



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16

"A Great Place to Live, Work and Play"

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 18 , 2016

9:30 AM

Council Chambers
Administration Building

#1	CALL TO ORDER		-
#2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA		1
#3	MINUTES	3.1 Organizational Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes held November 23, 2016 – to be adopted	3
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		3.3 Business Arising from the Minutes	-
#4	DELEGATIONS	4.1 SARDA (Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association)	9
#5	OLD BUSINESS	N/A	-
#6	NEW BUSINESS	N/A	-
#7	STAFF REPORT & ASB MEMBERS BUSINESS & REPORTS	7.0 Staff Report	10
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#10	ADJOURNMENT	-

**Minutes of a
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16**
M.D. Administration Building
Valleyview, Alberta on Wednesday, November 23, 2016

#1 CALL TO ORDER	Chair Allen Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.	
PRESENT	A.S.B. Member – Councillor A.S.B. Member – Councillor A.S.B. Member - Chair A.S.B. Member - Vice Chair A.S.B. Member A.S.B. Member	Bill Smith Dale Smith Allen Perkins Shelley Morrison Warren Wohlgemuth Larry Smith
ATTENDING	Manager, Agriculture Services Assistant Manager, Agriculture Services Recording Secretary/ Supervisor Trainee, Agriculture Services	Quentin Bochar Dave Berry Sean Allen
ABSENT	A.S.B. Member	Laurie Mitchell
#2 AGENDA	MOTION: 16.11.97 Moved by: Dale Smith That the Agenda be adopted as presented. <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	
#3.1 REGULAR ASB MEETING	MOTION: 16.11.98 Moved by: Shelley Morrison That the minutes of the October 26, 2016 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting to be adopted with the following changes: motion 16.10.92 shall name who the grant is going to. <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	
#3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
#4 DELEGATIONS	4.0 DELEGATIONS	
#5 OLD BUSINESS	5.0 OLD BUSINESS	
#6 NEW BUSINESS	6.0 NEW BUSINESS	
	6.1 2017 GRANT APPLICATION	

	<p>MOTION: 16.11.99 Moved by: Allen Perkins</p> <p>That the Agricultural Service Board authorize administration to provide funding to the grant recipients in the amount of \$8,000, as approved by the ASB, with funding to come from the 2017 Agriculture Operating Budget.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
#7 STAFF REPORT & ASB MEMBERS BUSINESS & REPORTS	7.0 STAFF REPORT & ASB MEMBERS BUSINESS & REPORTS
1	<p>COUNCILLOR DALE SMITH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCBFA Balancing Rations Workshop, Valleyview
	<p>COUNCILLOR BILL SMITH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAMDC, Edmonton
	<p>MEMBER SHELLEY MORRISON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
	<p>MEMBER WARREN WOHLGEMUTH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace Region ASB Conference, Dixonville
	<p>Chair Allen Perkins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
	<p>MEMBER LARRY SMITH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
STAFF REPORTS	<p>MOTION: 16.11.100 Moved by: Warren Wohlgemuth</p> <p>That the Agriculture Service Board accept the Manager's report and ASB members reports as information.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
#8 CORRESPONDENCE	8.1 BOVINE TB
	8.2 BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS INVESTIGATION
	8.3 ALBERTA PRODUCERS PROVIDE LOCAL
	8.4 FROM THE LATEST GRAINEWS
	8.5 GREENVIEW INSECT SURVEY RESULTS

	8.6 CLEAR HILLS LETTER TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
	8.7 AB CROP CONDITIONS OCT 25
	8.8 AB CROP CONDITIONS NOV 1
	8.9 HORT SNACKS
	8.10 GETTING INTO LOCAL FOOD
	8.11 BENEFICIAL INSECTS
	8.12 DUGOUT WORKSHOP
	8.13 EAST PEACE BEEF CATTLE DAYS
	8.14 ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN
	8.15 TROUBLE SHOOTING SHELF LIFE
	8.16 CLOSING THE GAP
	8.17 2017 AGROMOMY UPDATE
	8.18 NEW VENTURES WORKSHOP PRICING PRINCIPLES
	8.19 FARMTECH 2017
CORRESPONDENCE LISTING	8.20 CALENDER NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY
	<p>MOTION: 16.11.101 Moved by: Dale Smith That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence listing as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
#9 IN CAMERA	9.0 IN CAMERA
#10 ADJOURNMENT	10.0 ADJOURNMENT
	<p>MOTION: 16.11.102 Moved by: Shelley Morrison That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting adjourn at 10:58 p.m.</p>

	CARRIED
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Agricultural Service Board Chair	Manager, Agricultural Services

UNADOPTED

**Minutes of a
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16**

M.D. Administration Building
Valleyview, Alberta on Wednesday, November 23, 2016

**#1
CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair, Allen Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

PRESENT

A.S.B. Member – Councillor	Bill Smith
A.S.B. Member – Councillor	Dale Smith
A.S.B. Member	Larry Smith
A.S.B. Member	Shelley Morrison
A.S.B. Member	Warren Wohlgemuth
A.S.B. Member - Vice Chair	Allen Perkins

ATTENDING

Manager, Agriculture Services	Quentin Bochar
Assistant Manager, Agriculture Services	Dave Berry
Recording Secretary/ Supervisor Trainee, Agriculture Services	Sean Allen

ABSENT

A.S.B. Member	Laurie Mitchell
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**#2
AGENDA**

MOTION: 16.11.95 Moved by: Shelley Morrison
That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**#3 NOMINATION
FOR CHAIR**

Vice Chair, Allen Perkins called for nominations for the election of Agricultural Service Board Chair.

Bill Smith nominated Allen Perkins for Chair.

Vice Chair, Allen Perkins called a second time for nominations for the election of Agricultural Service Board Chair.

Vice Chair, Allen Perkins called for a third time for nominations for the election of Agricultural Service Board Chair.

Vice Chair, Allen Perkins declared A.S.B. Member Allen Perkins as Chair until the next Organizational Meeting.

**#3.1
NOMINATION FOR
VICE CHAIR**

Chair, Allen Perkins called for nominations for the election of Agricultural Service Board Vice Chair.

Dale Smith nominated Shelley Morrison for Vice Chair.

Chair, Allen Perkins called a second time for nominations for the election of Agricultural Service Board Vice Chair.

Chair, Allen Perkins called for a third time for nominations for the election of Agricultural Service Board Vice Chair.

Chair, Allen Perkins declared A.S.B. Member Shelley Morrison as Vice Chair until the next Organizational Meeting.

**#4
IN CAMERA**

4.0 IN CAMERA

**#5
ADJOURNMENT**

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 16.11.96 Moved by: Larry Smith
That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting adjourns at 9:43 a.m.

CARRIED

Agricultural Service Board Chair Services

Manager, Agricultural



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **SARDA (Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association) Presentation**
SUBMISSION TO: AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: January 18, 2017 CAO: MANAGER: QFB
DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY GM: PRESENTER: DGB
SERVICES/AGRICULTURE
FILE NO./LEGAL: LEGAL/POLICY REVIEW:
STRATEGIC PLAN: FINANCIAL REVIEW:

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agriculture Service Board accept the presentation from SARDA as information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

SARDA is presenting a year in review and upcoming events presentation for the ASB member's information.

OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

OPTIONS: ASB may choose to not accept the presentation for information as presented

BENEFITS: ASB will be aware of what was completed in 2016, and what is being proposed for 2017.

DISADVANTAGES: There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Manager's Report and ASB members Reports**
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Agricultural Service Board accept the Manager's report and ASB members reports as information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Manager's report contains information pertaining to the departments operations for the time period from the previous meeting to time of writing of the agenda.

The ASB Member's report contains information pertaining to the members activities for the time period from the previous meeting to the current meeting.

OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

OPTIONS: N/A

BENEFITS: N/A

DISADVANTAGES: N/A

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There are no perceived costs

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Agriculture Department Staff report.

**M.D. of Greenview Agricultural Services
Department Activity Report**

For the Period: Nov 24, 2016 – Jan 18, 2017

ENQUIRIES – Manager, Asst. Manager, Administrative Assistant and Ag. Supervisor Trainee

Weeds	3
Pests	29
Trees	0
Workshops	5
Rentals	9
Equipment Purchasing	15
Extension	15
employment	0
Miscellaneous	8
TOTAL ENQUIRIES	64

MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / TRAINING

Manager

- Nov 24, 2016 – Community Services Meeting

Asst. Manager Agriculture Services

- Dec 5-9 AAAF IST Westin Edmonton
- Jan 10 Seed Cleaning Plant Directors Meeting

Agriculture Supervisor Trainee Agriculture Services

- Dec 5-9 AAAF IST Westin Edmonton
- Dec 12 Assumed Feildman position Brazeau County

STAFFING

Last Seasonal employee (Recreation Maintenance) last day Dec 8
Problem Wildlife Officer off with injury Jan 5
Admin Support position shared with 2 other depts.

RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES

All spray equipment in the Ag Dept. fleet and the Ag Rental fleet has been winterized.

BUDGET

Agriculture department budget was passed by Council Dec. 12 2016

EXTENSION EVENTS

- Working Well Feb 14 DeBolt

- Septic Sense Feb 15 DeBolt

SARDA and PCBFA have been conducting a number of Extension events in partnership with Ag Services and Ag Services has been posting the information to our web page, Face Book, and Twitter accounts.

PROGRAMS

➤ VETERINARY SERVICES INCORPORATED

2 new cards issued

➤ PEST AND NUISANCE CONTROL

WOLF BOUNTY

154 wolves have been presented for payment. Total 2016 incentive expenditures: \$ 46,200.00

To date 24 wolves have been presented for payment for 2017 Incentive payments \$7,200.00

Year	Number of Wolves	Amount
2012	70	21,000.00
2013	53	15,900.00
2014	48	14,400.00
2015	98	29,400.00
2016	154	46,200.00
	423	126,900.00

COYOTE PREDATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

There has been 0 new requests for assistance with verified coyote predation.

WILD BOAR BOUNTY

There have been 1 sets of Wild Boar ears turned in. Total 2016 incentive expenditures \$50.00.

BEAVER

The Ag department Problem Wildlife Officer has been assisting the Operations Department in regards to beaver control, due to their contractor being temporarily out of service and deciding to not return. Total beaver trapped 212. Only areas that impact municipal infrastructure, or cause flooding of agricultural lands are being worked on. This is an area that ASB is going to have to consider proposing policy to be forwarded onto Council.

➤ RENTAL EQUIPMENT

There has been moderate activity with rental equipment. The amount of rain received across Greenview may have an effect on the lower numbers.

Summary Report

2016

Loc	Equipment	Equipment Number	S/N	Total Days	Cost/ Day	Total Charges
VV	1000 Earth Mover	SOIL3100		3	\$ 150.00	\$ 600.00
CC	1000 Earth Mover	SOIL3101		4	\$ 150.00	\$ 800.00
GD	900 Earth Mover	SOIL3070		0	\$ 150.00	\$ -
GD	425 Earth Mover	SOIL3072		0	\$ 100.00	\$ -
VV	12' Pull-Type Blade	SOIL3099	12502	4	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
VV	Vee-Ditcher	VDIT3210	12502	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
VV	Field Sprayer	ASB0004/SPRY3123	1400151	23	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,150.00
CC	Field Sprayer	SPRY3076		9	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00
GD	Field Sprayer	SPRY3121		5	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
VV	Boomless Sprayer - 300 Gal	SPRY3124	33262	6	\$ 50.00	\$ 120.00
VV	Estate Sprayer - Pull Type	SPRY3007/3127/3128		7	\$ 20.00	\$ 140.00
CC	Estate Sprayer - Pull Type	SPRY3008		0	\$ 20.00	\$ -
GD	Estate Sprayer - Pull Type	SPRY3206		0	\$ 20.00	\$ -
VV	Estate Sprayer - 3 pt hitch	SPRY3129	312101212	0	\$ 20.00	\$ -
VV	Water Tank and Trailer	TRL18		0	\$ 25.00	\$ -
GD	Water Tank and Trailer	TRL8		3	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
VV	Quad Wick Applicator	SPRY3211		1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
CC	Quad Wick Applicator	SPRY3212		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -
GD	Quad Wick Applicator	SPRY3213		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -
VV	Quad Mount Sprayers	SPRY3010		24	\$ 10.00	\$ 240.00
CC	Quad Mount Sprayers	SPRY3011		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -
GD	Quad Mount Sprayers	SPRY3012		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -
VV	Backpack Sprayers	SPRY3083		5	FREE	\$ 25.00
CC	Backpack Sprayers	SPRY3084		0	FREE	\$ -
GD	Backpack Sprayers	SPRY3085		0	FREE	\$ -
VV	Hand Wick Applicator	MISCR98		0	FREE	\$ -
VV	Granular Pesticide Bait Applicator	PEAC3207		0	\$ 30.00	\$ -
VV	Manure Spreader	MANU3209	02104185UMSL75	15	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,000.00
VV	Fertilizer Spreader	FERT001	AG3W53000FV001001	12	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
VV	50' Heavy Harrow c/w Granular Applicator	HARR3113	245514031	24	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,600.00
GD	33' Heavy Harrow c/w Granular Applicator	HARR3082		2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
VV	30' Land Roller	ASB0005		17	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,400.00
GD	30' Land Roller	ROLL0001	12-1374	5	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
VV	14' Heavy Disc	ASB0001	AGCW08420EX035270	14	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,600.00
GD	14' Heavy Disc	DISC1	AGCW084EX035262	0	\$ 400.00	\$ -
VV	Cattle Squeeze	SQUE3099		8	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00
CC	Cattle Squeeze	SQUE3097		2	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
GD	Cattle Squeeze	SQUE3098		13	\$ 25.00	\$ 325.00
VV	Loading Chute with 4 Panels	CHUT3115		20	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00
CC	Loading Chute with 4 Panels	CHUT3097		10	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
GD	Loading Chute with 4 Panels	CHUT3096		1	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
VV	Panel Trailer with 20 Panels + 1 Gate	TRL6	5PTBF1627E1019676	18	\$ 25.00	\$ 450.00
GD	Panel Trailer with 20 Panels + 1 Gate	PANL3046/T69		0	\$ 25.00	\$ -
VV	Tag Reader	GALA3117/3118		0	FREE	\$ -
VV	Burdizzo Clamps			0	FREE	\$ -
VV	Dehorner	MISCR98		0	FREE	\$ -
VV	Truck Mount Seeder	SEED3073		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -
VV	Quad Mount Seeder	SEED3074		18	\$ 10.00	\$ 180.00
VV	Hand Seeder	MISCR98		0	FREE	\$ -
VV	Post Pounder	ASB0002		29.5	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,687.50
CC	Post Pounder	POST3126		26	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,250.00
GD	Post Pounder	ASB0003		12	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,500.00
VV	Bin Crane	CRAN2123	09 1473	27	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,700.00
VV	Water Pump and Pipe - Alberta Ag.	PUMPR99		8.5	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,700.00
VV	Survey Equipment	SURV3091		1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
VV	Metal Detector	METL3081		2	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
VV	Hay Sampler, Measuring Wheel, Bin Probe	MISCR98		15	FREE	\$ 5.25
VV	Rodent Traps	MISCR98		40	\$ 10.00	\$ 400.00
VV	Barbeque	TRL19		17	\$ 100.00	\$ 780.00
VV	Picnic Tables	PICTABLES		9	\$ 10.00	\$ 670.00
VV	Plastic Wrapper			0	\$ 125.00	\$ -
VV	Scare Cannons	MISCR98		0	FREE	\$ -

TOTAL REVENUE 461 \$ 38,912.75

CROOKED CREEK TOTALS	51	\$ 4,800.00
GROVEDALE TOTALS	41	\$ 2,408.00
VALLEYVIEW TOTALS	369	\$ 30,637.75

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

The program has sprayed approximately 2200 Km of MD roads.

SPOT SPRAYING / ATV / UTV

The program has sprayed approximately 55 Ha

BRUSH SPRAYING

The program has sprayed approximately 80 Ha of brush

- **PESTICIDE CONTAINER STORAGE**
Empty jugs were shredded and hauled away by the Clean Farms contractor.
- **FENCELINE AND PRIVATE LAND SPRAY PROGRAMS**
There are 36 agreements with work completed by Ag Services staff, and an additional 20 agreements where landowner completed the spraying.
- **SPRAY EXEMPTION AGREEMENTS**
- Deadline of April 30, 2016. For 2016 there are 147 Agreements.
- **WEED CONTROL**

#	Re-Inspections	Weeds Present	Personal Contact	Phone Calls	Weed Alerts	Weed Warnings	Notices	Enforce
4739	418	1748	142	257	1095	8	142	0

Town	#	Weeds Present	Personal Contact	Weed Letters
Valleyview	1156	114	8	114
Fox Creek	988	108	6	108

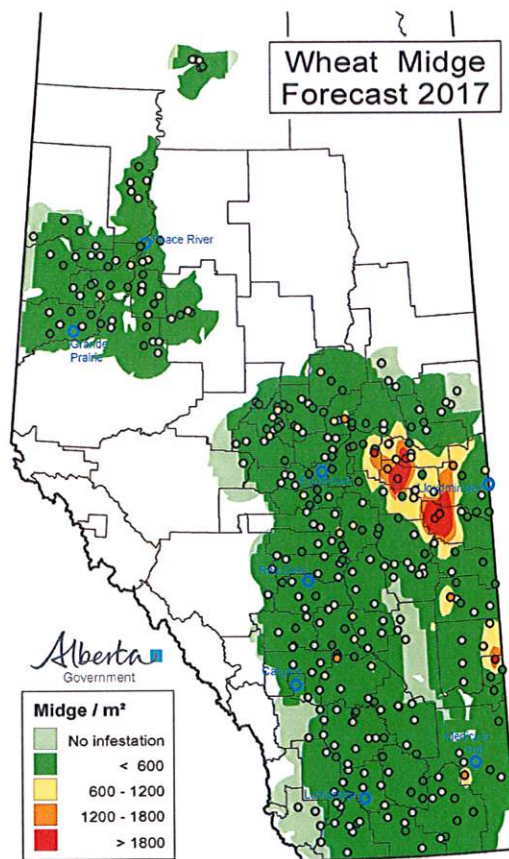
- **AGRICULTURAL PESTS**
Grasshopper surveys were completed early August this year. FHB Surveys were completed. Club Root in canola, and Blackleg Surveys were completed.
- **SEED CLEANING PLANT**
Directors meeting scheduled for Jan 10, 2017

Miscellaneous

Estimated Usage	Swan Lake	Grovedale Fish Pond	Kakwa River	South View
Vehicles on site	14	6	2	3
User #'s	26	6	3	4
% Site capacity	45%	10%	5%	6%

Click on the Map

Clicking on the map will take you to the website that interprets the information on the map, explains the limitations of that information and explains how the survey was conducted. Also you will find links to information on cultural methods of control, historic information on midge and how to find seasonal information, only to mention a few.



Book mark the following link to see the latest insect pest forecasts. Look for forecasts on Grasshoppers, Bertha Army worms, swede midge, etc to be published in January.

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm13779](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm13779)



2017 PEACE AGRONOMY UPDATE



Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Dunvegan Motor Inn, Fairview

9:00 am *Registration & Coffee*

COST: \$30/person includes lunch

DEVELOPMENT OF OAT VARIETIES

Jennifer Mitchell-Fetch, Ag Canada, Brandon, Manitoba

OAT MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

Bill Chapman, Crop Business Development Specialist, Alberta Ag, Barrhead

RHIZOBIA & THE AGRONOMY OF NODULATION

Jon Treloar, Technical Agronomist, Monsanto Bio-Ag

MODERNIZATION OF CANADIAN WHEAT CLASSES

Trent Whiting, Marketing Representative, SeCan

GRAIN, PULSE & OILSEED MARKET UPDATE

Neil Blue, Provincial Market Analyst, Alberta Ag, Vermilion

For more info contact North Peace Applied Research
Association @ 780-836-3354 or email nora@npa.ca





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December 13, 2016 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Thorhild County declares “State of Agricultural Disaster”

THORHILD, AB – During the December 13, 2016 Thorhild County Council meeting, Council unanimously voted to declare a State of Agricultural Disaster within Thorhild County. Excessive moisture conditions this past summer and fall has resulted in agricultural hardship within Thorhild County boundaries.

“The agriculture industry is a vital economic driver in the County. By County Council declaring a State of Agricultural Disaster in Thorhild County, Council hopes to draw attention to the very difficult conditions facing all grain and livestock producers, and will request that provincial and federal government officials establish a disaster recovery program,” says Reeve Wayne Croswell. “After the wet conditions this past fall, many farmers still have their crops in the fields.”

“*The Alberta Crop Report* (as of November 29, 2016), Agriculture Financial Services Corporation reporting, and Thorhild County Agricultural Services have all determined that approximately 45 percent of crops are unharvested,” says Clarence Dowhan, Thorhild County Agricultural Fieldman. “We consider crop reporting, our discussions with producers and visual inspections to determine whether a State of Agricultural Disaster should be declared.”

Cereals are ranked “expected diminished crop yield” as 20 percent of crops are still in the field. Oil seed crops are 45 percent in swath and still standing which are approaching definite disaster thresholds. Hay crops are cut and baled over most of the County; however, much of it is still in the field. Weather conditions this past fall have had a definite effect on hay quality.

Ten to fifteen percent of the crops that have been harvested during excessive moisture conditions have added immensely to producer expenses for drying of the commodities, machinery costs due to operating in adverse conditions, and loss of commodities due to spoilage in the field and in storage.

Thorhild County is located 100 kilometers northeast of Edmonton.

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21

P.O. Box 490, Two Hills, AB, T0B 4K0
Telephone: (780) 657-3358 Fax: (780) 657-3504

December 13, 2016

Re: County of Two Hills declares "State of Agricultural Disaster"

Two Hills, AB – During the December 13, 2016 County of Two Hills Council meeting, Council unanimously voted to declare a State of Agricultural Disaster within County of Two Hills.

"That the County of Two Hills No. 21 declare a State of Agricultural Disaster due to the amount of unharvested crops and tough grain resulting from weather conditions of the 2016 harvest season."

For more information you can contact the Agricultural Fieldman:

Elden Kozak
Agricultural Fieldman
780-657-3358
ekozak@thcounty.ab.ca



Farm Transition Workshops

From November 21, 2016 Issue of Agri-News

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is sponsoring two day interactive farm transition workshops at various locations this winter.

“Creating a farm transition and succession plan takes time, effort, family communication and working with professionals,” says Dean Dyck, farm business management specialist, Alberta Ag-Info Centre. “These workshops aim to help farm families get started on the road to designing their own transition plan, and on creative ways to implement it.”

Day one of each workshop takes place in January with the second day following in February.

“The January session will be led by the Alberta Business Family Institute and will be geared toward farm families who want to deepen their understanding and begin the process of succession planning,” says Dyck. “Topics include gathering information, evaluating financial needs, designing a succession and estate plan, and family communication.”

Day two in February will feature a local accountant, lawyer and financial planner.

“This is when we’ll will discuss the tools to implement a farm transition plan

including business arrangements, tax management strategies, estate planning and financial planning.

“The workshops are for families who are interested in shaping the future ownership of their family farm or ranch,” says Dyck. “Each day will be highly interactive and filled with practical tools.”

The workshops will be held in seven locations across the province:

- January 9 and February 6: Lethbridge, Country Kitchen Catering (in the same building as The Keg on Mayor Magrath Drive)
- January 10 and February 7: Airdrie Agriculture Centre
- January 11 and February 8: Lacombe Memorial Centre
- January 12 and February 15: Camrose, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge
- January 16 and February 13: Vermilion Provincial Building
- January 17 and February 14: Westlock Inn & Conference Centre
- **January 19 and February 16: Grande Prairie, Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Centre**

“AF would like to thank the strong support of our partners, Growing Forward 2, Alberta Business Family Institute, and the Alberta Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA). Families are encouraged to register together. The registration fee is \$75 per person (GST included) for both days and includes lunch. There will be a limit of 45 people at each location. To register, call the Ag-Info Centre at 1-800-387-6030.”

Contact:

[Dean Dyck](#)

310-FARM (3276)

Greenview

Problem Wildlife Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **Does Greenview have a Problem Wildlife Officer?**
 - Yes Greenview does have a problem wildlife officer
 - If you are having troubles, please call 780.524.7621 or 1.888.524.7601 toll free, Monday to Friday 8:00-4:30 pm. After hours call 1.866.524.7608
- **Does Greenview charge a fee for this service?**
 - Currently there is no fee charge for this service.
- **What types of problem wildlife can I get help with?**
 - The PWO can assist with predator problems (coyote, wolf, fox), beaver and muskrat problems, and assorted other vertebrate pests (i.e. rats, weasels, etc.)
 - The PWO can assist with ungulates (moose, deer, elk) damaging crop or stored feed
 - Greenview does have traps available to rent for skunks, squirrels, and porcupines
- **When do I call Fish and Wildlife Officers if I am having predation problems?**
 - If the predation involves bears, cougars, and eagles please call your local Fish and Wildlife office.
- **Can I get more information on problem wildlife education sessions and materials?**
 - If you would like more information on educational materials or sessions please call our office at 780.524.7621 or 1.888.524.7601 toll free.



Winter Watering Systems Tour

Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:30am Coffee & Registration

10:00am Tour start time

Hines Creek Composite School

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member

Hot Lunch & Refreshments included

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With Special Guest Speakers:

Steve Kenyon

Greener Pastures Ranching Ltd.

Dan Benson

Agricultural Water Specialist, GoA

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- ✓ Tour innovative winter watering systems & strategies
 - ✓ Learn tips & tricks on how to set up your own system
 - ✓ Engage with guest speakers & other local producers

To register or for more information, please contact Jen with PCBFA at
780-835-6799 ext. 3 or jen@pcbfa.ca





And
MD of Greenview
Presents

Working Well Workshop

February 14, 2017 at Debolt Public Services Building
6:30-9:30 pm

Consider how your life would change if you lost your water supply!

Did you know that a poorly maintained water well can put your water supply at risk of contamination and reduce your well yield?

If you are one of 450,000 Albertans who use their water well for household purposes, the key to ensuring your water supply is safe and secure is knowing how groundwater works, learning about your well and understanding how to properly maintain it.

Proper water well siting, construction, maintenance and plugging will help protect your well from biofouling and contamination, save you costly repairs, and ensure your well water yields are sustained over many years.

Find out what you can do to protect your well. Attend the **FREE water well management workshop** being hosted by **MD of Greenview**, and presented by the **Working Well Program**, with technical expertise provided by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Health Services and licensed water well drillers.

During the workshop we will cover:

- Groundwater – how it works
- Water quality and quantity testing
- Well protection – protecting your well from contamination
- Basic well maintenance
- Water sampling – how to do it

To attend the workshop, please pre-register by calling **Beverly Spence** at the **MD of Greenview** Office at: **780.524.7621 or 1.888.524.7601 toll free.**



MD of Greenview
Together with
Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association and Land Stewardship Centre
Presents



Septic Sense: Solutions for Rural Living

February 15, 2017 at Debolt Public Services Building
6:30-9:30 pm

Understanding and taking care of your septic system

Did you know the average person puts 340 liters of sewage through a private sewage system (septic system) every day? For a family of four living in a two-bedroom house, that amounts to 1,360 liters per day and just under half a million liters per year!

Rural property owners are responsible for ensuring their systems operate properly and safely. If you have a septic system on your rural property, you will benefit from attending this workshop. Presenters will teach you how to understand, assess and properly manage your septic system, enabling you to protect your investment in your property and the valuable natural assets associated with your land.

Learn what you can do to properly manage and maintain your septic system. Attend the **Septic Sense** workshop hosted and presented by **MD of Greenview**, with technical expertise provided by the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) and materials developed by Land Stewardship Centre (LSC).

During the workshop we will cover:

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

To attend the workshop, please pre-register by calling **Beverly Spence** at the **MD of Greenview** Office at: **780.524.7621** or **1.888.524.7601** toll free.

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MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**





Annual General Meeting

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

FREE
With Lunch



2016 Research and Extension



2016 Research

Site Name Location	Crops	No. of Trials	Total No. of Plots
Garant SE 1-19-77-20 W5th	Canola, Peas, Faba bean, Industrial Hemp, Flax, Pulse Intercrops	27	1140
Dion East NW 9-77-20 W5th	Wheat, Barley, Oats, Winter Wheat, Peas, Wheat for Faba Bean in 2017	21	1497
Dion West NE 8-77-20W5th	Canola, cereals & canola after Pulses	2	132
Greenview Site Sec 11-69-20 W5th	Wheat, Barley, Oats, Peas, Flax, Canola, Silage/Forage (Barley, Oats, Triticale + wheat)	13	434
High Prairie Site	Perennial Forages (cereals, legumes & Mixtures)	3	136
Trials with Calvin Yoder	Forage Seed Alsike & Red clover,s, fescue, winter wheat.	6	160
	Total	72	3499

Research by Crops		
Crop	No. of Trials	No. of Plots
Seed Production		
Canola	11	488
Spring Wheat	13	810
Winter Wheat	4	176
Peas	11	484
Barley	8	652
Oats	4	95
Fababeans	3	164
Industrial Hemp	3	168
Flax	2	80
Forage seed	6	160
Forage Production		
Annual	4	144
Perennials	3	136

2016 research include trials focus on variety comparisons, fertilizer rates, times and types, agronomic practices, biological products, herbicides, fungicides, plant growth regulators, desiccants, hail effects and recovery with fungicides and nutrients, seeding times, and intercropping.

2016 Extension

Event Name	Date	Speakers/Topics
AGM & Extension Event	February 25	Peter Papez & Ken Handford, AFSC - AFSC new programs
		Rawlin Thangaraj, AF - <i>AgriProfit\$</i>
		Scott Meers, AF - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!!!
		Kabal Gill, SARDA - Subsoiling vs. Tillage vs, Radish
SARDA Bus Tour	March 10	Jim jSmolik, CGC - Classification and varietal changes in wheat
		Bill Chapman , AF - Transitioning
		Trent Whiting, SeCan - Varietal selection after reclassification
FarmSafe Alberta - GP	April 4-5	Dan Trottier, Tatonga - FarmSafe
FarmSafe Alberta - SR	April 6-7	Dan Trottier, Tatonga - FarmSafe
Footprints Tours	June 20 - August 31	Self Guided Tours - Plots are open to anyone who would like to view them. Details and directions are available in the June issue of the Back Forty Newsletter .
Summer Field School	June 22	Jay White, Aquality - Wetlands in the White Zone
		Jennifer Otani, AAFC - Insects and Pest Management
		Jim Bessel, Top of the Hill Consulting - The Silent Thief (Measuring Combine Losses)
		Nevin Rosaasen, APG - Pulse Diseases
		Doug Penney, Agri-Trend - Soils
Trees, Trees and more Trees	July 12	Toso Bozic, AF - Tree Selection, Shelterbelts - old and new, Diseases, Pruning,
Crop Walks and Tail Gate Meetings	anytime	Short notice events set up to deal with emerging issues such as wheat midge, cutworms, etc.
Hemp Growing	December 9	Mr. Jan Slaski, Alberta Innovates Technology Futures - Industrial Hemp Production

Publications / Notifications	No. per year	Distribution Type	Distribution Numbers per issue
Back Forty Newsletter	6	Neighborhood Mail	3,100
		Publication Mail	2,000
		Electronic	490
		Website	210
Annual Research Report	1	Membership & partners	170
		website	60
			Distribution Numbers per year
Electronic Notifications	50+	electronic	24,500
www.sarda.ca	1	electronic	10,000 visits



SARDA Ag Research Agricultural Trade Show

**March 16, 17 & 18
2017**

**Falher Regional Recreational Complex
Falher, Alberta**

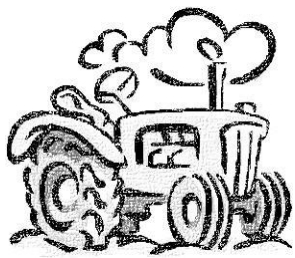
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The Smoky River region, covering 10,000 square miles, is the southern getaway to Alberta's mighty Peace Country. The Peace Region extends from Grande Prairie to Valleyview in the South, and from High Level to Fort Vermilion in the North. Falher is located in the center of this growing and progressive farming region.

Northern Alberta accounts for 18% of the Alberta barley acreage. As well, 40% of Canada's forage seed crops and 40% of Alberta's canola is produced in the Peace River area. Wheat, oats, flaxseed, hay, and other crops contribute significantly, along with a developing livestock industry.

Alberta produces over 30% of Canada's honey. Falher is well known as the "Honey Capital of Canada". Clover, alfalfa, and canola production in the Peace has contributed greatly to the success of honey production.

Secondary agricultural industries include honey, oilseed, forage seed processing, and livestock feed. All these industries rely on the primary grain industry for which the Peace River country is well known.

The SARDA Ag Research Agricultural Trade Show provides an excellent opportunity for Agribusinesses to be a part of a very active ag industry with significant growth potential. The SARDA Ag Research Agricultural Trade Show draws producers from across the Peace Region, an area representing close to 5,000 farms covering approximately 7 million acres, and attracts over 10,000 people from agricultural backgrounds. The Trade Show features approximately 200 booths, family Farm Safety programs, a farmer's appreciation event, an exhibitor's appreciation event, and numerous agricultural seminars.

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 AAAF IST	6 AAAF IST	8 AAAF IST	9 In Service Training	10
11	12	13 Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 PCBFA Marketing Seminar	5	6	7
8	9	10 Council Meeting Valleyview Seed Cleaning Coop Directors meeting 6:30 OPS	11 M.P.C.	12	13	14
15	16	17 Committee of the Whole	18 ASB Meeting Peace Agronomy Update (Fairview)	19 Transition Planning Workshop (Grande Prairie)	20	21
22	23	24 ASB Provincial Council Meeting	25 ASB Provincial	26 ASB Provincial Holistic Mgmt. Part I (Rycroft)	27 Holistic Mgmt. Part I (Rycroft)	28 Holistic Mgmt. Part I (Rycroft)
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February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Farm Tech (Edmonton)</i>	2 <i>Farm Tech (Edmonton)</i> <i>Holistic Mgmt. Part II (Rycroft)</i>	3 <i>Holistic Mgmt. Part II (Rycroft)</i>	4 <i>Holistic Mgmt. Part II (Rycroft)</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Council Meeting</i> <i>Working Well Workshop (Debolt)</i>	15 <i>Beef Industry Conference (Red Deer) MPC</i> <i>Septic Sense (Debolt)</i>	16 <i>Beef Industry Conference (Red Deer)</i> <i>Transition Planning (Grande Prairie)</i>	17 <i>Beef Industry Conference (Red Deer)</i>	18
19	20	21 <i>Committee of the Whole</i> <i>SARDA AGM (Fahler)</i>	22 <i>ASB Meeting</i>	23	24 <i>PCBFA AGM (Fairview)</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>Council Meeting</i>				