from others.

Mountain View County features a diverse agriculture and agri-business sector, underscored by thriving crop and livestock production. Combined, beef, hay, grain and oilseed production comprise approximately 70 per cent of farm types within the area. There are 52 Confined Feeding Operations registered with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) within Mountain View County.

There are nine different watersheds in Mountain View County: Bearberry Creek, Fallentimber Creek, James River, Kneehills Creek, Little Red Deer River, Lonepine Creek, Nose Creek, Rosebud River and the Red Deer River. "Surficial features include moraines, eskers, kames, outwash planes and glacial lake basins" (Summit Environmental 2008).

In addition, Mountain View County is blessed with an abundance of natural resources that help support oil and gas, forestry, and industrial sectors.

Roles & Responsibilities of the Agricultural Service Board

Mountain View County's Agricultural Service Board plays a critical role in assessing the needs and direction of the agriculture industry in the area, as well as, identifying obstacles and working to help resolve any problems that may arise.

The general role of the Agricultural Service Board is listed into four main categories:

1. **Policy and Administration**

The Agricultural Service Board acts as an advisory body that assists Council and the Minister of Agriculture in matters of mutual concern. The Agricultural Service Board is responsible for administering and enforcing provincial agricultural related acts, such as, the *Weed Control Act*, *Agricultural Pests Act*, the *Soil Conservation Act*, and assists to control livestock disease under the *Animal Health Act*.

2. **Program Development and Review**

Promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of Mountain View County by advising, organizing, and directing programs, such as, the Weed and Pest Control, and Soil and Water Conservation programs. Programs are reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis.

3. **Program Promotion and Advertising**

Agricultural Service Board programs and best management practices will be promoted through Mountain View County media, workshops, participation at trade shows and other public forums where agricultural producers are in attendance.

4. **Support Agricultural Communities**

Promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improve the economic viability of the agricultural producer by promoting positive relationships between agricultural producers and rural residents, and developing stronger partnerships between organizations with similar mandates.

Values

Values are fundamental principles and beliefs that serve as implicit criteria guiding all actions and decision-making done by the Agricultural Service Board.

- Integrity (Honesty/Accountability)
- Excellence of Service (Open and honest communication/Responsiveness/Conscientious/Consistent/Equality)
- Open-minded (Proactive/Innovative)

Vision

The vision articulates the desired future direction of the Agricultural Service Board.

Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board values, protects and promotes a thriving agricultural community.

Mission

Agricultural Service Boards distinctive identity.

Agricultural Service Board advises and serves all stakeholders in weed and pest control, leading edge agricultural practices, soil and water conservation and related environmental concerns to enhance the viability of the agricultural community.

Goals

Mountain View County's Council provides Strategic Direction, identifying Rural and Agricultural Focused Community priorities as follows:

- Support traditional, innovative, and value-added agriculture industry
- Promote a vibrant, inclusive, rural culture.
- Protect and preserve the natural environment through programs, education, and collaboration.

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Goals highlight the broad, overarching statements to clarify what the ASB seeks to achieve in alignment with the Strategic Priorities set by Council. These goals seek to strengthen current programs and improve service levels for Mountain View County's Agricultural Services under Council's direction, and engagement.

1. Provide high quality services
2. Ensure fiscal responsibility
3. Innovative programming

Strategic Priorities

In assessing the key issues and trends that are within the span of control that the Agricultural Service Board can address, four strategic priorities have been identified for action.

1) Protection of the Viability of Agriculture

Perform weed, pest and disease inspections to maintain the economically viable farm business, ensuring market access.

a) Delivery and support of the *Weed Control Act*

- I) Prevent and control the establishment of invasive plants through programs, education, collaboration and enforcement
- II) Establish prevention strategies in cooperation with county departments and urban neighbours

b) Delivery and support of the *Agricultural Pests Act*

- I) Establish responsible pest management strategies and enforce control of declared nuisances and pests
- II) Provide education and awareness of pests to ensure the viability of agriculture

c) Support of the *Animal Health Act*

- I) Provide requested assistance and timely information to the province, government agency, or emergency responders during an animal disease outbreak
- II) Promote emergency preparedness and best management practices for producers to protect livestock

2) Support Sustainable Agriculture

Encourage best management practices in support of sustainable agriculture by limiting the impact on the natural ecosystem.

a) Mitigate the impacts agriculture has on soil, water and air quality

- I) Assist producers in identifying their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate them
- II) Support producers in Enhancing and conserving riparian & sensitive upland areas
- III) Deliver and Support the *Soil Conservation Act* to prevent soil loss or deterioration
- IV) Encourage producers, provide avenues, and support initiatives to recycle agricultural waste
- V) Provide education and awareness to improve soil health, increase biodiversity, support a healthy watershed and clean airshed

3) Assist to provide safe road networks in support of agriculture and the rural population

a) Roadside Vegetation Management

- I) Control and prevent establishment of invasive plants on transportation corridors, right of ways, provincial highways and municipal owned lands
- II) Maintain vegetation for safe roads and protect the integrity of our road infrastructure

4) Promote and support agriculture in the rural community

a) Promote positive relationships between agricultural producers and rural residents

- I) Provide information on agricultural practices and best management practices for acreages.
- II) Help new and potential residents to understand what Mountain View County has to offer and what some of the expectation and challenges of living in an agricultural community

b) Promote and support agriculture and local producers

- I) Promote and support farm families through awards, workshops and tours
- II) Provide funding and educational opportunities to promote farm safety, agriculture awareness and environmental stewardship

c) Support youth in agriculture

- I) Citizen at Large (Young Farmers) on Mountain View County Agricultural Service Board
- II) Youth education and leadership development

Strategic Priorities Plan

Programs and services for each strategic priority identified.

Table 1 - Strategic Priority #1 - Protection of the Viability of Agriculture

Possible Programs and Services
1. Delivery and support of the <i>Weed Control Act</i>
1.1 Administer a weed inspection program - Policy/Procedure #6315 Weed Inspection
1.2 Provide weed inspection services to urban partners
1.3 Inspection and licencing of seed cleaning plants
1.4 Free pasture sprayer rentals
1.5 Provide landowners a twenty percent (20%) rebate on approved herbicides and/or biocontrol agents
1.6 Weed Bounty Program
1.7 Bed & Shore Weed Picking Program
1.8 Support the Alberta Invasive Species Council
2. Delivery and support of the <i>Agricultural Pests Act</i>
2.1 Pest insect monitoring
2.2 Field inspections for Clubroot - Policy/Procedure #6303 Clubroot Management
2.3 Coyote Control Program
2.4 Free skunk trap rentals
2.5 Northern Pocket Gopher Control Incentive Program - Policy/Procedure #6307
2.6 Inspect all reported rat sightings
2.7 Promote equipment cleaning requirement
3. Support of the <i>Animal Health Act</i>
3.1 Report any known or suspected cases of a reportable or notifiable disease
3.2 Equipment rental; cattle scale, tag reader
3.3 Maintain an emergency contact list for emergency response involving livestock
3.4 Promote emergency preparedness
3.5 Partner on workshops related to livestock health
3.6 Support Alberta Farm Animal Care
3.7 Wildlife Awareness workshop

Table 2 - Strategic Priority #2 - Support Sustainable Agriculture

Possible Programs and Services
1. Mitigate the impacts agriculture has on soil, water and air quality
1.1 Riparian & Ecological Enhancement Program - Policy/Procedure #6309
1.2 ALUS Program
1.3 Complete Riparian Health Assessments
1.4 Administer the Topsoil Bylaw - Topsoil Bylaw 11-20
1.5 Partner to provide workshops promoting best management practices
1.6 Assistance and delivery of Environmental Farm Plans

1.7 Agricultural recycling programs; twine, wire, chemical and fertilizer jugs
1.8 Free tree planter, plastic mulcher and wire roller equipment rental
1.9 Promote Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program
1.10 Support of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
1.11 Support of the Parkland Airshed Management Zone
1.12 Support Local Forage Associations
1.13 Support the Agroforestry Woodlot and Extension Society

Table 3 - Strategic Priority #3 - Assist to provide safe road networks in support of agriculture and rural population

Possible Programs and Services	
3. Roadside Vegetation Management	
1.1	Application of herbicides to right of ways, minimum three (3) year rotation - Policy/Procedure #6310
1.2	Spot spray provincial highways
1.3	Annual Toadflax Spray Program
1.4	Inspect and control weeds in county shops, yards and gravel pits
1.5	Roadside Brush Control - Policy/Procedure #6305 Roadside Brush Control
1.6	Roadside grass seeding with certified seed
1.7	Roadside Mowing - Policy/Procedure #6310 Vegetation Management

Table 4 - Strategic Priority #4 – Promote and support agriculture in the rural community

Possible Programs and Services	
1. Promote and support agriculture and local producers	
1.1.	Succession Planning Workshops
1.2.	Farm Family Award
1.3.	Re-Connect with the Farm Tour
1.4.	Nominate producers for stewardship awards
1.5.	Mental Health workshops
2. Promote positive relationships between agricultural producers and rural residents	
2.1.	Green Acreages Program
2.2.	Working Well Workshop
2.3.	Septic Sense Workshop
2.4.	Administer the Animal Control Bylaw - Animal Control Bylaw 10-19
3. Support youth in agriculture	
3.1.	Leadership funding for County 4- H Clubs
3.2.	Citizen at Large (Young Farmer) ASB member positions
3.3.	Classroom Farm Safety funding
3.4.	Classroom in Agriculture Program delivery
3.5.	Aspen Ranch Farm Safety, Agricultural & Environmental Awareness Program
3.6.	Partner with Olds College and support programming

Reporting and Communication

Quarterly reports are provided to Council on the activities of both the Agricultural Service Board and Department. Annually a year-end report is provided to the ASB based on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to the Strategic Plan to provide measures used to gauge program performance, track progress, success of meeting objectives and basis to implement changes if needed.



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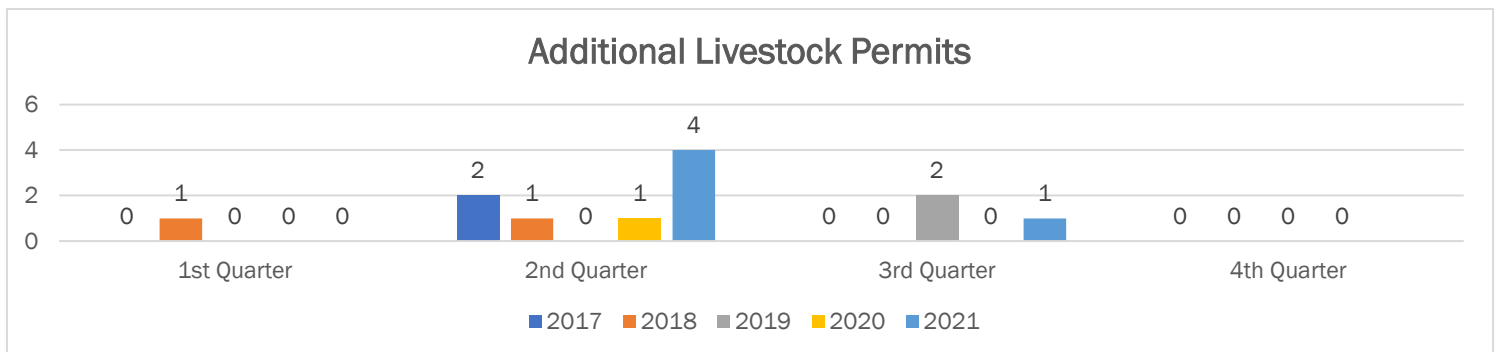
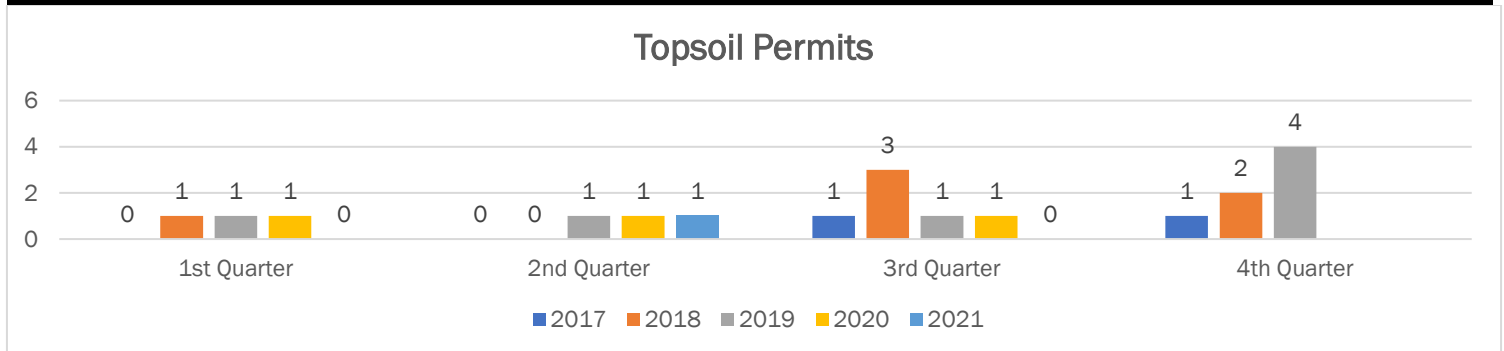
2021 Public Participation Campaigns		
Name of Campaign	Type of Campaign	Participant Number
Shelterbelt & Eco-buffer Workshop with Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES)	Webinar	28
Tree Care with Toso Bozic	Webinar	15
Septic Sense with Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA)	Webinar	26
Invasive Plants –Introduction and Impacts - Kelly Cooley	Webinar	44
Conditioning Cattle to Eat Weeds – Kathy Voth	Webinar	63
Riparian Grazing and Power Fence Field School – Grey Wooded Forage Association & Cows & Fish	Field Day	12
Campbell Pit Viability Survey	Online Survey	99 completed surveys – 2021-08-03
Building Soil Carbon through Regenerative Agriculture	Workshop	37
Working with Cattle, Working with People - Foothills Forage & Grazing Association	Workshop	24

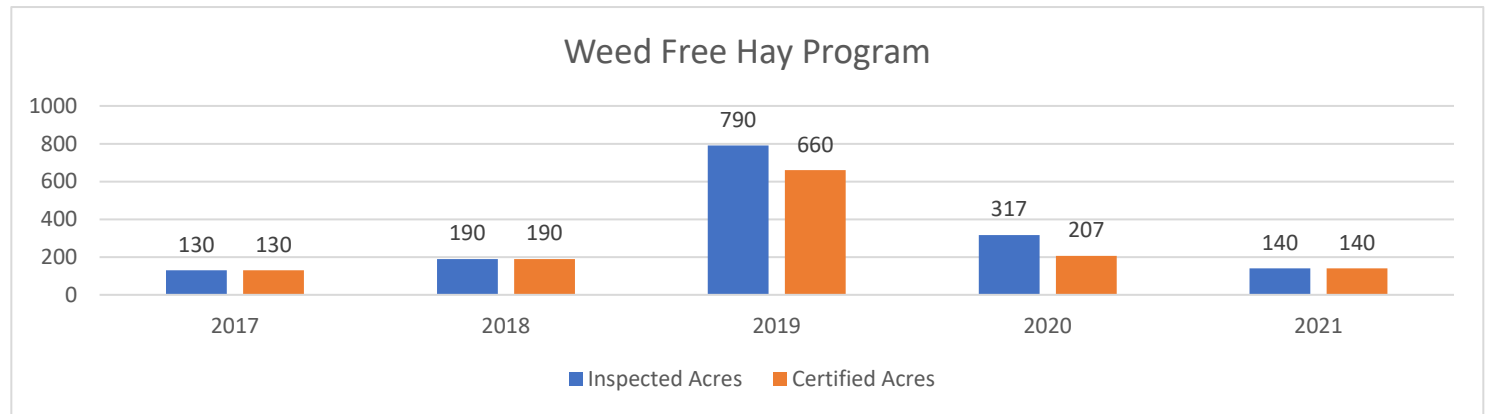
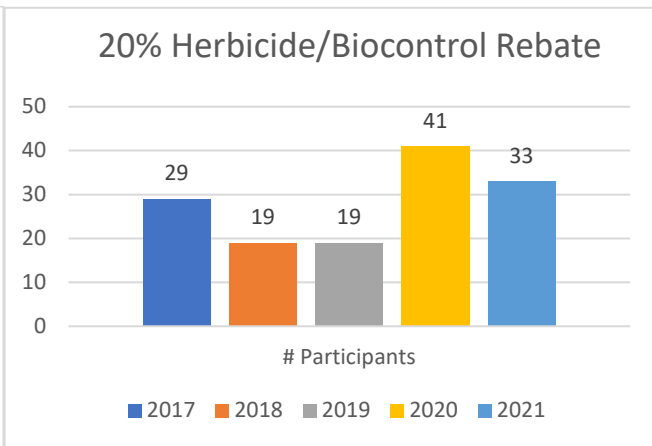
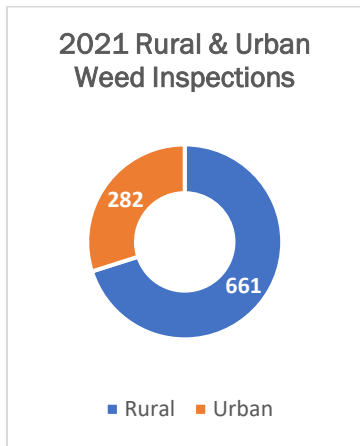
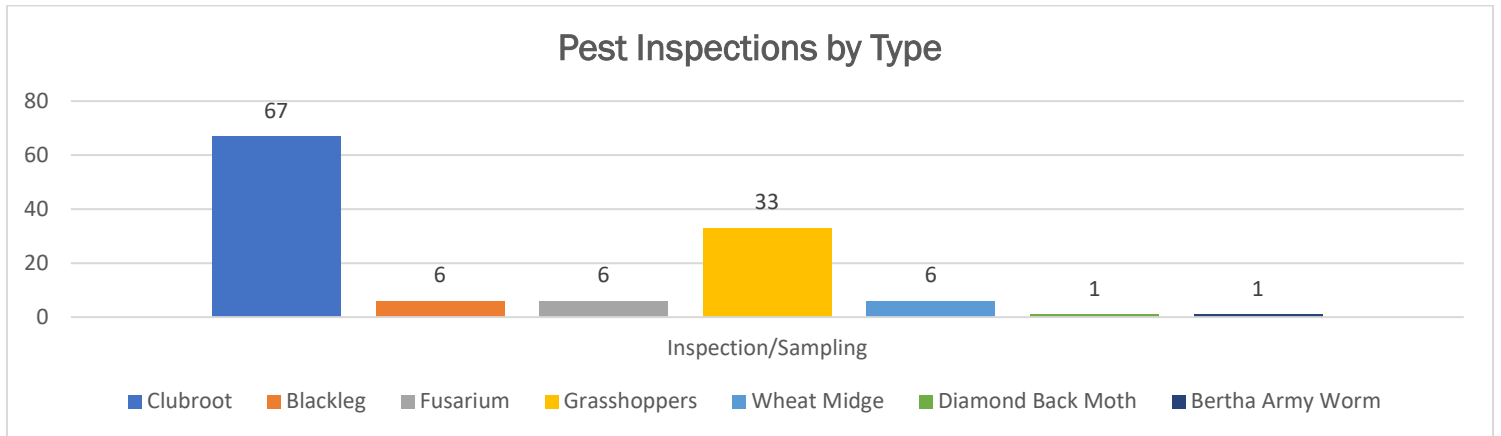
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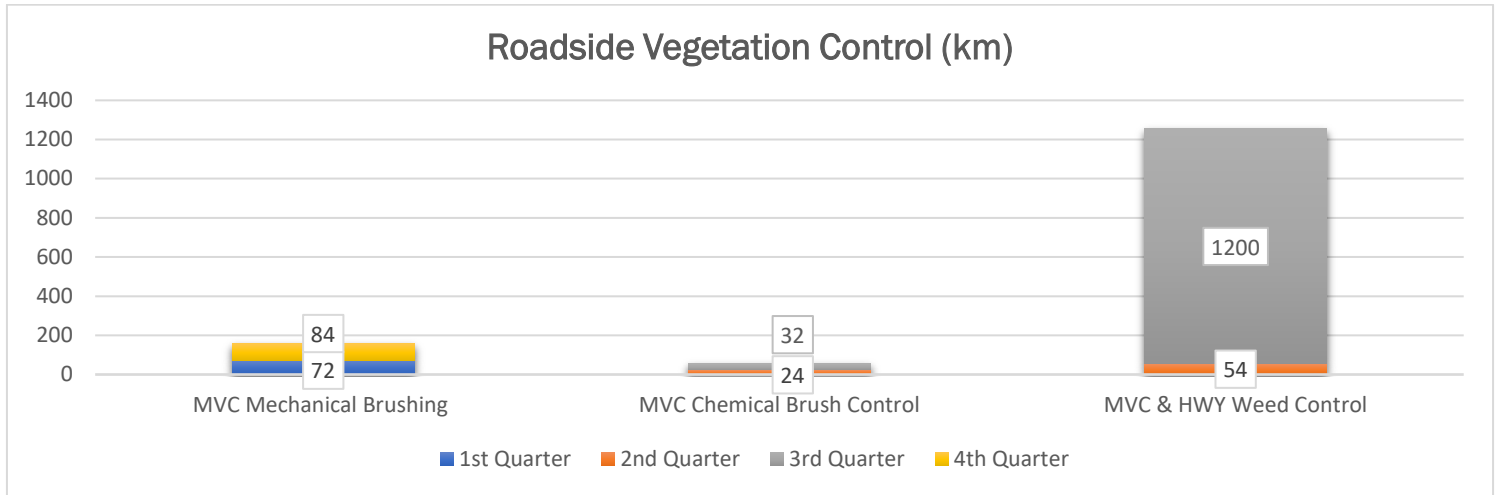
- February 10 – 9:00am – Environmental Farm Plan Online Workshop – presented by Alberta EFP, delivered by the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta
- March 1 – 6:30pm – Working Well Online Workshop – presented by the Working Well Program, in partnership with Kneehill County & MVC

Service Level Reports

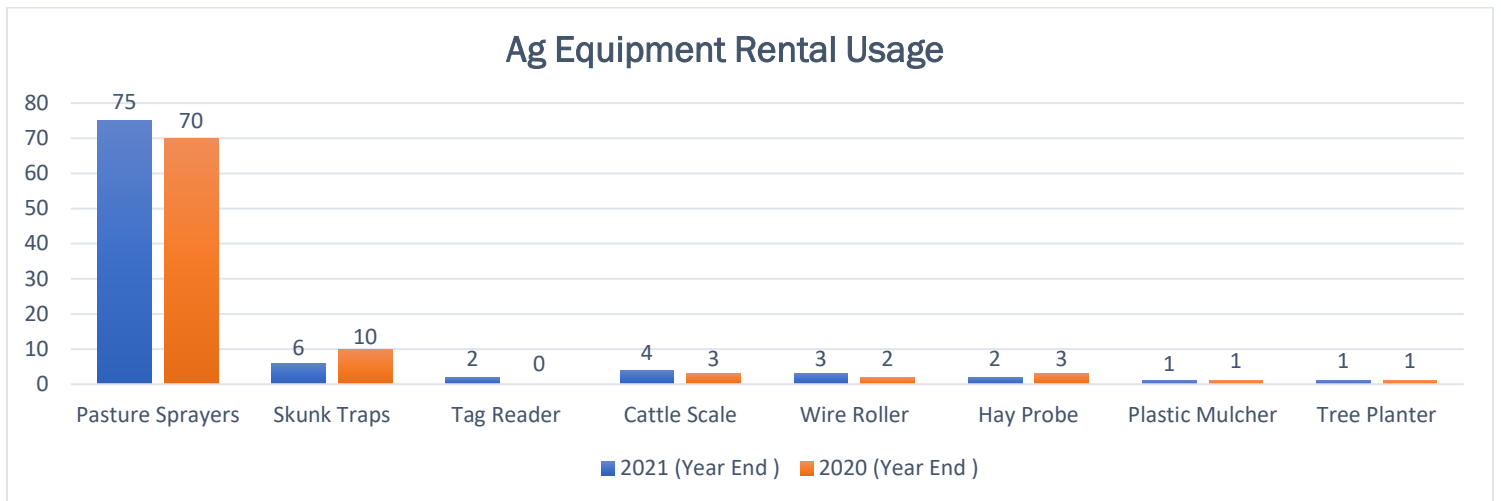
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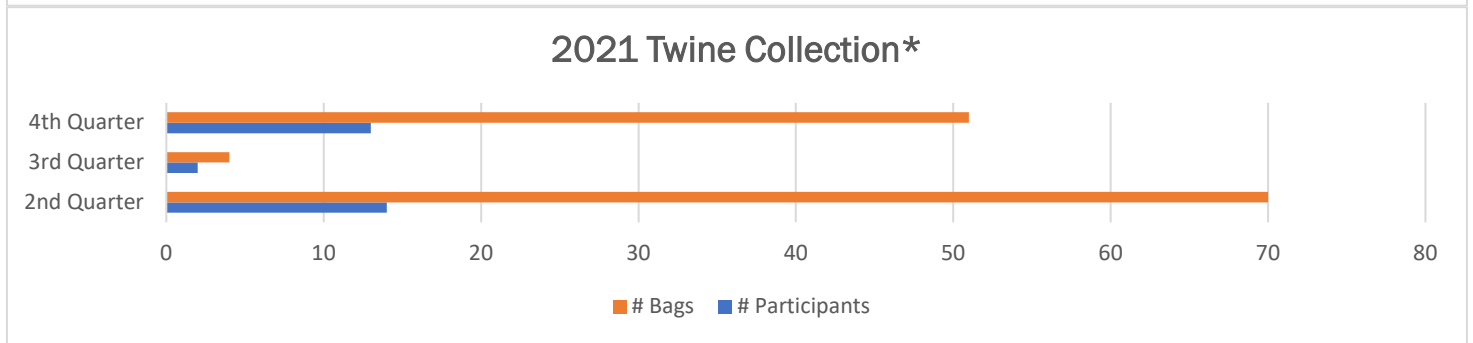
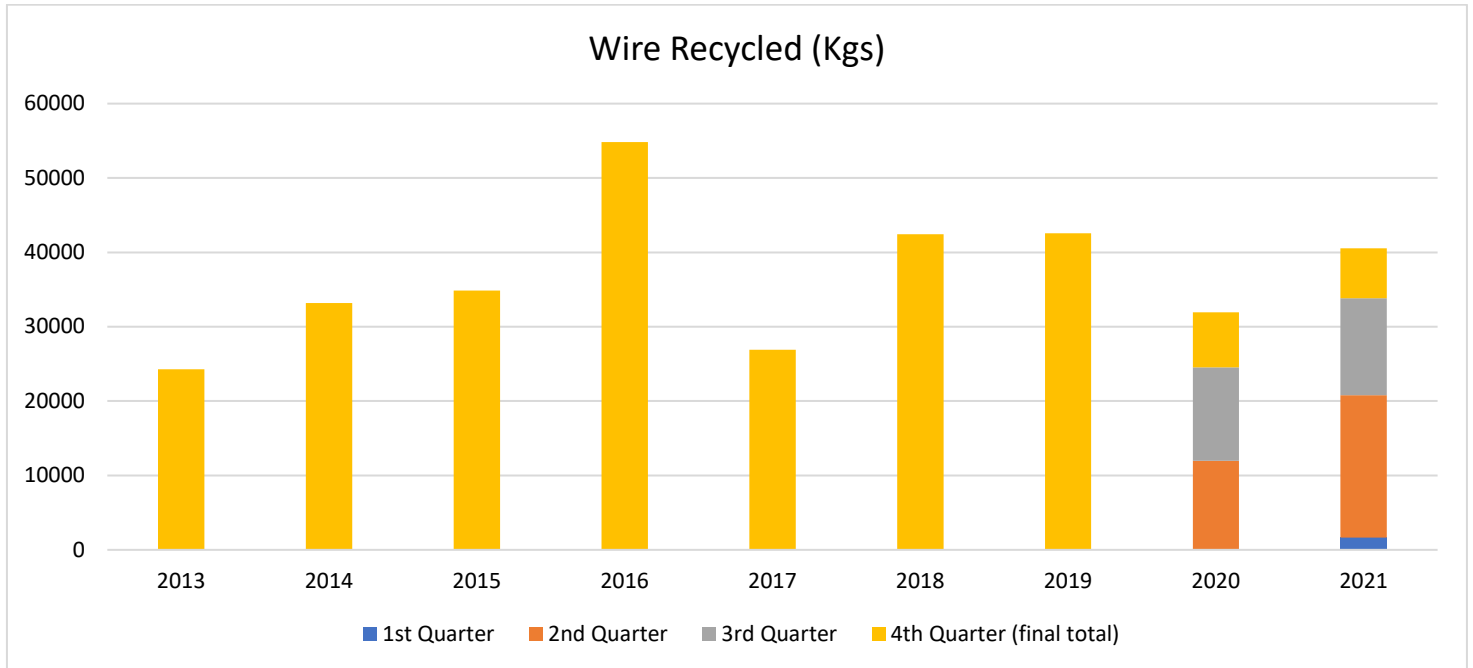




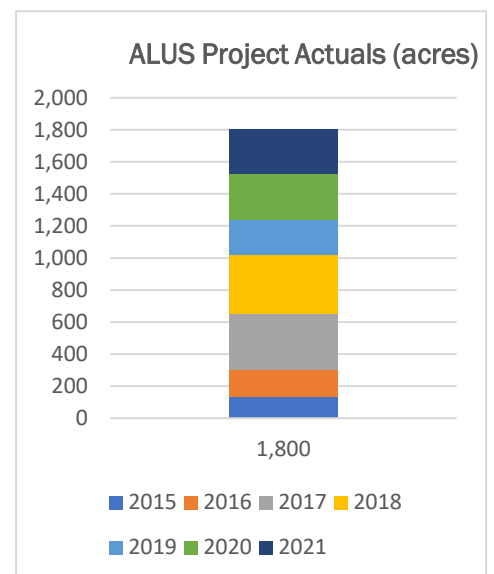
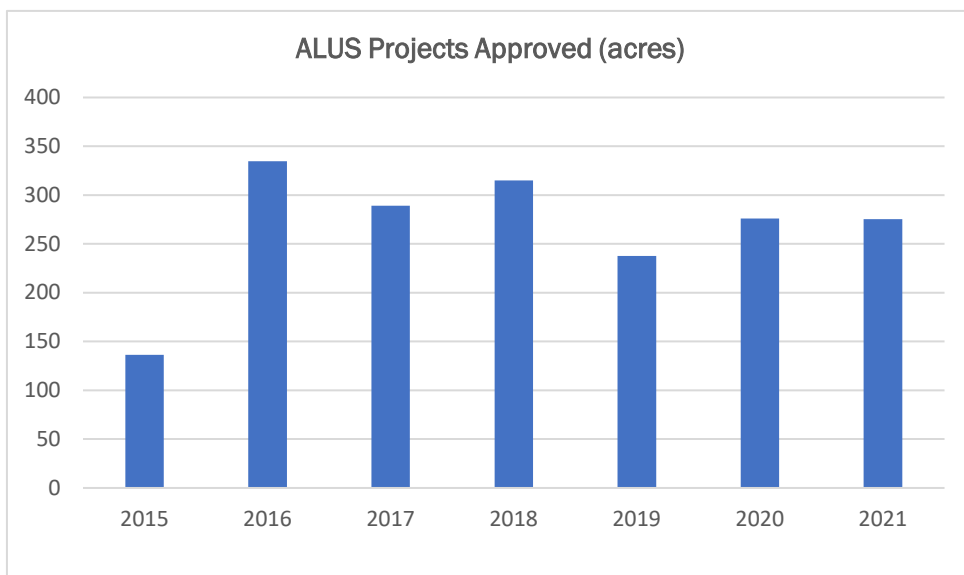


TOTAL ROAD KMs (x 2 for Ditch)	TOTAL KMs for MOWING (Service Level: Hard Top x 2, Gravel x 1)	MOWED (4 th Quarter)
5,796 km	7,642 km	100% of Service Level Completed



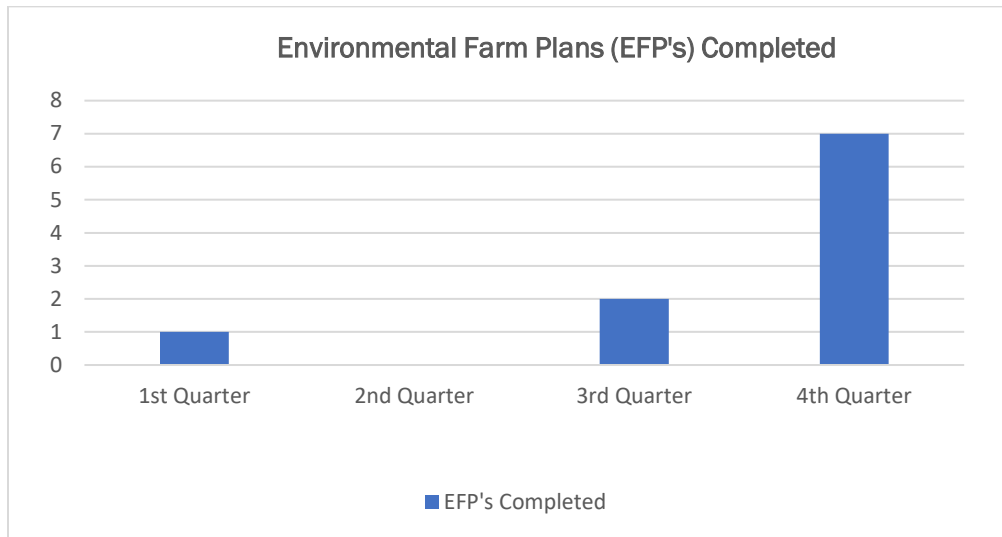


*125 bags of Twine (2,197kg) was picked up and shipped to Edson on November 29/21, to be consolidated and baled, once a full load is reached, it will ship down to I-90 in Minnesota for recycling.



Funding Allocations					
Grant Program	Budgeted Funding	Requested Funding	Approved Funding	Allocated Funds	# of Individuals Funded
Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP) / ALUS	\$125,270	\$146,225.63	\$124,690.25	\$77,028.50	17

- ALUS funds approved include annual payments over 5 years
- ACA Grant end date March 31, 2022



 Respondent 15236022

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1. Which municipality do you represent?

Mountain View County

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2. Which program year is this report for?

1. 2021-22

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3. Contact Name & Title

Jane Fulton

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4. Contact Primary Phone Number

403-559-7311

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5. Contact Email Address

jfulton@mvcountry.com

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6. Contact Mailing Address

1408 - Twp Rd 320 Postal Bag 100 Didsbury, AB TOM OWO

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7. The Municipality/County has appointed a full time agricultural fieldmen under the ASB Act?

1. Yes

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8. The ASB has been appointed by a motion in Council.

1. Yes

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9. The Municipality/Council has policies, by-laws or procedures in place supporting the ASB Act?

1. Yes

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10. The ASB provides a summary of its activities to the council each year.

1. Yes

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11. The ASB provides strategic advice to Council each year.

1. Yes

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12. The Municipality/County appointed an independent appeal committee for the: *Weed Control Act*

1. Yes

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**13. The Municipality/County appointed an appeal committee for the start of the calendar year:
*Agricultural Pests Act***

1. Yes

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14. The ASB acts as the appeal committee for the: *Soil Conservation Act*

1. Yes

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15. How many Full Time positions are funded under the Legislative stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

4.0

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16. How many Part Time positions (employed 6 months or more) are funded under the Legislative

stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

1

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17. How many Seasonal Staff (employed 5 months or less) are funded under the Legislative stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

8.0

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18. How many Full Time positions are funded under the Resource Management stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

1.0

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19. How many Part Time positions (employed 6 months or more) are funded under the Resource Management stream? Please provide the number of individuals.

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20. How many Seasonal Staff (employed 5 months or less) were funded under the Resource Management stream? Please provide the number of individuals

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21. How many pest inspectors did you appoint over the past year?

3.0

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22. How many valid Form 7 holders do you currently have?

3

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23. The Municipality/Council has policies, by-laws or procedures in place supporting the APA?

1. Yes

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24. How many pest notices were issued over the past year?

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25.

How many enforcement actions were taken in the past year?

2

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26. How many pest issues were resolved through actions taken to achieve compliance over the past year? (Include issues that you resolved through awareness and education, notices and enforcement)

2

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27. In the table below, select the type of disease pest from the drop down box and under the corresponding column include the number of fields surveyed for AFRED/Pest Monitoring Network, your municipality/county (collect, assess and apply information within the municipality/county) and for other groups such as universities, applied research associations. If the pest is not included in the drop down list use one of the bottom rows of the table to identify the pest and complete the number of fields surveyed.

Please only include surveys done in your municipality.

Note: Wheat head pathogens include diseases such as karnal bunt, dwarf bunt, FHB and ergot.

Type of Disease	# of Fields Surveyed for AFRED	# of Fields Surveyed for Municipality/County	# Fields Surveyed for Other
Clubroot	-	67	-
Virulent Black leg	6	-	-
Wheat head pathogens	6	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-

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28. In the table below, use the drop down box to select the insect pest and in the corresponding column identify the number of fields surveyed for AFRED/Pest Monitoring Network, your municipality/county (collect, assess and apply information within the municipality/county) and for other groups such as universities, applied research associations. If the insect is not included in the drop down list use one of the bottom rows of the table to identify the insect and complete the number of fields surveyed.

Please only include surveys done in your municipality/county.

Type of Insect	# of Fields Surveyed for AFRED	# of Fields Surveyed for Municipality/County	# Fields Surveyed for Other
Grasshopper	33	-	-
Wheat Midge	6	-	-
Diamondback Moth	1	-	-
Bertha Army Worm	2	-	-
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-	-	-	-
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29. How many wild boar sightings were reported to the municipality/county?

0

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30. How many Soil Conservation Officers were appointed over the past year?

3.0

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31. The Municipality/County has policies, by-laws or procedures in place supporting the SCA? i.e. monitoring for soil erosion risk conditions

1. Yes

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32. Did you actively monitor for soil erosion risks or soil erosion events in your municipality over the past year?

1. Yes

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33. What types of contributing factors did you encounter during your monitoring of and responding to soil events?

Check all that apply

9. Development/construction related

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34. How many Soil Conservation Act inspections were done in the past year?

1

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35. How many Soil Conservation Act notices were issued over the past year?

0.0

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36. How many Soil Conservation Act enforcement actions were taken over the past year?

1

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37. How many acres of land affected by soil erosion events are currently being mitigated or improved through restoration practices?

1

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38. Did you have any right of ways, roads, ditches, irrigation canals, other infrastructure or land that required clean up after a soil erosion event during the reporting period.

Type of Infrastructure	Yes	No	NA
Right of ways	-	-	X
Roads	-	-	X
Ditches	-	-	X
Irrigation canals	-	-	X
Other infrastructure	-	-	X
Land	-	-	X
Other	-	-	X
None			X

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39. How many soil issues were resolved through actions taken over the past year to achieve compliance? (Include issues that you resolved through awareness and education, notices and enforcement)

1

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40. How many weed inspectors were appointed over the past year?

6.0

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41. The Municipality/County has policies, by-laws or procedures in place supporting the WCA?

1. Yes

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42. How many seed cleaning plants (static and mobile) are located and operating within your municipality?

3

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43. How many static (non-mobile) seed cleaning plants were inspected and licensed within your municipality over the past year?

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44. How many mobile seed cleaning plants were inspected and licensed in your municipality over the past year?

1

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45. How many mobile seed cleaners provided 24 hour notification to enter and operate in your municipality?

0

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46. How many kilometers (kms) of municipal right of ways/ditches were sprayed for control of regulated weed species?

Note: Include km for both sides of the right of ways/ditches if both sides were sprayed and if only one side was sprayed include the km for the side that was sprayed.

2508.0

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47. What percentage of municipal right of ways were sprayed for control of regulated weed species over the past year?

33.0

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48. How many weed notices were issued over the past year?

1.0

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49. How many *Weed Control Act* enforcement actions were taken over the past year?

1.0

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50. How many weed issues were resolved, through all available means, to achieve compliance over the past year? (Include issues that were resolved through awareness and education, notices and enforcement.)

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51. How many prohibited noxious weed sites were investigated over the past year? This includes sites re-visited from previous years.

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52. How many prohibited noxious weed sites were destroyed over the past year?

35.0

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53. How many noxious weed sites were investigated over the past year? This includes sites re-visited from previous years.

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54. How many noxious weed sites were controlled over the past year?

662.0

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55. Please list any weeds you provided control for that are not currently listed on the WCA and Regulations.

Wild Caraway
-
-
-

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56. Have you elevated any regulated or non-regulated weeds through a by-law in your municipality/county?

1. Yes

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57. If you answered yes to the previous question, please identify the weed(s) you elevated through by-law and their status. If you answered no please check NA

Weed	Noxious	Prohibited Noxious	NA
Wild Caraway	X	-	-
Scentless Chamomile	-	X	
-	-	-	
-	-	-	

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58. The Municipality/Council has policies, by-laws or procedures supporting the AHA?

1. Yes

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59. Do you have a Livestock Emergency Response Plan or documented procedures for responding to livestock emergencies in your current Municipal Emergency Response Plan?

1. Yes - separate Livestock Emergency Response Plan

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60. Were you prepared to provide support under the Animal Health Act for reportable/notifiable diseases in your municipality?

1. Yes

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61. How many reportable or notifiable diseases in your municipality/county were reported to the office for the Chief Provincial Veterinarian?

0.0

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62. Over the past year did you provide a grant, contract or donation to any Applied Research or Forage Association in Alberta using Legislative stream funding

2. No

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63. Which of the following Applied Research or Forage Extension Associations did you provide a contract, donation or grant to with your Legislative funding? Check all that apply.

15. None

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64. What type of agreement did you enter into with the Research or Forage Extension Association using Legislative funding?

5. None

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65. Identify with a checkbox the legislation - *APA, WCA, SCA, AHA, and ASB* - you supported over the past year through awareness and education (A&E) activities and programming using Legislative stream funding?

Legislation	APA	WCA	SCA	AHA	ASB
Awareness & Education	X	X	X	X	X

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66. Please describe why awareness and education support using Legislative stream funding wasn't provided for any non-checked legislation (*APA, WCA, SCA, AHA and/or ASB*).

67. Identify the types of awareness and education activities, resources and/or events you did to support legislation (*APA, WCA, SCA, AHA, and ASB*) using Legislative stream funding?

Activity/Resource Type	Pest Act (APA)	Weed Control Act (WCA)	Soil Conservation (SCA)	Animal Health (AHA)	ASB
Website	X	X	X	-	X
Fact Sheet/Guides (digital or print)	X	X	X	X	X
Events (in person or virtual)	-	-	-	X	X
One on One	X	X	X	X	X
Projects with Partners (AR/FA; another municipality, industry org)	-	X	-	X	-
Municipal Programs	X	X	X	X	X
Social Media	X	X	-	-	X
Newsletters/Articles	X	X	-	-	X
Other	-	-	-	-	-

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68. Please provide additional information related to your legislative stream programming. This would include activities such as equipment rentals.

Mowed 7,642 km of ditches Agricultural Equipment rental program: Pasture Sprayers 75 rentals Skunk Traps 6 Tag Reader 2 Cattle Scale 4 Plastic Mulcher 1 Tree Planter 1 Weed Free Hay Inspections Inspected acres 140 Weed Free Hay Certified acres 140 20% Rebate for Herbicide or Biocontrol for regulated weeds in range and pasture: 33 participants / \$13407.71 of funds rebated Invasive Plants - Introduction and Impacts - Kelly Cooley - Webinar - 44 attendees Conditioning Cattle to Eat Weeds - Kathy Voth - Webinar - 63 attendees Working with Cattle, Working with People - Foothills Forage & Grazing Association - Workshop 24 attendees

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69. Grant funds were used in accordance with the ASB grant program terms and conditions for legislative stream funding.

1. Yes

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70.

Resource Management Funding Stream Questions

Please complete all relevant questions relating to your ASB Resource Management programming. Please only include activities that have been directly supported through your ASB Resource Management Funding. If you have any concerns about any of the questions in this section please contact Dale Chrapko at 780-644-1969 or dale.chrapko@gov.ab.ca

This marks the beginning of the Resource Management Funding section of the report. If you would like to send this to a colleague in order to complete this section please first click SAVE at the bottom of the page. After doing so input the email address you wish to have your report sent to. We would suggest that you send it to yourself and from there forward the email you will receive along to the individual who will be completing the resource management section. If you will be the one completing the

Resource Management section, you do not need to select SAVE and you can simply proceed to the resource management questions.

71. Did you receive ASB Resource Management stream funding?

1. Yes

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72. Over the past year did you provide a grant, contract or donation to any Applied Research or Forage Association in Alberta using Resource Management stream funding?

1. Yes

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73. What type of agreement did you enter into with the Research or Forage Association using Resource Management funding>

4. Other

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74. Which of the following Extension Associations did you provide a contract, donation or grant to in order to meet the requirements/objectives of your environmental funding? Please select all that apply.

- 8. Grey Wooded Forage Association (GWFA)
- 11. Foothills Forage & Grazing Association (FFGA)

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75. Written Materials Created

Please do not list any written materials more than once. Written materials may cover a variety of topics, however we are looking to focus on the primary resource management area of concern that was addressed by the material. Please group the reporting for all social media platforms.

Please also include any relevant materials that you did not create but did extend to your clients. Examples could be such things as the CAP Fact Sheets that have been published by Agriculture Forestry and Rural Economic Development (AFRED). If you have any concerns regarding what should and should not be included please contact Dale Chrapko 780-644-1969.

For all written materials, please be prepared to provide the first page or links to each of these publications to serve as conformation that the material was produced. This may be requested by the program after your report has been submitted.

Name of Written Material	Type of Material	Resource Management Concern Addressed	Date released	# of physical copies	# of digital copies
water wells that last	Fact	Water Quality	2013	25.0	25.0

	Sheet				
shock chlorinating your well	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	August 2015	-	10.0
Beneficial Management Practices - Environmental Manual for Livestock Producers in Alberta	Fact Sheet	Soil Quality	April 2010	-	25.0
Field Manual on Buffer Design for the Canadian Prairies	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2013	10.0	10.0
The Water Act Essentials	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	No Date	-	20.0
Wildlife Friendly Fences	Fact Sheet	Biodiversity	2008	5.0	50.0
The Green Acreages Guide Primer	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2017	15.0	15.0
Quality Farm Dugouts	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2015	5.0	20.0
Beneficial Management Practices - Environmental Manual for Alberta Farmsteads	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2006	0.0	20.0
Maintaining Your Cistern	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	March 2017	0.0	10.0
Beneficial Management Practices - Environmental Manual for Crop Producers in Alberta	Fact Sheet	Biodiversity	June 2011	0.0	50.0
Nutrient Management Planning Guide	Fact Sheet	Soil Quality	2013	0.0	20.0
Wintering Site - Assessment and Design Tool	Fact Sheet	Soil Quality	2013	5.0	30.0
Woodlot Management Guide for Alberta	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2015	0.0	15.0
Stem Cuttings for Riparian Restoration	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	No Date	5.0	15.0
aring for the Green Zone - Riparian Areas & Grazing Management	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2006	5.0	50.0
Water Quality Considerations for Surface & Subsurface Agricultural Drainage	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	2017	10.0	20.0
Alberta Wetland Policy Implementation Fact Sheet Agriculture	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	June 15, 2016	10.0	20.0
Water Act: Dugouts - Facts at your fingertips	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	No Date	5.0	40.0
Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Species at Risk Initiative	Fact Sheet	Biodiversity	No Date	10.0	-
A Wyoming Landowner's Handbook to Fences & Wildlife	Fact Sheet	Biodiversity	2015	5.0	-
An Introduction to Phosphorus	Fact Sheet	Soil Quality	2014	0.0	10.0
Crops, Creeks & Sloughs	Fact Sheet	Water Quality	No Date	5.0	15.0
At Home on the Range - Living with Alberta's Species at Risk	Fact Sheet	Biodiversity	2016	5.0	0.0

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76. The information above accounts for ONLY resource management materials created with support from your ASB Resource Management funding.

1. Yes

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77.

In Person One-on-One Client Interactions

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This is designed to capture all relevant in person interactions with producers. We understand that many of you meet in person with many of your local farmers, however we are only interested in one-on-one in person interactions as they relate to your resource management programming. We also ask that you group one-on-ones of a certain type in order to make reporting easier. An example would be EFP one-on-one discussions when you may do multiple in one year. We do not need to know any specifics from the meeting only a brief description of why the meeting was carried out. If you have any concerns about what should be reported in this section please contact Dale Chrapko dale.chrapko@gov.ab.ca

Name or Type of One-on-One client Interaction	Number of Clients met with	Resource Management Concern Addressed
EFP	60.0	EFP
CAP	125.0	Water Quality
Other resource management concern	150.0	Water Quality
Other resource management concern	100.0	Air Quality
Other resource management concern	60.0	Soil Quality
Other resource management concern	60.0	GHG Reduction
Other resource management concern	100.0	Biodiversity
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78. The information above accounts for ONLY resource management client interactions delivered with support from your ASB Resource Management funding.

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Extension Events

Please do not list any extension event more than once. Extension events may cover a variety of topics, however we are looking to focus on the primary resource management area of concern that was addressed by the event.

For each event that you report please be prepared to supply the one page advertisement or the agenda associated with the event. This information may be requested by program leads and may be used as part of a grant review process.

Name of Event	Type of event	Resource Management Concern Addressed	Date of event	Organizations role in delivering this event	Attendance #s
Shelterbelt & Eco-buffer Workshop with Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES)	Webinar	Soil Quality	April 8	Collaborator	28.0
Tree Care with Toso Bozic	Webinar	Soil Quality	April 13	Collaborator	15.0
Septic Sense with Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA)	Webinar	Water Quality	May 13 & May 20	Host	26.0
Riparian Grazing and Power Fence Field School - Grey Wooded Forage Association & Cows & Fish	Field Tour	Water Quality	June 24	Collaborator	12.0

Building Soil Carbon through Regenerative Agriculture	Workshop	GHG Reduction	September 14	Collaborator	37.0
Red-Bow Ranching Conference	Workshop	Water Quality	Feb 2 & 4	Collaborator	142.0
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80. The information above accounts for ONLY resource management events delivered with support from your ASB Resource Management funding.

1. Yes

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81. Capital Purchases (Under \$5,000)

What capital purchases were made this year?	Why was this purchase made?	Will/has this purchased be used as part of an extension event?
road signs	to recognize riparian and ecological enhancement projects and ALUS program participants	Yes
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82. The information above accounts for ONLY resource management capital purchases made with support from your ASB Resource Management funding.

1. Yes

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83. Equipment Rentals

Please only include rental equipment that directly relates to your resource management program and that were paid for using funds from the ASB Resource Management funding stream grant.

Identify the Resource Management program supported equipment you rented to producers this year?	How many producers rented this equipment over the past year?
Wire Roller	3.0
Hay Probe	2.0
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84. The information above accounts for ONLY resource management equipment rentals provided with support from your ASB Resource Management funding.

1. Yes

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85.

Additional Performance Measures

Having now completed all the resource management extension sections, please use the space below to inform program staff about any additional performance measures you may have collected over the past year.

This can include (but is not limited too) on the ground practice changes, surveying or follow up with producers/extension event attendees.

We ask that you keep your responses as brief as possible and be sure that all information listed related directly to your ASB Resource Management funding.

If you have any concerns on how to fill out this section, please contact Dale Chrapko at 780-644-1969 or by email at Dale.Chrapko@gov.ab.ca

2021 40,527 kgs of wire was recycled through our program 125 bags of twine (2,197 kg) was picked up and shipped to Edson on November 29, 2021 There 33 projects completed by 16 producers that were funded through County's Riparian and Ecological Enhancement Program (REEP) and ALUS program, this includes 14 new ALUS conservation agreements for projects focused on the enhancement of water bodies and the adjacent uplands. Funded projects included 21 fencing projects, 11 off-site watering systems, and one planting project. 111.5 hectares of wetland, riparian and upland areas have been protected or enhanced with the total length of newly installed fence being 13.5 kilometers. A total of \$98,420.25 of funds was awarded to assist with the completion of these projects.

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86. Is there anything else you would like to report on? i.e. your most/least successful programs, events, materials; reasons for adding programming or not completing programming

Jan. 25 & 26 - Talk, Ask, Listen - Mental Health in Ag Workshop - MVC partnership with the Do More Ag Foundation - 23 registered March 4 - Farm Transition Webinar with Merle Good - MVC in partnership with neighbouring rural municipalities and FFGA - 213 registered, 163 attended

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For the coming year, do you foresee any changes needing to be made to your programming? If YES please describe what you're proposing to make and why are you making them?

Note: All changes to Resource Management programming must be approved in advance

2. No

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88. Did you receive funding for Rat Control Program?

2. No

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89. Identify the number of monthly rat inspections you completed for each range?

Month	Range 1	Range 2	Range 3
January	-	-	-
February	-	-	-
March	-	-	-
April	-	-	-
May	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
July	-	-	-
August	-	-	-
September	-	-	-
October	-	-	-
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
Range Total	-	-	-

90. How many confirmed rat infestations did you have in the past year?

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91. How many confirmed rat infestations were successfully eradicated?

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92. How many confirmed rat infestations were carried over for follow up and additional monitoring?

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93. Do you have a system in place to record or monitor bait distribution to eligible landowners?

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94. Identify the amount of bait by bait type you issued each month?

Month	Ramex (bags)	Warfarin (bags)	Contra (pails)	Resolv (pail)	Ditrac (pail)	1st Strike (pail)
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-

March	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bait Type Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-

95. Grant funds were used in accordance with the ASB Rat Control Program terms and conditions.

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Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Request for Decision

Date: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION: That the Agriculture Services Board fund the Municipal District of Bighorn No.8 in the annual “Living in the Natural Environment Event” as a Corporate Partner in the amount of \$150 from existing budget

That the Agricultural Service Board receive the following correspondence for information:

- a. Agricultural Service Board Chair Report
- b. Living in the Natural Environment Even Sponsorship

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: That the Agricultural Service Board fund the Municipal District of Bighorn No.8 in the annual “Living in the Natural Environment Event” at a different sponsorship level to be funded from existing budget.

BACKGROUND:

Living in the Natural Environment Even Sponsorship

Mountain View County has been approached by the Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8 with regards to being an event partner for the annual “Living in the Natural Environment” Forum. The sponsorship letter is attached for Agricultural Services Board information. In 2013 Mountain View County partnered the event with the M.D. of Bighorn in the amount of \$2,000. In years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 Mountain View County was a Corporate Partner. In addition, Mountain View County assists with the sale of tickets and provides event advertisement. Mountain View County has also had a booth at the event. The 2021 and 2022 events were cancelled due to the pandemic.

This annual forum brings together 120-150 members of the rural and small urban community, government and non-agricultural rural residents to raise issues and initiate discussion.

RELEVANT POLICY: Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: AG.009 County Workshops

Attachments Nil

1. Agricultural Service Board Chair Report
2. Living in the Natural Environment Even Sponsorship

PREPARED / REVIEWED BY: JF

Mountain View County Council

RE: ASB Chair Report

The Agricultural Service Board has had quite a few new members in 2021/2022 with the changes in Council and the addition of the two Youth members.

The Agricultural Service Board has been active, not only with regular meetings but with touring various project sites and demonstrations. Many of our partnering organizations presented to the ASB this year including the grazing associations, Alberta Farm Animal Care, Farm Safety Centre, Cows & Fish, Alberta Conservation Association, ALUS, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, etc. One of the presentations spurred a June tour to see a demonstration site of Beaver coexistence tools which included a pond leveller to assist in regulating water levels and a culvert exclusion fence to protect road infrastructure. This was one of three different tours taken by the ASB. Also, in June the ASB members attended a demonstration of a Silage Plastic Compactor hosted by the East Olds Dairy Farmers and led by Cleanfarms. Last November the ASB toured one of the members' ALUS projects and a project under the Dog Pound Creek program, supported by the Alberta Conservation Association, in partnership with Cows & Fish.

The Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot extension made the news and CBC came to interview the Alberta Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group Chair, Al Kemmere. They also took film footage of the twine at the County's collection site, and I provided an interview from a farmer's perspective.

The appointed members to the seed cleaning plant boards provide regular updates, both from the Olds Seed Cleaning Co-op and the Mountain View Seed Cleaning Plant. The plants are doing well with their cleaning and have passed their inspection just shy of 100%.

With the highly pathogenic avian influenza affecting County producers the ASB requested information be made available for small flock owners on biosecurity information. Alberta Farm Animal Care offered a hen health workshop this September.

To date the ASB has awarded funding to 41 projects under the ALUS and REEP Program. The ASB had information provided at a meeting about the various requirements and exemptions under the Alberta *Water Act* as they relate to ALUS and REEP projects. While many of the ASB meetings focus on the various ALUS and REEP project approvals, there has also been quite a bit of discussion on supporting first responders to livestock emergencies. The ASB also held a special meeting to review and amended the Strategic Plan.

The Central Region Agricultural Service Board Chair / Fieldman Meetings have started back up, providing information on the various resolution results and initiatives of the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee through the Central Region Representative. This also provided an opportunity to discuss the various issues affecting agriculture, with the attending municipalities and additionally potential resolutions. The Assistant Deputy Minister has held three Town Hall meetings with provincial Agricultural Service Board Chairs.

The ASB Grant Program office conducts a field visit every 5 years to each municipality. On September 19th the ASB and department were observed by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development Staff with the purpose of ensuring the ASB and the department are meeting their responsibilities under the Acts designated to them.

A resolution in support of Mountain View County Council's Attraction and Retention of Veterinarians to Rural Veterinary Practice with a focus on increasing program access to rural students is being considered for the Central Region ASB Conference.



Brian Rodger

Chairman, Agricultural Service Board

Mountain View County



Figure 1: ASB Tour of ALUS Projects Nov 2021



Figure 2: ASB Tour of ALUS Projects Nov 2021



Figure 3: Beaver Co-existence Tool Site Visit June 2022



Figure 4: Beaver Co-existence Tool Site Visit June 2022



Figure 5: ASB Chair B. Rodger and Alberta Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group Chair/Formal Councillor Division 7 Al Kemmere and CBC News Calgary Reporter Dave Gilson promoting 'Alberta Ag Plastic. Recycle it!' recycling pilot and extension until the end of August 2023 – May 9, 2022



Figure 6: Silage Plastic Compactor Demo June 2022



Figure 5: Silage Plastic Compactor Demo June 2022



Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8

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September 27, 2022

File: 0105-18-02

Mountain View County
Attn: Jane Fulton
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Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Dear Ms. Fulton,

On February 3, 2023, the MD of Bighorn will present our annual **Living in the Natural Environment** forum, and we would like to request that Mountain View County once again consider being involved as an event partner.

This annual forum brings together 120-150 members of the rural and small urban community, government, and non-agricultural rural residents to raise issues and initiate discussion. Topics are intended to be thought provoking and, hopefully, action initiating. This year's presentations will be on:

Effects of Wildfire on Alberta's Water Supplies: Implications for Source Water Protection in a Warmer World

Dr. Uldis Silins will present a broader talk on the shifting reality of wildfires in our contemporary climate situation and how these generally affect a range of water resources "values" from streamflows through water quality and subsequent impacts on aquatic ecosystem health and human water uses.

Indigenous Fire Stewardship

We are still looking at options for a presenter to discuss an overview of Indigenous fire stewardship and the opportunities it presents.

*To ensure you receive appropriate recognition in promotional material, **we would like to have your sponsorship confirmed and logo received by November 15, 2022**. Please contact me if you have any questions.*

Your consideration of this opportunity and continued support is very much appreciated. For more information, please contact me at (403) 673-3611 X.234 or by email kendra.tippe@mdbighorn.ca. We look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Kendra Tippe

MD of Bighorn

Encl. Levels of Sponsorship Information

Living in the Natural Environment 2023 – *The Land Supports Us All*

Those living in the agricultural/rural and rural fringe community are constantly facing new challenges. They are challenged by the environment and in turn, the environment can be challenged by them. **Living in the Natural Environment** is an annual forum that brings together our rural population of agricultural and non-agricultural residents to discuss topics of interest.

There will once again be a trade show area where non-profit organizations and forum sponsors will have an opportunity to meet with attendees and chat about their organizations.

How You Can Get Involved

This forum is presented by the MD of Bighorn as an educational service to our residents and those in the surrounding municipalities of Cochrane, Rocky View and Mountain View. Given the many challenges the agricultural/rural community faces, we strive to keep the cost of the program to participants to a minimum. The messages and information that we trying to get out to this population are extremely important, and it is critical that finances not be a barrier to their participation.

Your partnership will directly benefit the producers. Below are the five (5) levels of sponsorship available and we hope that you will consider being a partner in this important event.

Co-Sponsoring Partners

Your company or organization will be featured as partnering with the MD of Bighorn on this event. This includes name and logo recognition on all promotional material including **newspaper advertising, posters, tickets, table cards, through master of ceremonies introductions, two (2) tickets for the Forum, and an invite to introduce and promote your organization at the start of the event.**

Cost \$2,000.00

Signature Partners

This includes name and logo recognition on promotional material for the forum including **newspaper advertising, posters, tickets, table cards, through master of ceremonies introductions, and two (2) tickets for the Forum.**

Cost \$1,000.00

Speaker Partners

This includes name and logo recognition on promotional material for the forum including **posters, table cards, recognition through master of ceremonies introductions and one (1) ticket to the Forum.**

Cost \$500.00

Table Partners

This includes name and logo recognition on **table cards, through master of ceremonies introductions.**

Cost \$250.00

Corporate Partners

This includes name and logo recognition on **table cards**

Cost \$150.00