



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 20, 2020

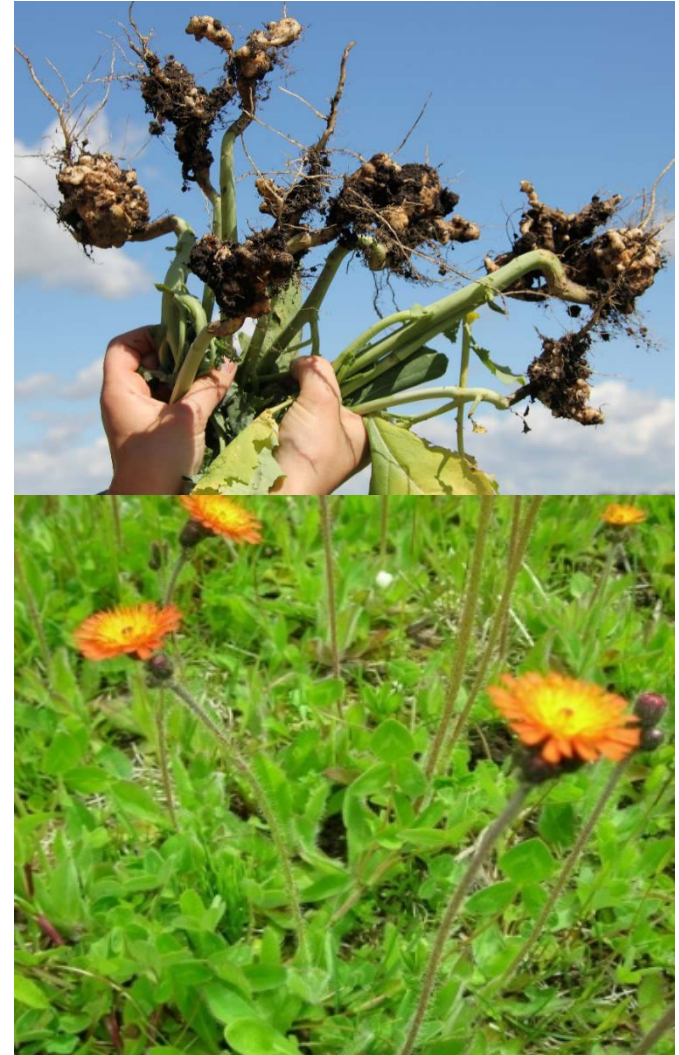
UPDATE TO COUNCIL ON 2020 ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Regulatory Functions

Advisory Functions

REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

- 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.
- No appeals have been received under the Acts in 2020.



STRATEGIC ADVICE - REGIONAL AGRICULTURE MASTER PLAN

ASB will be one of the stakeholders providing input to the RAMP public consultation

ASB recommended names of directly affected individuals and stakeholders to be consulted.



REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ASB

Representatives from the ASB attended the Provincial Conference in January and will attend the virtual North West Regional Conference in November.

The ASB provided input to the Provincial Committee on:

- The resolution process to improve the quality of resolutions coming to the provincial conference
- The Report Card on Resolutions from the 2020 Provincial Conference.

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

- ASB provided input to the report on revising the Animal Control By-Law to allow chickens on parcels under 2 acres.
- ASB did not support changing the by-law.



DEREGULATION OF FUSARIUM GRAMINEARUM

- *Fusarium graminearum* has been removed from the Pest Act.
- Parkland County has the option to implement a by-law to require farmers to control the disease.
- The ASB advised that Parkland County does not require a by-law to address this disease as infection rates are relatively low.



ADVISORY FUNCTIONS

- Provided input to Fire Services regarding spring burning of straw and non-salvageable crops.
- Sought advice from Enforcement Services regarding landowner rights and trespassers.
- Provided input to the Provincial Ag Research Review.
- Provided input to Council Ag Policy.
- Provided advice to Administration on the Weed Control Program following public member presentation to the ASB.
- Transportation Master Plan



INFORMATION

Received information on:

- “Food Artisans of Camrose County” program
- Tri-County Ag Business Study
- Economic Diversification priorities for the County
- Hamlet Reinvestment Strategy
- Transportation Master Plan



PRODUCER EVENING

- Due to the pandemic, the Producer Dinner will not be held in 2020.
- Based on public health orders, an event will be considered for March 2021



CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE

- ASB Chair provided a welcome address to the Women's Ranching Retreat. The retreat was co-hosted with West Central Forage Association
- Nominated the Frank Maddock Family for the BMO Northlands Farm Family Award
- Nominated the Vanderwell Family , Woodland Farms, for the Alberta Beef Producer Environmental Stewardship Award
- Preparing a nomination for the 2021 Agriculture Hall of Fame

SUPPORTING RURAL YOUTH

- Will be awarding bursaries in November for up to 5 Parkland County students in agriculture related post secondary studies



ADVICE TO COUNCIL

- The ASB recommends Council not revise the animal control by-law to allow chickens on parcels under 2 acres

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Questions?