

Crowsnest Pass ***Agriculture & Environmental Services***

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2022, 5:00 pm

Municipal Office – Council Chambers

8502 19 Avenue, Coleman Alberta

ATTENDANCE:

Kathy Wiebe	Chair
Dale Paton	Vice-Chair
Melisa Atkinson	Board Member
Megan Evans	Board Member
Frank DeGroot	Board Member
Doreen Glavin	Councillor
Vicki Kubik	Councillor
Lindsey Davidson	Agricultural Fieldman
Sasha Lassey	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Dave Filipuzzi	Councillor
Jesse Fox	Manager of Protective Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Kathy Wiebe called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The board welcomed and introduced new board members, Frank DeGroot and Melisa Atkinson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ASB-01-2022-03-16 Motion made by Megan Evans to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Agriculture Services Board Minutes from December 15, 2021.

ASB-02-2022-03-16 Motion made by Dale Paton to adopt the minutes of December 15, 2021. Carried.

DELEGATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Provincial ASB Conference

- Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson and member Megan Evans attended and gave an update to the board on the Provincial ASB Conference held on January 25-28th, 2021 in Edmonton

ASB-03-2022-03-16 Motion made by Dale Paton to accept the update and attached agenda as information. Carried.

2022 Provincial Resolutions

- The board discussed the resolution outcomes from the Provincial ASB Conference; of the resolutions presented, 5 resolutions carried forward and one was defeated
- Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson and Megan Evans provided the board with additional context on the defeat of E1-22 Prohibit Hunting of Wild Boar at Large in Alberta resolution
- Further discussion on how council can assist in preventing the establishment of wild boar farms and include additional controls and best management practices in the future through bylaw enforcement and modification within Animal Control
- Additional in-depth discussion planned for a future meeting

ASB-04-2022-03-16 Motion made by Councillor Glavin to accept the 2022 Resolution outcomes and discussion as information. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CPR – Compliance with Weed Control Act

- Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson provided background to the board members on the history of lack of compliance or evidence of measures taken with the Weed Control Act from Canadian Pacific Rail along the right of way
- Suggestion to approach a provincial authority to assist in supporting enforcement of compliance on the right of way through a letter to the Minister's office or through the regional liaison

- Other ideas were presented by the board members including a cooperative weed control project on properties with multiple shareholders involved prior to addressing the minister

ASB-05-2022-03-16 Motion made by Councillor Glavin for Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson to discuss the CPR weed control compliance issues further with the Ag Services regional liaison and gather additional information and resources from other municipalities before progressing further. Carried.

Elevation of Carum Carvi

- Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson discussed the issue of a wild caraway infestation in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and the potential to elevate the species to a “noxious” classification through a municipal bylaw
- Discovered three major infestations of carum carvi in 2021; in Tecumseh, Coleman and Bellevue, that were not addressed or controlled as it is currently unregulated within the Weed Control Regulations
- Lindsey will provide additional information on noxious and prohibited noxious weed species for the board members during the upcoming orientation

ASB-06-2022-03-16 Motion made by Councillor Kubik that the Ag Service Board recommend that Council elevates the species, carum carvi (commonly known as wild caraway), to a noxious weed classification within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass as an active bylaw. Carried.

Vendor Registration

- Pesticide vendor registration within the municipality would allow eligible rural property owners to purchase pre-mixed herbicide from the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Previously municipal property owners were able to obtain herbicide from the MD of Pincher Creek; recent changes to the regulations prohibit purchasing outside of their municipal boundaries
- No anticipated costs to provide the service to eligible residents as any revenue generated will off-set potential costs
- Free, online application through Alberta Environment and Parks to acquire vendor registration

ASB-07-2022-03-16 Motion made by Frank DeGroot for Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson to further investigate acquiring a vendor registration license within the municipality’s Ag Services department to provide eligible rural property owners education and herbicide for the purpose of controlling prohibited noxious and noxious weeds on their property. Carried.

South Region Agricultural Service Board Conference

- The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is scheduled to host the 2022 South Region ASB Conference; tentatively held in October as a one-day event with relevant presentations
- The Agricultural Services Board will need to consider contributing in various roles for the conference
- Registration fees will offset venue, food services as well as any additional costs for speakers

ASB-08-2022-03-16 Motion made by Megan Evans for the Ag Services Board to contribute in the planning and/or hosting of the 2022 South Region ASB Conference. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

TC Energy Project

- Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson provided information to the board members on continued discussions with the new regional environmental specialist for TC Energy's Rocky Mountain Region, Brad Agnew on their plan for proposed construction projects and vegetation management
- Municipal staff will have the ability to inspect sites as needed and direct any concerns to the regional specialist

ASB-09-2022-03-16 Motion made by Melisa Atkinson to accept the correspondence from TC Energy Project as information. Carried.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Service Area Update – Jesse Fox/Lindsey Davidson


Ag Fieldman, Lindsey Davidson provided a service area update to the board for January to March of 2022. Highlights include:

- RFP for a three-year contract for vegetation management was published on March 4, closing on March 24th
- Interviews for seasonal staff have been completed and hiring process and offers are underway
- Collaboration with Alberta Environment & Parks to support continued aquatic invasive species monitoring
- Agricultural Service Board orientation session scheduled for March 23, 2022; will be attended by the regional liaison, Joe Harrington

ASB-10-2022-03-16 Motion made by Councillor Glavin to accept the January – March 2022 Agricultural Service Area Update as presented. Carried.

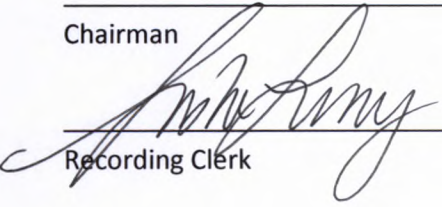
ADJOURNMENT

ASB-11-2022-03-16 Motion made by Councillor Kubik to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Carried.



Chairman

Date: May 18, 2022



Recording Clerk

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