



Agricultural Service Board

PRESENTATION TO GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

June 4th, 2024

WHO WE ARE

Public Members

- Susan Schafers, Chair
- Ben Jespersen, Vice Chair
- Chett Wild
- Julie Burger
- Sarah Leteta
- George Greenhough
- Trevor Weiss

Council Members

Natalie Birnie – Division 4

Alan Hoefsloot – Division 6



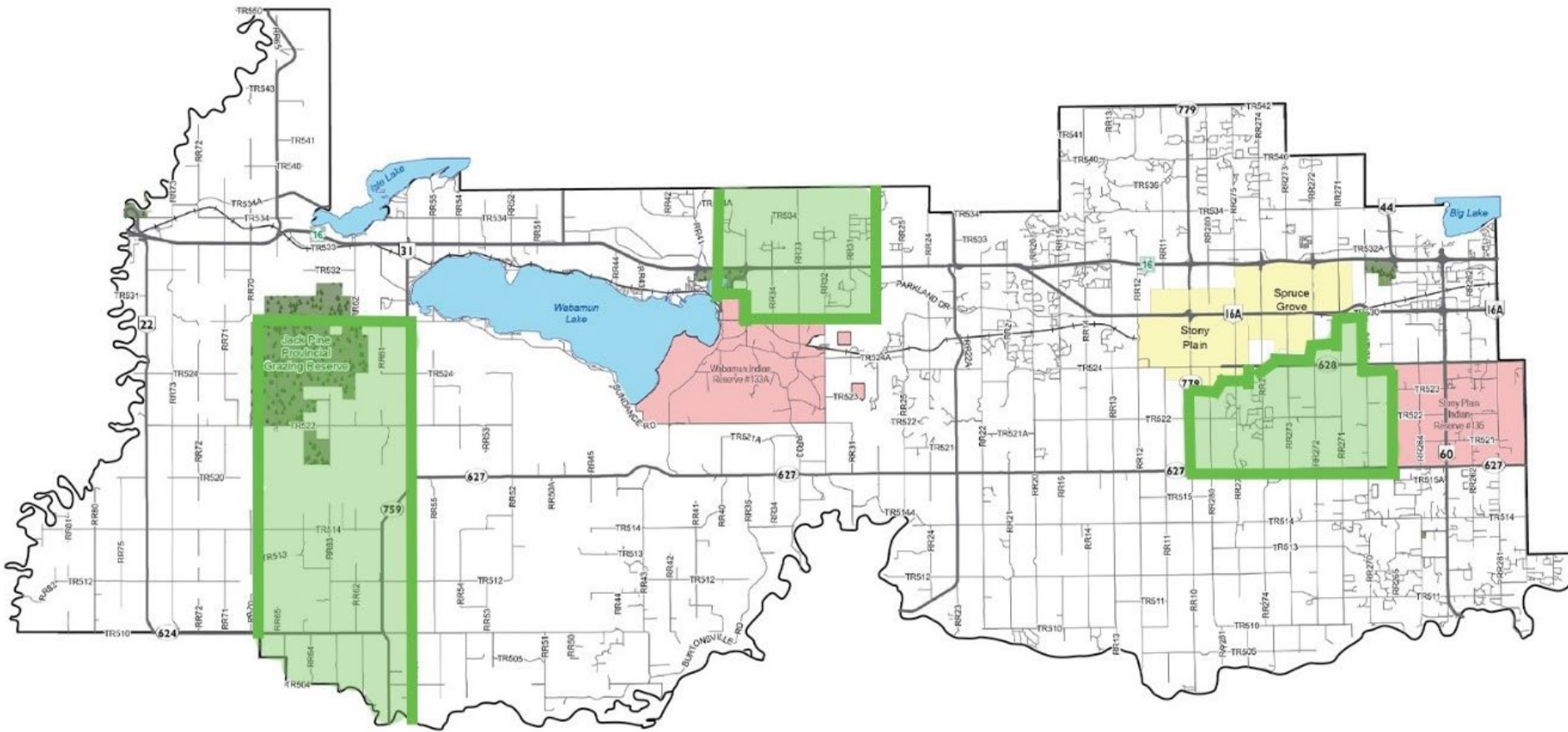
WHAT WE DO

- Provide advice to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Council in matters of mutual concern,
- Advise on regulatory matters under the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Soil Conservation Act and act as an appeal body for these Acts,
- Assist in control of animal disease under the Animal Control Act,
- Promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view of improving the economic viability of the agriculture producer,
- Promote and develop agriculture policies to meet the needs of Parkland County.


TERMS OF REFERENCE - Review

#	Section	Proposed Changes	Rationale
1.	Format	Add summary page and increase number of subtitled sections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve ease of reference and document clarity
2.	Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce content and refer to current Strategic Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve clarity and increase relevancy
3.	Roles and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce frequency of Council reporting to 1-2 times annually, unless requested Clarified wording for appeal panel role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve efficiency Comply with Provincial regulations
4.	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce Council membership from 3 to 2 Include requirement for members to “demonstrate stakeholder interest in the agricultural industry in Parkland County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure membership is representative
5.	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Bylaw reference Reduce minimum requirement to 4 annually and add maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow for flexibility and accurate budgeting
6.	Additional sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support resources, chairmanship, decision making, minutes, conflict of interest and confidentiality, roles and duties of administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase clarity, no change from current processes

REGULATORY FUNCTIONS- Weed Inspection 2024 Focus Areas



STRATEGIC ADVICE TO COUNCIL

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- AUC Pause on Renewables
 - MDP/LUB Update
 - Prime Agricultural Land
 - Emergency Response Plan
 - Drought Management Plan
 - ESA Policy Framework
 - Farm Communications

POLICY ADVICE

- 9 of 10 resolutions supported at the Provincial Conference
- All resolutions passed
- Responses to be graded in September



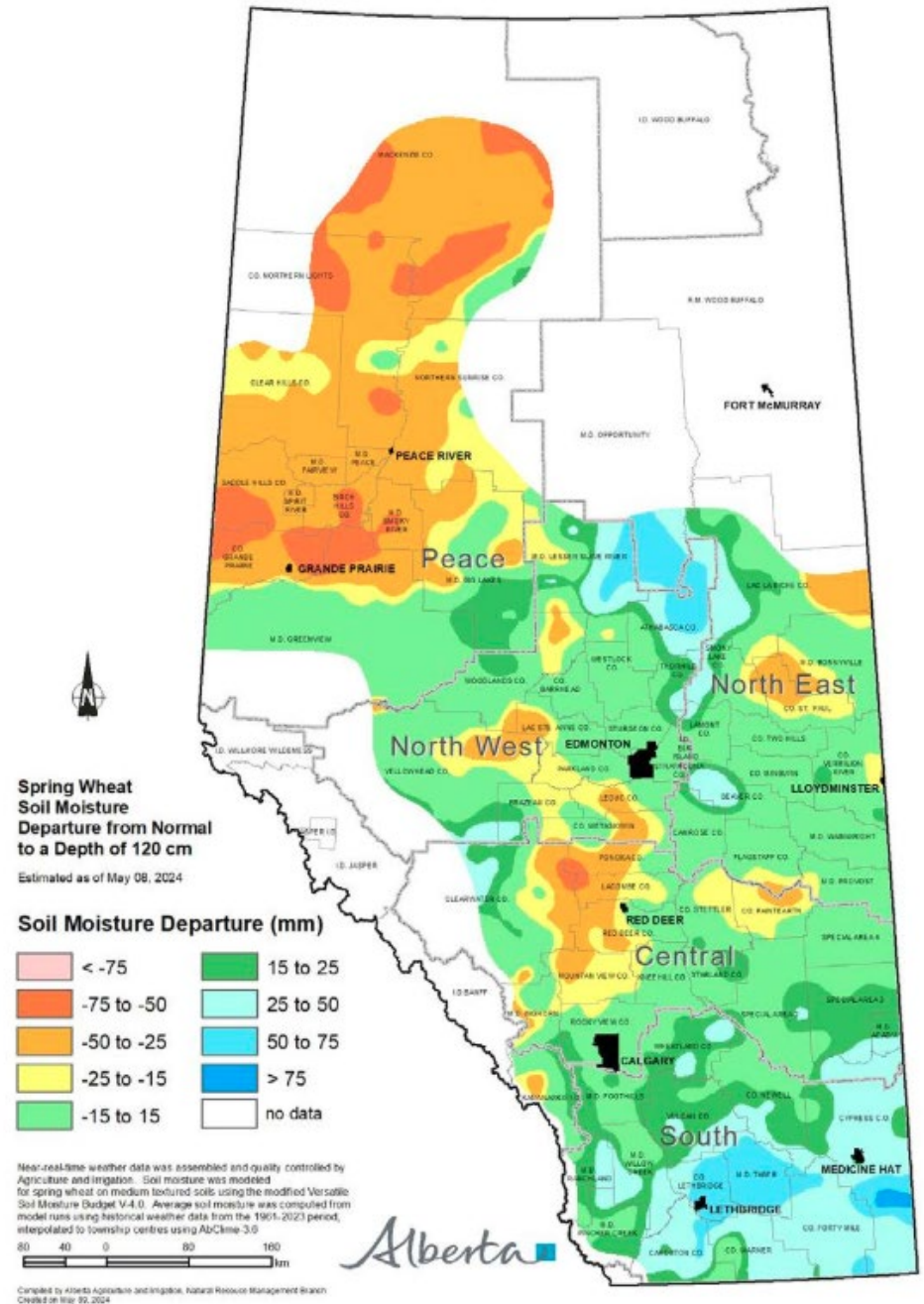
CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE

- 2024 Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Nomination
- Farm Family Awards advocacy



2024 Growing Season Forecast

- Monitoring moisture conditions
- Increase in Fusarium cases



EXTENSION AND OUTREACH



UPCOMING EVENTS

Producer Dinner Regional Conference





SUPPORTING 4-H

FUTURE OUTLOOK

- Energy Roadmap
- Co-operatives
- Resolution Planning & Grading
- Insurance Costs, Availability and Eligibility
- Bursaries
- Rural Theft
- Extension Partners
- Road Equipment Safety



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Questions?