



Agricultural Service Board

PRESENTATION TO GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

November 21st, 2023

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

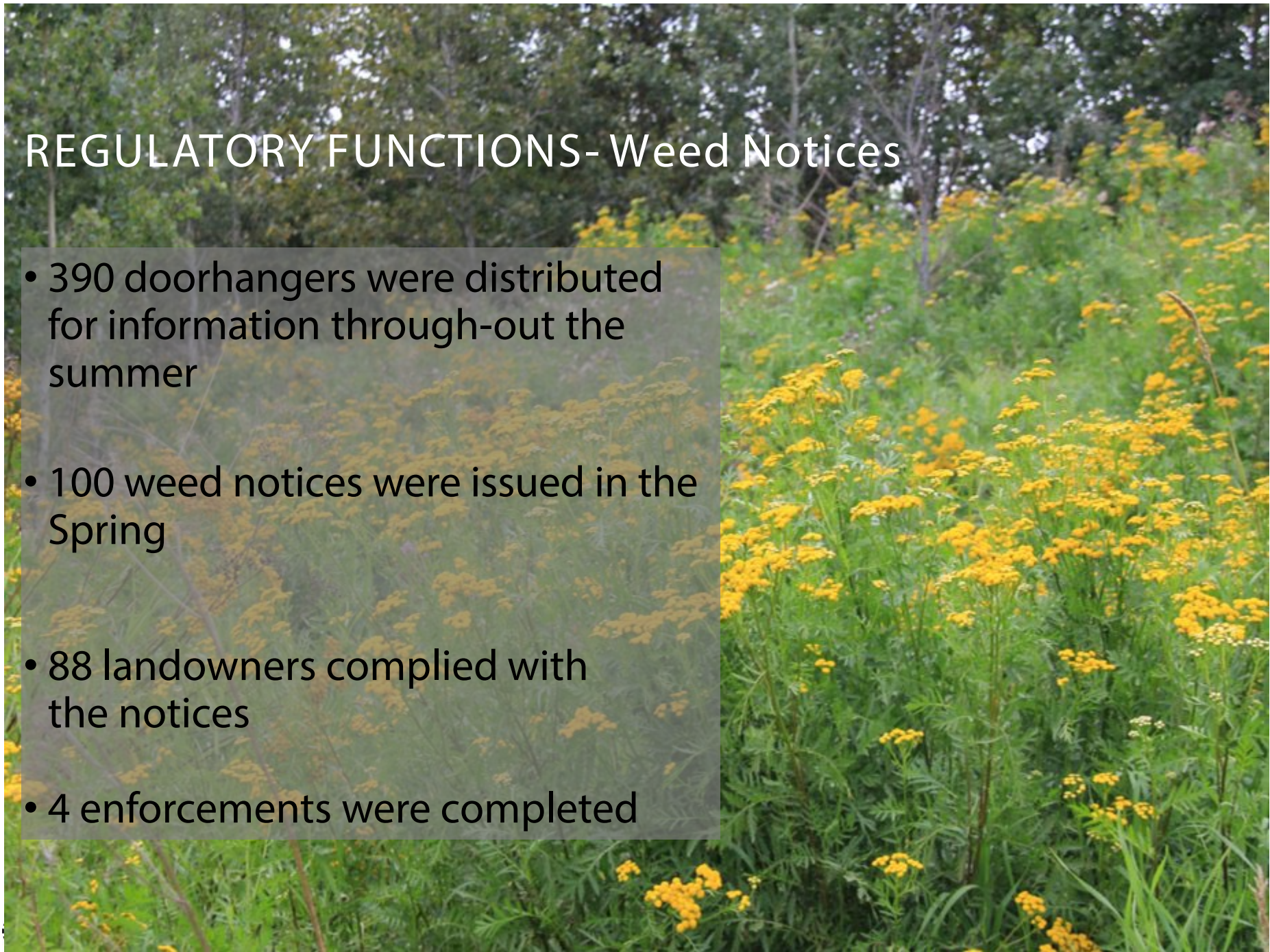


WHAT WE DO

- 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.

REGULATORY FUNCTIONS- Weed Notices

- 390 doorhangers were distributed for information through-out the summer
- 100 weed notices were issued in the Spring
- 88 landowners complied with the notices
- 4 enforcements were completed



REGULATORY FUNCTIONS- Appeals

- The ASB has a legislated role under the ASB Act to serve as the appeal body under the Weed Control, Agricultural Pests and Soil Conservation Act.
- Two appeals of debt recovery notice have been received under the Weed Control Act in 2023.
- Both appeals were defeated.

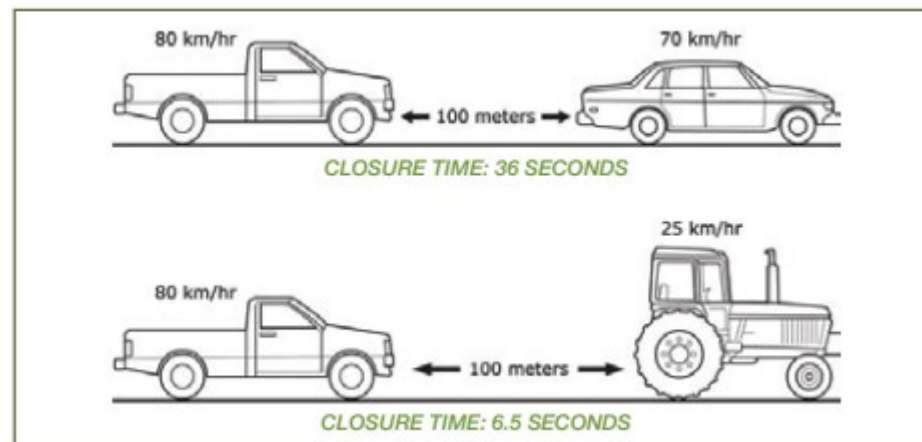


STRATEGIC ADVICE TO COUNCIL

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- Trails Strategy
 - Municipal Bylaw Review
 - MDP/LUB Update
 - Tourism Initiative

POLICY ADVICE

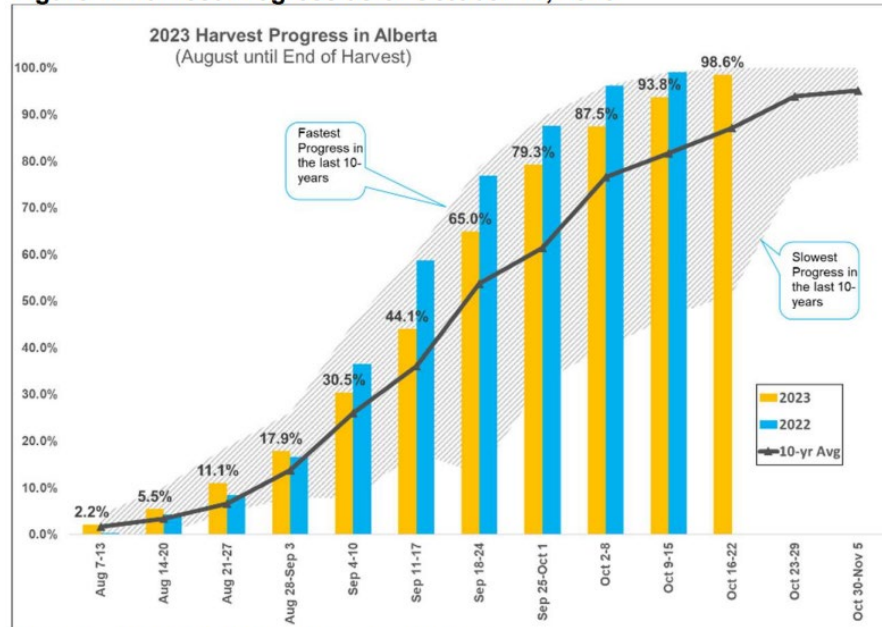
- Representatives from the ASB attended the Provincial Conference in January and attended the North-West Regional Conference in November, 2023.
- 14 resolutions were passed at the Provincial Conference.
- 1 resolution was passed at the NW Regional Conference
 - Agricultural Equipment Highway Signs



2023 Growing Season Outcome

- Warm temperatures in the Fall allowed for rapid harvest pace.
- 98% of all crops reported as harvested in the NW Region by mid-October (99% AB average)

Figure 1: Harvest Progress as of October 17, 2023



Source: AGI/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE

2023 PRODUCER DINNER



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ALUS Dave Reid Award Winners- Wayne and Jesse Pukalo



SUPPORTING RURAL YOUTH

Awarded bursaries to 7 Parkland County students in agriculture-related post secondary studies

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners: Amanda Hardman, Brody Laackman, Charlotte Fairbank, Emilie Porter, Hunter Porter, Rylee Rodgers & Chance Freemark



SUPPORTING 4-H



ISSUES AFFECTING THE FARM COMMUNITY

- Inflation and Affordability
- Solar Developments
- Insurance Hikes
- Energy Security
- Avian Influenza
- Carbon Pricing



A wide-angle photograph of a golden wheat field under a clear sky. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, showing their intricate structure and golden-brown color. The field extends to the horizon, where a line of trees is visible in the distance. The word "Questions?" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font with a thin black outline.

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