



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

9:30 AM

Council Chambers
Administration Building
Valleyview, AB

#1	CALL TO ORDER		
#2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA		
#3	MINUTES	3.1 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting minutes held Wednesday, November 30, 2022, to be adopted.	1
		3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes	
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#4	DELEGATION	4.1 Alberta Agricultural Service Board Orientation	9
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#7 CORRESPONDENCE

- County of Warner Letter

#8 ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of a
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16
Greenview Administration Building,
Valleyview, Alberta, on Wednesday, November 30, 2022

**#1
CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Warren Wohlgemuth called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT

A.S.B. Member - Chair	Warren Wohlgemuth
A.S.B. Member – Deputy Reeve	Bill Smith
A.S.B. Member – Councillor	Dave Berry
A.S.B. Member	Joshua McMillan
A.S.B. Member	Richard Brochu
Manager, Agriculture Services	Sheila Kaus
Recording Secretary	Natalie Bartlett

ATTENDING

ABSENT

A.S.B. Member – Vice Chair Shelley Morrison

**#2
AGENDA**

MOTION: 22.11.130 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the November 30, 2022, Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

**#3.1 ASB ORG
MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: 22.11.131 Moved by: DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Organizational Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

**#3.2
REGULAR
AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: 22.11.132 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

**#3.2
BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MUNUTES**

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There is an East Peace Update from the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association on December 9th a Triangle Hall near High Prairie. They are providing an update on what all PCBFA has been doing.

#3.3
ACTION ITEMS

3.3 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: 22.11.133 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Action Items, as presented.

CARRIED

#4.0
DELEGATION

4.0 DELEGATIONS

No Delegations

#5.0
BUSINESS

5.0 BUSINESS

#5.1
ASB MEETING
SCHEDULE

5.1 Agricultural Service Board Scheduled Meeting Dates

MOTION: 22.11.134 Moved by: DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the dates for the 2023 Agricultural Service Board Meetings for information, as presented.

CARRIED

#5.2
FOX CREEK WEED
CONTROL

5.2 Fox Creek Weed Control

MOTION: 22.11.135 Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend that Council approve the request from the Town of Fox Creek to roll forward the \$10,000 from the 2022 Weed Funding to the 2023 fiscal for a total of \$20,000 in control work in the 2023 season.

CARRIED

#5.3 SATELLITE
RENTAL LOCATIONS
ANNUAL PAYMENT

5.3 Satellite Rental Locations Annual Payment

MOTION: 22.11.136 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council that satellite rental locations be paid the annual fee proposed in the 2022 draft rental program policy for 2022, while program particulars are finalized.

CARRIED

#5.4 2023 STRAT
BUSINESS PLAN

5.4 2023 STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN

MOTION: 22.11.137 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council approve the 2023 Agricultural Services Strategic Business Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

Chair Warren Wohlgemuth recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.
Chair Warren Wohlgemuth reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

#5.5 GREENVIEW
HARVEST
INCENTIVE AND
BOUNTY PROGRAM

5.5 Greenview Harvest Incentive and Bounty Programs

MOTION: 22.11.138 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council accept the report on Analysis of Greenview Wolf Harvest Incentive and Beaver Bounty Programs for information, as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION: 22.11.139 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to direct Administration to suspend indefinitely Policy 6321: Beaver Bounty Program to activate or close the program upon assessment of beaver population numbers and impact on Greenview infrastructure.

CARRIED

MOTION: 22.11.140 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY

That the Agricultural Service Board direct Administration to provide an annual report on the Wolf Harvest Incentive Program and Predation Mitigation Strategy to be presented at the November 2023 Agricultural Service Board meeting.

CARRIED

#5.6 FIELD VISIT

5.6 ASB Provincial Program Review

MOTION: 22.11.141 Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the report on the 2022 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Review for information, as presented.

CARRIED

#5.7 BBQ REPAIRS

5.7 Barbeque Repairs

MOTION: 22.11.142 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU

That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council that the barbeque be repaired and inspected by a Red Seal gas fitter and be removed from the rental fleet with the ability for the non-profit groups to have use of the BBQ.

CARRIED

5.8 Managers Report

#5.8
MANAGER'S
REPORT

MOTION: 22.11.143 Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN

That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Managers' report, as presented.

CARRIED

#5.8
MANAGER'S
REPORT
#6 MEMBERS'
BUSINESS &
REPORTS

6.0 MEMBERS' BUSINESS & REPORTS

ASB MEMBERS
REPORTS

CHAIR WARREN WOHLGEMUTH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- None

VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON updated the Agriculture Service Board on her recent activities, which include;

- None

DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- None

COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- None

MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- None

MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) AGM via zoom

MEMBERS
BUSINESS AND
REPORTS

MOTION: 22.11.144 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Members reports as information.
CARRIED

MOTION: 22.11.145 Moved by: DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) request Administration to draft a young or small farmer continuing education policy for the boards consideration for the February 1st, 2023, ASB meeting.
CARRIED

#7
CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

ASB
CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION: 22.11.146 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

#8
ADJOURNMENT

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 22.11.147 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That this Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourn at 12:04 p.m.

CARRIED

MANAGER, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

ASB CHAIR

3.3 Action Items - Agricultural Services Motion Tracker

No.	Motion	Assigned to	Status
MOTION: 21.12.143 December 13, 2021	Moved by: VICE CHAIR SHELLEY MORRISON that the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council to postpone the Agricultural Plastics Recycle capital purchase project for 2022 and to be considered for 2023.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	Postponed
MOTION: 22.07.78 July 27, 2022	Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY that the Agricultural Service Board approve the importing of Canada Thistle Stem Mining Weevils from the United States, to facilitate a locally available rearing site for eventual weevil distribution on acceptable sites throughout Greenview.	Sarah Cairns, Landcare Coordinator	Delayed to 2023
MOTION: 22.08.87 August 24, 2022	Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU that the Agricultural Service Board recommend Council to direct Administration to explore potential equipment cost recovery options for large animal veterinary service providers, that support MD of Greenview livestock producers.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 22.10.104 October 5, 2022	Moved by: MEMBER LARRY SMITH that the Agricultural Service Board recommend Policy 6303 – Weed Control Policy to the Policy Review Committee, as presented.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 22.10.106 October 5, 2022	Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU that the Agricultural Service Board recommend to the Policy Review Committee that Policy 6318 – Private Land Herbicide Application and Policy 6303-1 – Weed Control Procedure recommend to council to be rescinded as presented.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 22.11.135 November 30, 2022	Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN That the Agricultural Service Board recommend that Council approve the request from the Town of Fox Creek to roll forward the \$10,000 from the 2022 Weed Funding to the 2023 fiscal for a total of \$20,000 in control work in the 2023 season.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress
MOTION: 22.11.136 November 30, 2022	Moved by: MEMBER COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY That the Agricultural Service Board recommend to Council that satellite rental locations be paid the annual fee proposed in the 2022 draft rental program policy for 2022, while program particulars are finalized.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress

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<p>MOTION: 22.11.145 November 30, 2022</p>	<p>Moved by: DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH That the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) request Administration to draft a young or small farmer continuing education policy for the boards consideration for the February 1st, 2023, ASB meeting.</p>	<p>Sarah Cairns, Landcare Coordinator</p>	<p>Completed</p>

3.3 Action Items - Agricultural Services Motion Tracker

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Alberta Agricultural Service Board	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
SUBMISSION TO:	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD	CAO:	MANAGER: SK
MEETING DATE:	February 1, 2023	DIR:	PRESENTER: SK
DEPARTMENT:	AGRICULTURE	LEG:	
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Governance		

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Alberta Agriculture Service Board orientation for information, as presented.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation along with the Agriculture Service Manager will provide an Alberta Agriculture Service Board orientation.

Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs) are unique to North America as they are special committees appointed by the local municipal Council to address agricultural concerns in their communities and to review policies that pertain to the local agricultural sector. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, the provincial government partners with these boards, in many ways ensure collectively that agricultural production is maintained and improved.

Administration anticipates the benefit of the orientation will be to provide members with a greater understanding of the role and responsibility.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of the Agricultural Service Board accepting the recommended motion is that the Board will have the opportunity to learn about the role and responsibility of the Agricultural Service Board.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

There are no follow up actions to the recommended motion.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Policy 6308 – Clubroot of Canola

Title: CLUBROOT OF CANOLA

Policy No: 6308

Effective Date: July 27, 2021

Motion Number: 21.07.398

Supersedes Policy No: None

Review Date: July 27, 2024



Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish a management plan to prevent and/or minimize the spread and impact of Clubroot in Greenview. Greenview Council recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is declared a pest under the *Agricultural Pests Act* of Alberta and is a concern to agricultural producers within Greenview. Council further recognizes that it is beneficial to the agricultural industry to 'take active measures to prevent the establishment of, control or destroy pests in Greenview (Sec. 6, *Agricultural Pests Act*, R.S.A 2000, Chapter A-8).

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Manager of Agricultural Services** means the individual appointed as the Agricultural Fieldman through motion by Greenview Council and by virtue of position (*Agricultural Service Board Act*) who acts as a Pest Inspector.
- 1.2. **Agricultural Pests Act** means the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* (R.S.A. 200, Chapter A-8) and the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* (184/2001) including any amendments or successor legislation thereto.
- 1.3. **Agricultural Service Board** means the Board appointed by Greenview Council to address agricultural concerns.
- 1.4. **Alberta Clubroot Management Plan** means the plan to manage clubroot of canola as set forth by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
- 1.5. **Clubroot of Canola ("Clubroot")** means the serious soil-borne disease caused by *Plasmodiophora brassicae*.
- 1.6. **Control** means to destroy or manage the disease through measures deemed acceptable by the Pest Inspector and this Policy.
- 1.7. **Crop Residue** means the material left in an agricultural field after the crop has been harvested.
- 1.8. **Cruciferous Plants** means a plant family which includes; canola/rapeseed and mustard, as well as the cabbage family (broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, kohlrabi, radish, rutabaga and turnip).

- 1.9. **ID %** means a value derived from application of the accepted algorithm to determine clubroot disease severity: $(\#1 \text{ total} * 1) + (\#2 \text{ total} * 3) / 100 * 100$.
- 1.10. **Destroy** means to kill all growing parts or to render reproductive mechanisms non-viable.
- 1.11. **Geographic Area** means an area of land under the jurisdiction of Greenview.
- 1.12. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.13. **Infested** means a property containing Clubroot of Canola.
- 1.14. **Notice** means a notice in writing issued by a Pest Inspector under section 12 of the *Agricultural Pests Act*.
- 1.15. **Period of Restriction** means a period of time which a cruciferous crop may not be planted or grown.
- 1.16. **Pest** means an animal, bird, insect, plant or disease declared a pest under section two of the *Agricultural Pests Act*.
- 1.17. **Pest Inspector** means an inspector appointed by Greenview Council or by the Minister to carry out the *Agricultural Pests Act*.
- 1.18. **Producer** means a farm operator.
- 1.19. **Soil Disturbance** means anything that can or may move soil.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1. Clubroot of Canola poses a serious threat to the Canola industry by reducing yields, it reduces the quantity and quality of the oil produced from the seeds and the spores can remain viable for twenty (20) years or more according to current research.
 - A. Clubroot was declared a pest to Alberta under the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA) in 2007. Section 6 of the APA states that: a local authority shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy pests in Greenview.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. In the event that a symptomatic sample sent to an accredited lab for analysis returns a DNA positive for Clubroot Greenview shall:
 - A. Ensure the landowner(s) and/or producer(s) receive a written Pest Notice as per the *Agricultural Pests Act* and associated Regulations following these parameters, as set by Council:
 - i. 1-3 rotation or a two-year break when ID% is less than 2%;
 - ii. 1-4 rotation or a three-year break when ID% is greater than 2%;
 - iii. Should pathotype testing reveal the field is infested with a resistance breaking pathotype the pest notice shall be until there is a canola cultivar

with resistance to that specific pathotype. All other brassica crops shall be prohibited.

- B. All landowner(s) and/or producer(s) within a one (1) mile or 1.6 kilometer radius of the field where Clubroot was confirmed, will be sent written confirmation that Clubroot was confirmed within a one (1) mile or 1.6 kilometer radius of their property with an information package.
- 3.2. The landowner(s) and/or producer(s) of lands confirmed with Clubroot shall be required to adopt the following immediate control measures;
- A. The crop shall be harvested, and the canola seed shall be sold for crushing, but **not** sold for feed or seed, and shall **not** be retained for reseeding.
 - B. Crop residue shall be chopped and evenly spread back onto the infected land, not baled or removed.
 - C. Any seed load transported from the infested land shall be securely covered (tarpred).
 - D. Soil disturbance on infected land should be minimized to prevent movement to uninfected land.
 - E. Any crop residue and soil should be cleaned from all equipment and implements and left on the land before taking equipment off the infected land.
 - F. Implements, or parts thereof, which come directly into contact with the soil should be sterilized, as per the Alberta Clubroot Management Plant (Appendix 1 and 2).
 - G. Should the landowner(s) and/or producer(s) of infected land plant canola fail to abide by the notice the Manager of Agricultural Services shall:
 - i. If the landowner(s) and/or producer(s) fails to abide by the Notice, the Manager of Agricultural Services shall.
 - ii. Take appropriate measures to destroy the planted crop.
 - iii. Should Greenview destroy the crop, an invoice shall be issued to the landowner(s) and/or producer(s) for the labour, chemical and equipment costs of the crops destruction as per Provincial Legislation, including the ability of Greenview to add the arrears amount to the property taxes.
 - iv. Should enforcement be required, where the landowner(s) or producer(s) does not elect to perform the control themselves additional administrative fees will be charged at 15% of the cost of enforcement.
 - H. After the period of restriction listed in the Notice has expired, canola may be seeded.
 - I. Inform any contractors or custom operators who may enter onto the land that Clubroot has been found on the property, and advise them to properly clean and disinfect any equipment which comes into contact with the soil.

4. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. Council shall appoint Pest Inspectors (as per section 10 of the *Agricultural Pests Act*).
- 4.2. Council shall review the Clubroot of Canola policy annually, to ensure the policy is informed by the most recent advancements in knowledge of the clubroot pathogen.

5. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. The Manager of Agricultural Services shall establish protocols and an inspection schedule to be followed outlining the following:
 - A. Ensure fields to be inspected are distributed across the geographic area of Greenview.
 - B. Sampling techniques, recordkeeping and protocols for entering land.
 - C. Mitigation and control of clubroot spore transferral between fields by Pest Inspectors and;
 - D. Timed to ensure impacted producers are informed of positive clubroot DNA results prior to harvest.
- 5.2. For Research purposes, canola and other cruciferous crops may be permitted to be grown on lands where a Notice has been issued with respect to Clubroot of Canola on the lands provided that pre-approval has been granted by the Manager of Agricultural Services at their sole discretion.
- 5.3. Administration shall develop a geographical heat map based on Townships of infestations for use in mitigation plan development by industry and construction companies.
- 5.4. In order to better understand how the disease was introduced and spread, administration shall gather as much information about the Clubroot infected field as possible, including type and variety of the crop, seed retailer, equipment movement, custom operators used, soil type, pH and drainage patterns.
- 5.5. Greenview Agricultural Services will provide information and education to landowner(s) and/or producer(s) regarding the spread of Clubroot of Canola.
- 5.6. Greenview will advocate that all seed (of a host crop) should be a Clubroot resistant variety.



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	2023 Agriculture Educational Events	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
SUBMISSION TO:	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD	CAO:	MANAGER:
MEETING DATE:	February 1, 2023	DIR:	PRESENTER: SC
DEPARTMENT:	AGRICULTURE	LEG:	
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Culture, Social & Emergency Services		

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial N/A

Council Bylaw N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Services Board approve the planned 2023 Agricultural Services Educational Events.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Last summer Administration released a survey on social media and on the Greenview, website asking for public input on what workshops and events they would like to see from Agriculture Services and what dates/times would best meet their needs. Utilizing this information Administration has decided to plan 11 educational extension events for the 2023 year.

The event plan is subject to change based on a multitude of factors including speaker availability and is not an exhaustive list of all events that Agricultural Services will be hosting. As it is still early in the year none of these events can be absolutely guaranteed, though Administration will be striving to deliver all events possible through either in person or virtual formats. Some events may be stand alone sessions while others may be combined, offered in partnership with other counties or organizations, and/or offered with a meal. This year there will be an emphasis on obtaining local speakers to showcase the strength and diversity of Greenview's agriculture industry. Speakers are not listed as not all speakers have been confirmed. Locations listed below may change based on the needs of each community and suitability of venues. Event lengths can range anywhere from one-hour sessions to full day presentations and field visits. Events will be advertised through a variety of medias including Facebook, website postings, posters on community boards, and radio advertisements, based on the nature of the event.

Attendees at each event will be provided an opportunity to complete a survey to provide feedback to Administration which allows for Administration to tailor the events to better suit Greenview's needs in the future. In the Fall of 2023 Administration will release a new survey across social media and the website looking for new input on what events ratepayers would like to see in 2024 and use this information to plan the events for the following year.

Season	Location	Topic
Spring	Valleyview	Shelterbelt Planning, Planting, and Information
Spring	Debolt	Gardening
Spring	Grande Cache	Gardening
Spring	Valleyview or virtual	Green Acreages Program Information
Spring	Valleyview or Crooked Creek	Introduction to Homesteading: Types and How to Get Started
Spring or Fall	Valleyview	Information and Recommendations on Rotational Grazing
Spring	Grande Cache, Valleyview	Classroom Agriculture Program (3 sessions)
Summer	Grovedale, Valleyview	Sprayer Calibration and Buttercup/Burdock Incentive Program Information
Summer	Valleyview	Weed Management and Organic Control
Summer	Valleyview	Soil Management
Summer	Valleyview, Grovedale	AgSafe (classroom or equipment tour)
Fall	Valleyview	Environmental Farm Design
Fall	Valleyview, Crooked Creek, or Debolt	Canning and Preserving
Fall	Valleyview	Mental Health in Agriculture

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of the recommended action is a thorough and diverse group of educational events provided by Greenview that emphasizes local strengths in agriculture.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The disadvantage of the recommended action is that as Greenview has a very large land base not all producers can be reached as it is only feasible in most situations to supply a single presentation on each topic, which often cannot be recreated the following year.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: The Agricultural Service Board may choose to alter dates, locations, formats, speakers, or topics. The current plan has carefully considered each of these variables when selecting the educational events for 2023 so Administration did not recommend this action.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: Costs of speakers including professional services, travel, accommodation. Cost of venues, refreshments for attendees, educational resources, promotional items, advertising. These costs are accommodated by the 2023 Agricultural Services Budget, under Extension and Outreach Services.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

Accommodated by existing staff as part of the extension and outreach activities.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Should the Agricultural Service Board approve the recommended action Administration will move forward with the proposed activity.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Nominations for the Farm Family Award		
SUBMISSION TO:	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
MEETING DATE:	March 3, 2022	CAO:	MANAGER:
DEPARTMENT:	AGRICULTURE	DIR:	PRESENTER: SC
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Culture, Social & Emergency Services	LEG:	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board approve the acceptance of applications by Greenview Administration for the 2023 Farm Family Award presented annually at FarmFair International.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Over the last 50 years nominations from Alberta’s municipalities have been submitted for the presentation of the Farm Family Award. The Farm Family Award is presented annually at FarmFair International. This award is presented to families that demonstrate exemplary community involvement and farming/ranching practices. Recipients of the award will be honoured at the Farm Family Awards Gala held at FarmFair International each year and will receive a commemorative gate sign.

Each year select municipalities accept nominations from their residents. Residents can nominate any resident(s) of their municipality who they feel are deserving of the award. Agricultural Service Boards must choose between the nominated families and select the best of the nominees to be chosen as their municipality’s Farm Family. This decision will be forwarded to Council and must be approved by Council to move forward. The selected nominee’s application form from the municipality is then sent to the staff at FarmFair International where the award recipient will then be honoured and given the award. Each municipality gets to nominate a family every other year. This year is Greenview’s turn to nominate a family, the next will be 2025, 2027, 2029, etc.

Following discussion from a representative of FarmFair International it is expected that the 2023 Farm Family Award Application package will be publicized in late February. Both the Agricultural Service Board and Council will need to approve of the nomination, to accommodate for this the following timeline has been drafted.

Proposed timeline will be:

Begin advertising as soon as possible once the 2023 application form is available ~ mid March
Greenview Applications close April 17th

Discuss at the Agricultural Service Board meeting April 26th
Bring forward nomination to Council either May 9th or May 23rd
Submit applications to FarmFair International by June 1st

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The benefit of the recommended action is that by nominating a Farm Family from Greenview for the award it increases public interaction with Administration. The helps build relationships between staff and producers. This also gives Greenview an opportunity to celebrate agriculture and showcase our agricultural producers.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

A disadvantage of the recommended action is that as only a single family can be nominated there may be potential for nominees to feel unappreciated or undervalued if they are not selected for the award.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The Agricultural Service Board has the option to not participate in the Farm Family Award and instead solely employ internal measures to recognize agricultural production in Greenview. This is not recommended as the FarmFair presentation is an honour for award recipients. Greenview should be using any measure possible to be recognizing the agricultural producers, including recognition through the Farm Family Award.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended action.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

If approved Administration will proceed with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- *2021 Farm Family Award Application Form*

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Submission Guidelines & Nomination Form

County/MD Name: _____

Submission Deadline:
Friday, July 16, 2021



THE FARM FAMILY – Leaders in the Industry

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

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

To be eligible for nomination, the Farm Family must meet the following criteria.

Please check off each characteristic as you confirm their validity.

The Farm Family **must**:

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

The Farm Family **should**:

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

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

THE FARM FAMILY

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

Name of Farm or Farm Unit: _____
Last Name *First Name*

Primary Farm Partner 1: _____
Last Name *First Name*

Primary Farm Partner 2: _____
Last Name *First Name*

Primary Farm Partner 3: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Farm Website (if applicable): www. _____

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

Full Name: <i>(First / Last)</i>	Relationship:	Age:	Gender: <i>(M/F)</i>
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_____	_____	_____	_____
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FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Nomination Form

Be sure to consider the Farm Family Network, not just one member. Describe the following in detail. Additional information may be added on separate pages. **DEADLINE: Friday, July 16, 2021**

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

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

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

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

THE FARM

Type of Farming Operation: _____

Scale of Operation (# of acres, head, etc.): _____

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

Soil conservation practices (*please give examples*):

Involvement in self-improvement programs (*e.g. extension courses, 4-H programs, short courses, etc.*):

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

Any additional information:

N

N

N

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

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

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

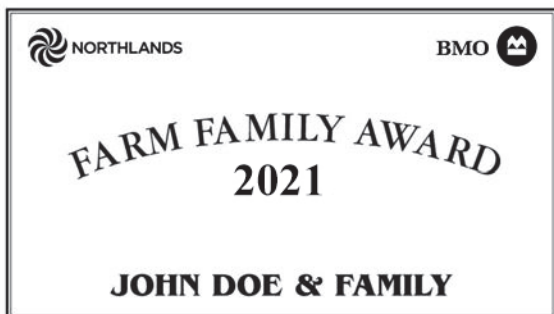
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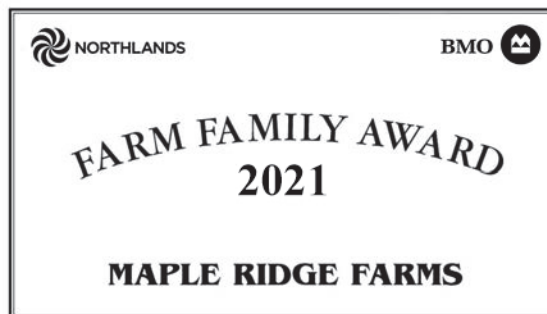
In the event that this family is chosen as a Farm Family Award recipient, please indicate the EXACT wording and correct spelling (Family or Farm Name) they would like on their gate sign. Only one line of print allowed. Print size will vary with the number of letters requested. Please select only one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

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A news release will be mailed following the announcement of the Farm Family Awards recipients. Please list the exact name of the major local paper or other relevant publications serving the Farm Family area. n mai a r m t

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Contact: _____

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Contact: _____

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

This application is submitted by

Service Board Name:

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature, Chairman Agriculture Service Board:

FARM FAMILY AWARDS

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

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

I give Northlands permission to send me information regarding Northlands events and promotions.

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

County/MD Rep	Signature	Date
Family Rep	Signature	Date

N

Please email the completed application
to Kimberly Sekura-Zagar at ksekurazagar@northlands.com

Phone: 1.780.720.7806
E-Mail: ksekurazagar@northlands.com

Deadline: Friday, July 16, 2021
Farm Awardees



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Education in Agriculture Sponsorship Policy		
SUBMISSION TO:	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
MEETING DATE:	March 3, 2022	CAO:	MANAGER:
DEPARTMENT:	AGRICULTURE	DIR:	PRESENTER: SC
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Culture, Social & Emergency Services	LEG:	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the draft Education in Agriculture Sponsorship Policy to the Policy Review Committee for consideration, as presented.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

On November 30th, 2022, the Agricultural Service Board requested that Administration draft a young or small farmer continuing education policy for presentation and consideration of the Agricultural Service Board at the February 1st, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting.

To meet this request Administration has drafted a policy which has been called the Education in Agriculture Sponsorship. This sponsorship will give a maximum of \$1000 to eligible applicants. These funds can be used to fund any costs associated with attending educational events with an emphasis on agriculture. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, an invested interest in agriculture, and be starting, trying to start, or grow their agricultural operation.

The drafted policy has been attached for the Agricultural Service Board's consideration.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The benefit of the recommended action is that agricultural producers will be encouraged to attend educational events in agriculture without the financial risk. This also builds a relationship between Greenview and allows administration to find avenues to support agricultural producers with emphasis on young or new producers who may benefit from direction in the industry.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The disadvantage of this recommended action is that some applicants may be denied due to budget constraints if the budgetary maximum has been met for that year. This can create some ill feelings from those who have not been accepted. There is also the potential that some producers may feel that Greenview is not supporting older, more experienced producers in the same way as the younger or more inexperienced producers.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The Agricultural Services Board has the option to deny, alter, or accept the recommended action.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: \$1000/successful applicant

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications associated with the recommended action.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

If the Agricultural Service Board approves the recommended action, it will be brought forward to Council for approval and consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Education in Agriculture Sponsorship Policy
- Education in Agriculture Sponsorship Application Form
- Education in Agriculture Sponsorship Acceptance Letter

Title: Education in Agriculture Sponsorship

Policy No:

Effective Date:

Motion Number:

Department: Agriculture

Review Date:



Purpose: Provide financial assistance to those attending educational events with an emphasis on agriculture to support their endeavors in expanding their knowledge of the agriculture industry.

DEFINITIONS

Eligible Applicant means an applicant who meets the sponsorship criteria established in the general principles for selection

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Greenview Agricultural Service Board will dedicate a maximum of \$1000 to each applicant until the budgetary maximum has been reached.
2. Applicants attending any educational event with an emphasis on agriculture including conferences, presentations, classes, speakers, etc. are eligible for a \$1000 sponsorship.
3. Sponsorships will be awarded to applicants who are residents of Greenview and will be attending an educational event with an emphasis on agriculture.
4. The Agricultural Service board will review applicants monthly until the budgetary maximum has been reached.
5. Applicants who are applying for this sponsorship to be contributed towards full time studies at a post secondary institution will not be considered.
6. Successful applicants can utilize this sponsorship to cover the following expenses while attending an agricultural educational event:
 - a) All costs associated with travel including accommodations and subsistence
 - b) Registration/tuition fees
 - c) Cost of acquiring daycare or animal care
7. General Principles for selection:
 - a) The applicant is a resident of Greenview
 - b) The applicant demonstrates financial need

- c) The applicant demonstrates a strong interest in agriculture or currently owns and/or works on an agricultural operation
- d) Applicants may apply or re-apply for the sponsorship each year that they are attending an agricultural educational event provided they meet the rest of the criteria
- e) Preference will be given to applicants who are new to the agriculture industry and/or are trying to start, have recently started, or are trying to grow, their agricultural operation

PROCEDURE

1. Application forms will be available at, and should be returned to, any Greenview Administration office. The deadline for applications will be the second Friday of each month.
2. Application forms are also available on the Greenview website.
3. Only completed applications will be considered.
4. Successful applicants will be notified by Greenview Administration.
5. The successful applicant (following the receipt of an acceptance letter from Greenview) must provide proof of enrollment or attendance to Greenview Administration to receive sponsorship funding.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16 EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Province: _____

Legal Land Location or Rural Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Event you will be attending: _____

Date/Duration of event: _____

On a separate page please answer the following questions:

- 1) Describe the event and what you will be gaining from it
- 2) Explain your eligibility for this sponsorship (ie why should Greenview choose you to receive this sponsorship).
- 3) Outline the approximate costs associated with attending this event.

*The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of s33(c) and s39(1)(a)(b)(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The information is required for the purpose of carrying out an operating program or activity of Greenview, the **Education in Agriculture Sponsorship Application Form**. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, please contact Greenview's FOIP Coordinator at 780-524-7600 or foip@mdgreenview.ab.ca.*

I, _____ have read and agree to the above FOIP clause
(Signature)

I, _____ hereby declare that:
(Signature)

the information given on this form is complete and a true statement of facts relating to this application, to the best of my knowledge.

Online applications are available on the Greenview website or paper copies can be acquired at any Greenview Administration building. Completed applications can be emailed to the Landcare Coordinator at sarah.cairns@mdgreenview.ab.ca, dropped off at any Greenview Administration building, or mailed to:

Greenview Agricultural Services

PO Box 1079 Valleyview AB T0H 3N0



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

March 1, 2023

John Doe
PO Box 123
Valleyview, AB
T0H 3N0

Dear Mr. Doe,

RE: Education in Agriculture Sponsorship

Greenview is happy to announce that your application for the Education in Agriculture Sponsorship has been accepted for the maximum amount of \$1000. Please provide proof of attendance and Greenview will release the funds to you.

Respectfully,

Greenview Staff Member
Position, Agricultural Services



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

Manager's Report

Department: Agricultural Service Board

Submitted by: Sheila Kaus, Manager, Agricultural Services

Date: 02/01/2023

From January 17-19th the Peace Region Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman completed delivery of the 2023 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference in Grande Prairie. The conference was well received with significant resolutions being approved by the provincial body. Administration will keep the Board apprised of the progress of the Provincial Committee regarding the resolutions as 2023 moves forward. To ensure that resolutions are well written and informed, Greenview ASB's resolution priorities and considerations would be best submitted to Administration prior to April. This early submission allows for the time required to ensure high quality and considers the control seasons frantic pace.

Problem wildlife has been busy consulting with ratepayers that have been experiencing predation, setting and checking baits, snares, and traps, performing reconnaissance along Priority Area 1 south of Valleyview and around Grovedale and reaching out to those who had been in touch with the department through 2022 to see if assistance is required. These efforts have resulted in the harvest of twenty-five coyotes, one wolf, and one fox. Nine of the harvests have been sold to a fur handler license holder based in Peace River resulting in \$70 returning to Greenview. Seven harvested coyotes were unsalvageable due to mite infestation.

Problem Wildlife Work Orders

File Status	Beaver-MD	Beaver-Ratepayer	Customer Service	Predation	TOTAL
In Queue					
Open	0	0		12	12
Closed			2		2
TOTALS	0	0	2	12	14

The team has experienced some difficulty in accessing locations. Use of the side-by-side has met with limited success. The unit has limitations in reversing and has gotten stuck each time a team member has used it. Unless locations have already been cleared, the team intends on working together to share the ski-doo. Administration has made note of this limitation, along with the travel back and forth to facilitate sharing of the ski-doo to assess the need for a second ski-doo in 2024.

Administration has begun preliminary work on recruitment of seasonal staff and the Supervisors are collaborating with the Safety department for training requirements in 2023.

VSI Quarterly Reports and Service Breakdown – 2022

Fourth quarter VSI totals have not yet been received. In the first three quarters, there is a 7.2% decrease in claims.

	# Services	2022	2021	2020	+/- (%)
Total 1st Quarter	70	\$17,268.52	\$19,269.77	\$21,172.35	-8.99%
Total 2nd Quarter	175	\$33,563.50	\$33,953.33	\$36,569.40	-1.15%
Total 3rd Quarter	41	\$6,361.23	\$ 8,382.80	\$ 8,342.09	-24.1%
Total 4th Quarter			\$40,995.55	\$34,228.60	
2022 Claims			\$102,601.45	\$100,312.44	-7.2%

Preg Checks: 2423
 Semen Testing: 485
 C-Sections: 13
 Exams: 53

Rental Equipment stands at 5 rental days up to January 23, 2023.



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Correspondence**

SUBMISSION TO: AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

MEETING DATE: October 26, 2022 CAO: MANAGER: SK

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE DIR: MH PRESENTER: SK

STRATEGIC PLAN: Level of Service LEG:

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence for information, as presented.

UPCOMING EVENT(S):

1. February 3, 2023
2. February 8, 2023
3. February 9, 2023
4. February 15, 2023

[Drought Management Series](#)
[Below Ground: Soil Health](#)
[Cocktail Design & OFCAF Funding Workshop](#)
[Peace Beef Cattle Day](#)

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of the Agricultural Service Board accepting the recommended motion is that the Board will be made aware of the events, seminars and conferences within the agricultural community throughout the Province.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: The Agricultural Service Board has the alternative to alter or deny the recommended motion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

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FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

There are no follow up actions to the recommended motion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- County of Warner ASB Letter



COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5
AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD
P.O. Box 90 / Rural Address 172008 Twp Rd 4-2
WARNER, AB TOK 2L0

Phone: 403-642-2255
Toll Free: 1-866-642-2221
Fax: 403-642-2256
Email: jmeeks@warnercounty.ca
Website: www.warnercounty.ca

January 9, 2023

ASB2023-001

The Honourable Nate Horner
Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation
131 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Horner,

Re: Letter of Support for Attracting and Retention of Rural Large Animal Veterinarians in Alberta

The County of Warner Agricultural Service Board supports and reiterates the concern of rural municipalities that there is a shortage of rural large animal veterinarians in Alberta.

Our industry depends on rural veterinary medicine and practice, to ensure optimal health of the Alberta Livestock Industry. Veterinary medicine is a critical component of rural lifestyle and large animal health, and the shortage is becoming a crisis in rural Alberta. It could potentially lead to increasing diseases and animal welfare issues.

We believe attracting and retention of rural large animal veterinarians has substantial benefits for the Alberta Livestock Industry. We are very supportive of graduating additional veterinarians more inclined to reside and practice in rural communities. We strongly support any government action to rectify the veterinarian shortage across the province with a focus on rural Alberta.

Yours truly,

Shawn Rodgers, ASB Chairman
Councillor Division 5 | County of Warner No. 5

CC: The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Advanced Education
The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
The Honourable Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development
Minister Glen Motz, MP Medicine Hat – Cardston
Minister Grant Hunter MLA Cardston-Taber-Warner
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards