

The Municipal Connection



Bioblitz & Community Watershed Event

June 6th Mistahiya (10km east of Riverdale Mini-Park)
10am - 2pm

Join the M.D. of Wainwright in partnership with the Battle River Watershed Alliance, and Wainwright Wildlife Society for a bioblitz and community watershed event!

This free community event will feature:

- Guided wildlife walks: 10:30am (bird focus) & 1:00pm
- Kids games & activities
- Hayrides along the river valley
- Free wiener roast lunch: 11:30am-12:45pm

Please bring a lawn chair and drop in between 10am-2pm!

A bioblitz is an event where community members come together and attempt to observe as many species in a given location as possible.

Register by emailing Kaitlin at khirse Korn@mdwainwright.ca or by calling the M.D. office at 780-842-4454.

Water Security for Cattle Producers (Webinar)

July 7th 10am-12pm

Tune into this free webinar to learn more about dugouts, wells, solar systems, water system planning and funding opportunities. To learn more and to register visit battleriverresearch.com

Thank You For Attending

The Agricultural Services Department would like to extend a thank you to everyone who attended workshops this year! We are fortunate to have so many wonderful presenters join us and would like to thank them for their contributions. We look forward to seeing you at future events!

Rural Routes Registration Now Open!

Fire Restriction In Effect

Effective May 6th, the M.D. of Wainwright is under a fire restriction. No new fire permits will be issued until the restriction is lifted. Campfires are still permitted. Visit mdwainwright.ca for details.



Tax Notices

Please note that tax notices will be mailed on June 18th. The notice of assessment day is June 26th and the complaint date is August 25th. Taxes are due Monday November 30th. Contact the M.D. office at 780-842-4454 for any inquiries.

Strychnine Update

Please visit mdwainwright.ca for the most recent information regarding strychnine. Supply is expected to be **extremely limited** and prolonged delays for delivery are anticipated. Producers are strongly advised not to rely on strychnine being available this season. Product will **not** be available for purchase during the first application window (March 1 - June 15th). Availability will be reassessed prior to the second application window opening July 15th. Thank you for your patience. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Vegetation Management Program 2026

The vegetation management program is coordinated in an integrated manner. Spraying and mowing are some of the tools used to achieve control of encroaching brush and invasive species. Weed control is completed proactively, which is more cost effective and provides long term results.

Spray Program: Brush spraying is completed on a two year rotation, where all M.D. right-of-ways (ROWS) are spot sprayed for brush under 2m in height. Trees over 2m in height may be mulched by the Public Works Department. Weed control is completed on a three year rotation, where roadsides are blanket sprayed for prohibited noxious, noxious, and general weeds. Spot spraying for regulated weeds is still completed annually in the areas that do not receive a blanket treatment. M.D. staff hold current pesticide applicator licenses through the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, which is the highest level of certification through the Alberta Government for the management and application of pesticides. The program utilizes selective herbicides according to label directions to ensure the health and safety of residents.

Municipal Mowing Program: Over nine hundred miles of Municipal roadside is mowed annually through this program. Mowing is completed by contractors and will begin in July.

Municipal Roadside Seeding Program: The Agricultural Service Department works in conjunction with the Public Works Department on the reclamation of newly constructed Municipal ROWs and borrow pits. Landowners have the choice of what grass seed mixture they want their own land reseeded to.

Weeds to Watch

Be on the lookout for these invasive species, all found within the M.D. of Wainwright! Photos taken by Shelby Oracheski, Agricultural Fieldman. (N=Noxious P=Prohibited Noxious)



Baby's Breath (N)



Yellow Toadflax (N)



Yellow Clematis (N)



Scentless Chamomile (N)



Common Tansy (N)



Hoary Alyssum (PN)



Tall Buttercup (N)



Purple Loosestrife (PN)



Blueweed (N)



Spotted Knapweed (PN)



Nodding Thistle (PN)



Pale Yellow Iris (PN)

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Kochia Watch

Although Kochia is not a regulated species under the Weed Control Act, M.D. of Wainwright residents are encouraged to actively control this aggressive invader. Kochia's ability to grow rapidly and produce tens of thousands of seeds, coupled with the development of herbicide resistance, has greatly accelerated the spread across Alberta. Commonly found in crops, road edges and disturbed soil, kochia will outcompete crops and grasses. Across Alberta there have been populations of kochia that have developed resistance to group 2, 4, 9, and 14 herbicides. This has made it difficult to gain control even with multiple herbicide group tank mixes. The best defense is early detection and an integrated weed management plan.





Rural Routes

Registration now open!

The M.D. of Wainwright is pleased to once again offer an evening of socializing, food and entertainment to celebrate agriculture and the rural community within our municipality. M.D. of Wainwright ratepayers are invited to supper followed by the entertainment of Over The Moon.

Registration Information: Registration is required to attend this event. Contact us at the M.D. Admin Office at 780-842-4454 or email Kaitlin at khirsekor@mdwainwright.ca to register. This event is for M.D. ratepayers only (Village of Irma, Edgerton and Chauvin, and Town of Wainwright residents are not eligible to attend). If you register and plans change, please notify us in advance of the event. No shows DO cost money and take seats away from those who wish to attend. Limited seating is available and on a first come first served basis.

Schedule:

5:30pm - Doors Open

6:30pm - Supper prepared by Vera's Catering

8:00pm - Award Presentations

Entertainment by Over The Moon

A silver collection will be accepted for the Wainwright and Area Food Bank.

Rural Alberta Producer Survey: Economic Value of Veterinary Access



This survey is intended to gather input from Alberta farmers and ranchers on the importance of veterinary services to agricultural productivity, animal health, and business viability. Results may be used to support advocacy efforts to the Government of Canada for the inclusion of veterinarians in the Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program. All submissions are anonymous. Scan the QR code or visit mdwainwright.ca to access to the survey.



Under 150.7 ft²



A building or structure with a gross floor area of under 150.7 ft², which is not on a permanent foundation, does not require a development permit.

Community Events

Wainwright District 4-H Show & Sale
June 3
Edgerton Arena

Irma 4-H Beef Club Show & Sale
June 8
Irma Fairgrounds

Wainwright Stampede
June 18-21

Edgerton Sports Days
July 3-5

Irma Days, Irma Summerspiel & Irma
Elks Gun & Antique Show
July 29 - August 3

Prairie Staples

Common Evening Primrose *Oenothera biennis*

Evening primrose is a biennial producing a rosette the first year, and an erect stem the second year. Known for its fragrant, yellow flowers that bloom continuously from early summer to fall, opening in the evening until late morning, hence the name "evening primrose". Once established evening primrose is highly drought tolerant, thriving in full sun, rocky or sandy disturbed soils, such as ditches. Evening primrose oil is a natural supplement derived from the plants seeds, commonly used to manage inflammation related conditions.



2026 Property Assessment

Re-inspections of properties for assessment purposes will commence June 1st in Twp 43 - Rge 6, Twp 44 - Rge 6, Twp 45 - Rge 6 and all of Rge 5.

Inspections will then commence of properties where needed (i.e. development permits, follow-up inspections, etc.) throughout the M.D. of Wainwright and will be completed by the end of December 2026.

Inspections will be completed by Wainwright Assessment Group Ltd. Assessors will be on site and show I.D. when occupants are present and leave notes in doors and proceed to do exterior inspections when no one is at the property.

Agricultural Service Department Summer Programs

The Calendar Photo Contest and Municipal Bursary Programs are open for applications! Please visit mdwainwright.ca for access to the below program application forms or email asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca for more details.

Calendar Photo Contest

Help us capture the diversity within the M.D. of Wainwright! Successful submissions for this contest will be published in a twelve month calendar featuring photos, tips, facts and information on sustainable agriculture and the environment.

Municipal Bursaries

The M.D. of Wainwright is proud to offer two \$1,000 bursaries to rural students to support their pursuit of post secondary education! The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Bursary program is intended to provide financial support and incentive to students enrolled in an Agricultural or Environmental related program. The Education Bursary is open to students enrolled in any program at an accredited college, university, or trade school.

Local Recreation Areas

There are several recreation areas in the M.D. of Wainwright. Aside from Riverdale and Arm Lake, the M.D. also manages small campgrounds at Ambler's Lake, Fabyan, Ribstone, and Salt Lake. Also within our Municipal borders is Dillberry Lake Provincial Park. Head over to mdwainwright.ca under the "Parks & Attractions" tab for more details!

Spring Rat Inspections

Inspections of premises within Range 1 of the M.D. of Wainwright have been completed.

If you suspect you have a rat or have questions about the program, please call the M.D. office at 780-842-4454.



Clean + Drain + Dry

Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases. Aquatic invasive species, such as zebra, quagga or golden mussels, can be spread from one waterbody to another on boats and/or gear that have not been properly cleaned, drained and dried between uses. From May 1st - September 30th, inspection is mandatory for all watercraft entering Alberta from the east and south to help keep out invasive species.

Crop Pest Monitoring

Surveillance and monitoring for insects provides key information about established species populations and new invasive threats to the cropping industry. Monitoring for diamondback moths is currently underway at one location within the M.D. of Wainwright. Berta armyworm, swede midge, and canola flower midge trapping will begin in canola fields in June at three locations across the M.D. For access to the live survey maps and annual survey results visit the Government of Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network or contact the Agricultural Services Department at 780-842-4454.

