



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

9:30 AM

Council Chambers
Administration Building

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| #1 | CALL TO ORDER | | |
| #2 | ADOPTION OF AGENDA | | |
| #3 | MINUTES | 3.1 Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting minutes held Wednesday, April 04, 2023, to be adopted. | 3 |
| | | 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes | |
| | | 3.3 Action Items | 7 |
| #4 | DELEGATION | | |
| #5 | BUSINESS | 5.1 Agricultural Education Grant | 8 |
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| #6 | Closed Session | 6.1 Farm Family Award Nominations
Disclosure harmful to personal privacy | |
| #7 | MEMBERS REPORTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Warren Wohlgemuth• Vice Chair Shelley Morrison• Deputy Reeve Bill Smith• Councillor Dave Berry• Member Richard Brochu• Member Joshua McMillan• Member Dave Gibbard | |

#8 CORRESPONDENCE

- Brazeau County's Concern on Crop Insurance Rates
- Letter of Support Concerning PRMS's Change to Insecticide Lambda-Cyhalothrin
- Map 1 30-day temperatures relative to normal as of March 30, 2023
- 7.0 e. Map 2 Cold Season precipitation relative to normal as of March 30 2023
- 7.0 f Map 3 Cold Season precipitation accumulations as of March 30 2023
- Map 4 Snowpacks relative to normal as of March 30 2023
- Map 5 Snowpack water equivalent as of March 30 2023

#9 ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of a
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16
Greenview Administration Building,
Valleyview, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023

#1
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Wohlgemuth called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

PRESENT

A.S.B. Member – Chair	Warren Wohlgemuth
A.S.B. Member – Vice Chair	Shelley Morrison
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
A.S.B. Member	David Gibbard

ATTENDING

Manager, Agriculture Services	Sheila Kaus
Recording Secretary	Brooke Kobe

ABSENT

Vice Chair Shelley Morrison

#2
AGENDA

MOTION: 23.04.160 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the April 4, 2023, Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

#3.1
REGULAR
AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Member Josh McMillan absent
MOTION: 23.04.161 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY
That the Agricultural Service Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Wednesday, February 2, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

3.2
Business Arriving
from Minutes

Member Josh McMillan absent
Business Arriving from Minutes
Councillor Berry inquired about an update on the BBQ being repaired.

Member Joshua McMillan entered the meeting at 1:36 pm

#3.3
ACTION ITEMS

3.3 ACTION ITEMS
MOTION: 23.04.162 Moved by: MEMBER DAVID GIBBARD
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Action Items, as presented.

CARRIED

#4.1
DELEGATION

4.1 DELEGATION

MOTION: 23.04.163 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY
That the Agricultural Service Board accepts the delegation presentation
“Agricultural Service Board Orientation” for information, as presented.

CARRIED

Chair Warren Wohlgemuth recessed the meeting at 3:06 pm
Chair Warren Wohlgemuth reconvened the meeting at 3:22 pm

#5.0
BUSINESS

5.0 BUSINESS

#5.1
RESOLUTION 1-23
RESPONSE

5.1 Resolution 1-23 Response

MOTION: 23.04.164 Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN
That the Agricultural Service Board provide Administration a rating on the
Resolution 1-23 response to provide to the Peace Region Provincial Agricultural
Service Board representative.

CARRIED

#5.2 LARGE ANIMAL
VETERINARIAN
SUPPORTS

5.2 Large Animal Veterinarian Supports

MOTION: 23.04.165 Moved by: COUNCILLOR DAVE BERRY
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the report on Large Animal Veterinary
Practice Supports for information, as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION: 23.04.166 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board request Administration make arrangements to
meet with other interested municipalities to inform a regional Veterinary Supports
program, while Administration drafts a program for the Agricultural Service Boards
consideration based on the Livestock Veterinary Innovation Initiative with options
detailing a potential Greenview only initiative.

CARRIED

#5.3 2023
GREENVIEW TALL
BUTTERCUP AND
BURDOCK
INCENTIVE
PROGRAM

5.3 Greenview Tall Buttercup and Burdock Incentive Program

MOTION: 23.04.167 Moved by: MEMBER DAVID GIBBARD
That the Agricultural Service Board approve of the inclusion of Common Tansy,
Scentless Chamomile, Ox-Eye Daisy, White Cockle, and Common Toadflax in the
current Tall Buttercup and Burdock Incentive Program to the current 2023
budgetary maximum of \$16,500.

CARRIED

5.4 Managers Report

#5.4
MANAGER'S
REPORT

MOTION: 23.04.168 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Managers' report, as presented.

CARRIED

#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;

- Alberta Beef Industry Conference in Banff

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Alberta Beef Industry Conference in Banff
- Vet panel discussion in Edmonton
- Foster's Peace Country Classic Agri-show Ag Classic in Grande Prairie

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

- Request Event Calendar List
- Rural Crime Watch AGM in Peace River

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

MEMBER DAVID GIBBARD updated the Agriculture Service Board on his recent activities, which include;

- Inquiring about maintenance schedule

MEMBERS
BUSINESS AND
REPORTS

MOTION: 23.04.169 Moved by: DEPUTY REEVE BILL SMITH
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the Members reports as information.

CARRIED

#7
CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

ASB
CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION: 23.04.170 Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU
That the Agricultural Service Board accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

#8
ADJOURNMENT

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 23.04.171 Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN
That this Agricultural Service Board meeting adjourn at 4:48 pm

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	In Progress
MOTION: 23.02.155 February 1	Moved by: MEMBER JOSHUA MCMILLAN that the Agriculture Service Board request the draft in Agriculture Sponsorship Policy to be brought back to the ASB for consideration, as amended.	Sarah Cairns, Landcare Coordinator	Completed
MOTION: 23.02.155 April 4, 2023	Moved by: MEMBER RICHARD BROCHU that the Agricultural Service Board request Administration make arrangements to meet with other interested municipalities to inform a regional Veterinary Supports program, while Administration draft a program for the Agricultural Service Boards consideration based on the Livestock Veterinary Innovation Initiative with options detailing a potential Greenview only initiative.	Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Services Manager	In Progress



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Agricultural Education Grant Policy	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
SUBMISSION TO:	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD	CAO:	MANAGER: SK
MEETING DATE:	April 26, 2023	DIR:	PRESENTER: SC
DEPARTMENT:	AGRICULTURE	LEG:	
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Culture, Social & Emergency Services		

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That the Agricultural Service Board recommend the draft Agricultural Education Grant 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 drafted a policy which has been called the Agricultural Education Grant. This grant 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.

This draft policy was presented at the Agricultural Service Board meeting on February 1st, 2023. A motion was made at that meeting for the policy to be brought back to the Agricultural Services Board as amended.

The amended 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: Administration recommends a budgetary maximum of \$4000/year.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications associated with the recommended action.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Agricultural Education Grant Policy
- Agricultural Education Grant Application Form Example #1
- Agricultural Education Grant Application Form Example #2
- Agricultural Education Grant Acceptance Letter

Title: Agricultural Education Grant

Policy No: 6317

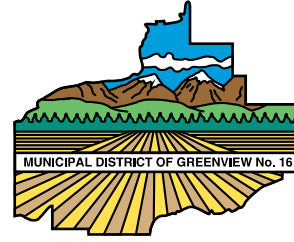
Effective Date: Date passed in Council

Motion Number:

Supersedes Policy No: None

Department: Agricultural Services

Review Date: (3 Years from date approved)



Legal References:

None

Cross References:

Policy 8008 "Postsecondary Scholarships"

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to those attending agricultural education events. The Agricultural Education Grant seeks to support endeavors which expands knowledge of the agriculture industry.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the Chief Administrative Officer of Greenview, or designate.
- 1.2 **Eligible Applicant** means an applicant who meets the grant criteria established in the general principles for selection
- 1.3 **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.4 **Primary Residence** means living in a house, rental, or in the case of an entry level producer, in shared accommodations within the boundaries of Greenview.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1. The Greenview Agricultural Service Board will annually dedicate up to \$1000.00 to each applicant until the budgetary maximum of \$4000.00 has been reached each year.
- 2.2. Applicants attending any educational event with an emphasis on agriculture are eligible for a \$1000 grant. Educational event includes:
 - A) Conferences;
 - B) Presentations;
 - C) Classes;
 - D) Speakers; or
 - E) Any other event deemed acceptable
- 2.3. Grants will be awarded to Eligible Applicants whose Primary Residence is in Greenview and will be attending an educational event with an emphasis on agriculture.
- 2.4. The CAO may award a maximum of \$1000.00 to an applicant for Agricultural Education Grant.

- 2.5. Applicants who are applying for this grant to be contributed towards full time postsecondary studies will not be considered.
- 2.6. If attending an event that is primarily livestock based, the event must be focused on cattle, swine, sheep, goats, bees, cutter bees, bison, or poultry production to be eligible for an Agricultural Education Grant.

3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT

- 3.1. Successful applicants may utilize the Agricultural Education Grant to cover the following expenses while attending an agricultural education event:
 - A) All costs associated with travel including accommodations and subsistence;
 - B) Registration or course fees; and
 - C) Cost of acquiring daycare or animal care.
- 3.2. Selection principles of the Agricultural Education Grant:
 - A) Applicant's Primary Residence is in Greenview;
 - B) The applicant demonstrates financial need;
 - C) The applicant is under 40 years of age;
 - D) The applicant currently owns, works on, or demonstrates a strong interest in an agricultural operation;
 - 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;
 - F) Preference will be given to applicants who have not been previously awarded a grant from Greenview.
- 3.3. Applicants may apply or re-apply for a grant each year that they are attending an agricultural educational event provided they meet the selection criteria.

4. PROCEDURE

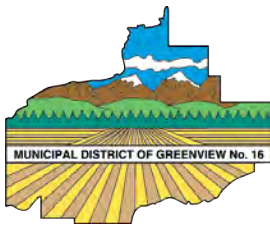
- 4.1. Application forms will be available at any Greenview Public Service Building or on the Greenview website. Applications will remain open until the budgetary maximum has been met.
- 4.2. Only completed applications will be considered.
- 4.3. Successful applicants will be notified by Greenview Administration.
- 4.4. The successful applicant, following the receipt of an acceptance letter from Greenview, must provide proof of enrollment or attendance at the event to Greenview Administration before grant funds will be released.

5. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. Council shall annually review and approve the Agricultural Education Grant budget.

6. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1. Administration shall annually prepare the Greenview Grant Portal to accept applications for the Agricultural Education Grant.
- 6.2. Administration will inform Council of all payments made under this policy.



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

Full Name: _____ John Doe _____ Mailing Address: _____ PO Box 123 _____

Town/City: _____ Valleyview _____ Postal Code: _____ T0H 3N0 _____ Province: _____ AB _____

Legal Land Location or Rural Address: _____ SE 1-23-4-5 _____

Email: _____ jdoe@gmail.com _____ Phone Number: _____ 780-552-1234 _____

Event you will be attending: _____ Alberta Beef Industry Conference _____

Date/Duration of event: _____ February 22-23, 2023 _____

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 grant (i.e., why should Greenview choose you to receive this grant).
- 3) Outline the approximate costs associated with attending this event.

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

I, _____ *JohnDoe* _____ 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

- 1) Describe the event and what you will be gaining from it.

The event I attended was the Alberta Beef Industry Conference at The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. This event is Alberta's main conference for all information relating to the beef industry. From this event I was able to attend a variety of speaker sessions where I learned a lot about the economics of the beef industry, climate change impacts, and global market trends. At this event I was also able to connect and network with many other producers which will benefit my farm as I now have a network to reach out to for more opportunities when it comes to buying or selling livestock, feed, etc.

- 2) Explain your eligibility for this grant (i.e., why should Greenview choose you to receive this grant).

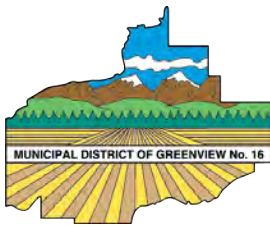
I think I am eligible for this grant because I live in Greenview and am a young agricultural producer. I have worked an off-farm job at NoName Industries for the last 10 years. 4 years ago, I bought a house with a quarter section of land. On that quarter section I have 20 chickens, 35 cows, 4 pigs, and 10 sheep. I am currently saving up to purchase another quarter section where I plan to expand my operation and buy more cattle. I am currently a member of the Valleyview Grazing Reserve where I have an allotment for 20 heifers. Starting out in the agriculture industry has presented many financial challenges and while I would like to attend more educational events to aid in my learning of the industry, due to financial constraints this is not always possible. Receiving this grant would ease some of the financial impact from attending this event.

- 3) Outline the approximate costs associated with attending this event.

The cost of the hotel was \$200/night and I stayed for 2 nights. Registration for the event was \$650. The travel cost to drive to Banff and back from the Valleyview area was \$200. For the 2 days I was gone my two children went to daycare which was \$150/day for two days for a total of \$300. My neighbor fed my livestock for me which cost \$200/day so \$400 total.

Adding up all those costs (not including the lost wages from taking days off) was \$1950 worth of expenses.

Administrative note: based on this application John would likely be accepted for the grant, providing the budgetary maximum had not been met for that year. Due to the high cost of this event John would receive the maximum amount of \$1000. He will receive an acceptance letter from Greenview administration. Upon receiving this acceptance letter, he will be required to provide proof of attendance. This would include his invoice from registering for the conference, hotel receipt, daycare receipt, and any other supporting documents.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ Jane Doe _____ Mailing Address: _____ PO Box 1 _____

Town/City: _____ Debolt _____ Postal Code: _____ T0H 1B0 _____ Province: _____ AB _____

Legal Land Location or Rural Address: _____ RR 1 _____

Email: _____ jane.doe@gmail.com _____ Phone Number: _____ 780-524-1234 _____

Event you will be attending: _____ Integrated Crop Management _____

Date/Duration of event: _____ 11 weeks _____

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 grant (i.e., why should Greenview choose you to receive this grant).
- 3) Outline the approximate costs associated with attending this event.

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

I, _____ Jane Doe _____ 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.

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Valleyview AB T0H 3N0

Example# 2: Grain producer applying proactively for a course.

1) Describe the event and what you will be gaining from it.

The course I plan on enrolling in is the Integrated Crop Management Course offered through Lakeland College. This course is an 11-week self-paced study that takes 40-60 hours to complete. The description of this course is pulled from the Lakeland website “This course is an overview of Integrated Crop Management (ICM). The emphasis is on the importance of integration across all of the disciplines critical for crop production. Soil and plant science, while not the foundation of this course, will be included where necessary in the course work.” I think this course will help me implement better management practices on my farm.

2) Explain your eligibility for this grant (i.e., why should Greenview choose you to receive this grant).

I am a young producer (26 years old) and currently own two quarter sections of land that I inherited from my grandparents. I graduated from X College with a diploma in Animal Health Technology. I have been working as an AHT for X Veterinary Services for the past 5 years. I don't have any formal education in crops and would like to take this course to expand my knowledge so I can better understand how to best manage my land. While I am not a member of any community or agriculture groups, I do stay up to date on agricultural news from various media sources.

3) Outline the approximate costs associated with attending this event.

The registration cost for this course is \$780. There are no other costs associated with this course.

Administrative note: based on this application Jane would likely be accepted for the grant, providing the budgetary maximum had not been met for that year. Jane would likely receive the exact course amount of \$780. She will receive an acceptance letter from Greenview administration. Upon receiving this acceptance letter, she will be required to provide proof of enrollment. This would be the receipt from Lakeland College when she pays her enrollment fee.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

March 1, 2023

John Doe
PO Box 123
Valleyview, AB
T0H 3N0

Dear Mr. Doe,

RE: Agricultural Education Grant

Greenview is happy to announce that your application for the Agricultural Education Grant 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:** 04/26/2023

In alignment with the 2022-2025 Greenview Strategic Plan, some of the key activities and projects worked on by Agricultural Services in April were:

Governance

Greenview Agricultural Services sent one problem wildlife officer to Ottawa in their capacity as a Director for the Fur Institute of Canada for the Insistutes lobbying efforts. Expenses for the trip were covered by the Fur Institute of Canada for what they call "Fur Day on the Hill" and the officer attended 28 meetings in total with Members of Parliament and Senators. Contact was made with Alberta-elected Members of Parliament that were interested in what Greenview is doing regarding wild boar. Information was shared regarding Greenview's concern regarding wild boar, that the municipality is actively pursuing eDNA detection, and is working with the province and neighbouring municipalities as Greenview is on the leading edge of the range of the invasive species. The Alberta-elected Members of Parliament indicated they would be interested in learning more about Greenviews efforts in the future. Additional topics of conversation revolved around the need to keep coyote numbers in check, the downturn in fur prices, and indigenous issues.

Administration met with Alberta Forestry and Tourism to discuss weed concerns in the Willmore Wilderness Area. Utilizing Greenview's partnership with the Alberta Invasive Species Council, Administration will offer training to the Willmore Wilderness Association and recreation enthusiasts on weed identification and mapping through the citizen science detection application, EDDMaps. Administration learned that to facilitate Greenview weed inspections within the Willmore, a temporary field authorization will be required. Agricultural Services will have the authorization filed in time to conduct formal inspections in 2023. Talks have begun with Yellowhead County for a joint effort to cover the entire Willmore Wilderness Area in this inspection effort to facilitate the creation of a three-year weed management plan, bolstered by an education and awareness campaign. The first education event is hoped to take place the first week of June. Administration will keep Council informed as to new developments.

Weed inspections have begun with preliminary phone calls to landowners with scentless chamomile and tall buttercup infestations taking place. These phone calls are meant to touch base and extend offers of assistance through Greenviews various weed control programs and serve as a point of contact prior to agricultural producers being in the fields. Landowners with an active clubroot notice were called to remind them of Greenview's inspection procedures and which fields to not plant canola in. These are informal courtesy calls

done to reduce unintended canola planting in a field, reducing the likelihood of the department needing to enforce on a notice.

Economy

The Landcare Coordinator delivered a Classroom Agriculture Program presentation to grade 4 students at St. Stephens in Valleyview. The presentations went very well, the students asked many questions and seemed very interested. The shelterbelt program is nearing a complete sell out and an extension event to assist ratepayers in successful planting and maintenance of trees will happen on May 11th. In support of these efforts and in cooperation with the Greenview Communications department, Agricultural Services is happy to report the publication of “Greenview Tree Resources”, written by the certified arborist who will also be delivering the planting event.

Problem Wildlife Work Orders

File Status	Beaver-MD	Beaver-Ratepayer	Customer Service	Predation	Totals
In Queue	-	-	-	-	
Open	1	2	3	5	11
Closed	1	-	9	12	22
TOTALS	2	2	12	17	33

Problem Wildlife has begun to receive calls regarding beaver activity in Greenview right-of-ways and on private property. Staff are in the process of responding and assessing locations. Additionally, staff have begun to check locations from 2022 to assess if activity continues. The intention of this is to control potential issues prior to flooding or damaging of the underlayment of Greenview infrastructure.

Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) encourages livestock producers to access veterinary care and maintain herd health, protecting the economic viability of their livestock operation.

VSI Quarterly Reports and Service Breakdown – 2023

First quarter VSI totals have not yet been received. When they are received, Administration will provide an update.

	# Services	2023	2022	2021	2020	+/- (%)
Total 1 st Quarter			\$17,268.52	\$19,269.77	\$21,172.35	- 8.99%
Total 2 nd Quarter			\$33,563.50	\$33,953.33	\$36,569.40	- 1.15%
Total 3 rd Quarter			\$6,361.23	\$ 8,382.80	\$ 8,342.09	- 24.1%
Total 4 th Quarter			\$41,106.15	\$40,995.55	\$34,228.60	0.3%
2023 Claims			\$98,299.40	\$102,601.45	\$100,312.44	-4.2%

Preg Checks:
Semen Testing:
C-Sections:
Exams:
Herd Health:

The Agricultural Equipment Rental Program contributes to the economic viability of agricultural producers by providing equipment for rent that is cost prohibitive to purchase, when measured against frequency of use. Rental

Equipment stands at 181 rental days up to April 18th, 2023. While this total is trending significantly higher than typical, it is due to heavy usage of the scare cannons to deter elk from feed stacks.



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Correspondence

SUBMISSION TO: AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD **REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION**

MEETING DATE: April 26, 2023 **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.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1.

UPCOMING EVENT(S):

1. April 25, 2023 (Virtual) [Beavers in our Backyard](#)
2. April 25, 2023 (Virtual) [Managing Pests and Problems in Horticulture Crops](#)
3. April 29, 2023 [Craft and Critter Sale](#)
4. May 11, 2023 [Tree Planting and Care Workshop with Toso Bozic](#)
5. June 13 & 17, 2023 [Pasture Walks with Greg Judy](#)
6. August 1-2, 2023 [Data and Technology Across the Agriculture Industry](#)

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.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

There are no follow up actions to the recommended motion.



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April 12, 2023

The Honorable Nate Horner
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development
131 Legislative Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Horner:

Re: Crop Insurance premium increase

The recently released 2023 provincial budget has shown a 60% increase in crop insurance premiums from the 2022 provincial budget and an average of 22% increase over 2022 actual crop insurance premiums. The Brazeau County Agricultural Service Board (ASB), would like to express their concern of this proposed increase, as this additional cost will have a negative financial impact on small to mid-sized operations within our County and the Province.

Local producers and producers across this province are facing unprecedented challenges. Increasing input costs, increasing operational expenses, changing and challenging weather conditions and extreme weather events, disease outbreaks etc. Because of these challenges, farmers are experiencing higher rates of stress, anxiety and depression. With the challenging growing seasons in our province in recent years, and with unpredictable and ever changing weather patterns, producers can feel a sense of security with the risk mitigation that crop insurance provides. Every farmer should be able to afford crop insurance and the peace of mind it offers should disaster strike.

For these reasons, we ask that the government reconsiders this increase in crop insurance premiums and asks that premiums remain at the 2022 levels for the upcoming 2023 growing season. Producers deserve the support of this government, a reprieve from increasing expenses and the peace of mind that crop insurance offers in an industry full of uncertainty.

Our ASB wishes to support these producers in Brazeau County, and we respectfully, and strongly encourage you to join us in advocating for the needs of our rural community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



ASB CHAIRPERSON

Liz Seutter-Rosell
Brazeau County Agricultural Service Board Chairperson

cc: Mark Smith, MLA Drayton Valley-Devon
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards



April 13, 2023

The Honorable Nate Horner,
Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation
Government of Alberta

The Honorable Marie-Claude Bibaeu,
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Government of Canada

The Honorable Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Health
Government of Canada

RE: Letter of support concerning PMRA's change to insecticide lambda-cyhalothrin

Dear Minister Horner, Minister Bibeau and Minister Duclos,

Cypress County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is in support of Minister Nate Horner's letter to Ministers Marie-Claude Bibeau and Jean-Yves Duclos regarding the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) decision to change the use of the insecticide lambda-cyhalothrin that was effective April 1, 2023.

This has been a very effective insecticide for grasshopper and flea beetle control in crops for farmers and ranchers in Cypress County and we are extremely concerned about the PMRA's decision to change the use of lambda-cyhalothrin.

Since the insecticide can no longer be applied to any crop that may be used for livestock feed, the manufacturer/distributor of Matador has pulled their products containing the active ingredient lambda-cyhalothrin from Western Canada.

Southern Alberta has experienced two extremely dry years and 2023 is expected to be a bad year for grasshoppers in Cypress County making this terrible timing for controlling these destructive insects.

In the interest of Cypress County and Alberta producers, we urge you to intervene and encourage the PMRA to reconsider their decision to implement changes for use of lambda-cyhalothrin on product labels, effective April 1, 2023, until another effective alternative product is in place and to reverse their decision regarding this important product.

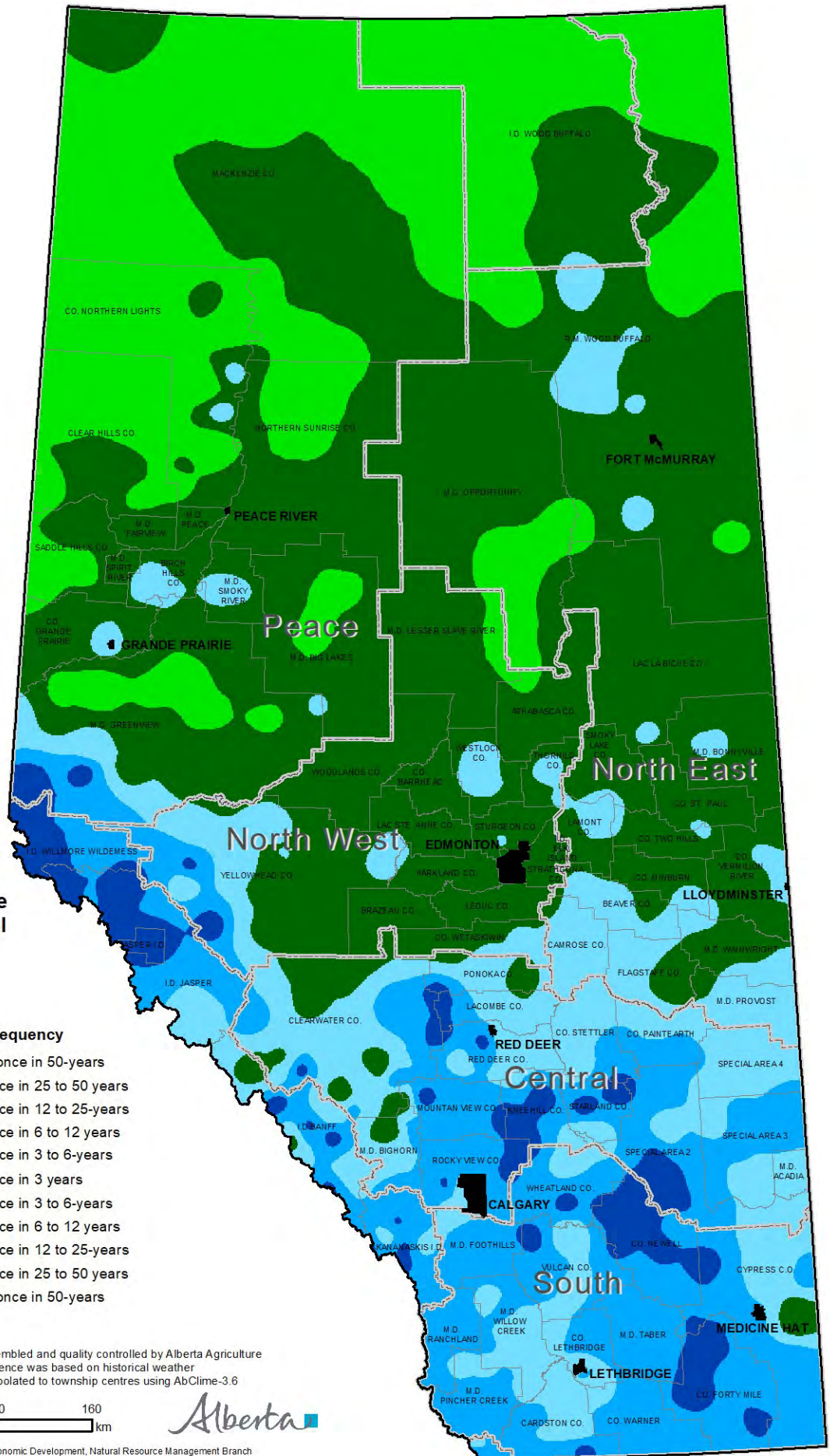
The 2023 season is quickly approaching, and producers would greatly appreciate quick action of this matter.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Vossler', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Dustin Vossler
Agricultural Service Board Chairman

Cc:
Mr. Glen Motz, MP Medicine Hat - Cardston
Premier Danielle Smith, MLA Brooks-Medicine Hat
Mr. Drew Barnes, MLA Cypress - Medicine Hat
Alberta Agricultural Service Boards

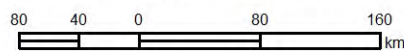


30-Day Average Daily Mean Temperature Relative to Long Term Normal

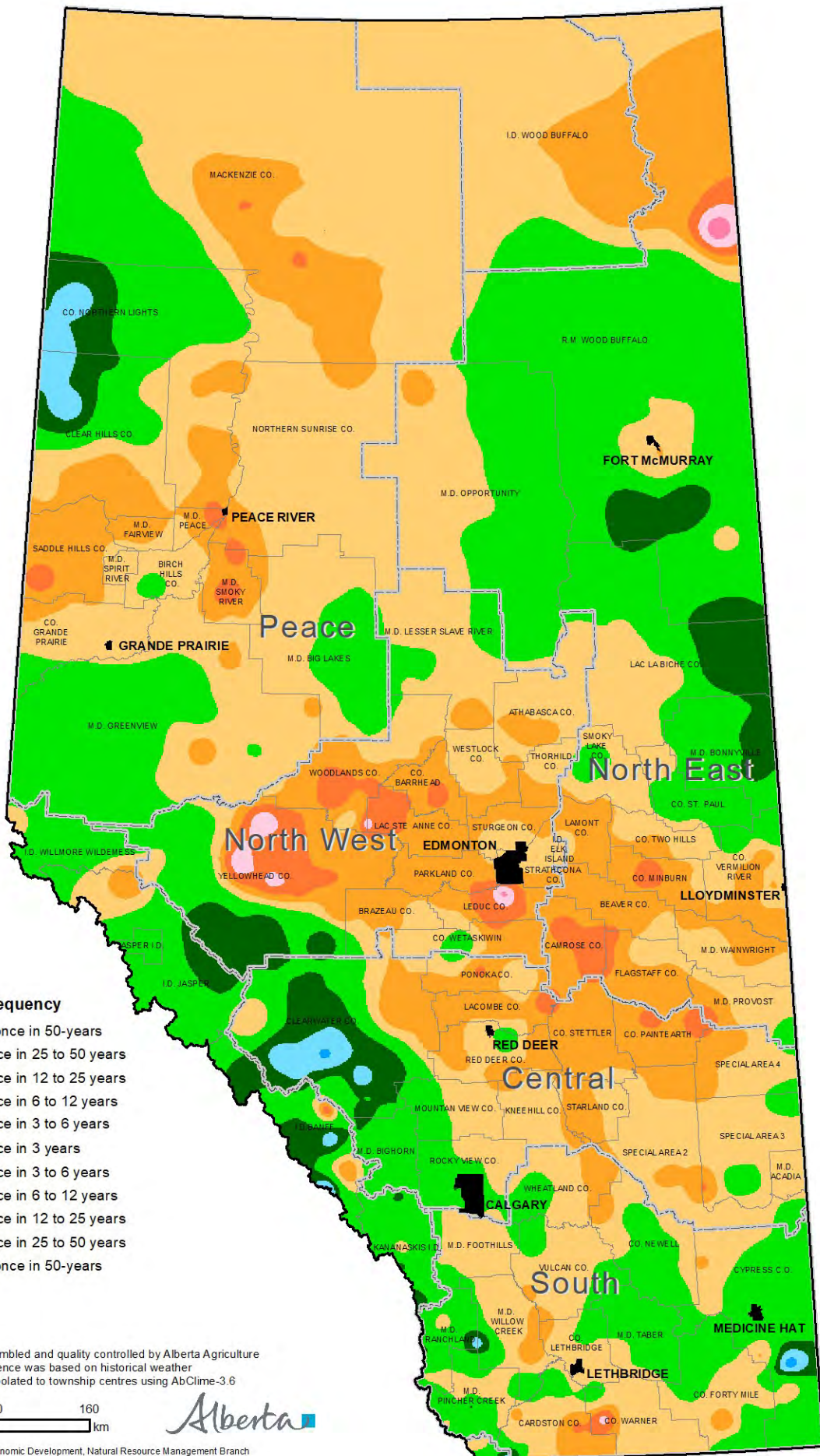
March 01, 2023 to March 30, 2023

Condition	Frequency
■ warmest	< once in 50-years
■ extremely warm	once in 25 to 50 years
■ very warm	once in 12 to 25-years
■ warm	once in 6 to 12 years
■ moderately warm	once in 3 to 6-years
■ near normal	once in 3 years
■ moderately cool	once in 3 to 6-years
■ cool	once in 6 to 12 years
■ very cool	once in 12 to 25-years
■ extremely cool	once in 25 to 50 years
■ coldest	< once in 50-years
■ no data	

Near-real-time weather data was assembled and quality controlled by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. The frequency of occurrence was based on historical weather data from the 1961-2022 period, interpolated to township centres using AbClime-3.6



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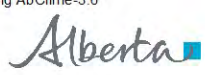
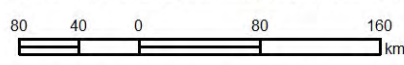


**Cold Season
Precipitation
Accumulations
Relative to
Long Term Normal**

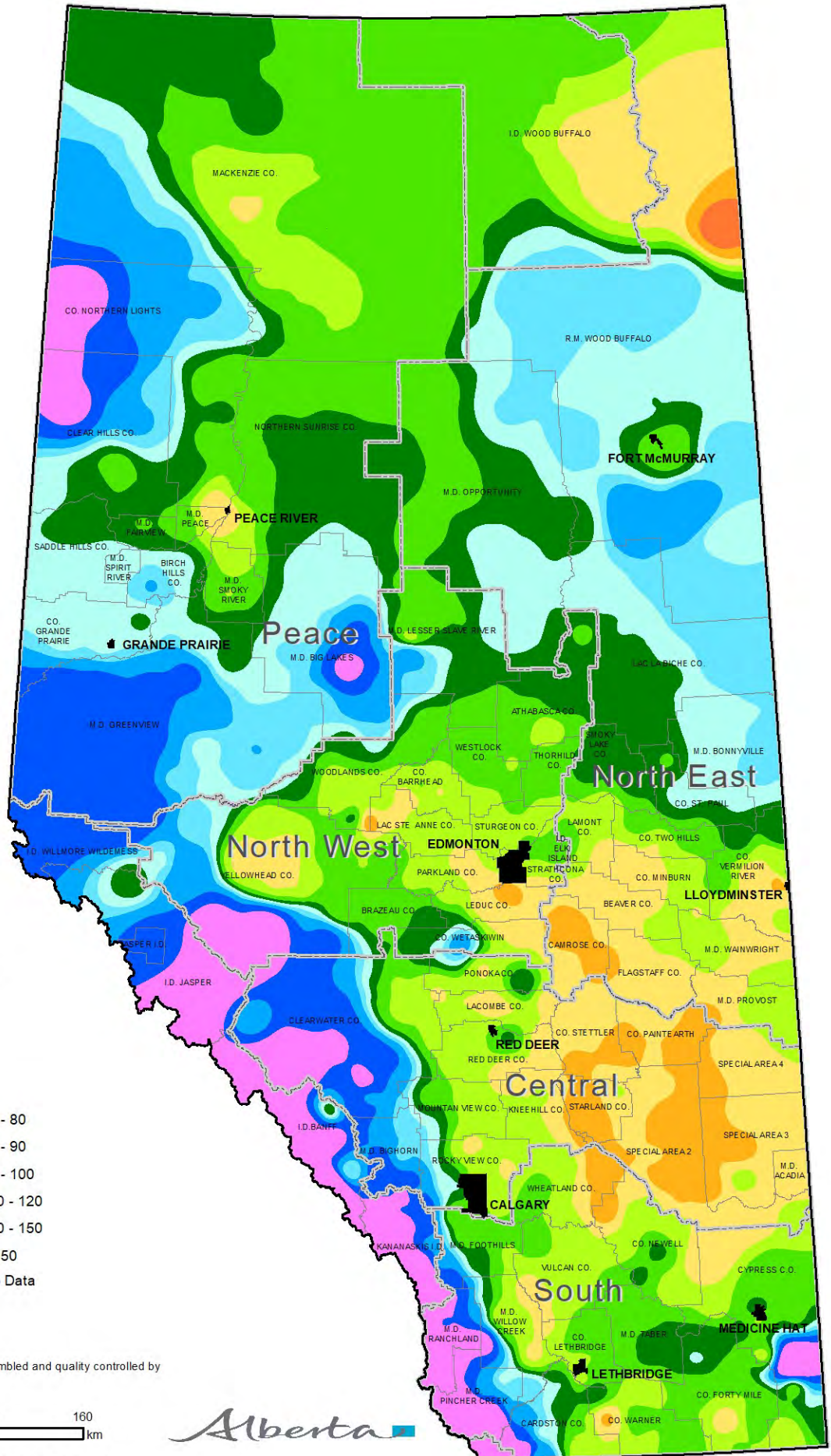
November 01, 2022 to
March 30, 2023

Condition	Frequency
	< once in 50-years
	once in 25 to 50 years
	once in 12 to 25 years
	once in 6 to 12 years
	once in 3 to 6 years
	once in 3 years
	once in 3 to 6 years
	once in 6 to 12 years
	once in 12 to 25 years
	once in 25 to 50 years
	< once in 50-years
	no data

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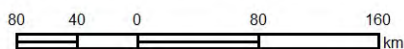
**Cold Season
Precipitation to Date**

November 01, 2022 to
March 30, 2023

Precipitation (mm)

0 - 10	70 - 80
10 - 20	80 - 90
20 - 30	90 - 100
30 - 40	100 - 120
40 - 50	120 - 150
50 - 60	> 150
60 - 70	No Data

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Agriculture and Irrigation.



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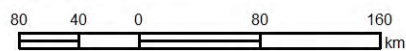
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Snow Pack Accumulations on Stubble Fields Relative to Long Term Normal

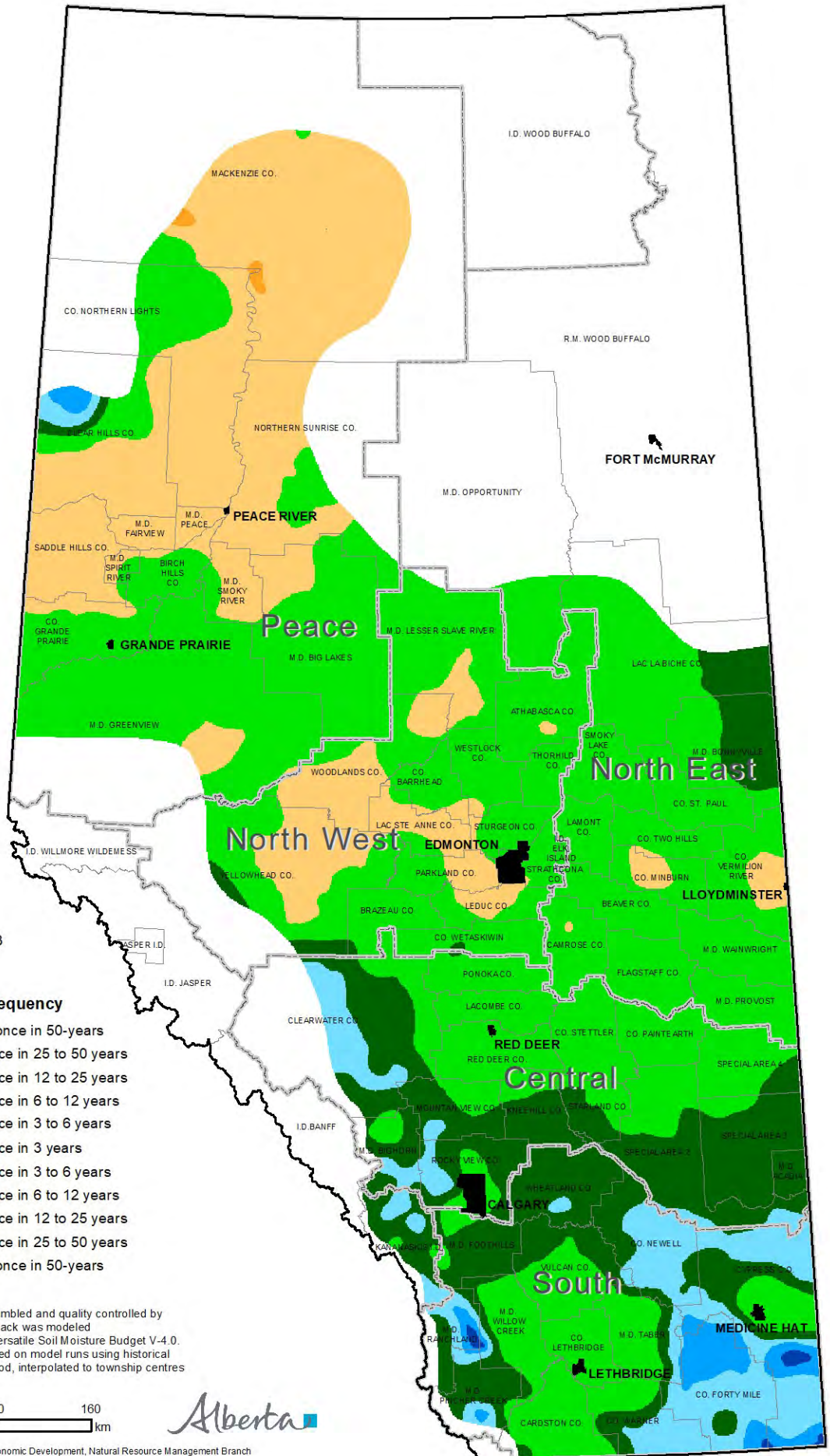
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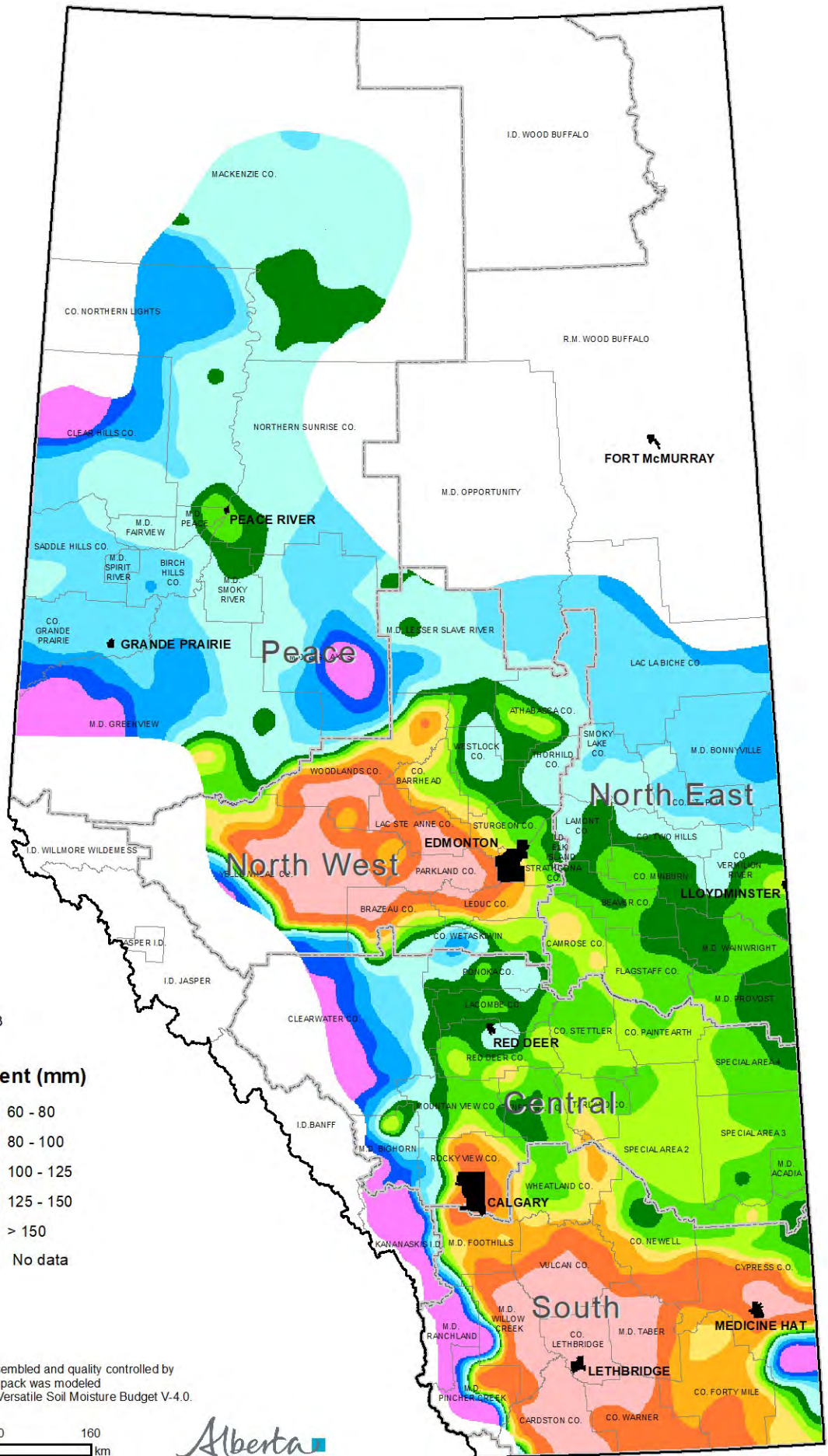
Condition	Frequency
	driest
	extremely low
	very low
	low
	moderately low
	near normal
	moderately high
	high
	very high
	extremely high
	wettest
	no data

Near-real-time weather data was assembled and quality controlled by Agriculture and Irrigation. The snow pack was modeled for stubble fields using the Modified Versatile Soil Moisture Budget V-4.0. The frequency of occurrence was based on model runs using historical weather data from the 1961-2022 period, interpolated to township centres using AbClime-3.6



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Snow Pack Water Equivalent on Stubble Fields

Estimated as of March 30, 2023

Snow Water Equivalent (mm)

0 - 1	60 - 80
1 - 10	80 - 100
10 - 20	100 - 125
20 - 30	125 - 150
30 - 40	> 150
40 - 50	No data
50 - 60	

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