

Agricultural Service Board Agenda (Committee Room)

April 18, 2019

9:00 a.m.



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY
Cultivating Communities
262075 ROCKY VIEW POINT
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY, AB
T4A 0X2

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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C APPOINTMENTS

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1. Farm Member Reports
Verbal Report

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NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2019

ADJOURN THE MEETING

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A regular meeting of the Agricultural Service Board of Rocky View County was held in the Committee Room at the County Hall, 262075 Rocky View Point, Rocky View County, Alberta on March 7, 2018 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Dan Henn	Division 7 Councillor (Chair)
	Ludwig Reicheneder	Farm Member (Vice Chair)
	Mark Kamachi	Division 1 Councillor
	Kim McKylor	Division 2 Councillor
	Travis Eklund	Farm Member
	Jessica Van Gaalen	Farm Member
Absent:	Leisa Gallelli	Farm Member
Also Present:	Jeff Fleischer	Manager, Agriculture and Environment
	Cole Nelson	Manager, Corporate Business Development
	Tyler Andreasen	Legislative and Bylaw Coordinator
	Michelle McKinnon	Environmental Program Specialist

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

1-03-07-01

Updates/Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor McKylor that the March 7, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting agenda be approved with the following amendment:

- Add item D-5 – Board and Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw

Carried

1-03-07-02

Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Travis Eklund that the January 17, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

1-03-07-03 (B-1)

All Divisions – Agricultural Fieldman’s Report

File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, Agriculture and Environment Manager, reported on the following:

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- 1) Administration has been working with Nutrien Ag Solutions formerly known as Crop Production Services (CPS), since 2015 to conduct field crop trials on the vacant agricultural land at our County Hall site.
 - a) In 2016, the County entered into a three year agreement with CPS to utilize the agricultural land for cropping trials. These trials are used to gain information on new varieties, products and technologies that will be of benefit for Rocky View County farmers.
 - b) 2018 was the final year of the initial three year agreement and Administration is recommending continuing with a trial again in 2019.
 - c) In 2018, Nutrien Ag Solutions completed a fertilizer trial on the land using a product called Atlas XC. This product is applied to the dry fertilizer and is designed to accelerate nutrient availability, enhance nutrient use, promote better root growth and optimize yield potential. The field was divided into 9 strips in order to test this product.
 - d) Strips 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 included the Atlas XC while strips 2, 4, 6 & 8 were considered the control with the standard dry fertilizer. All strips received the same amount of fertilizer; 35 lbs. of actual phosphorus and 80 lbs. of actual nitrogen fertilizer.
 - e) On average the strips where the Atlas XC was applied the wheat yield was 7.4 bushels per acre better.
 - 2) The Agricultural Services seasonal positions are now being advertised on the Rocky View County website. This season we are looking for four Mower Operators, four Sprayer Operators and six Weed/Crop Inspectors. These positions will remain open until suitable candidates have been found for all positions. The seasonal positions will start on April 29, 2019 with the exception of the mowers who will start on June 3, 2019.
 - 3) It is likely that this will be the last season that 2% liquid strychnine is available for farmers & ranchers, as Health Canada is recommending to cancel the registration. Administration has ordered product for this season and is expecting the delivery to arrive in March.
 - 4) The results from a randomized survey of herbicide resistance in weeds found in annual crops were recently released. In 2017, 247 fields were surveyed across Alberta and sent to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to determine herbicide resistance. The results show that herbicide resistant weeds continue to spread. It's recommended that growers continue to implement measures to mitigate the threat. These measures include:
 - Avoid the repetitive use of the same herbicide group on a given field.
 - Target weeds with a combination of herbicides from multiple groups.
 - Use crop rotations that allow a broad range of weed control options.

MOVED by Ludwig Reicheneder that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report be received as information.

Carried

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1-03-07-04 (B-2)

All Divisions – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Report

File: N/A

Michelle McKinnon, Environmental Program Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, reported on the following:

Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program

- 1) To help address the issue of recycling agriculture plastics and twine, we are funding a three-year pilot program aimed at recycling agriculture plastics.
- 2) A 2012 study found around 50% of agricultural producers either burnt their plastics on-farm or sent them to a landfill.
- 3) The Pilot will look at:
 - researching markets for other agricultural plastics not included in the pilot program;
 - conducting a waste characterization study to determine agricultural plastic volumes;
 - surveying producers to get feedback on their attitudes; and
 - educating producers on the program and how to recycle their plastics.
- 4) The Alberta Beef Producers will receive \$750,000 to coordinate the pilot program on behalf of the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG). APRG is made up of 20 stakeholder groups ranging from commodity associations to rural municipalities to retailers. The pilot will determine the financials, logistics and operations of recycling agricultural plastics to help inform future policy decisions.
- 5) Saskatchewan ran a pilot program from 2011 to 2017, and is now operating the first regulated recycling program in Canada for grain bags. Alberta's pilot program includes both grain bags and twine.

Climate Change Grants to Agricultural Societies to do Energy Efficiency Type Improvements

- 1) A new government program will help AB Agricultural societies save money and reduce emissions through energy-efficient upgrades. Agricultural societies operate more than 700 facilities across the province, including hockey rinks, curling rinks, community halls and facilities that serve rodeos and fairs. This new \$10-million grant program will support technologies that help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and facility operating cost, including improving lighting, heating, ventilation and rink/arena equipment. The program will be paid for through 2018-19 Climate Leadership Plan funds.

Open Farm Days Grows Ag-Tourism

- 1) Applications are open for farms and ranches to host visitors during this year's Open Farm Days, August 17-18, 2019. Last year, a record number of participating farms, ranches and visitors set a new high for on-farm sales.

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- 2) Participating hosts can access product development supports such as business coaching, industry learning opportunities and regional networks. The deadline for host applications is May 31.

Crop Variety Factsheets

- 1) Three crop varieties factsheets have been published to help producers make sound decisions when deciding which varieties to grow.
- 2) “Varieties of cereal and oilseed crops for Alberta” provides information on cereal and oilseed variety performance within Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. Important agronomic characteristics and disease resistance information are provided for varieties of wheat, barley, oat, rye, triticale, flax and canola.
- 3) “Varieties of pulse crops for Alberta provides” information on pulse variety performance within Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. Important agronomic characteristics and disease resistance information are provided for varieties of field pea, chickpea, lentil, faba bean, dry bean and soybean.
- 4) “Silage varieties for Alberta”.

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

Carried

1-03-07-06 (D-1)

All Divisions – Master Farm Family Award

File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, Agriculture and Environment Manager, reported on the following:

- 1) The Master Farm Family Award has been presented annually since 1989. It recognizes Rocky View County farm families who show excellence in the areas of community involvement, agriculture business & industry involvement, team farm management and technical farm practices.
- 2) Administration reviews nominees annually and recommends their selection to the Agricultural Service Board. When multiple farm families are nominated in one year, they are carried forward to the following year for consideration again.
- 3) Based on the selection criteria attached, Administration is recommending a farm family award recipient for 2019. The name is to be announced publicly, and presented to the family at the annual agricultural tour. Please see attached for the Rocky View County Master Farm Family Selection Criteria.

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MOVED by Jessica Van Gaalen that the Master Farm Family Award for 2019 be presented to the farm family recommended by Administration, with the announcement of the recipient at the annual Agricultural Tour on July 25, 2019.

Carried

1-03-07-07 (D-2)

All Divisions – Agricultural Pests and Nuisances Procedure

File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, Agriculture and Environment Manager, reported on the following:

- 1) Administration will be meeting with the Executive Leadership Team to review the Agricultural Pests Policy, Policy 502 and Procedure 502. Administration has reviewed and updated the policy and the procedure and has no concerns.
- 2) The *Agricultural Pests Act* enables the Minister's authority to declare an animal, bird, insect, plant, or disease as a pest or nuisance if it is destroying, harming, or is likely to destroy or harm any land, livestock, or property in all or part of Alberta. The legislation enables inspectors and local authorities to deal with native and introduced pests and nuisances which impact agricultural production.
- 3) Policy 502 was discussed at the January 17, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting and a recommendation was made to present the policy to the Executive Leadership Team for approval. Procedure 502 outlines how administration will perform the tasks associated with the policy.

MOVED by Travis Eklund that the Agricultural Pests and Nuisances Procedure, Procedure 502, be submitted to the Executive Leadership Team for consideration with the following amendment:

- Include a new section requiring an annual review of Agricultural Pests and Nuisances Procedure 502 by the Agricultural Service Board.

Carried

The Chair called for a recess at 10:10 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:20 a.m.

1-03-07-05 (C-1)

All Divisions – 10:00 a.m. Appointment – Wildlife Management Presentation

File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, Agriculture and Environment Manager, reported on the following:

- 1) The Province of Alberta is divided into a series of Wildlife Management Units (WMU). Wildlife within the boundaries of each WMU are managed by the Ministry of Environment and Parks (AEP) according to the regulations established in Alberta's *Wildlife Act*.

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- 2) The majority of Rocky View County falls into Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 212, which is an archery only zone. WMU 212 is an archery only zone due to the population which resides within its boundaries. Archery while a highly safe form of harvest proves to be less effective in managing populations. To account for this within the WMU, additional opportunities for harvest are available; the Antlerless deer license where hunters can harvest 2 additional female deer with a bow, and a Foothills license, where hunters can harvest 2 antlerless deer with a primitive weapon (e.g. shotgun, or muzzle loader) during the Elk Primitive weapons season (Dec 1-20).
 - 3) Brett Boukall, Bow-Crow District Senior Wildlife Biologist, provided the Agricultural Service Board with an update on wildlife management within the County.

Persons who presented: Brett Boukall, Bow-Crow District Senior Wildlife Biologist

MOVED by Councillor McKylor that the Wildlife Management Report be received as information.

Carried

1-03-07-08 (D-3)

All Divisions – Invasive Plants Policy

File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, Agriculture and Environment Manager, reported on the following:

- 1) Administration will be meeting with the Executive Leadership Team to review the Invasive Plants Policy, Policy 507. Administration has reviewed and updated the policy and has no concerns.
- 2) The *Weed Control Act* aims to regulate noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds, and weed seeds through various control measures, such as inspection and enforcement, together with provisions for recovery of expenses in cases of non-compliance. Additionally, it mandates the licensing of seed cleaning plants and mechanisms.
- 3) Policy 507 outlines how administration will carry out the duties and the regulations of the *Weed Control Act*. Administration met with Legislative and Legal Services and determined that Policy 507 should be changed from a Council Policy to an Administrative Policy.
- 4) Administrative policies are approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and focus on the internal workings of the Municipality and primarily impact and address employees and contractors of the Municipality. Council policies provide strategic direction on programs and services delivered by the County under Council's jurisdiction in the *Municipal Government Act*.

MOVED by Councillor Kamachi that the Invasive Plants Policy, Policy 507, be submitted to the Executive Leadership Team for consideration.

Carried

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1-03-07-09 (D-4)

All Divisions – Upcoming Events

File: N/A

Jeff Fleischer, Agriculture and Environment Manager, reported on the following:

- 1) Ag Drone School, March 19-20, 2019. High River AB. Details at:
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7521](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7521)
- 2) Ag Drone School, March 21-22, 2019. Brooks AB. Details at:
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7521](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7521)
- 3) Advanced Bee Culture, March 30-31, 2019. Airdrie, AB. Details at:
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7515](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7515)
- 4) Proposed Rocky View County sponsored workshops list attached to the agenda.

MOVED by Ludwig Reicheneder that the Upcoming Events Report be received as information.

Carried

1-03-07-09 (D-5)

All Divisions – Board and Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw

File: N/A

Tyler Andreasen, Legislative and Bylaw Coordinator, reported on the following:

- 1) Rocky View County Council adopted a Board and Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw at its February 26, 2019 meeting. The bylaw outlines acceptable behaviour for board and committee members, as well as a procedure for dealing with unacceptable behaviour. The bylaw applies to all Rocky View County boards and committees.

MOVED by Travis Eklund that the Board and Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw Report be received as information.

Carried

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1-03-07-08 (G-1)

All Divisions – Farm Member Reports

File: N/A

Travis Eklund reported on the following:

- Producers are waiting for calving to start, and calf prices look strong.

Jessica Van Gaalen reported on the following:

- Grain feed and wheat prices are strong but canola prices are dropping due to trade disruptions with China.
- Lentil prices will be affected by India's pulse harvest.
- Canada's Agriculture Day was held in February across Canada to promote the agricultural industry, improve public perception in the industry, and provide networking opportunities across the industry.

Ludwig Reicheneder reported on the following:

- There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of oil and gas products being shipped by rail which will have an effect on the amount of grain being shipped by rail.

MOVED by Jessica Van Gaalen that the Farm Member Reports be received as information.

Carried

Next Meeting Date

The next Agricultural Service Board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor McKylor that the March 7, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Carried

CHAIR

MUNICIPAL CLERK



Agricultural Services

TO: Agricultural Service Board

DATE: April 18, 2019

DIVISION: All

SUBJECT: Agricultural Fieldman Report

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agricultural Fieldman Report be received as information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides updates on Agricultural Services matters since the last update provided on March 7, 2019. The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) should be aware of the following items for County Council consideration.

Administration recommends **Option #1.**

BACKGROUND:

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

DISCUSSION:

1. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has switched to an online reporting system for the ASB Grant in order to streamline the reporting process. Administration is currently completing the new grant report which is due to the Province by June 30, 2019.
2. The ASB Review Steering Committee is currently analyzing the data from the ASB review sessions that were held earlier in the year. 86% of the ASB Municipalities were represented at the 5 different sessions held across the Province. Some of common themes discussed were:
 - Streamlining & improving the resolution process
 - The ASB Grant program
 - Strengthening the working relationship between ASBs and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
 - Communicating & educating Albertans on the economic impact of the ASB Program

The results of this review will shape the renewed ASB Grant Program Terms and Conditions for 2019.

3. The 7th annual Alberta Open Farm Days will be held August 17-18, 2019. Registration is now open for interested host farms and they can register online at <https://albertafarmdays.ca/host-registration/>. Last year's event broke the record with:
 - 117 host farms;
 - Over 23,500 visits;
 - 20 farm-to-table culinary events;
 - 10 tours, and
 - Over \$189,000 in on-farm sales.

Open Farm Days contributes to building public trust in agriculture, growing the local food sector, and increasing ag-tourism by directly connecting consumers with producers right on the farm. Farms can choose which day (or both days) they wish to open their gates, and are provided insurance for the event at no cost to them.

¹ **Administration Resources**
Jeff Fleischer, Agricultural Services



4. The 2019 Calgary Stampede BMO Bank of Montreal Farm Family Awards presentation will be held on Monday July 8, 2019 and two members from the Rocky View County ASB are invited to support the County's chosen recipient.
5. Plant based proteins are an increasing consumer trend and there may be future opportunities for Rocky View County grain producers in this market. Agricultural Services recently met with Economic Development and Corporate Business Development to discuss what possibilities might be available for County grain producers. As an outcome from this meeting administration discussed the possibility of touring local businesses (with invited County grain producers) to gain a better understanding of the plant based protein opportunities available within Rocky View County.
 - On June 3-5, 2019, The Bridge 2 Food group is hosting a plant based protein summit in Calgary.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

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

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Jeff Fleischer”

“Byron Riemann”

Manager Agricultural and Environmental Services

Executive Director, Operations

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' – Open Farm Days 2019

ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS
HOST INFORMATION**MAKE TIME TO MEET THE NEIGHBOURS**

Alberta Open Farm Days is a province wide open house. It's all about farmers and ranchers inviting their urban and rural neighbors to stop in for a visit. Whether it's seeing animals, learning about your operation, or experiencing a farm-to-table culinary event, highlighting local products, it's about celebrating agriculture in Alberta.

WHO WILL TAKE PART?

Farmers, ranchers and agri-business owners from every corner of the province will find value in Alberta Open Farm Days. Here's just a sample of the kinds of farms, ranches and businesses we're looking for:

Primary Agriculture - Grain

From wheat and barley to canola and peas, Alberta farms produce grain that is consumed in the province and shipped around the world.

Primary Agriculture - Livestock

Alberta beef, bison, chicken and pork are some of Alberta's favorites. Visiting production facilities will provide consumers with a look at the hard work and dedication required to produce food.

Farm Gate Agri-business

Amazing Alberta farm products such as bedding plants, honey, cereal, yogurt, wine and more are sold right at the farms.

Ag-tourism

For some of you, every day is Open Farm Day. For others, it's a special occasion that is planned with excitement. Your visitors could enjoy corn mazes, family berry picking, horseback riding and many other attractions.

**WHAT SHOULD VISITORS SEE?**

The main objective is to provide the public an opportunity to visit and learn about your farm. Visitors will be interested in the daily operations of your farm or ranch. What is commonplace to you will fascinate them. Consider planning an educational experience or activity. Your description of what visitors can expect will be included on our website and printed map.

Some suggested activities include:

- Visiting with farmers and ranchers
 - Seeing animals
 - Demonstrations – a look at your daily work
 - Tasting and buying food you produce
 - Hosting a culinary event that celebrates local food and chefs
 - Learning about and buying products you produce
- Remember, Alberta Open Farm Days is all about developing a solid, positive connection between urban and rural life and building public trust in the agricultural sector.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS

1. You must operate a farm or ranch which produces a product, service or Ag-tourism experience.
2. You must provide an educational experience to the public.
3. Admission to the farm is free for the event. Activity fees may apply at some locations.

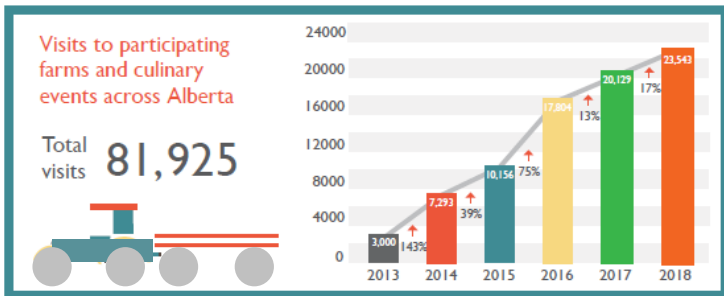
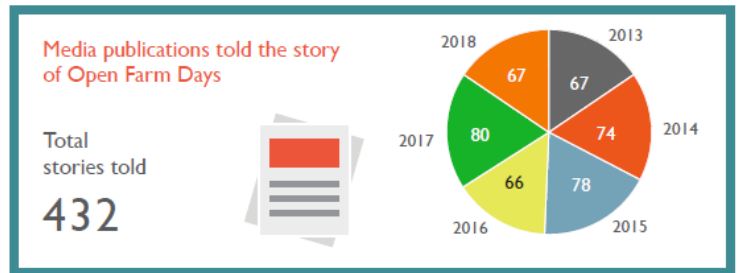
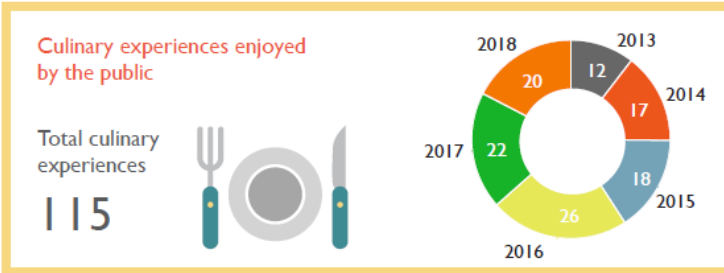
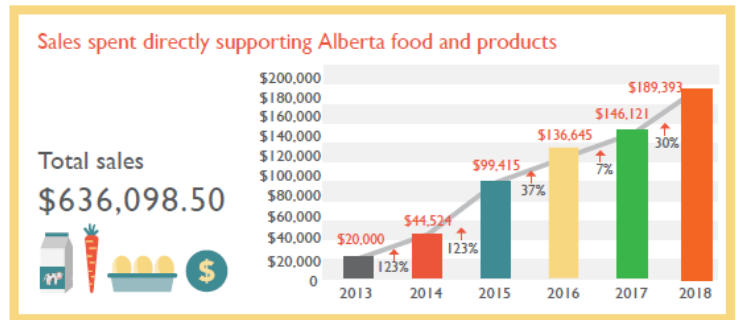
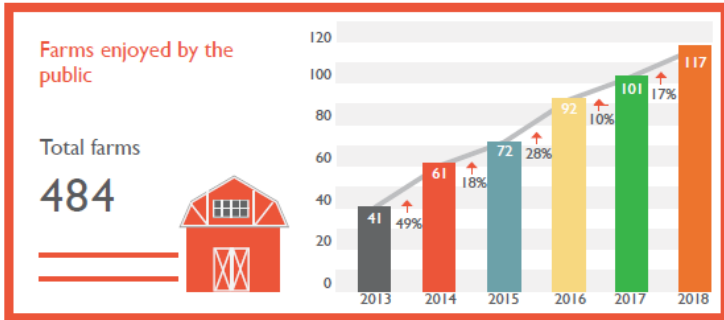
Plan the day to provide a safe and enjoyable visit for the public by making every effort to minimize potential hazards on your farm or ranch. Providing food samples or sale of food products to the public requires you to meet specific food safety requirements. If you allow access to animals on your farm, you will need to take safety measures and ensure that hand washing is available and encouraged.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS

Submit your completed Host Farm Registration form. We will send you an Open Farm Days package that includes information about planning for your Alberta Open Farm Days visitors. The information you provide us about your farm or ranch will appear in our marketing materials. It will explain what visitors can expect on your farm or ranch and how to find it.

HELP MAKE ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS A HUGE SUCCESS

Our purpose is to improve Albertans' understanding of Ag-tourism, local food, farms and the agriculture industry. Encouraging urban consumers to travel to these farms will contribute to the vitality of rural areas and increase positive messages about Alberta's thriving agriculture industry. Please join us. We are here to help. We'll provide the promotional materials in the form of a map, downloadable guide, posters, signage, handouts and a website presence.



93%

of visitors rated their experience as very good to excellent!

Join us for the seventh annual Alberta Open Farm Days
August 17th and 18th, 2019

REGISTER TODAY

albertafarmdays.com

Alberta Open Farm Days is presented by:





Agricultural Services

TO: Agricultural Service Board
DATE: April 18, 2019 **DIVISION:** All
SUBJECT: Rockyview 4-H

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Rockyview 4-H District Report be received as information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A representative of the Rockyview 4-H District will provide an overview of the enhancements 4-H clubs in the district have been able to achieve through sponsorship provided by Rocky View County.

Administration recommends **Option #1.**

BACKGROUND:

Implementation of recommendations from the Agriculture Master Plan resulted in financial support to 4-H clubs throughout the County. Funding was targeted to each of the 14 clubs for advertising, meeting space rental, district events and for two annual scholarships in the district. In addition, workshops and judges for various events were offered, as well as links to the 4-H website.

DISCUSSION:

Through the County's contribution, 4-H clubs have undertaken a number of enhancements. A representative of the Rockyview 4-H District will provide an overview of how the County's funding is being utilized. As well, a Club Member will be providing the ASB with a presentation.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the Rockyview 4-H District Report be received as information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Kristyn Smigelski"

"Jeff Fleischer"

Agricultural Services Officer

Manager Agricultural and Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' - 2019 Rocky View County letter from 4-H

¹ **Administration Resources**
Kristyn Smigelski, Agricultural Services



Rockyview District 4-H Council

April 18, 2019

Rocky View County
262075 Rocky View Point
Rocky View County, Alberta

Attention: Rocky View County Agricultural Service Board

RE: Rockyview 4-H District Council Support

Dear Rocky View County Agricultural Service Board:

The Rockyview District 4-H Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our 2018 – 2019 4-H year.

In 2018-2019, the Rockyview 4-H District is composed of 17 clubs and 258 members. Our 4-H Families come from all over the Rocky View County as well as Northern Calgary. 4-H Members in the Rockyview District are ages 9-21 and in 2018-2019 we have 20 members in our Cleaver Kids program – an opportunity for youth ages 6-8 to benefit from all that 4-H has to offer.

Every year 4-H members throughout Alberta choose a project to follow. Agriculture based projects in the Rockyview District include Beef, Horse, and Sheep. In addition, 4-H will also find members enrolled in Life Skills Projects such as Canine, Archery, Foods, Photography, Crafts, Visual Arts or Welding.

But the projects are not the only aspect of the 4-H program that will benefit members. In 4-H, the members run the show. With guidance from their leaders and parents, members will hold positions on the executive and learn to follow correct meeting procedures. Other components such as public speaking, community service and great summer programming ensure well-balanced members. Their communication, leadership and teamwork skills are helping them to be valuable assets in our communities.

The Rockyview 4-H District believes in supporting the members, clubs and families as a whole. We host executive, communication, diary and scholarship workshops. In addition, with activities such as Winter Bonanza, The Calgary Corn Maze, Curling and our District Fun Day, there is no shortage of fun activities to engage members, leaders and their families.



Rockyview District 4-H Council

The Rockyview 4-H District is very grateful to receive financial support from the Rocky View County. In 2018-2019, a portion of the funds was distributed to each of our 17 clubs to assist them in meeting their operational costs with regards to facility rentals. Our Portfolio Competition rewards members who have done exceptional work on their record books. These rewards have been sponsored from the funds donated by the Rocky View County. In addition, funding has also been used by the Rockyview 4-H District to rent hall space in order to host developmental events such as Executive, Communications, and Diary workshops.

The communications program within 4-H is a vital component which allows members to strengthen their communications skills through Speech and Presentations competitions. In 2018-2019, the Rocky View County supported 4 area competitions and 2 district level competitions for our members. In addition, we held our Rockyview Family Fun Day on January 26th this year. Our members and their families enjoyed an evening at Canada Olympic Park Tubing! They had a blast!

The awarding of Scholarships sponsored by the Rocky View County allows us to reward 4-H members who have gone above and beyond within the Rockyview 4-H District. The recipients of the Rocky View County Scholarships for 2018 were Emma Gringras and Jared Correia. Each of these 4-H Members will be receiving \$500 to put towards their post-secondary studies.

The Rockyview 4-H District Council is currently very busy planning their 2019-2020 program year. For more information about 4-H in the Rockyview District, please contact Heather at (403)333-5694.

Thank you, Rocky View County for your support it is truly greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Heather Finn
President
Rockyview District 4-H Council



Agricultural Services

TO: Agricultural Service Board
DATE: April 18, 2019 **DIVISION:** All
SUBJECT: Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan Report be received as information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A three-year Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Strategic Plan was required by Alberta Agriculture & Forestry to access grant funds for the 2017 – 2019 grant cycle. An annual review is encouraged to ensure that the Agricultural Service Board and Agricultural Services Section are meeting or working towards the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Administration recommends **Option #1.**

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Service Board initiated strategic planning in 1996 to identify the vision, mission, goals, strategies and actions of the Board and staff. Strategic planning has served as the basis for securing provincial funding and for clear understanding of what the ASB and Agricultural Services staff undertake over a three-year period of time.

DISCUSSION:

Requirements for the Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan include setting goals and developing strategies to deliver agri-environmental extension programming as well as basic programs supported by the on-going ASB grant funding.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1 THAT the Agricultural Service Board Strategic Plan Report be received as information.
- Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Kristyn Smigelski”

“Jeff Fleischer”

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2017 - 2019 Strategic Plan for Rocky View County's Agricultural Service Board and Agricultural Services Staff

Vision

Rocky View County is a community where agriculture is valued and respected. The agriculture industry is flourishing through innovation and diversification, and is promoted and recognized as vital to the County's social, economic and ecological integrity.

Mission

To promote and implement agricultural policies, programs and services which support a sustainable future for Rocky View residents.

Guiding Principles

1. Open and transparent communication
2. Excellence in the provision of service
3. Progressive response to residents' needs
4. Provide meaningful input to Council for effective, comprehensive policies
5. Continuous evaluation and refocusing to achieve success
6. Support appropriate service levels outlined in County policies and budgets

Goals

1. Promote and develop agricultural policies to meet Rocky View County's needs.
2. Provide diverse educational opportunities for the wide range of Rocky View residents.
3. As mandated by legislation, prevent and control agricultural pests and diseases, weeds, reportable diseases and minimize soil degradation.
4. Enhance watershed health and environmental sustainability by encouraging responsible stewardship of air, land, biodiversity and water resources.
5. Provide producers access to Growing Forward 2 program, the Environmental Farm Plan program, and other government initiatives which facilitate adoption of best management practices (BMPs).
6. Implement Agriculture Master Plan recommendations within County processes.

Strategies to Implement Goals

Goal 1: *Promote & develop agricultural policies to meet Rocky View County's needs.*

Strategies:

1. Provide policy input to Council to reflect agriculture's value in Rocky View.
2. Provide board members with appropriate training for effective input.



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Goal 2: *Provide diverse educational opportunities for the wide range of Rocky View County residents.*

Strategies:

1. Focus on agricultural producers - provide leading-edge information on crop production, livestock management, range & pasture management, economic viability, environmental stewardship (soil, water, air, alternate energy, climate change, waste reduction, recycling & biodiversity), farm succession, new ventures & diversification options.
2. Focus on acreage owners - provide information on the value of agriculture, basic agricultural principles & practices, neighbour relations (trespass, odours, fences, roadway use), environmental stewardship on small parcels (water & drainage, septic systems, horses & other livestock, biodiversity, recycling), local food products, municipal bylaws & regulations.
3. Focus on the development industry - (land, energy and utilities), provide information on land management & stewardship (weeds, drainage, topsoil removal, over-grazing), ag-related provincial and municipal regulations and appropriate landscaping standards.
4. Focus broadly to the general public in the Rocky View region (and supported by other funding sources), provide information on:
 - a. the value and contributions of agriculture to the region including food, jobs, trade, economics, environment (soil, water, air, biodiversity, open space) and quality of life;
 - b. the challenges and threats to agriculture in the region including loss of urban connection to agriculture, increasing food production costs, conversion of the land to other uses, restrictions on access to water and production necessities.
5. Focus on Administration and Council - provide information on the value of agriculture within Rocky View County, and the role, duties & programs of the Agricultural Service Board & Agricultural Services staff.
6. Review the needs identified by our various types of farm clients and ensure the Agricultural Strategic Plan fills those needs.
7. Target environmental programs to meet the identified client needs in the County.
8. Enhance the information base for the County website to support the environmental programming.
9. Partner with others, including but not limited to: Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, neighbouring municipalities, Foothills Forage Association, Cows and Fish, Red-Bow Agricultural Partnership (RAP), local 4-H clubs, other County departments, Alberta Farm Animal Care, the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen, and agricultural industry representatives.

Goal 3: *As mandated by legislation, prevent and control agricultural pests and diseases, weeds, reportable diseases and minimize soil degradation.*

Strategies:

1. Maintain a strong preventative approach (early detection / rapid response EDRR), including detailed monitoring, inventories, tracking, control equipment, qualified & educated manpower and access to information.



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2. Maintain and implement programs that support this goal.
3. Continuously upgrade equipment, systems, data collection, and ensure staff received the training to maintain operations.
4. Partner with other jurisdictions & agencies to enhance prevention and control operations.
5. Coordinate with other Rocky View County departments to increase efficiencies in prevention & control.

Goal 4: *Enhance watershed health and environmental sustainability by encouraging responsible stewardship of air, land, biodiversity and water resources.*

Strategies:

1. Maintain strong educational role in rural water management.
2. Provide expert advice to producers on implementation of BMPs to enhance watershed health.
3. Augment recycling of Ag plastics and other agricultural wastes through cooperation with the Solid Waste and Recycling department.
4. Partner with watershed stewardship groups, government, municipalities and NGOs to implement municipal roles under approved watershed / airshed management plans, county policies / standards and provincial initiatives.

Goal 5: *Assist Producers in the completion of EFP's and in accessing Growing Forward 2 funding and other government initiatives that facilitate the adoption of BMPs.*

Strategies:

1. Maintain trained Ag Services staff to assist producers in accessing these programs.
2. Host workshops and offer one-on-one consultations for producers to assist in obtaining these services.

Goal 6: *Implement Agriculture Master Plan recommendations within County processes.*

Strategies:

1. Identify BMPs to include in incentive programs on an annual basis.
2. Provide municipal initiatives to encourage BMP adoption.



Agricultural Services

TO: Agricultural Service Board

DATE: April 18, 2019 **DIVISION:** All

SUBJECT: Agricultural Service Board Annual Report

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agricultural Service Board Annual Report be received as information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) is a Committee of Council created under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*. The Agricultural Service Board Annual Report identifies the activities and achievements of the ASB and Agricultural Services staff in 2018. Agricultural Services staff will provide a presentation summarizing the full report.

Administration recommends **Option #1**.

BACKGROUND:

Rocky View County's Agricultural Service Board was the first ASB established in the province in 1945 under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*. Under current legislation, administration of several provincial acts is delegated to rural municipalities, with some compensation provided if the following duties are undertaken by the ASB:

- to act as an advisory body and to assist the council and the Minister, in matters of mutual concern
- to advise on and to help organize and direct weed & pest control and soil & water conservation programs
- to assist in the control of animal disease under the *Animal Health Act*
- to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture, and
- to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

A three-year ASB Strategic Plan (and detailed action plan) is required to identify how the ASB and Agricultural Services staff intend to implement agricultural programs to fulfill these duties. Based on evaluation of these plans and the outcomes, and on Council's annual approval, grants are allocated to the County.

DISCUSSION:

Rocky View County's ASB Strategic Plan is reviewed annually to ensure that the board and Agricultural Service Staff are working towards, or have achieved, the goals outlined in the plan. Attached is the ASB Annual Report for 2018.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1 THAT the Agricultural Service Board Annual Report be received as information.
- Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Agricultural Service Board Annual Report – The Numbers



2018 Agricultural Service Board Annual Report Rocky View County

Legislative Stream

Goal Area 1: Delivery/Support of the *Agricultural Pests Act*

	2016	2017	2018
# of Appointed Pest Inspectors:	14	14	14
# of Fields Inspected For:			
• Clubroot	112	133	161
• Fusarium graminearum	14	13	50
Bertha Armyworm Inspections	2 Sites	2 Sites	2 Sites
Dutch Elm Traps (elm bark beetle)	7 Sites	7 Sites	9 Sites
Grasshopper Survey Sites	76	79	50
Rat Calls	11	9	2
Rat Inspections	7	6	2
Tree Calls	12	24	10
Tree Inspections	7	5	5
# of Rental Traps Utilized:			
• Skunk	22	15	13
• Magpie	4	4	4
• Raccoon	3	3	1
• Pigeon	1	0	0
• Squirrel	1	2	0
# of Hay Probe Rentals	2	3	1
# of Soil Probe Rental	5	1	2
# of Pocket Gopher Traps Sold	106	50	15
# of Bat Boxes Sold	16	15	5



Goal Area 2: Delivery/Support of the Soil Conservation Act

	2016	2017	2018
# of Soil Conservation Inspectors	5	5	5
# of Soil Conservation Inspections	-	-	3
# of Responses for Stat Dec & Developments Permit Applications (Top Soil)	31	40	34

Goal Area 3: Delivery/Support of the Weed Control Act

# of Weed Inspectors Appointed	14	14	14
# of CityView Weed Cases	667	666	684
# of Weed Notices Issued	80	98	91
# of Prohibited Noxious Weed Cases	19	26	18
# of Formal Weed Inspections	2393	2476	3283
# of Re-inspections	940	1127	812
# of Municipal & Portable Seed Cleaning Plants Inspected	1	1	1
KM's of Road-edge Treated for the Encroachment of Grass	618 KM	433 KM	240 KM
Ha's of Roadside Spot Treated for Noxious Weeds	1679 ha	1149.8 ha	1809 ha
KM's of Roadside Mowed	2350 km 1 st Cut & 1700 km 2 nd Cut	7962 KM	7962 KM
# of Municipal Reserves Inspected	42	44	45
# of Municipal Reserves Spot Treated for Noxious Weeds	20	63	41
# of Municipal Reserves Mowed	62	73	73
Purple Loosestrife Weed Control	13 Site on the Bow	13 Sites on the Bow	7 Sites on the Bow
Weed Control Contracts:			
• City of Airdrie	-	19 ha	14.4 ha
# of Producers Qualifying for the Certified Weed Free Hay Program	1	1	3
Rental of Backpack Sprayer	15	3	0
Rental of Pasture Sprayer	13	13	14
Roadside Seeding & Reclamation Projects	8	8	8



Goal Area 4: Delivery/Support of the *Animal Health Act*

	2016	2017	2018
# of Reportable or Notifiable Diseases	-	-	-

Goal Area 5: Promote and Develop Agricultural Policies

	2016	2017	2018
# of Circulation Responses to Land Use Redesignations, Subdivisions, and Development Permits	138	193	159
# of ASB Training Sessions	1	1	1

Goal Area 6: Provide Diverse Educational Opportunities

	2016	2017	2018
# of AgReview Newsletter Issues Produced	4	5	12
# of AgReview Newsletters Sent to Producers	170	1375	3587
# of Workshops Organized	11	19	24
# of Workshop Attendees:			
• Solar Workshop	-	95	19
• Working Wells	25	28	60
• Verified Beef Program	-	18	23
• Tree Pruning & Health	21	33	22
• Bees & Trees	27	28	33
• Farm Energy Management	-	75	19
• Farm Security	30	39	35
• Backyard Hens	-	36	-
• Septic Sense	19	48	20
• Green Acreage Guide	-	17	-
• Environmental Farm Planning	-	4	-
• Vegetable Gardening 1	26	38	27
• Vegetable Gardening 2	30	42	26
• Weeds & Pests	-	39	10
• Bear Safety	-	28	-



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• Ladies Livestock Lessons	85	78	109
• Beekeeping 101	-	53	-
• Ranching Opportunities	175	190	119
• Living in the Natural Environment	150	148	129
• Phosphorous Management	-	-	32
• Mosquito Workshop	-	-	12
• Riparian Management	-	-	7
• Water & Ag Conference	-	-	98
# of Partnering Organizations:			
• MD of Bighorn, Mountain View County, Kneehill County, Wheatland County, Red Deer County, Clearwater County, MD of Foothills, City of Calgary, City of Chestermere, Town of Crossfield, Town of Airdrie, Town of Cochrane, Foothills Forage, Grey Wooded Forage Association, AB culture and Forestry, Cows & Fish, Olds College, 4-H, AWES, AFAC, NAISMA, AAAF	20	20	22
# of Publications Distributed	300	2233	2403
# of Agricultural Tour Participants	77 Participants & 10 RVC Staff	96 Participants & 23 RVC Staff	109 Participants & 18 RVC Staff
# of Aggie Days Attendees	30, 000	50, 500	38, 945
# of Staff Participating in the Classroom Agriculture Program	2 Presenters at 3 Schools	2 Presenters at 3 Schools	1 Presenter at 3 Schools
Master Farm Family Award	Lazy M Ranches: Doug & Patti-Ann Milner	CL Ranches Ltd. Marshall Copithorne Family	Schissel Family Farm
Stampede Farm Family Award	Jones Hereford Ranch, Allen & Shannon Jones, Balzac	Darcey & Leisa Gallelli, Crossfield	Murray & Reba Taks
Olds College Scholarship	1 @ \$500.00	1 @ \$500.00	1 @ \$500.00
4-H Scholarship	2 @ \$500.00	2 @ \$500.00	2 @ \$500.00
# of Website Clicks on Ag Webpage	21, 066	27, 347	30,299



Goal Area 7: mental Sustainability

	2016	2017	2018
# of Trained Staff to Assist With EFP & CAP	5	5	3
# of Producers Who Received Assistance with an EFP	13	11	9
# of EFP Calls/Requests	16	8	28
# of EFP's in Progress	2	5	12
# of Agri-Environmental Incentive Programs	5	4	4
# of Ag Producers utilizing Incentive Program	16	13	8
# of Meetings Attended re: Rural Watershed Management	40	40	12
# of WSG's Supported	5 (ERWP, NCWP, JCWP, RDRWA, LCARF)	4 (ERWP, NCWP, JCWP, RDRWA)	4 (ERWP, NCWP, JCWP, RDRWA)
# of WPAC's Supported	1 (BRBC)	1 (BRBC)	1 (BRBC)
# of Workshops Planned re: Riparian Health & Restoration Projects	2 Bioengineering Workshops (JCWP & ERWP)	3 Bioengineering Workshops 1 (AWES) Workshop	1 Bioengineering and 2 Field Days

Environmental Stream

Environmental Program Plan Goal 1: Enhance watershed health and environmental sustainability by encouraging responsible stewardship of air, land, biodiversity and water resources.

Strategy 1: Heighten Educational Role in Rural Water Management Through Partnerships with WSGs, Government, Municipalities and NGOs

	2016	2017	2018
# of Meetings Planned/ Attended			
• Bow River Phosphorous Management Plan	5 (4 County Departments)	5 (3 County Departments)	5 (1 County Department)
• WSG & WPAC Meetings	35	34	25
• # of WSG's Supported	5 (ERWP, NCWP, JCWP, RDRWA, LCARF)	4 (ERWP, NCWP, JCWP, RDRWA)	4 (ERWP, NCWP, JCWP, RDRWA)
# of WPAC's Supported	1 (BRBC)	1 (BRBC)	1 (BRBC)



Projects Funded through WRRP in JCWP

4	5	6
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Strategy 2: Provide Advice to Producers on Implementation of BMPs to Enhance Watershed Health

	2016	2017	2018
# of Workshops Planned re: Riparian Health & Restoration Projects	2 Bioengineering Workshops (JCWP & ERWP)	3 Bioengineering Workshops 1 (AWES) Workshop	2 (1 Day Honda Plant & 2 day event with AWES)
# of Trained Staff to Assist With EFP & GF2	5	5	3
# of Producers Who Received Assistance with an EFP	13	11	9
# of EFP Calls	16	8	5
# of Agri-Environmental Incentive Programs	5	4	4
# of Ag Producers utilizing Incentive Program	16	13	8

Strategy 3: Augment Recycling of Ag Plastics & Ag Wastes – Through Cooperation With Solid Waste & Recycling

	2016	2017	2018
Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program			
• Grain Bags Recycled	20,400 kg	61,510 kg	54,650 kg
• Twine Recycled	10,370 kg	10,442 kg	10,442 kg
• Empty Pesticide Containers			3,250 Kg
• Tires			18,850 Kg
• Barbed Wire			19,000 Kg



Environmental Program Plan Goal 2: Assist Producers in the completion of EFP's and in accessing Growing Forward 2 funding to facilitate the adoption of BMPs.

Strategy 1: Maintain trained Ag Service staff to assist producers in accessing these programs

	2016	2017	2018
# of Trained Staff to Assist With EFP & GF2	5	5	3
# of Training Events Attended	7	6	3

Strategy 2: Host workshops and offer one-on-one consultations for producers to assist in obtaining these services

	2016	2017	2018
# of Producers Who Received Assistance with an EFP	13	11	9
# of EFP Calls/Requests	16	8	28
# of ArgiView Newsletter Issues Produced	4	5	12
# of AgriView Newsletters Sent to Producers	170	1375	3587

Environmental Program Plan Goal 3: Provide municipal financial incentives to encourage BMP adoption.

Strategy 1: Implement Agriculture Master Plan recommendations within County processes

	29 of 35 Recommendations Fully Integrated	29 of 35 Recommendations Fully Integrated	29 of 35 Recommendations Fully Integrated
# of Recommendations Integrated into County Processes			



Agricultural Services

TO: Agricultural Service Board

DATE: April 18, 2019

DIVISION: All

SUBJECT: Upcoming Events

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Upcoming Events Report be received as information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Administration recommends **Option #1**.

BACKGROUND:

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

DISCUSSION:

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

1. 13th Plant Based Food Summit 2019 – North America, June 3-5, 2019. Calgary, AB. Details at, <https://bridge2food.com/summits/plant-based-foods-north-america/>.
2. Farming Smarter – Field School, July 11, 2019. Lethbridge, AB. Details at, <https://www.farmingsmarter.com/>.
3. Bragg Creek Days, July 19 – 21, 2019. Bragg Creek, AB. Details at, <http://visitbraggcreek.com/bragg-creek-days/>.
4. Rocky View County's AgVenture Tour, July 25, 2019. Rocky View County, AB.
5. Farming Smarter – Growing New Ideas, July 25, 2019. Lethbridge, AB. Details at, [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7533](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/EFE.nsf/all/efe7533).
6. AgSmart, August 13 – 14, 2019. Olds, AB. Details at, <https://agsmartolds.ca/>.
7. Springbank Old Tyme Fall Fair, September 7, 2019. Springbank, AB. Details at, <http://www.springbank.ab.ca/>.
8. Airdrie – Art of the Harvest and Farm Safety Event, September 22, 2018. Airdrie Ag Park. Details at, [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/FairExhb.nsf/all/fe2314](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/FairExhb.nsf/all/fe2314).
9. Proposed Rocky View County sponsored workshops, list attached.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment ‘A’ – Get Set to Grow Workshop Series



Get Set To Grow Workshops

1. **Farm Safety Management**
Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
2. **Ranching Opportunities**
Thursday, February 7th, 2019 – Olds College Alumni Centre
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
3. **Tree Pruning & Health**
Saturday, February 9th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
9:00 am – noon
Cost: \$10
4. **Working Wells**
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 – Bragg Creek Community Hall
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
5. **Septic Sense: Solutions for Rural Living**
Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
6. **Farm Transition**
Thursday, March 7th, 2019 – Crossfield Community Hall (Multi-Purpose Room)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost: \$50
7. **Bees & Trees**
Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
8. **Building a Bumble Bee Box**
Saturday, March 16th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
9:00 am – noon
9. **Farm and Rural Security**
Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 – Crossfield Community Hall (Multi-Purpose Room)
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

10. Vegetable Gardening

Thursday, March 28th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

11. Bear Safety

Wednesday, May 1st, 2019 – Springbank Heritage Club
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

12. Living With Coyotes

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 – Springbank Park For All Seasons
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

13. Mosquito Workshop *(To be confirmed)*

Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 – Bearspaw
6:00 pm - 7:00pm

14. Solar Workshop

Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 – Acme Community Hall
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

15. Weeds & Pests

Thursday, May 23rd, 2019 – Rocky View County Hall
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Other Events:**AgVenture Tour**

Thursday, July 25th, 2019 West Airdrie

Aggie Days

April 3rd – 7th, 2019

For more information and to register visit www.rockyview.ca/AgEvents or by contacting Rhijime Palacio at 403-520-6313 or rpalacio@rockyview.ca.