



# Report Card on the Resolutions

2025

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee



Fellow Agricultural Service Board Members and Partners,

It is my privilege to present the 2025 *Report on the Resolutions* on behalf of the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee (ASBPC). This report is more than a record of government responses—it is a testament to the enduring grassroots collaboration that defines our collective voice as 68 rural municipalities working together across Alberta.

Agriculture Services Boards (ASB) are uniquely positioned to understand the challenges and opportunities facing Alberta’s agriculture sector. Whether the issue is drought recovery, rural veterinary shortages, weed management, wildlife conflict, farm mental health services farm families, or the preservation of our agricultural lands—this year’s resolutions clearly demonstrate the leadership and foresight of ASBs. Each resolution passed reflects the boots-on-the-ground knowledge of our members valuable insight in shaping provincial and federal policy.

In 2025, the Committee reviewed and graded 13 new resolutions and continued to advocate on unresolved matters from previous years. Our regular meetings and engagements with Ministers, Deputy Ministers, policy advisors and subject matter experts have been productive and increasingly collaborative.

The creation of the cross-ministry triage document for invasive species, ongoing vetting of rural mental health funding models, the Province addressing the wild boar concern, the efforts to re-register strychnine, and formal conversations around agriculture education and charitable gaming reform demonstrate that our voices are being heard—although there is still much work ahead.

Importantly, the Committee is evolving. While we remain a volunteer-led body, the complexity of our work has grown, and so too has our responsibility.

Over the past year, we have reviewed our Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, strengthened internal processes, and supported new governance structures that will help the Committee better serve our members into the future. These changes are not just bureaucratic—they reflect our commitment to transparency, continuity, and sustainability of rural advocacy.

To our ASB members: thank you for your thoughtful submissions, your commentary during the grading process, and your ongoing support. This year's record level of feedback assists in our ongoing advocacy and strengthens our credibility in meetings with government officials. We encourage all municipalities to engage directly with your regional representatives and continue providing input on current advocacy priorities.

In closing, I wish to thank my fellow Committee members and our Executive Assistant for their dedication, diplomacy, and diligence. Together, we reaffirm the role of ASBs as foundational partners in protecting Alberta's agricultural future.

With appreciation and commitment,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Knight". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

**Brenda Knight**

Chair, Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee  
Councillor, Lacombe County

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## INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee is pleased to provide Agricultural Service Board (ASB) members and staff with the 2025 Report Card on the Resolutions. This report contains the government and non-government responses to resolutions passed at the 2025 Provincial ASB Conference. The Report Card on the Resolutions includes the *Whereas* and *Therefore Be It Resolved* sections from the resolutions, response, response grade and comments from the Committee and ASBs for each resolution. The resolutions and responses are also posted on the Agricultural Service Board website at [agriculturalserviceboards.com](http://agriculturalserviceboards.com). Actions taken by the Committee on current and prior resolutions are also included in this report.

<b>2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Representation</b>
<b>Chair, Region Rep.</b>	<b>Brenda Knight</b>	<b>Tietsia Huyzer</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>Vice, Region Rep.</b>	<b>Rob Siewert</b>	<b>John Van Driesten</b>	<b>South</b>
<b>Region Rep</b>	<b>Walter Preugschas</b>	<b>Ross Bohnet</b>	<b>Northwest</b>
<b>Region Rep</b>	<b>Sebastien Dutrisac</b>	<b>Gene Hrabec</b>	<b>Northeast</b>
<b>Region Rep</b>	<b>Bob Chrenek</b>	<b>Corinna Williams</b>	<b>Peace</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Dawn Fortin</b>		<b>AAAF</b>
<b>Executive Assistant</b>	<b>Linda Hunt</b>		<b>ASBPC</b>
<b>RMA Rep.</b>	<b>Kevin Wrista</b>	<b>Jason Schneider</b>	<b>RMA</b>
<b>AAAF President</b>	<b>Stephen Bevans</b>		<b>AAAF</b>
<b>ASB Program Manager</b>	<b>Kerriane Koehler-Munro</b>		<b>AGI</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Stephanie Cerny</b>		<b>AGI</b>

<b>2025 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS</b>		
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
<b>Agriculture Plastics Recycling Group</b>	<b>Walter Preugschas</b>	<b>Brenda Knight</b>
<b>Alberta Game Policy Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Gene Hrabec</b>	<b>Rob Siewert</b>
<b>Alberta Endangered Species Conservation Committee (ESCC)</b>	<b>Rob Siewert</b>	<b>Brenda Knight</b>
<del><b>Clubroot Action Committee</b></del>	<del><b>Brenda Knight</b></del>	<del><b>Sebastien Durtisac</b></del>
<del><b>Fusarium Action Committee</b></del>	<del><b>Sebastien Durtisac</b></del>	<del><b>Walter Preugschas</b></del>
<b>Wildlife Predator Compensation Committee</b>	<b>Corinna Williams</b>	<b>Tietsia Huyzer</b>
<b>Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Stakeholder Advisory</b>	<b>Corinna Williams</b>	<b>Sebastien Durtisac</b>
<b>Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta working group</b>	<b>Rob Siewert</b>	<b>Brenda Knight</b>
<b>ASB Extension Committee</b>	<b>Walter Preugschas</b>	<b>Brenda Knight</b>
<b>AgKnow Industry Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Bob Chrenek</b>	<b>Gene Hrabec</b>

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ASB Provincial Committee has assigned the following grades to responses by government and non-government organizations for resolutions passed at the 2025 Provincial ASB Conference.

### Resolution Table

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION	GRADE
1-25	DROUGHT AND LIVESTOCK AGRISTABILITY	RESPONDED IN PART
2-25	LANDOWNERS' RIGHTS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS	DEFEATED
3-25	PROTECTION OF CLASS 3 SOILS IN ALBERTA FROM RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT	WITHDRAWN
4-25	WEED CONTROL IN DRAINAGE CANALS (REGISTERED DRAINAGE DITCHES)	RESPONDED
5-25	CENTRAL CONTACT FOR THE WEED CONTROL AND AGRICULTURAL PEST ACTS	RESPONDED
6-25	RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SUPPORT	RESPONDED IN PART
7-25	ROADKILL CARCASS DISPOSAL	RESPONDED IN PART
8-25	COYOTES ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION	DEFEATED
9-25	NON-MATCHING FUNDING FOR AGKNOW	RESPONDED
10-25	FARM FAMILY AWARDS	DEFEATED
11-25	AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FUNDING	RESPONDED
12-25	CHARITABLE GAMING POLICIES HANDBOOK	NO RESPONSE
13-25	RESOLUTION LOBBYING INCLUSION	DEFEATED
PC1-25	INFLATIONARY INCREASE FOR ASB GRANTS	RESPONDED

The Committee reviewed the responses and assigned one of four grades: *Accept the Response*, *Accept in Principle*, *Incomplete* and *Unsatisfactory*. The Committee considers the quality of each response and the grading and comments submitted by ASBs when determining the final grades for the report card.

## RESPONSE SUMMARY

### Number of ASBs that Responded

Region	#ASBs Responding	% of Region 2025	% of Region 2024	% of Region 2023	% of Region 2022
South	5	28	39	22	33
Central	14	100	93	100	93
Northeast	4	36	27	82	82
Northwest	6	46	54	15	38
Peace	7	52	38	38	38
Overall	36	53%	51%	49%	55%

### Summary of Grading Responses Submitted

Resolution No.	Responded	Responded in Part	Does Not Address the Resolution	No Response
1-25	3	32	1	0
4-25	35	0	1	0
5-25	33	2	0	1
6-25	4	31	1	0
7-25	5	30	1	0
9-25	32	3	1	0
11-25	34	2	0	0
12-25	7	0	0	29
PC1-25	34	1	0	1

## 2025 ACTIVITIES OF THE ASBPC

### ASBPC Regular Meetings

Date	Delegations or Activates
2024 09 13	Regular Meeting – Regional Conference Prep
2023 11 04	Organizational Meeting
2023 11 04	Resolution Review and recommendations,
2023 11 19	Conference package and resolution review
2025 01, 06	Conference planning
2025 01, 20	Preconference meetings
2025 01 21-23	Provincial ASB Conference
2025 03, 17	In person, with delegations ADM/DM and RDAR
2025 04, 17	Resolution response review
2025 05, 23	Resolution Grading
2025 08, 07	TOR and PRP committee report
2025 08, 14	Report card review

### Engagements:

Date	Event
September 13, 2024	Dutch Elm disease
October 17, 2024	Water Act Engagement
November 4, 2024	Minister meeting at the Legislature
November 13, 2024	ADM Townhall
January 20, 2025	ADM Townhall
April 15, 2025	ADM update Wild Boar
April 22, 2025	SARM – Strychnine discussion
July 6, 2025	Minister Dreeshen Reception – Stampede
July ?, 2025	Team Alberta Crops
July ?, 2025	Livestock Conference at Stampede (name?)

Activities on Appointed Committees:

Date	Committee	Member Attending
Oct 31, 2024	Weeds on Wellsites	Sebastien D/Brenda K
Nov 19, 2024	EFP	Sebastien Dutrisac
March 26, 2025	Weeds on Wellsites	Rob S, Sebastien D, Brenda K,
April 7-8	CWD in person	Gene H
April 24	CWD online	Gene H
May 20, 2025	EFP meeting	Sebastien and Kevin
May 26, 2025	AG Plastics	Kevin Wrista
June 11-12	CWD in Person	Gene H/Linda Hunt
June 26	CWD online	Gene H
August 27-28	CWD in Person	Gene H

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

The Provincial ASB Committee has chosen four indicators to grade resolution responses from government and non-government organizations.

### *Responded*

The response addresses the request in the resolution. ASBs are encouraged to comment with their opinion about the response in the "comments" section of the grading sheet.

### *Responded in Part*

The response addresses some of the resolution, but does not address the full request. ASBs are encouraged to comment about their opinion on the response in the "comments" section of the grading sheet.

### *Did Not Address the Resolution*

The response does not address the request, and requires further engagement to clarify the request. Follow up is required to solicit information for the Provincial ASB Committee to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

### *No Response*

The resolution did not receive a response.

## 2025 RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTION 1-25 : DROUGHT AND LIVESTOCK AGRISTABILITY

**WHEREAS** in the last decade, Alberta has seen four of Canada's top ten extreme and costly weather-related disasters, and federal modeling for Western Canada predicts more extreme weather;

**WHEREAS** the current federal drought monitoring system aggregates weather data, including precipitation on forested crown land. This data is not available to privately held agricultural lands in its assessment, and it was the deciding criteria for the Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance program and the 2023 Livestock Tax Deferral;

**WHEREAS** the Canadian government has forecast continued extreme weather impacts on the agricultural industry. Programs like AgriStability are in place to safeguard producers' financial resilience; and

**WHEREAS** the Office of Audit and Evaluation of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) evaluated AgriStability and found that while it helps protect Canada's agriculture sector from income losses due to various risks, it is not fully effective.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

AAFC re-evaluate the current weather mapping program and the Drought Monitoring System to include and more heavily weigh data from weather stations and available soil moisture mapping within agricultural lands, better acknowledging municipalities straddling the transition from agricultural white zone into forested Crown green zone, coupled with making efforts to capture in these maps the extreme weather events that are now a reality.

### **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

AAFC report back to the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee that the recommended improvements to AgriStability as identified and released October 22, 2022, by the Office of Audit and Evaluation of AAFC were put in place, by April of 2024:

1. Identify ways to simplify AgriStability to reduce producer administrative burden;
2. Find ways to make interim and final payments more predictable and to improve the timeliness of final payments; and
3. Develop and implement a means to increase access to AgriStability by underrepresented populations.

**SPONSORED BY:** Yellowhead County & MD of Greenview No. 16

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

**RESPONSE:**

1. Response AAFC – March 11, 2025
2. Further Response AAFC – June 10, 2025

The responses outline the Canadian government's efforts to strengthen agricultural support programs, primarily focusing on improvements to drought monitoring and the AgriStability program. A key concern is that the current Canadian Drought Monitor (CDM) can inaccurately assess drought conditions on agricultural lands due to the aggregation of data from surrounding forested areas, leading to the under-designation of areas for crucial support. To address this, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is enhancing the CDM by incorporating more detailed data and increasing input from farmers, as well as improving the Livestock Tax Deferral (LTD) program by implementing buffer zones and an earlier identification process.

Additionally, the responses highlight an audit of the AgriStability program, which found it to be complex and less effective for smaller operations and underrepresented populations, prompting recommendations and an action plan to simplify the program, improve payment predictability, and increase accessibility for all farmers.

**GRADE: Responded in Part****GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

ASB	GRADE	ACTION	COMMENTS
Newell	Did Not Address		
Minburn	Responded	Follow up and provide updates	
Wheatland	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Yellowhead County	Responded		ASB would like more information on what changes will be made in regards to data collection.
Barrhead	Responded in Part		
Thorhild	Responded in Part	No opinion	
Smoky River	Responded in Part	No opinion	
Smoky Lake	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	
Grande Prairie	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	Responded in Part		

Bonnyville	Responded in Part		
Saddle Hills	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	Increase weather stations in the Peace country
Northern Sunrise	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	Advocate for the installation of more weather stations in the North. Compared to the South, we have significantly fewer stations, making it difficult to accurately monitor drought conditions. Even within Northern Sunrise, the large geographic area leads to substantial variation in weather patterns—further highlighting the need for more localized data through additional weather stations.
Region - Central	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	
Lamont	Responded in Part		wait for additional information
Flagstaff	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	Need more clarification from AAFC.
Big Lakes	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	We would like more information and further comment as to if they will be increasing the amount of weather stations, particularly on agricultural lands for better representation of the conditions
Warner	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	
Brazeau	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	
Birch Hills	Responded in Part		
Woodlands	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	
Willow Creek	Responded in Part	Follow up and provide updates	Are there deficiencies on the number of Weather Reporting stations?
Greenview	Responded in Part		
Leduc	Responded in Part		

**COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:**

Responses from AAFC were prompt and complete and did address the concerns in the resolution and explained in the letters sent to them. The 2025 Agriculture Disaster response has shown that buffer zones are being used so time will tell if they are effective. The responses make it clear that they are interested and motivated to respond to the concerns and needs, and there is ongoing engagement to

increase the use of data to determine who qualifies for the programs offered. The Committee agrees with the grade of “Responded in Part” and encourages continued engagement on this topic.

It is clear that if data will be used to determine eligibility, then the availability of data in the north needs to be visited, with consideration given to ensure that the cost of increasing weather stations doesn't get downloaded onto municipalities. It was suggested to RMA that AFSC should be encouraged to invest in more detailed data collection. AFSC currently has an MOU with the province for the data on current weather stations.

## RESOLUTION 4-25: WEED CONTROL IN DRAINAGE CANALS (REGISTERED DRAINAGE DITCHES)

**WHEREAS** under the Weed Control Act of Alberta, Municipalities are tasked to Monitor and Enforce control of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds;

**WHEREAS** the Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides severely restricts the application of herbicides within 30 metres of a "drainage canal" and the amount of area that can be treated in a calendar year;

**WHEREAS** under a Special Use Approval to apply herbicides within 30 metres of an open body of water, the area allowed to be treated is still restricted; and

**WHEREAS** a Notice to Remedy Weed Problem in a "drainage canal" cannot be fully acted upon due to the limitations of the area allowed to be treated under the Code of Practice allowing for the proliferation of the weeds.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

The Government of Alberta - Environment and Protected Areas remove "drainage canal" from the definition of "open body of water" under the Pesticide Sales, Handling, Use and Application Regulation.

### **FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

To allow municipalities that have control over maintenance of drainage canals to treat invasive species listed in the Weed Control Act or those species elevated in the respective municipality, as they would control the same species in roadside ditches or under Notice to Remedy Weed Problem.

**SPONSORED BY:** Municipal District of Smoky River #130  
**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATUS:** Provincial/Federal  
**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Environment and Protected Areas

### **RESPONSE:**

1. Environment and Protected Areas – April 1, 2025

The response from the Alberta Minister of Environment and Protected Areas regarding concerns about weed control in Drainage Canals was to emphasize the Government of Alberta's commitment to balancing effective weed management with environmental protection. They explained that special use permits for pesticide application in or near water bodies are available for circumstances where noxious weed control is needed. They further explained the rationale behind regulations protecting aquatic environments and defining drainage canals as open water.

**GRADE:** RESPONDED

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

<b>ASB</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Birch Hills	<b>Did Not Address</b>		The response does not address the limitations of the Special Use Approval Process brought up in the "Where As" Statements and its impact on adequate control. It only reiterated the procedure already in place.
Minburn	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Newell	<b>Responded</b>		
Barrhead	<b>Responded</b>		
Thorhild	<b>Responded</b>		Team Alberta Study, Funded By RDAR
Smoky River	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Perhaps can be addressed during water act review
Smoky Lake	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Grande Prairie	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	<b>Responded</b>		
Bonnyville	<b>Responded</b>		
Saddle Hills	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Northern Sunrise	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	The response is sufficient, as the rules and regulations offer a clear explanation, and special approvals remain possible on a case-by-case basis.
Region - Central	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Lamont	<b>Responded</b>		
Flagstaff	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	Special Use Approval is sufficient.
Big Lakes	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Warner	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Brazeau	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Woodlands	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Wheatland	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	

Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		ASB would like to see more staff applied to this division so that special use approvals are happening in a more timely manner
Greenview	<b>Responded</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded</b>		

**COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:**

The Committee felt that the response contained clear rules and reasons for the regulations and stated that there was allowances for exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

## RESOLUTION 5-25: CENTRAL CONTACT FOR THE *WEED CONTROL AND AGRICULTURAL PEST ACTS*

- WHEREAS** the lack of centralized point of contact can lead to delays in addressing weed and pest issues, resulting in possible environmental and economic impacts;
- WHEREAS** there are thousands of oil and gas wells, including abandoned wells, across Alberta where site maintenance following the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act* must be followed;
- WHEREAS** challenges often stem from incorrect contact information and changes in leaseholders that are not consistently updated, hindering communication and compliance;
- WHEREAS** government agencies have multiple offices throughout the province, and ministry changes cause difficulties providing the information to the appropriate contact; and
- WHEREAS** municipalities face significant challenges in enforcing the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act* due to difficulties in establishing and maintaining contact with landholders.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Ministers of Energy, Environment and Ag work collaboratively to establish a central point of contact for identifying landholder to send communication to industry and government agencies for matters related to agriculture legislation. This would involve municipalities sending notices and other communications regarding the Acts to a central government contact, who would then distribute the information to the respective landholders.

**SPONSORED BY:** Northern Sunrise County  
**STATUS:** Provincial  
**DEPARTMENT:** Energy and Minerals  
Environment and Protected Areas  
Agriculture and Irrigation  
Transportation and Economic Corridors

#### **Response:**

1. Agriculture and Irrigation – March 25, 2025
2. Environment and Protected areas – April 1, 2025
3. Agriculture and Irrigation – May 15, 2025
4. Triage resource for determining land ownership AGI May 5
5. Triage resource for determining land ownership AGI May 23 \*\*UPDATED
6. Transportation and Economic Corridors June 6

To address the inefficiencies and unresolved cases faced by municipal inspectors because they cannot reliably reach responsible parties, the Government of Alberta ministries worked together to create "Government of Alberta Triage Process and Contacts When Invasive Pests are Detected on Public Land or Water" document.

While acknowledging that a single point of contact for public lands is not feasible due to their specialized nature, this triage document serves as an endorsed approach by the GOA's Cross Ministry Invasive Species Group. It aims to assist with identifying appropriate landowners and contacts for managing regulated pests under various acts, including the *Weed Control Act/Regulations*, *Agricultural Pest Act/Regulations*, and the *Alberta Fisheries Act*.

The Triage Process document provides a structured flowchart and a comprehensive list of contacts based on the type of invasive pest and the land where it's detected. For instance, it first asks if the pest is regulated under the *Agricultural Pest Act*. If not, it then asks if the plant is a prohibited aquatic invasive plant under the *Fisheries (Alberta) Act*. If neither applies, it asks if the terrestrial invasive plant is on vacant public land or Alberta Parks land. Based on these questions, it directs users to specific contacts such as the Pest Regulatory Officer, Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, or regional Recreation and Resource Management Coordinators. It also provides contacts for various specialized areas like Rat & related Agricultural Pests, Wild Boar, Plant Health, Forest Entomology, and Wildlife/Fish Diseases.

GRADE: RESPONDED

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

ASB	GRADE	ACTION	COMMENTS
Thorhild	No Response	No opinion	
Minburn	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Newell	Responded		
Barrhead	Responded		Ministries still have internal silo style communication. Needs improvement.
Smoky River	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Smoky Lake	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Grande Prairie	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	Responded		
Bonnyville	Responded		
Saddle Hills	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Region - Central	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Lamont	Responded		
Flagstaff	Responded	No opinion	
Big Lakes	Responded	No opinion	
Brazeau	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	

Birch Hills	<b>Responded</b>		
Woodlands	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Wheatland	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		ASB would like to send a thank you for developing the Alberta Triage Process and Contacts
Greenview	<b>Responded</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded</b>		
Northern Sunrise	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	While the triage documentation is useful, there is concern about whether the OneStop link information will remain up to date, particularly in the event of land or asset transfers.
Warner	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Recognizing the logistics of creating a single point of contact at the GOA and staffing needed to respond to each request from all the municipalities, the Triage document seems to be an acceptable compromise. Many government departments came together to put the list of connections together making the document comprehensive and feedback to its usefulness has already been received.

However, this approach comes with some risk.

- 1) **Keeping the Document Updated:** As government contacts and departmental responsibilities can change, it will be important to regularly review and update the triage document to ensure the information remains accurate and relevant.
- 2) **Accessibility and Distribution:** Ensuring that all committee members and stakeholders know about the triage document and can easily access it (e.g., through a central website or regular email updates) will maximize its usefulness.
- 3) **Concern – Outdated Information:** A potential concern is that if the document is not maintained, it could quickly become outdated, leading to confusion or frustration.

To mitigate these risks, the Cross Ministry Working Group on Invasive Species has made the Triage document a standing item on their agenda and committed to keeping it up to date, and the ASB Program Manager has committed to keeping the latest version up to date with the ASBPC. Additionally, the ASBPC has made a commitment to keep the latest document on the website and to check in periodically to make sure it is working as needed.

One other concern is One Stop is not an intuitive program and so there is a need for further training for municipal staff. The ASB Program team is aware of this and will advocate to have One Stop training added to the in-service training for AAAF members.

## RESOLUTION 6-25: RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SUPPORT

- WHEREAS** veterinary services are a critical component of rural sustainability through the industry's contributions to agriculture, food safety and animal welfare;
- WHEREAS** the Government of Alberta currently provides a Veterinary Student Bursary to veterinary students living and working in Northern Alberta via the Northern Alberta Development Bursary Program;
- WHEREAS** veterinary student temporary employment subsidies exist in other jurisdictions struggling to attract and retain rural veterinarians;
- WHEREAS** costs associated with completing the necessary educational requirements to become a veterinarian continue to increase; and
- WHEREAS** rural Alberta is experiencing a continued decline in veterinarian availability.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Ministry of Jobs, Economy, and Trade and Ministry of Advanced Education create a complimentary program to the Northern Alberta Development Program Veterinary Student Bursary, to make bursary funds accessible to veterinary students working in mixed and large animal veterinary clinics throughout rural Alberta.

### **FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade institute a veterinarian student temporary employment program for rural mixed and large animal veterinary clinics to support the attraction and retention of veterinary students throughout rural Alberta.

**SPONSORED BY:** Lacombe County  
**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATUS:** Provincial

### RESPONSE:

1. RESPONSE Agriculture and Irrigation – March 25, 2025
2. RESPONSE Advanced Education – April 17, 2025

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation's response did not address the resolution directly. Their response primarily focuses on their collaborations, significant investments in veterinary education and infrastructure, and initiatives to enhance rural practice and diagnostic services to address the shortage of veterinarians in rural Alberta. The Ministry along with Advanced Education and Jobs, Economy and

Trade, are working in partnership with stakeholders to address the shortage of veterinarians and veterinary technologists in rural Alberta. They did however mention that the Chief Provincial Veterinarian has "**commenced work on a program within the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to provide funding for summer student hiring, housing assistance, community appreciation programs, and similar initiatives**".

The Ministry of Advanced Education's response also did not directly address the resolution but instead acknowledges the importance of veterinary services and the existence of the Northern Alberta Development Program Veterinary Student Bursary and the availability of the Bursary Partnership Program for Northern veterinary practices.

GRADE: RESPONDED IN PART

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

ASB	GRADE	ACTION	COMMENTS
Lamont		not completed	
Brazeau	<b>Did Not Address</b>	<b>Bring to a Minister Meeting</b>	provide incentives for rural and large animal practices
Minburn	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Cypress	<b>Responded</b>		
Wheatland	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		ASB still feels more needs to be done. Refer to RES 1-23
Newell	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Barrhead	<b>Responded in Part</b>		Increase encouragement on large animal enrollment and practice.
Thorhild	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Smoky River	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Smoky Lake	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Grande Prairie	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Agree with ASBPC comments
Bonnyville	<b>Responded in Part</b>		

Saddle Hills	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Bring to a Minister Meeting</b>	Clarification on who should be responsible for administering bursary program
Northern Sunrise	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	The response does not suggest the bursary will be across the whole province or targeted for rural veterinarians as was requested.
Region - Central	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Flagstaff	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Big Lakes	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Warner	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Birch Hills	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Woodlands	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Need to continue to look at admission requirements as well
Greenview	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded in Part</b>		

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

There are some inaccuracies in the response from Alberta Advanced Education: *“Administration of these initiatives was proposed to the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, but they did not pursue the opportunity.”*. The Committee did meet with the Chief Provincial Vet and agreed with the creation of a program in the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, but was not asked, nor are they legally able to administer a program. The RMA does not have a mandate to administer initiatives like this. The response clearly re states the situation and work that has been done and is in progress but does not talk about expanding the bursary program to be across the province so is not a complete response.

The Committee sent letters in April to Advanced Education and Jobs Economy and Trade reiterating the request for a bursary program expansion to the whole province and has not yet received a further response.

This is an on-going concern that requires a multi-year attention. The new seats at UCVM and diagnostics lab are steps in the right direction, but the impact of these decisions will not be known for many years. More should be done to encourage investment in rural veterinary practices.

## RESOLUTION 7-25: ROADKILL CARCASS DISPOSAL

**WHEREAS** the Alberta Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors stated in a letter received on September 12, 2024, that Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) and Alberta Forestry and Parks (FP), the administrators of the Wildlife Act, do not currently “have formal guidance for the disposal of wildlife animal carcasses. However, both departments strongly recommend minimizing handling and transport of carcasses due to.... disease transmission,” further stating that any departure from these current disposal methods would require EPA and FP to issue permits under the Act for each carcass transported;

**WHEREAS** Highway Maintenance Contractors frequently transport carcasses to disposal and stockpiling sites that are easily accessible to the public and become utilized for the disposal of dead livestock and roadkill, through scavenger disposal;

**WHEREAS** the proximity of these disposal sites to active livestock production increases the impact of predators on livestock by providing a plentiful and easily accessible food source during winter scarcity; and

**WHEREAS** this disposal method comes with a high probability of disease spread through the landscape, including but not limited to foot-and-mouth disease, which infects deer and would cost billions of dollars in lost markets to the province and the country, and chronic wasting disease, a prion disease that is resistant to environmental degradation.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and Alberta Forestry and Parks to develop formal guidance on the disposal of wildlife carcasses hit by vehicles to minimize disease transmission vectors that may pose a serious economic threat to the livestock industry, such as foot-and-mouth disease.

### **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

#### **THAT THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That Alberta Transportation amend the Standard Specification for Highway Maintenance to require contractors to maintain controlled access to carcass disposal sites, the composting of roadkill carcasses.

**SPONSORED BY:** Municipal District of Greenview #16

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Alberta Forestry and Parks

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

RESPONSE:

1. RESPONSE Transportation and Ec. Corridors March 31, 2025
2. RESPONSE Agriculture and Irrigation – March 25, 2025
3. RESPONSE Environment and Protected areas – April 1, 2025
4. FURTHER RESPONSE TEC May 13, 2025
5. REPOSENSE Forestry and Parks – May 15, 2025

Both responses from Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) confirm that the Ministries of Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) and Forestry and Parks (FP), who administer the Alberta Wildlife Act, currently **have no formal guidance for the disposal of wildlife carcasses**, which aligns with the "WHEREAS" statement in the resolution and recommends pursuing the matter with them.

TEC states it currently **follows guidance published by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the disposal of deceased livestock** to reduce disease transmission and predator conflicts. The guidelines being used assume that the disease status of the dead animal is known.

TEC's responses state that its highway maintenance contracts follow principles to reduce disease and predator risks by **"limiting the distance the carcass is moved, avoiding the reuse of natural disposal sites, and not centralizing disposal at single locations such as gravel pits"**.

The resolution specifically requested that TEC **"amend the Standard Specification for Highway Maintenance to require contractors to maintain controlled access to carcass disposal sites, [and] the composting of roadkill carcasses"** Neither response from TEC explicitly commits to amending these specifications. Instead, their statements imply that the problematic practices (uncontrolled access, centralized sites, stockpiling) are either *already not permitted* by TEC's policies or that current practices (following Agriculture and Irrigation's livestock mortality guidance) are sufficient to mitigate risks.

Environment and Protected areas deferred to Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) stating **"as it falls under the purview of his ministry"**. EPA's response does not provide any information or commitment regarding the development of formal guidance for wildlife carcass disposal as requested by the Agricultural Service Boards.

The Ministry of Forestry and Parks (FP) response addresses Resolution 7-25 by **deferring the primary responsibility for developing roadkill disposal policy and guidelines** to the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC).

GRADE: RESPONDED IN PART

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

ASB	GRADE	ACTION	COMMENTS
Lamont	Did Not Address		request to develop carcass disposal
Minburn	Responded	No opinion	
Newell	Responded		
Bonnyville	Responded		
Wheatland	Responded	no actions	

Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		ASB feels that a BMP needs to be created for non producers ex. Alberta Transportation.
Barrhead	<b>Responded in Part</b>		Continue awareness around issues of disease
Thorhild	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Smoky River	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Smoky Lake	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Grande Prairie	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Saddle Hills	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Address the intent of the resolution
Northern Sunrise	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	The responses do not clearly outline the guidelines or procedures for disposing of roadkill carcasses to prevent the spread of disease to farm animals. It is recommended to follow Minister Devin Dreeshen's suggestion to pursue the matter further by contacting Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, Rebecca Schulz.
Region - Central	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Town Hall topic</b>	Various Municipal /TEC Contractors with differing practices.
Flagstaff	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Big Lakes	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	We would like to know the actual on the ground management of the current practices on how the roadkill is being disposed of and would like input from conservation officers.
Warner	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Bring to a Minister Meeting</b>	
Brazeau	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	the 2 ministries need to come up with a plan for disposal without affecting agricultural community
Birch Hills	<b>Responded in Part</b>		

Woodlands	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	There should be a clear standard of disposal provincially
Greenview	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded in Part</b>		

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASB Provincial Committee acknowledges the responses received from Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC), Environment and Protected Areas (EPA), and Forestry and Parks (FP) regarding wildlife carcass disposal. TEC accurately identified the lack of formal guidance from EPA and FP and redirected ASBs to those ministries for further action. However, TEC did not directly address the resolution’s request to amend maintenance specifications for controlled access or composting of carcasses. Instead, their response outlined existing contractor policies that appear to contradict the operational concerns raised by ASBs.

The Committee remains concerned that current guidelines are tailored for agricultural producers disposing of owned animals, and do not adequately address wildlife killed in collisions—especially when disease status is unknown. There is no evidence that carcasses are being tested or disposed of in ways that prevent disease transmission to livestock or wildlife. Diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease, Tuberculosis, Avian Influenza, and Foot-and-Mouth Disease remain serious threats.

While TEC is not pursuing new guidelines, they have encouraged ASBs to report problematic sites and contact local district offices. The Committee views this as a first step and will continue to advocate for improved practices. **ASBs are urged to engage their district TEC office and ask critical questions about carcass disposal procedures and proximity to livestock operations, and share their responses with the ASBPC.**

## RESOLUTION 9-25: NON-MATCHING FUNDING FOR AGKNOW

- WHEREAS** the farming population is at a high risk of mental illness when compared to the general population;
- WHEREAS** studies and surveys have shown that farmers are less likely to seek mental health care due to associated costs, lack of time during the day, and counselors lacking an understanding of agriculture;
- WHEREAS** the AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Initiative was established in 2022 with the intent to provide Alberta’s farming population with agriculturally-informed mental health supports;
- WHEREAS** AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network has received grants for project-based services through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, which has 50% matching funds requirement; and
- WHEREAS** AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network faces funding gaps and restricted operating funds, leading to jeopardization of high-demand mental health programming and support services currently being delivered to Alberta’s farming population.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation waive the matching funding requirement through Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to support AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network to ensure that the Farm-Informed Therapy Program for agricultural producers continues to grow and is free of charge in Alberta.

**SPONSORED BY:** Municipal District of Fairview No.136  
**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATUS:** Provincial  
**DEPARTMENT:** Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

#### RESPONSE:

1. RESPONSE Agriculture and Irrigation – March 25, 2025

AGI's response directly addresses this by explaining **why the matching requirement through SCAP cannot be waived** (due to the program's structure for cost-sharing and project-based nature, not ongoing operations). Therefore, it doesn't fulfill the exact request but provides a clear rationale for the inability to do so. AGI did connect AgKnow/ARECA to the Mental Health and Addictions for a funding request that does not require matching, offering alternative pathway for AgKnow to potentially secure funding that would allow the Farm-Informed Therapy Program to remain free of charge, addressing a key barrier identified in the resolution's background.

GRADE: RESPONDED

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

<b>ASB</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Brazeau	<b>Did Not Address</b>	<b>Town Hall topic</b>	the request was for specifically trained individuals rather than AHS referral
Minburn	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Barrhead	<b>Responded</b>		
Thorhild	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Smoky River	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Smoky Lake	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Given the response provided by the ASBPC, Smoky Lake County agrees it is a full response on this resolution. However, there seems to be a disconnect of having agricultural/farmer specific mental health resources as compared to MHA resources for everyone. AgKnow is tailored for specific challenges our producers face year-round that other agencies lack. We want to assist our provinces producers as best as we can. This best way is AgKnow.
Grande Prairie	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	<b>Responded</b>		
Bonnyville	<b>Responded</b>		
Saddle Hills	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Region - Central	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Flagstaff	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	Concerned for the future of AgKnow. Services still available through AHS.
Big Lakes	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Warner	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Birch Hills	<b>Responded</b>		
Woodlands	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	This is a very important issue that should fall under the umbrella of Mental Health with a focus on agriculture

Wheatland	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	AGI states that programs must be industry driven. Has AgKnow solicited funds from fertilizer, chemical, seed companies?
Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		The ASB feels the question was answered but that doesn't solve the problem. If match funding is required SCAP then why can't AGKNOW apply for funding under the Mental Health Network. They realize the province is spending money on mental health in AB but we also know that ag producers have unique lifestyles that may not be well served by the current resources. For example farmers live where they work, creating a separation is difficult, farmers are paid yearly, farmers can't control the circumstances that cause them stress, weather for example.
Greenview	<b>Responded</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded</b>		
Newell	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Northern Sunrise	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Ongoing advocacy is needed to eliminate the 50% matching funds requirement for AgKnow.
Lamont	<b>Responded in Part</b>		pushed off

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The response shows that the mandate of farm informed therapy program is with the ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and that AGI has aided AgKnow in achieving engagement with MHA to create an agriculture counselling program for the province and that MHA does not require matching funds for their grant programs. AGI is unwilling to wave the matching funds required for the SCAP grant programs for AgKnow.

## RESOLUTION 11-25: AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FUNDING

- WHEREAS** agricultural production in Alberta has historically been, and remains, a significant economic driver and source of employment;
- WHEREAS** generations ago, many Albertans were raised on family farms, gaining firsthand knowledge of livestock, crops, and other agricultural practices;
- WHEREAS** today, most Albertans reside in urban areas and lack the same level of understanding about how livestock, crops, and agricultural products are cultivated;
- WHEREAS** the public has traditionally held agriculture and farmers in high esteem for their role in providing food for Albertans, Canadians, and people worldwide, leading to an increasing consumer interest in agricultural production and food sourcing;
- WHEREAS** misunderstandings regarding agricultural practices and food production are becoming more common, and without proper education, these misconceptions are likely to grow within the expanding population;
- WHEREAS** educating our children and youth about agriculture is crucial for fostering a deeper understanding of food production, sustainability, and the vital role agriculture plays in our economy and environment; and
- WHEREAS** stable funding would empower educators and childcare providers to access essential agricultural education materials and programs, allowing ASBs across Alberta to effectively enhance agricultural knowledge among the younger generation.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Ministry of Education work collaboratively with the Agricultural Services Boards, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to establish a dedicated funding stream aimed for agriculture education.

**SPONSORED BY:** Lac La Biche County

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
Rural Municipalities of Alberta

#### **RESPONSE:**

1. RESPONSE Agriculture and Irrigation – March 25, 2025
2. RESPONSE Education – April 11, 2025
3. RESPONSE Rural Municipalities of Alberta – April 14, 2025

The Ministry of Education's (MoE) response acknowledged the importance of agriculture and highlighted existing initiatives such as the Alberta Dual Credit Framework (supported by \$4.8 million this school year and \$43 million for new collegiate schools) and the Green Certificate Program, a collaboration with Agriculture and Irrigation designed for students interested in agricultural careers. However, the Ministry did not commit to establishing a new, dedicated funding stream as requested by the resolution. Instead, it emphasized that over 98 percent of its budget flows to school boards, granting them autonomy and accountability to prioritize local needs and make decisions in the best interest of their communities.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) affirmed the importance of agriculture education for industry capacity and resiliency. While it did not commit to creating a *new dedicated funding stream* with the Ministry of Education, it pointed to existing funding opportunities available through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). Specifically, AGI noted that Alberta's Sustainable CAP Resiliency and Public Trust Program already includes a youth agriculture education priority area, providing funding for K-12 agriculture education field trips, learning activities, and teacher training.

The **Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)** unequivocally **expressed strong support for Resolution 11-25**, which requests a dedicated funding stream for agriculture education. The RMA emphasized the growing disconnect between urban populations and agricultural practices, leading to misinformation and reduced public trust, and highlighted that a dedicated and stable funding stream is crucial to provide educators and childcare providers with the necessary support for curriculum-linked agricultural resources. The RMA also recalled its own previous resolution in 2019 calling for mandatory agriculture education, noting that past government efforts lacked coordinated or consistent embedding of agriculture education.

GRADE: RESPONDED

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

ASB	GRADE	ACTION	COMMENTS
Minburn	Responded	Follow up and provide updates	
Newell	Responded		
Barrhead	Responded		Need for Resolution clarity and targeted requests
Thorhild	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Smoky River	Responded	No opinion	
Smoky Lake	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Grande Prairie	Responded	No opinion	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	Responded		
Bonnyville	Responded		
Saddle Hills	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Northern Sunrise	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	

Region - Central	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Flagstaff	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Big Lakes	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Can we receive more information on the funding and support for programming in post secondary that relates to agriculture
Warner	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Brazeau	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Birch Hills	<b>Responded</b>		
Woodlands	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	We agree we need to promote the use of the program, as well as encourage commodity groups to assist with Ag in the classroom.
Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		
Greenview	<b>Responded</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded</b>		
Lamont	<b>Responded in Part</b>		
Wheatland	<b>Responded in Part</b>	<b>Bring to a Minister Meeting</b>	I believe this isn't a funding issue, it is an issue that Alberta Education should make agriculture education a part of every elementary curriculum, regardless of urban or rural schools

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The response indicates that a funding stream already exists and encourages ASBs and municipalities to engage at the school board level and put in joining applications for funding to do agriculture themed events for their local schools.

## RESOLUTION 12-25: CHARITABLE GAMING POLICIES HANDBOOK

- WHEREAS** rural municipalities have been encouraging non-profit organizations to increase activities that generates revenue and build reserve funds for future projects and capital replacements to use as matching funds when applying for provincial and federal grants;
- WHEREAS** the 2020 Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook (CGPH) section 4.4 indicated clear use of proceeds was consistent to the supportive intent of gaming funds as earned revenue;
- WHEREAS** the updated 2022 CGPH section 4.4 now states charitable programs expenses for that generate or receive revenue must be managed on a cost recovery;
- WHEREAS** the updated 2022 CGPH section 4.4 also states the purchase of any equipment, supplies, or services used in any activity or operation intended to generate profit is forbidden; and
- WHEREAS** the updated 2022 CGPH section 4.4. states that only when program revenues are not sufficient to cover program expenses, gaming proceeds may be used to pay the shortfall for approved expenses and therefore forcing the depletion of the organizational reserves.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction and the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission to amend the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook so rural non profit organizations are allowed to build reserves and generate revenues once again without affecting the ability to use the gaming proceeds.

### **FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction and the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission suspend any audits until stakeholder engagements are completed and the amendments to the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook are adopted.

**SPONSORED BY:** County of Two Hills

**STATUS:** Provincial

**DEPARTMENT:** Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction  
Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission

### **RESPONSES:**

1. **RESPONSE** Government press release March 10, 2025

The press release from the government **partially but significantly addresses** the core concern of Resolution 12-25 by providing more flexibility for charities to retain and manage their gaming proceeds, particularly through the increased retention limit without AGLC approval. This action helps to alleviate the pressure on depleting reserves. However, the press release does not specifically address the prohibition on purchasing equipment for profit-generating activities or the request to suspend audits.

It does not however address or reverse the decision to not allow the purchase of equipment or supplies that could be used to turn a profit, or suspending audits until stakeholders engagements and amendments can be made to the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook.

**GRADE: NO RESPONSE**

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

ASB	GRADE	ACTION	COMMENTS
Newell	No Response		
Barrhead	No Response		Disparity between Rural and Urban access a concern
Thorhild	No Response	No opinion	
Smoky River	No Response	No opinion	
Smoky Lake	No Response	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Grande Prairie	No Response	Issues Resolved, no actions	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	No Response		
Bonnyville	No Response		
Saddle Hills	No Response	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Lamont	No Response		
Flagstaff	No Response	Follow up and provide updates	
Big Lakes	No Response	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Birch Hills	No Response		The press release covered the topic.
Woodlands	No Response	Issues Resolved, no actions	Press Release that addressed the issue
Willow Creek	No Response	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Greenview	No Response		
Leduc	No Response		

Minburn	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Northern Sunrise	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	News release confirms the request of the resolution.
Region - Central	Responded	Follow up and provide updates	
Warner	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Brazeau	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Wheatland	Responded	Issues Resolved, no actions	
Yellowhead County	Responded		

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

Shortly after the resolution request for response was delivered, the Province released the following press release that addressed the concerns in the resolution, however no response was received from Red Tape Reduction or Service Alberta. the underlying issues for rural non-profit organizations regarding charitable gaming policies persist.

The current AGLC policies contradict rural municipalities who continue to encourage non-profits to develop sustainable revenue streams and build reserves for future projects and capital replacements, which are essential for leveraging matching funds. Specifically, the definition of "cost recovery" is a problem for rural not for profits that don't have the support of a large tax base. Much of the social infrastructure in rural Alberta is held up by fundraising and donations, and these funds need to be able to cover the total costs associated including future buildings and expansions. The Current policies still prevent organizations from reinvesting in equipment or services that could enhance programs and long-term sustainability.

Further letters were sent to the AGLC and Red Tape Reduction and we are still waiting on a response.

## RESOLUTION PC01-25: INFLATIONARY INCREASE FOR ASB GRANTS

**WHEREAS** the province of Alberta has included inflationary increases in multi year grants made to ASB stakeholders;

**WHEREAS** the ASBs continue to be important partners with the province on food and agriculture products assurance systems providing 1:7 return on investment with the ASB grant program;

**WHEREAS** the ASB grants have not received an increase beyond 2014 levels so grant amounts have not kept up with inflation;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation approve a 3%/year inflationary increase for the ASBs grant program.

**SPONSORED BY:** ASBPC  
**STATUS:** Provincial  
**DEPARTMENT:** Agriculture and Irrigation

#### RESPONSE:

##### 1. RESPONSE Agriculture and Irrigation – March 25, 2025

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) acknowledges the **critical partnership** it shares with Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs) and their vital role in administering various acts (like the Agricultural Service Board Act, Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act, and Soil Conservation Act) and assisting with animal disease control. AGI also recognizes ASBs' crucial contribution to protecting Alberta's access to markets through pest surveillance and control, as well as the strong relationship with municipalities.

The Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, RJ Sigurdson, communicated that the **budget planning process for 2025-26 was already complete** at the time the request (and resolution) was received, making it impossible to consider the increase for that budget year.

- Despite this, the Minister **approved the renewal of the ASB Grant for the next five years at the 2023-24 funding level.**
- AGI is **open to discussions for future budget years**, specifically stating that the request for an inflationary increase "will be discussed for the 2026-27 budget"

GRADE: RESPONDED

**GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:**

<b>ASB</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Thorhild	<b>No Response</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Minburn	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Barrhead	<b>Responded</b>		ASB PC follow up letter
Smoky River	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Smoky Lake	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Grande Prairie	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Agree with ASBPC comments
Cypress	<b>Responded</b>		
Bonnyville	<b>Responded</b>		
Saddle Hills	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Northern Sunrise	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	Ongoing advocacy needed for an increase of the grant in the next budget cycle, to align with inflation.
Region - Central	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Lamont	<b>Responded</b>		ASBPC follow-up 2025-2029
Flagstaff	<b>Responded</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	
Big Lakes	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Warner	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Brazeau	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Birch Hills	<b>Responded</b>		
Woodlands	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Issues Resolved, no actions</b>	
Willow Creek	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Wheatland	<b>Responded</b>	<b>Follow up and provide updates</b>	
Yellowhead County	<b>Responded</b>		ASB would like to thank the Province for considering this resolution in the 2026/2027 budget deliberations.
Greenview	<b>Responded</b>		
Leduc	<b>Responded</b>		
Newell	<b>Responded in Part</b>		

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

AGI expressed gratitude and reaffirmed its commitment to ASBs but was unable to implement the requested inflationary increase immediately due to the budget cycle, promising to consider it for the subsequent budget year while renewing the grant at its current level for five years

The Committee was pleased that the Province indicated that inflationary increases were reasonable and encouraged a letter of request during the 2025 fall budget process. A letter of request was sent in on August 8, and an email response was received on August 26. (see below)

*“Dear Brenda Knight:*

*Thank you for your letter regarding an inflationary funding increase request for the Agricultural Service Boards (ASB) grant program.*

*ASBs are critical partners with the Government of Alberta and have been for the past 80 years. I remain committed to supporting the important work done to govern, administer, implement, and enforce the Agricultural Service Board Act, Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act, Soil Conservation Act, and for assisting with the Animal Health Act. The Government of Alberta recognizes the vital role ASBs have in protecting Alberta’s access to markets through the surveillance and control of weeds and pests.*

*Municipalities and the province continue to have a strong working relationship and that is why I have secured the ASB Grant Funding Program for 68 ASBs for the next five-years (2025-29). The grant provides ASBs with long-term support in the administration of legislative requirements and delivery of rat control and resource management programs.*

*As previously communicated, the budget planning process for 2025-26 was already complete at the time we received your three per cent inflationary increase request in November 2024 and through Resolution PC01-25. While I am unable to commit additional funds at this time, I will ensure that your request is brought forward for consideration during the 2026-27 budget planning process.*

*The growth and success of Alberta’s agriculture industry remains at the heart of the Government of Alberta’s economic strategy. ASB’s will continue to be an important partner in that success.*

*Thank you again for writing.*

*Sincerely,*

*Honourable RJ Sigurdson  
Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation  
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## UPDATE ON PREVIOUS YEARS' RESOLUTIONS

### 2024 Resolutions

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION	GRADE	UPDATE
1-24	<p>AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT HIGHWAY SIGNS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The response from Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) stated that <b>department staff will contact the ASB Provincial Committee directly to discuss potential options for addressing the safety of farm equipment on provincial highways.</b></li> <li>- This discussion will also encompass <b>actions the department could take to increase driver awareness and improve safety for both operators and motorists</b></li> </ul> <p>The ASBPC was not contacted.</p>	Incomplete	INCOMPLETE
2-24	COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES	Accept in Principle	
3-24	CREATION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INSURANCE	Accept in Principle	
4-24	SUPPORTING A COMPENSATION MULTIPLIER	Accept in Principle	
5-24	<p>WILD BOAR AND THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 24, wild boar producers and farmers who have worked with Agriculture and Irrigation in the past, or who have indicated they have wild boar through the Premise Identification System were informed through emails and phone calls that the government is considering changes to the farmed wild boar industry</li> <li>- April 15, 2025 AGI AGM met with the ASBPC to tell them about consultations with Wild boar Farms and industry groups around the possibility of shutting down farms. Blog was posted for the rest of the ASBs and a deadline of May 15 set for one on one consultations with Ministry staff on concerns.</li> <li>- ASB Provincial Committee is expecting a letter from Minister Sigurdson providing an updated response to the 2024 Agricultural Service Board's Resolution 5-24: Wild Boar and the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act.</li> </ul> <p>Letter not yet received.</p>	Accept the Response	

6-24a	<p>IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH BEE PACKAGE IMPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RESPONSE: CFIA embarked on a re assessment of the risks of imports from the US given that both sides of the border now have Varroa mites</li> <li>- Oct 10, 2024 ASBPC sends follow up request for update to CFIA</li> <li>- Nov 4, 2024 CFIA response is “unable to provide a response”</li> <li>- Nov 5, 2024 Risk Management Framework created by CFIA</li> <li>- Nov 7, 2024 statement on the CFIA website “Currently, the importation of honey bee packages from the U.S. is not permitted. The import status remains unchanged until all activities associated with the risk analysis are completed and the outcome of the risk analysis is communicated.”</li> <li>- Nov 20, 2024 USDA report on CFIA process</li> <li>- Jan 31, 2025 CFIA consultation closed. “The risk analysis is being conducted based on guidelines provided by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures agreement, and includes hazard identification, risk assessment for the identified hazards and risk management.”</li> <li>- Aug 6, 2025: CFIA Notice to Industry published “After careful evaluation of all input received, the CFIA concluded that no feasible, scientifically-supported mitigation measures are currently available to bring all identified risks within acceptable levels. As a result, <b>Canada will maintain its current import restrictions</b> and will not permit the importation of honey bee packages from the United States at this time.”</li> <li>- Aug 8, 2025 CFIA published a statement with a bit more detail “Altogether, the risk assessment concluded that the probability of entry, exposure and establishment of any of the 4 hazards of concern on at least one receiving hive in Canada over a period of one year was 100%. The overall, national-</li> </ul>	Accept the Response  Incomplete (CFIA)	
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	scale impact of projected importations would be moderate, with immediate and significant impacts within importing provinces and potential dissemination of all hazards within the Canadian honey bee industry. The risks identified in the risk assessment are above Canada's acceptable level of risk. Therefore, risk mitigation measures are required in order to determine if honey bee packages can be imported from the US." - since there are no risk mitigation strategies... no bee imports.		
6-24b	IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH THE CONTROL OF VARROA MITES	Accept the Response Incomplete (CFIA)	
7-24	RE-REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR CERTIFIED APPLICATORS -	Accept the Response	
E2-24	SUPPORT FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER	Accept in Principle	
PC1-24	FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FIELD CROP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (FCDC)	Accept the Response	

## EXPIRING RESOLUTIONS

The January 2023 Provincial Rules of Procedure state in section 3(d) that the ASB Provincial Committee will actively advocate for resolutions for a period of three years. Any expiring resolutions that an ASB wishes to remain actively advocated for must be brought forward for approval at the next Provincial ASB Conference.

The following resolutions are set to expire December 31, 2025

### 2023 Resolutions

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION	GRADE	UPDATED
1-23	CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION	Accept in Principle	
2-23	RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS  It was discussed at length that the need for students with lived experience and coming from rural areas should be considered along with the academic standards when the Committee met with the ABVMA delegation in 2023. The	Incomplete	

	<p>veterinarian community continues to invest in expanding the criteria that qualifies students for vet school, and look for ways to encourage rural livestock vets.</p> <p>In August of 2024, the Chief Provincial Vet met with the ASBPC to propose a program that would provide support for rural vet practices to hire intern vets to increase the opportunities for students to experience rural livestock vet practices. They offered some suggestions including engagement with the Vet Services Cooperation, RhPAP and the SCAP secretariat. Looking forward to updates over the next while.</p>		
3-23	<p><b>APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING</b></p> <p>The ARAs and Forage associations continue to engage with RDAR and expand engagement in key projects that include post secondary institutions and ag tech and regenerative ag projects. They continue to receive base funding from RDAR</p>	Accept in Principle	
4-23	<p><b>GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION</b></p> <p>The ASBPC has not received a response to this resolution and will continue to follow up.</p> <p>In August the Province provided a media release entitled "Protection of Life and Property from Problem Wildlife".</p> <p>““Alberta’s government is announcing a multi-pronged approach to solving the issue of problem and dangerous wildlife by offering a range of management tools to address challenges and keep Albertans safe.</p> <p>Alberta’s government is creating a new network of wildlife management responders to help stop dangerous and deadly grizzly bear attacks on people and livestock. When a problem animal like a grizzly or elk is identified, members of the approved network will help provide rapid conflict response times across all regions of Alberta. This response could include tracking and euthanizing</p>	Incomplete	

	<p>a problem animal, while still following all rules and regulations already in place. This is not a bear hunt; this is a measure to ensure the safety of humans and livestock.”</p> <p>These measures do not respond to any of the ASB resolutions. There has been no engagement from the province on issues around elk or grizzlies. No mention of regional or provincial planning or more frequent counts. Aren’t “fish and wildlife officers” already “wildlife management responders”?</p>		
5-23	<p>LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE</p> <p>In 2024 more elk licenses became quietly available in regions that had high elk numbers.</p>	Accept in Principle	
6-23	<p>ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT</p> <p>Delegation from Environment and Protected Areas addressed the ASBPC in April 2024 to explain the enforcement of the Water Act and answer questions about the level of enforcement and engagement. They were assured that while some areas have had open positions there are still a mandate to investigate and follow up with every complaint.</p> <p>2024 the Water Act was opened up for review and engagement and is ongoing. ASBPC invited to the table</p> <p>2025 Alberta Launches Regulatory Dialogue Portal for Water Management (see ASB blog post from July 17, 2025</p>	Incomplete	Accept in Principle
7-23	<p>CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE</p>	DEFEATED	
8-23	<p>CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS</p>	Incomplete	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RMA taking the lead, continues to advocate for rural municipalities</li> <li>- Gaps in regulations and oversight as well as ability to keep developers accountable to environmental laws and consider the loss of ag lands continues.</li> </ul> <p>Landowners are cautioned to review any contracts submitted to them with a lawyer as they are not regulated and many of them have significant holes and restrictions on the use of the land during and after the development.</p> <p>2025 ongoing, New regulation prevents renewable projects on Class 1 and 2 agricultural lands unless it can be demonstrated that 80% of the agriculture use can be maintained. The same restrictions apply to Class 3 soils in municipalities that do not have Class 1 or 2 soils. See ASB Blog post June 24, 2025 ADM Townhall summary.</p>		
9-23	SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS	Incomplete	
10-23	ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALY REGULATED WEEDS	Incomplete	
11-23	<p>LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE</p> <p>2024 ASB Position on Richardson’s Ground Squirrel Control published and distributed</p> <p>2024 Met with the Minister twice and brought it up. Individual ASBPC reps also mentioned it whenever the opportunity arose</p> <p>2025 Met with SARM to discuss and compare notes</p> <p>2025 met with RDAR, Lakeland Collage and connected with the SK pest specialist to look for opportunities to test IPM strategies and products for usefulness to farmers in different regions – ongoing discussion.</p> <p>2025 MP Lowen asks ASB to provide information about the extent of the damage</p>	Accept the Response	

	<p>2025 ASBPC launches a survey to gather stories, data and pictures to support the efforts.</p> <p>Continued advocacy. PMRA (the regulator) cannot legally respond to the concerns from Canadian citizens and has not responsibility to ensuring that the products they register are effective and practical on farm. Provincial and Federal Ministers of Agriculture have no influence over the Federal Ministry of Health which is responsible for PMRA. See the ASB website and pages for details.</p>		
12-23	<p>REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)</p> <p>Feb – June 2025 an online review and engagement was conducted. See March 5, 2025 blog post on the ASB website</p> <p>August 30, 2025 There is no update on the website as to the status. <a href="#">LPRT Business Process Review and Engagement   Alberta.ca</a></p>	Incomplete	Accept in Principle
E1-23	<p>STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING</p> <p>The province engaged with numerous industry partners to work out what a cooperative extension system might look like, and went so far as to encourage the development of a pilot project. However the funding proposal was declined and the committee was disbanded in August of 2024.</p>	Incomplete	
E2-23	<p>STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>This resolution asked for 5 year funding for the AgKnow initiative to support operational costs to continue the supports and services offered. While there has been as positive and encouraging engagement at the ministry level for this project and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions continues to be engaged, the funding commitment has shifted to project and</p>	Incomplete	

	<p>operational costs are not covered. RDAR has extended some grant funds to help fill gaps however a stable funding model is still not yet established for 2024. In June of 2024 the AgKnow initiative reached out to its closest stakeholders for bridge funding support between grants. ASBs, ag business, commodity boards and individual farmers have responded and the initiative managed to make payroll one month at a time. The need for a stable funding model remains as the initiative has uncovered significant gaps and has made excellent progress to connect and be useful to the agriculture industry.</p>		
E3-23	<p><b>SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA</b></p> <p>While there has been few changes to the CWD program and approach by CFIA, advocacy by the Alberta government, industry and ASBs continues to push back and ask questions about the approach being taken and its impact on the industry and the health and welfare of the farmers involved.</p> <p>2025 – ASBPC member asked to represent agriculture producers at a CWD model development with the UofA. President of the Whitetail association reported that CWD is not an issue, vaccines are in development. President of the Elk Commission is encouraged by the CFIA leaving the issue to the province, and the current engagement with the Ministry. The situation is not resolved but some movement in a positive direction is indicated.</p> <p>CFIA is governed under the World Animal Health Organization mandate and is unresponsive to farmers. They continue to be the number one killer of Cervids in Canada.</p>	Incomplete	

## CURRENT ADVOCACY

- Weeds on Wellsites working group.
- Richardson's Ground Squirrel Control
- Ag Plastic - Circular Responsibility
- Chronic Wasting Disease
- Rural Veterinary shortage

### Mental Health and farmer wellbeing:

- E-19: ACCESS TO AG SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- E2-23 STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH
- 9-25: NON-MATCHING FUNDING FOR AGKNOW

### Managing wildlife:

- 4-22: PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS and
- E3-23: SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA
- 4-23: GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
- 5-23: LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE
- 7-25: ROADKILL CARCASS DISPOSAL