

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

A G E N D A: County Council Meeting to be held for the
purpose of discussing the Agricultural Service Board

on

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.
in the County Council Chambers, Smoky Lake.

1. Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order.

2. Agenda:

Acceptance of Agenda:
as presented or
subject to additions or deletions.

3. Minutes:

3.1 Adopt minutes of **February 24, 2020** – Agricultural Service Board Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Agricultural Service Board Meeting: February 24, 2020 – **Action List.** ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

4.1 2020 Farm Family Awards – Division 1. ©

4.2 Weed Inspector Appointment. ©

4.3 Pest Inspector Appointment. ©

4.4 Bellis 4-H Buckle Sponsorship. ©

5. Issues for Information:

5.1 ASB Chairman's Report. ©
a) Strychnine

5.2 Agricultural Department Report. ©

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 Letter received from Megan Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated March 5,2020 RE: AISC Funding. ©

Recommendation: Councils Decision.

7. Delegation(s):

8. Executive Session:

9. Date and time of Next Meeting(s):

Adjournment

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



Minutes of the **Agricultural Service Board Meeting** held on Monday, **February 24, 2020** at 10:25 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Dan Gawalko in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Monday, Feb.24, 2020</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Lorne Halisky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
CAO	Cory Ollicka	Present
Assist. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Ag. Fieldman	VACANT	VACANT
Assistant A.F.	Amanda Kihn	Present
Legislative Svcs./R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

No Member(s) of the Media Present.

One Member of the Public Present.

2. Agenda:

564-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting Agenda for Monday, February 24, 2020, be adopted as amended:

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Alberta Government's "Working Well" Water Well Workshop.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

565-20: Orichowski

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2019, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

566-20: Halisky

That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2019, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

2020 Farm Safety Centre Sponsorship

567-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County contribute funding in the amount of \$518.00 to the Alberta Farm Safety Centre towards their Year-2020 “Safety Smarts” school-based-farm-safety program focusing on initiatives to reduce farm injuries and fatalities involving children, based on the Year-2019 delivery to 148 children in Smoky Lake County at a rate of \$3.50/student; in response to the letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated January 16, 2020.

Carried.

2020 Farm Family Awards – Division 1.

568-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board defer the Year-2020 nomination of a farm family from Division 1, to the 2020 BMO Farm Family award to the next scheduled Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board meeting.

Carried.

Degelman REV 1500 Mower, Sidearm and Onepass Tender

569-20: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve to purchase a Degelman model REV 1500 rotary mower with a one-pass herbicide kit and a Degelman Sidearm model 1820, from Deerland Equipment Ltd. of Fort Saskatchewan, as per their quote # 21221443, dated February 11, 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$83,745.00; and, negotiate the inclusion of air-filled tires on the mainframe.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Agricultural Service Board Chairperson’s Report

570-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Chairman’s Verbal Report as of February 24, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

Addition the Agenda:

Alberta Government’s “Working Well” Water Well Workshop

571-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County defer for administration provide Council with available dates and costs to host a “Working Well” hands-on water well workshop facilitated through the Alberta Government for water well

owners to learn the basics of groundwater, well construction, common well problems, contamination risks, the importance of well reclamation and best water well management practices; since the last workshop was held in Spring 2012.

Carried.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

572-20: Cherniwchan That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Agricultural Fieldman's Report, as prepared by the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, dated February 12, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Bellis 4-H Beef Club

573-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to the Bellis 4-H Club to attend the Year-2020 18th Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day, scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Smoky Lake, and request their volunteer assistance at the event as an opportunity to promote their Bellis 4-H Beef Club's Achievement Day and Sale, scheduled for June 12, 2020 in Waskatenau, in response to the Email received from Donna Cherniwchan, Leader, Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated January 21, 2020 RE: Bellis 4-H Achievement Day.

Carried.

Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman

574-20: Halisky That the copy of letter received by Smoky Lake County from the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry: Honourable Devin Dreesen, to the M.D. of Spirit River, dated January 28, 2020 in regard to regulation of Fusarium graminearum on the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (PNCR) of the Agricultural Pests Act (APA), be filed for information.

Carried.

Next Meeting

575-20: Lukinuk That the next Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting be scheduled for **Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

20 Members of the Public entered Council Chambers, time, 11:00 a.m.

7. Delegation:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Present before Smoky Lake County Council was Charlie Leskiw, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Representative, from 11:03 a.m. to 11:57 a.m., on behalf of the local Farmers to express the importance of agricultural research and extension programming within Smoky Lake County and the services provided by LARA.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

576-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council's December 16, 2019 Motion # 294-19: "That Smoky Lake County not enter into a contract with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) for the Year-2020 Extension Programming, as Smoky Lake County has provided a municipal contribution in the amount of \$55,000.00 each year from Year-2015 to Year-2019, and LARA is not willing to accept Smoky Lake County's reduced Year-2020 municipal contribution offer as per the November 6, 2019 Council Motion #1221-19 in the amount of \$25,000.00 towards the LARA program.", **BE RESCINDED**; and, **approve** to provide Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) funds for Year-2020 in the amount of \$55,000.00, and proceed to execute a contract with the LARA for the Year-2020 Agricultural Extension Programming.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

577-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the list from Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) naming twelve LARA events which were held within Smoky Lake County with no dates specified.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) – Appointed Member

578-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County appoint the County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson as a Member to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) board; and appoint the County's Agricultural

Service Board Vice-Chairperson as the alternate Member, in respect to Council's February 24, 2020, Motion # 576-20.

Carried.

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) - Public-at-Large Member

579-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County, recommend Charlie Leskiw and Barb Shapka be appointed as Public-at-Large Members to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) board as representatives for Smoky Lake County, in respect to Council's February 24, 2020, Motion # 576-20.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

580-20: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Meeting of February 24, 2020, be adjourned, time 12:15 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

S E A L

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ACTION LIST:**February 24, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting**

MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	DEPARTMENT	ACTION	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL
567-20	That Smoky Lake County contribute funding in the amount of \$518.00 to the Alberta Farm Safety Centre towards their Year-2020 "Safety Smarts" school-based-farm-safety program focusing on initiatives to reduce farm injuries and fatalities involving children, based on the Year-2019 delivery to 148 children in Smoky Lake County at a rate of \$3.50/student; in response to the letter received from Laura Nelson, Executive Director, Alberta Farm Safety Centre, dated January 16, 2020.	Accounts Payable	Cheque number 49139 issued on March 4, 2020. Municipal File: 62-31	
568-20	That Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board defer the Year-2020 nomination of a farm family from Division 1, to the 2020 BMO Farm Family award to the next scheduled Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board meeting.	Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Farm Family nomination form was given to Division 1 Councilor to bring forward a nomination to the next ASB Meeting.	
569-20	That Smoky Lake County Council approve to purchase a Degelman model REV 1500 rotary mower with a one-pass herbicide kit and a Degelman Sidearm model 1820, from Deerland Equipment Ltd. of Fort Saskatchewan, as per their quote # 21221443, dated February 11, 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$83,745.00; and, negotiate the inclusion of air-filled tires on the mainframe.	Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Motion to Purchase the Degelman Rev 1500, 1820 Sidearm and Onepass herbicide kit from Darland Ltd. Fort Saskatchewan was forwarded to Deerland on February 26, 2020 and a purchase agreement was signed on February 17, 2020. Mower to arrive mid-April.	
571-20	That Smoky Lake County defer for administration provide Council with available dates and costs to host a "Working Well" hands-on water well workshop facilitated through the Alberta Government for water well owners to learn the basics of groundwater, well construction, common well problems, contamination risks, the importance of well reclamation and best water well management practices; since the last workshop was held in Spring 2012.	Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Working Well Workshop has been booked for April 8 th to be hosted at the Smoky Lake Curling Rink. Municipal File: 62-41	

ACTION LIST:**February 24, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting**

MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	DEPARTMENT	ACTION	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL
573-20	That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to the Bellis 4-H Club to attend the Year-2020 18th Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day, scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Smoky Lake, and request their volunteer assistance at the event as an opportunity to promote their Bellis 4-H Beef Club's Achievement Day and Sale, scheduled for June 12, 2020 in Waskatenau, in response to the Email received from Donna Cherniwchan, Leader, Bellis 4-H Beef Club, dated January 21, 2020 RE: Bellis 4-H Achievement Day.	Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Email was sent to Donna Cherniwchan on February 26 th , inviting the Bellis 4-H Club to attend the Farmers Appreciation BBQ and volunteer their assistance to promote the clubs Achievement day on June 12, 2020. Municipal File: 62-42	
576-20	That Smoky Lake County Council's December 16, 2019 Motion # 294-19: "That Smoky Lake County not enter into a contract with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) for the Year-2020 Extension Programming, as Smoky Lake County has provided a municipal contribution in the amount of \$55,000.00 each year from Year-2015 to Year-2019, and LARA is not willing to accept Smoky Lake County's reduced Year-2020 municipal contribution offer as per the November 6, 2019 Council Motion #1221-19 in the amount of \$25,000.00 towards the LARA program.", BE RESCINDED; and, approve to provide Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) funds for Year-2020 in the amount of \$55,000.00, and proceed to execute a contract with the LARA for the Year-2020 Agricultural Extension Programming.	Accounts Payable CAO Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Cheque number 49211 issued on March 13, 2020. Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) contract was updated and signed by the ASB Chairman on March 6, 2020. Contract was sent via email to Alyssa Krawchuk, LARA Association Manager, for her signature.	
577-20	That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the list from Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) naming twelve LARA events which were held within Smoky Lake County with no dates specified.	Assist. CAO	Information retained for documenting the events held in Smoky Lake County. Municipal File: 62-9	


ACTION LIST:**February 24, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Meeting**

MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	DEPARTMENT	ACTION	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL
578-20	That Smoky Lake County appoint the County's Agricultural Service Board Chairperson as a Member to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) board; and appoint the County's Agricultural Service Board Vice-Chairperson as the alternate Member, in respect to Council's February 24, 2020, Motion # 576-20.	Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Danny Gawalko, ASB Chairman, was appointed as a member to the LARA board on February 27th, 2020 at the Annual General Meeting hosted at Mallaig Unity Hall. Johnny Cherniwchan, ASB Vice-Chair, was appointed as an alternate Member.	
579-20	That Smoky Lake County, recommend Charlie Leskiw and Barb Shapka be appointed as Public-at-Large Members to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) board as representatives for Smoky Lake County, in respect to Council's February 24, 2020, Motion # 576-20.	Assist. Ag. Fieldman	Charlie Leskiw and Barb Shapka were appointed as Public-at-Large Members to the LARA board as representatives for Smoky Lake County on February 27th, 2020 at the LARA Annual General Meeting hosted at Mallaig Unity Hall.	

Chief Administrative Officer



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	April 15, 2020	4.1
TOPIC	2020 Farm Family Awards-Division 1			
PROPOSAL	<p>Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board nominate a recipient from Division 1 to receive the BMO Farm Family Award.</p> <p>Deadline for application is June 1st, 2020</p>			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Policy Statement 62-22-03		
BENEFITS	This award is to recognize outstanding farm families in an area of our municipality who best exemplifies the value of the family farm and society in general.			
DISADVANTAGES				
ALTERNATIVES	None			
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS				
Operating Costs:		Capital Costs:		
Budget Available:		Source of Funds:		
Budgeted Costs:		Actual Costs:		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				

RECOMMENDATION	
<p>That the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board nominate Edward Huk & Family, from Division 1, to receive the 2020 BMO Farm Family award.</p>	
Agricultural Fieldman	



February 24, 2020

Reeve Craig Lukinuk
Smoky Lake County
Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Dear Reeve Craig Lukinuk,

Northlands is proud to once again partner with BMO for the 2020 BMO Farm Family Awards. Since 1969, farm families from Northern and Central Alberta have been recognized by Northlands with this prestigious honour. All rural municipalities north of Red Deer are eligible to nominate a deserving farm family on either an odd or even year. Smoky Lake County is eligible to nominate a family in 2020.

This year, the BMO Farm Family Awards Ceremony will take place during Farmfair International on November 14, 2020 at the Edmonton Expo Centre. Further details will be forwarded to you closer to the date. Each municipality is invited to send a representative and guest to this event.


I have included a hard copy of the application, which was also emailed to clukinuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca and toric@smokylakecounty.ab.ca on February 14, 2020. Completed applications are to be returned to Northlands by May 29, 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 780 471 7246 or ksekurazagar@northlands.com with any questions.


Regards,

Kimberly Sekura-Zagar
Agriculture Coordinator




REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	April 15, 2020	4.2
TOPIC	Weed Inspector Appointment			
PROPOSAL	That County Council appoint the following member as Weed Inspector for the Smoky Lake County jurisdiction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman 			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Weed Control Act Statutes of Alberta, 2008 chpt w-5.1 Part 2 7(1). A local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the Municipality. Section 9(2) Of the Agricultural Pest Act states that an Agricultural Fieldman under the Agricultural Service Board Act is by virtue of that office an inspector under this Act.		
BENEFITS	Have sufficient inspectors in the County. Legislative requirement			
DISADVANTAGES	none			
ALTERNATIVES	n/a			
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS				
Operating Costs:		Capital Costs:		
Budget Available:		Source of Funds:		
Budgeted Costs:		Actual Costs:		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				
RECOMMENDATION				
That Council appoint Carleigh McMullin as Weed Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.				
Agricultural Fieldman				



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	April 15, 2020	4.3
TOPIC	Pest Inspector Appointment			
PROPOSAL	That County Council appoint the following member as Pest Inspector for the Smoky Lake County jurisdiction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman 			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Weed Control Act Statutes of Alberta, 2010 chpt w-5.1 Part 2 7(1). The Agricultural Pest Act Statutes of Alberta states a local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the Municipality.		
BENEFITS	Have sufficient inspectors in the County. Legislative requirement			
DISADVANTAGES	none			
ALTERNATIVES	n/a			
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS				
Operating Costs:		Capital Costs:		
Budget Available:		Source of Funds:		
Budgeted Costs:		Actual Costs:		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				
RECOMMENDATION				
That Council appoint Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman as Pest Inspector, effective April 1, 2020 to termination of employment.				
Agricultural Fieldman				



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	April 15, 2020	4.4
TOPIC	Bellis 4-H Buckle Sponsorship			
PROPOSAL	Smoky Lake County sponsor the Bellis 4- H Beef Club by purchasing the buckles for the Achievement day in 2020.			
CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN				
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS				
BENEFITS				
DISADVANTAGES				
ALTERNATIVES	None			
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS				
Operating Costs:		Capital Costs:		
Budget Available: \$1000.00		Source of Funds: ASB Operational Budget		
Budgeted Costs:		Actual Costs:		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS				
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY				
RECOMMENDATION				
That the Smoky Lake County donate by purchasing the belt buckle prizes for the Bellis 4-H Beef Club in support for their achievement day that will be held in Waskatenau on June 12 th , 2020.				
Agricultural Fieldman				

February 18, 2020

Smoky Lake County
Box 310
Smoky Lake T0A 3L0

Dear Smoky Lake County Council,

The Bellis 4-H Beef Club thanks you for sponsoring the trophy buckles for the Achievement day in Vilna on June 8th, 2019. We really appreciated the sponsorship and those who came to the show to support the members and presented the buckles.

This year our club has 8 members and 2 cleaver members. We will have may market steers, and a heifer up for sale, as well as other female projects. This year we have volunteered our time to help with many activities within our community. We helped set up the venders at the farmer's market during the Smoky Lake pumpkin fair and Vilna's Christmas Craft show, we ran the concession at the Bellis Curling Bonspiel at the end of January, and also washed the dishes at the Vilna Firemen's Ball on February 8th. This year we chose to go skiing as a winter fun activity for the club at the Long Lake Ski Hill. It was really fun, and everyone enjoyed it. We also plan on participating in hi-way cleanup in May, but this might be tricky due to the low amount of members that we have in the club this year. The members are planning a workshop to help new members learn things they may not know such as showmanship, grooming, feeding, and training their animal.

On behalf of the Bellis 4-H Beef Club I would like to ask the Smoky Lake County to consider sponsoring the trophy buckles for our show and sale again at a cost of \$750. The money will go toward the 4 trophy buckles, Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Steer, Supreme Female, and Reserve Female. This year our show will be held at Waskatenau arena on Friday, June 12th, 2020. These buckles have been highly appreciated in the past and if you could consider sponsoring again that would be great support for our club.

Sincerely,

Justin Cherniwchan

President, Bellis 4H Beef Club

Amanda Shapka

Subject: FW: protest Pest Management Regulatory Agency decision

From: Dan Gawalko <dgawalko@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>
Sent: April 1, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Amanda Shapka <amandak@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: protest Pest Management Regulatory Agency decision

From: Kathleen I Turner <banvard1752@yahoo.ca>
Date: April 1, 2020 at 11:51:11 AM MDT
To: "Shannon.Stubbs@parl.gc.ca" <shannon.stubbs@parl.gc.ca>
Cc: "pmra.infoserv@hc.sc.gc.ca" <pmra.infoserv@hc.sc.gc.ca>, "akemmere@rmalberta.com" <akemmere@rmalberta.com>, "premier@gov.ab.ca" <premier@gov.ab.ca>, "athabasca.barrhead.westlock@assembly.ab.ca" <athabasca.barrhead.westlock@assembly.ab.ca>, "Bonnyville.ColdLake.StPaul@assembly.ab.ca" <Bonnyville.ColdLake.StPaul@assembly.ab.ca>, "AF.minister@gov.ab.ca" <AF.minister@gov.ab.ca>, Dan Gawalko <dgawalko@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>
Subject: protest Pest Management Regulatory Agency decision

Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland

Please protest the recent Pest Management Regulatory Agency's decision to ban the use of Strychnine chemical to control Richardson's ground squirrels (gophers).

It is only through the use of this product that we have finally been able to reduce the exploding populations which cause millions of dollars annually to farmers.

In the last 70 years of using this product I saw only two non-targeted species being affected - a raven and crow - who themselves were deemed undesirable in the past - with municipal bounty being paid for their elimination due to their destruction of other birds nestings, etc.

thank you,

Fred Matwychuk, farmer
 Spedden, AB

cc: Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Ottawa
 cc: Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 cc: Jason Kenny, Premier of Alberta, UCP
 cc: Glen van Dijken, MLA Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, UCP
 cc: David Hanson, MLA Bonnyville-Cold-Lake-St. Paul, UCP
 cc: Devin Dreesen, Alberta Minister of Agriculture
 cc: Dan Gawalko, Councilor, Smoky Lake County, Smoky Lake, AB

April 1, 2020

NOTICE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES SELLING STRYCHNINE

Re: Re-evaluation Decision RVD2020-06, Strychnine and Its Associated End-Use Products (Richard's Ground Squirrel)

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency has published the re-evaluation decision (RVD2020-06) regarding strychnine and its associated end-use products, which was published March 4, 2020.

Health Canada is cancelling the registration of strychnine, and all associated end-use products, used to control Richardson's ground squirrels for sale and use in Canada. To comply with this decision, products that are cancelled will be phased out following the implementation timeline outlined below.

- Strychnine sales by registrant are prohibited after March 4, 2021, followed by;
- Strychnine sales by retailer are prohibited after March 4, 2022, followed by;
- Strychnine possession and use by end-user is prohibited after March 4, 2023.

The re-evaluation decision can be found below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/pesticides-pest-management/decisions-updates/reevaluation-decision/2020/strychnine.html>

What are your next steps?

If your county or municipality holds a vendor registration permitting the sale of strychnine, please email Tanya Rushcall (contact information below) with your current registration number.

After March 4, 2022, Alberta Environment and Parks will need to remove the ability to “**sell and distribute** (store) pesticides at Retail (Pesticide Sales and Distribution shall be limited to formulations of STRYCHNINE)” from vendor registrations.

This will result in either a cancellation of your vendor registration (if you were only selling strychnine products) or an amendment to your vendor registration (if you were permitted to sell other products (e.g. Rural Acreage Owner)).

For counties or municipalities who have indicated they hold a vendor registration permitting the sale of strychnine, you will receive an additional notice after March 4, 2022 for further action at that time.

If you have questions, contact Tanya Rushcall (780-644-4647; tanya.rushcall@gov.ab.ca) at AEP.

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From: Alan Hampton <ahampton@starlandcounty.com>
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2020 1:02 PM

Subject: Strychnine

Hi,

In case you missed it PMRA announced their decision to cancel the registration of 2% strychnine for control of Richardson Ground Squirrels effective March 4th . The PMRA has outlined that the retailer will be able to buy and sell the product until March 4th of 2021 and producers will have until March 4th of 2023 to use the product. The full release will be available on PMRA's website on March 4th. Aimee can you distribute this to our members as well. Thanks

Alan Hampton
Pest Committee Chair

Starland County
Morrin, AB
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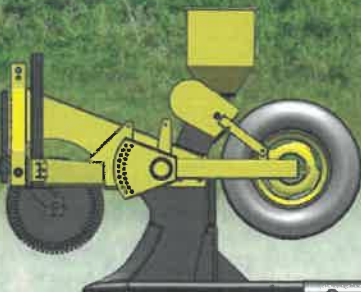
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- **Moisture resistant:** can be used in wet or snowy conditions without pre-baiting, unlike zinc phosphide.
- **Multiple use sites:** for use in pulse/seed crops, rangeland, crops and non-crop areas to control **ground squirrels**.
- Also controls **pocket gophers** in alfalfa, hay and other forage crops, cereal grains, rangeland, non-crop areas, lawns, and golf courses.
- **Vitamin K₁ is the antidote.** There is no antidote for strychnine or zinc phosphide.
- Does **not** require use of protective eyewear or dust mask, as with strychnine.



Damage to Pasture



Damage to Turf



Bait stations are an Effective Baiting Tool for Ground Squirrels



Feeding Ground Squirrel

Only to be used by certified pest control operators, farmers, and persons authorized in government-approved pest control programs.

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USE LIMITATIONS – GENERAL: DO NOT place bait in areas where there is a possibility of contaminating food or surfaces that come in direct contact with food.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE: Rozol® RTU Field Rodent Bait may be used for the control of Pocket Gophers (*Thomomys* spp. and *Geomys* spp.) in lawns, golf courses, alfalfa, hay and other forage crops, cereal grains, range land, and non-crop areas and Ground Squirrels (*Uroctylus richardsonii*, *U. columbianus*, *Policitellus franklini*, *Lepidomys tridecemlineatus*) in pulse/seed crops, rangelands, crop and non-crop areas.

Users should remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash skin thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Replace contaminated or spoiled bait immediately. Collect and dispose of all dead animals and unconsumed bait properly. To prevent reinfestation, eliminate food, water and harbourage as much as possible. If reinfestation occurs, repeat treatment. Where a continuous source of infestation is present, establish permanent bait stations as necessary.

GROUND SQUIRRELS (Richardson, Columbian, Franklin's and Thirteen-lined):

Areas of Use - Ground Squirrels: Ground squirrels typically inhabit range lands, pulse/seed crops and areas directly adjacent to crops. Even though ground squirrels are foraging animals, placement of baits directly into the burrows or the use of bait stations is required to reduce hazards to children and non-target animals.

Application Directions - Ground Squirrels: Hand Baiting: Locate all the ground squirrel burrows in the area of treatment and place 7 to 14 grams (0.25 to 0.50 ounces) of bait into each burrow. Re-visit the site within 48 hours and re-bait all burrows where bait has been consumed or removed. A third re-baiting visit may be necessary for control. Do not re-bait burrows where the bait is undisturbed. Remove and bury any squirrel carcasses which are present above ground.

Bait Station Baiting: Determine the approximate population present by visual count over a two-day period. In areas where ground squirrels are present, establish protected bait stations or tamper resistant boxes with an entrance hole of 7.6 cm (3 inches) using 1 station for every 50 animals counted. Place 500 grams (17.6 ounces) of bait into the stations and check daily. Maintain an uninterrupted supply for 3 weeks or until all signs of feeding have stopped. In areas where ground squirrels have been known to inhabit, but are not currently present, preventative baiting in stations can be accomplished by placing stations containing 500 grams (17.6 ounces) of bait every 30 to 60 metres (100 to 200 feet). Replace spoiled or moldy bait as necessary. Remove and bury any squirrel carcasses which are present above ground.

USE LIMITATIONS – Ground Squirrels:

Bait placed outdoors and above-ground in residential areas, public areas, or any other sites that are or will be open to the public (for example, Pick-Your-Own sites) or in locations accessible to pets or livestock MUST be placed in Tier 1 bait stations.

Tier 1 bait stations must have the following characteristics:

1. constructed of high-strength material (e.g., metal or injection-moulded plastic) and resistant to destruction by children and non-target animals;
2. have an entrance designed so that children and non-target animals cannot reach the bait;
3. have an internal structure that prevents bait from being shaken loose;
4. have an access panel which fastens securely and locks (e.g., metal screw or padlock);
5. bear the product name, active ingredient, guarantee, registration number, "WARNING POISON", and the skull and crossbones symbol.
6. be resistant to destruction or weakening by elements of typical non-catastrophic weather (such as, snow, rain, extremes of temperature and humidity, direct sunshine, etc.).

POCKET GOPHERS: (*Thomomys* spp. and *Geomys* spp.):

Areas of Use - Pocket Gophers: Pocket gophers throw out low, fan-shaped mounds on either side of their underground burrows. These lateral tunnels come to the surface and are on the concave or flat side of the fan, and the entrance holes are plugged with loose soil.

Application Directions - Pocket Gophers:

Placement of the bait can be made in any of the following ways.

1. **With a long-handled spoon,** carefully remove the plug on the flat side of the fan. Carefully insert 15 grams (0.53 ounces) of bait as far down into the hole as possible. Replace the soil plug to close the burrow, with care so that the bait is NOT covered with soil. Make 2-3 bait placements per burrow system. Bury dead animals and spilled bait found on soil surface immediately. Maintain a constant supply of bait in the burrow system for as long as there is pocket gopher activity. Do not apply bait on the surface of soil.
2. **Using a metal rod,** probe 15 to 20 centimetres (6 to 8 inches) deep to locate the main tunnel. Consult diagram below for location to probe. Drop 15 grams (0.53 ounces) of bait into the tunnel and cover the hole so light will not enter the tunnel system.



The right and the wrong ways to use a probe for placing pocket gopher bait are shown. Bait should be placed loosely in the main runway - not in the lateral tunnels or embedded in the bottom of the runway.

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3. **Machine application using "burrow builder" equipment:** Follow manufacturer's instructions for the equipment used to apply this bait. Make artificial burrows at the same depth as natural burrows, about 4.6 to 9 metres (15 to 30 feet) apart. Apply 1.7 to 4.5 kilograms of bait per hectare (1.5 to 4 pounds per acre). Use the high rate in locations with greater pocket gopher activity. Apply when soil conditions allow formation of good artificial burrows. Do not treat the entire field. Apply as:

1. A targeted treatment to the part of the field where pocket gophers have established burrows. Make 6 to 8 rows in the area infested with pocket gophers. Do not exceed 3 applications per year.
2. Perimeter treatment to reduce potential migration of pocket gophers into the field. Make 3 rows around the perimeter of the field. Use only in locations where there is a risk of pocket gopher damage. Do not exceed 3 applications per year; one each in the fall, spring and mid-summer.

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Field Rodent Bait Ready-To-Use

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PRECAUTIONS: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN, PETS AND LIVESTOCK. May be harmful or fatal if swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Chemical-resistant gloves must be worn when handling product and when disposing of dead rodents, unconsumed bait and empty containers. Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Wash contaminated clothing separately from other laundry, with soap and hot water before reuse. **KEEP AWAY FROM FEED AND FOODSTUFFS.** All handlers must wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants, shoes plus socks, and chemical-resistant gloves when handling this product.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS: Toxic to aquatic organisms, birds and small mammals. Use only in sites listed on the product label. DO NOT contaminate irrigation or drinking water supplies or aquatic habitats by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

FIRST AID: IF IN EYES: Hold eyes open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eyes. Call a poison control centre or doctor for further treatment advice.

IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

IF SWALLOWED: Call a poison control centre or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control centre or doctor. Do not give any liquid to the person. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

For all cases of human ingestion, immediately notify a physician or poison control centre. If pet or livestock poisoning is suspected, immediately contact a veterinarian.

Take container, label or product name and Pest Control Registration Number with you when seeking medical attention.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION: Vitamin K₁ In the form of intramuscular or subcutaneous injections, or by oral ingestion are suggested remedial treatments for anticoagulant poisoning. The severity of the case measured by establishing prolonged prothrombin times (P.T.) will determine appropriate therapy. Monitoring P.T. will indicate the necessity of repeated treatments.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL: Store in a cool, dry place away from other chemicals and food or feed. Store product not in use, in original, tightly sealed container, in a secure location inaccessible to children and non-target animals.

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Do not reuse empty container. Dispose of unused or spoiled bait in accordance with local requirements. Follow provincial instructions for any required cleaning of the container prior to its disposal. Make the empty container unsuitable for further use. Dispose of the container in accordance with provincial requirements. For information on disposal of unused, unwanted product, contact the manufacturer or the provincial regulatory agency. Contact the manufacturer and the provincial regulatory agency in case of a spill and for clean-up of spills.

CARCASS DISPOSAL: To protect pets and non-target wildlife, carefully dispose of animals killed by this bait. Wrap poisoned carcasses securely with paper. Dispose of them by placing in a closed container and taking them to a provincial or municipal landfill site OR burying deep enough to prevent scavengers from reaching them.

NOTICE TO USER: This pest control product is to be used only in accordance with the directions on the label. It is an offence under the Pest Control Products Act to use this product in a way that is inconsistent with the directions on the label. (112218)

Distance	Company	Contact	Products
28 mi	Beaver Creek Co-op Highway 15 & 831 Lamont, AB T0B 2R0	Phone: (780) 895-2241 Fax: (780) 895-2052	Rozol RTU - 20lb. Pail Rozol RTU - 50lb Bag
34 mi	North Corridor Co-op Boyle 4802 Taylor Road Boyle, AB T0A 0M0	Phone: (780) 689-3751 Fax: (780) 689-3991 www.boylecoop.ca	Rozol RTU - 20lb. Pail Rozol RTU - 50lb Bag
41 mi	Two Hills Farm Supply (UFA) 5102-53 Ave. Two Hills, AB T0B 4K0	Phone: (780) 657-3333 Fax: (780) 657-2860 www.ufa.com/	Rozol RTU - 20lb. Pail Rozol RTU - 50lb Bag
41 mi	Ft. Saskatchewan Farm Supply (UFA) 11111 86 Ave. Ft. Saskatchewan, AB T8L 3W6	Phone: (780) 998-3437 Fax: (780) 992-0765 www.ufa.com/	Rozol RTU - 20lb. Pail Rozol RTU - 50lb Bag
49 mi	St. Paul Farm Supply (UFA) 3938 50 Ave. St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0	Phone: (780) 645-7700 Fax: (780) 646-7106 www.ufa.com	Rozol RTU - 20lb. Pail Rozol RTU - 50lb Bag



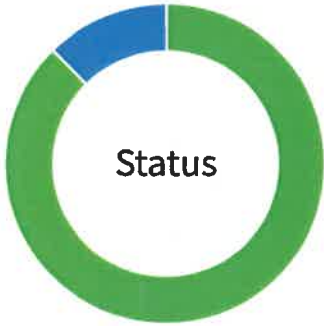
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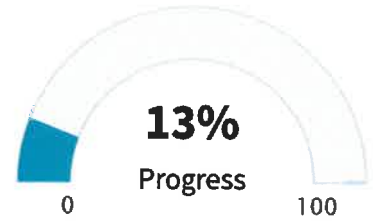
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Overall Summary



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Action 4.1.1

Ongoing - Ongoing

Completed

Agricultural Service Board Work Plan

Daily/Weekly/Monthly Plan detail kept in the Additional details section.

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 15:05:07

Work Plan has been updated with changes after Departmental Meeting on March 5th and sent to Jenna for formatting.

Action 4.1.2

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Administrative

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:10:10

February 24, 2020 to April 7, 2020

- Receive landowner phone calls - questions about herbicides, custom rates, land values
- Ag Service Board 2020 Work Plan - March 5th
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting prep - April 6, 7, 8
- Distribute 1080 - as required
- Envisio data entry
- Code ASB Invoices
- Attend weekly toolbox meetings
- Main office staff meetings
- Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting - Feb 21
- NE AAAP 2020 In Service Training and 2021 Conference planning - ongoing
- Farmers Appreciation BBQ planning - ongoing
- AAAP Sponsorship Committee Meeting - February 25
- Contacted all mower bids and signed paperwork with Deerland - Feb 26
- Annual Booklet Report - Feb 27, March 2
- Environmental Farm Plan reviews for 2 landowners - Feb 28, March 4, March 18, March 19
- Sent in Wild Boar Ear Declarations to AB Ag - March 2
- AAAP Meeting Vegreville - March 3
- Working Well Workshop planning - March 4
- Departmental Meeting - March 5
- Sent away signed LARA contract - March 5
- LARA Mental Health in Agriculture Workshop in Ashmont - March 12
- Office Ergonomics Course - March 17
- ASB Grant Reporting Webinar - March 20
- Cancelled Working Well Workshop (hope to reschedule for fall) - March 23
- ASB Grant Application - March 24, 25, 26
- ASB Orientation for Carleigh - March 30, April 1, April 2

Action 4.1.4

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:11:09

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Herbicide and spraying PPE ordered April 8

Weed Control

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Action 4.1.5

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:11:46

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

New mower should be arriving early May

Mowing

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Action 4.1.7

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:12:22

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Trapper Trevor Cameron has started back up trapping April 1st

Pest Control

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Action 4.1.8

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:12:54

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Two Environmental Farm Plans have been completed and reviewed.

ASB Environmental Services

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Action 4.1.9

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:14:45

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Planning spring training through Northeast AAAF for Weed Inspectors, may need to modify training to be done virtually.

Training

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

Action 4.1.10

Update provided by Amanda Shapka on Apr 07, 2020 17:16:51

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

Bertha Armyworm trap supplies have been ordered and should be arriving after Easter. Alberta Agriculture let us know that they are still wanting us to complete grasshopper surveys if we have the staff/time available to do so, even if we are only able to do a few, some is better than none.

Crop Surveying

Owner: Carleigh McMullin

LARA Summer Field Day's

2020



Smoky Lake Field Day July 23rd 2020

- ESN Wheat and Barley
- LARA Regional Variety Trial



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Fort Kent Field Day July 29th 2020

- Regional Variety Trial
- Regional Silage Trials
- Liming Trial
- Ultra Early vs Regular Seeding



St. Paul Field Day August 5th 2020

- Regional Variety Trials
- Regional Silage Trials
- ESN Wheat and Barley
- Canola Performance Trial

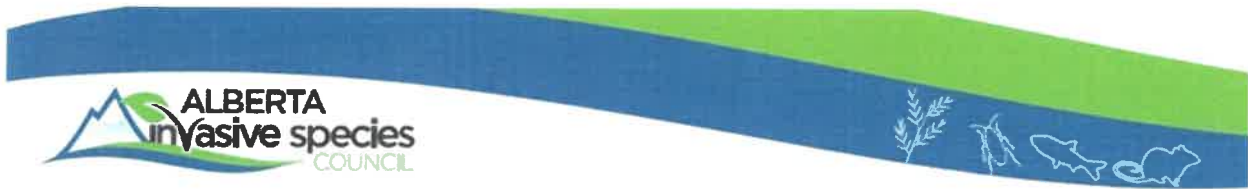


Lac La Biche Field Day August 12th 2020

- Oats Regional Variety Trial
- Hemp Demo
- Canola Demo



* These are a few of the trials being showcased in our Summer Field Days*



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March 5, 2020

Tori Cherniawsky
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Dear Tori Cherniawsky,

My name is Megan Evans and in January, I took the reins as the Alberta Invasive Species Council's new Executive Director! I am beyond excited to be in this role and to work with all of you to protect Alberta from the impacts of harmful invasive species. I've been involved with AISC since 2015, when I started a term as an AISC board member, and I've been working in invasive species management since 2014.

2019 was a busy year for AISC. We attended a variety of events throughout the province providing information and outreach on all the latest invasive species news. We updated our EDDMapS Alberta app, which now includes over 100 invasive species that we encourage you to report on; we delivered a well-received annual conference, which drew over 150 attendees; 112 biocontrol releases were facilitated; and we created a new whirling disease fact sheet.

As you are likely already aware, the AISC is a not-for-profit society dedicated to informing and educating Albertans about the destructive impacts invasive species have on our environment, economy, and society. We endeavour to foster partnerships with like-minded municipalities, agencies and groups to collaboratively develop integrated, long-term management programs, and to engage and empower people to act against invasive species in Alberta.

Information developed by the AISC is used across the province by resource managers, industry leaders and concerned Albertans, and our success and outreach is dependent almost entirely on corporate, government and private sponsorship.

With sufficient funding in 2020, we intend to accomplish the following:

- Attend relevant outreach events, conferences and meetings to engage the public and stakeholders.
- Develop and disseminate educational newsletters and materials.



- Promote, enhance and populate EDDMapS Alberta.
- Provide in the field training on EDDMapS Alberta.
- Update and refresh existing factsheets.
- Increase our presence and engage with the public and stakeholders on social media.
- Update our Grow-Me-Instead brochure with new problem species.
- Update our Water Invaders brochure and hold a number of outreach events to promote the messaging.
- Hold AISC 2020 on March 24 and 25, 2020 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre with an amazing line up of invasive species-related speakers
- With input from our members, revise the AISC Mission and develop a strategic plan so that we can ensure we are most efficiently utilizing our resources to meet our objectives.

We could not do this important work without your continued support. Please consider sponsoring the AISC in 2019 at one of the following levels:

- Platinum - \$10,000
- Gold - \$5,000
- Silver - \$2,000
- Bronze - \$1,000

We will appreciatively recognize your generous sponsorship throughout 2020 on our website, in email campaigns, brochures, at future AISC outreach events, and at our annual conference.

Together we are stronger in the battle against invasive species. Thank you for your consideration and if you are interested in sponsoring the AISC or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ME", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Megan Evans
Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council