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THE MUNICIPAL CONNECTION

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Help us capture the diversity within the M.D. of Wainwright by participating in our annual calendar photo contest! Successful submissions for this contest will recieve a reward of $100 per winning photo and be published in a twelve month calendar. The submission deadline is August 15th. Visit mdwainwright.ca for access to the program application forms or email asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca for more details.

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. Please visit mdwainwright.ca for access to the program application forms or email asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca for more details. The applicaiton deadline is September 1st.

AAAF BURSARY

The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman (AAAF) Memorial Bursary is available annually, with five $1,000 bursaries awarded, one in each Region of Alberta. The bursary was established as an ongoing tribute to active or retired AAAF members who have passed away, and in the spirit of continuing education valued by the Association. Students must be enrolled in an agricultural or environmental science program at a college or university. Please visit mdwainwright.ca or email asbprograms@mdwaiwnright.ca with any questions and access to the application form. The applicaiton deadline is September 1st.

TRAVIS AYKROYD MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Hiway 14 Breeder's Co-op Ltd. in partnership with FCC is pleased to continue the Travis Aykroyd Memorial Bursary in 2026. The $2,500 bursary is open to students who are enrolled in a post-secondary college, university or trade school in agriculture-related programs. Application forms are available from the Hiway 14 Breeder's Co-op office by email at hiway14breeders@gmail.com or by calling (780) 842-4004. Application period is July 1 to August 31, 2026.

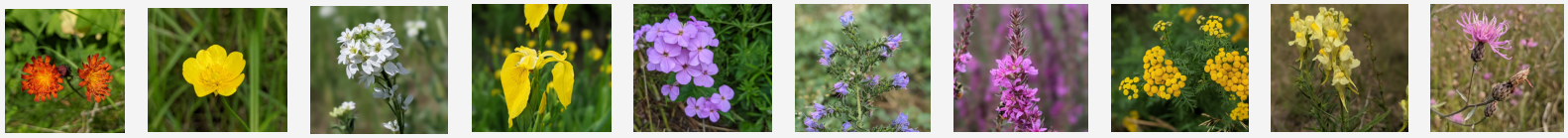


STRYCHININE UPDATE

Due to the combination of how late in the season it is, lush conditions, and extremely limited product availability, the M.D. will not be retailing any strychnine in 2026. We expect to have an appropriate supply available to be in a position to utilize it within the optimal application window in early spring of 2027. Please watch the M.D. of Wainwright website and social media for updates in the new year.

THEY AIN'T PRETTY THEY JUST LOOK THAT WAY

Keep your eye out for these "wildflower wannabes" all located within the M.D. Proof that invasive and regulated weeds are closer than you think! Contact the M.D. with questions or to report sightings of these weeds.







WATERLESS BOAT CLEANING UNIT

The M.D. of Wainwright's Waterless Boat Cleaning Unit has opened for use at the Clear Lake boat launch! This simple, easy to use unit features an air hose attachment to dry and blow off watercrafts. Watercraft users have numerous responsibilities prescribed under various provincial regulations to clean, drain, and dry their equipment. This unit has been placed next to the boat launch, providing boaters with the tools to properly clean, drain, and dry their equipment and safely remove any species that could otherwise be transported to nearby lakes.
Report any sightings of Aquatic Invasive Species to the M.D. or report them by calling 1-855-336-BOAT(2628).

RURAL ROUTES

Thank you for a great evening at the M.D.'s annual Rural Routes supper on Wednesday, July 22nd! A heartfelt thank you goes to those who make this event possible, the guests for making the evening so enjoyable, and the generous contributions to the Food Bank collection. Thanks to your kindness, we will be donating $1,483 to support local families.











ROADSIDE MOWING

The roadside mowing program commenced on July 8th. Only designated M.D. roads have been mowed, as the focus is on school bus routes, hard surfaced roads, and heavily-used municipal roads. This program is administered by the Agricultural Services Department and completed by contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)

The EFP is an opportunity to assess areas of strength and potential environmental risks on your farming operation. It provides you with increased awareness of areas of potential environmental concern and helps outline site-specific, individualized plans to address, monitor or compensate for these risks. It is voluntary and confidential, and it considers the farming operation as a whole. The EFP program offers all of this in a free, easy to use, flexible, online format. Visit albertaefp.com or contact the M.D. for more information or to sign up today!

SUSTAINABLE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (S-CAP)

This federal-provincial partnership delivers grant programs that generate sustainable economic growth in the agricultural and agri-food sector. There are several cost sharing programs available to farmers and ranchers. Visit alberta.ca/sustainable-cap to learn about these programs and what they can do for your operation!

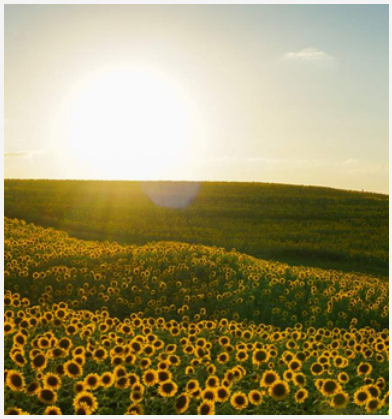
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TAX NOTICES

Please note that tax notices were mailed on June 18th. The notice of assessment day was 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.

MUNICIPAL AWARDS

MUNICIPAL FARM FAMILY AWARD



The M.D. of Wainwright continues to celebrate and recognize deserving local families through the annual Municipal Farm Family Award. Every year, an Agricultural Society within the M.D. of Wainwright is designated to nominate a local farm family deserving of this award. The nomination rotation is as follows: Irma, Wainwright, Edgerton, and Chauvin. Qualities the farm family should posses include maintaining a high standard in their operation, promoting agriculture through community involvement and rural citizenship, and acting as a role model within the rural community. The Edgerton Ag Society nominated Bergerud Farms as the recipient of the 2026 M.D. of Wainwright Farm Family Award.

YOUTH COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD



The Youth Community Impact Award is an opportunity to recognize deserving youth (12-18 years) for the amazing ways they choose to give back to their rural community. This non-academic award has been designed to shine a light on youth who exemplify selflessness and dedication to helping others. Whether or not in a leadership role, the nominee shoes their commitment to bettering their community through volunteerism, mentorship or peer support, or taking the initiative in starting new projects or programs. The M.D. was proud to present the 2026 Youth Community Impact Award to Natalie Heimdal.

100-YEAR FARM FAMILY AWARD



Keeping the farm or ranch from generation to generation is an impressive achievement for any family. The resilience, adaptability, and determination required to accomplish this feat is immense and worthy of recognition. These are the families who laid the foundation of prairie farming and ranching we stand upon today, building the backbone of our community. These enduring legacies will forever be ingrained in our rural heritage. The M.D. believes it is important to recognize these special families to honor past, present, and future generations. This year we celebrated the Dunbar Family for 100 years of family farming on the original homestead.

PROVINCIAL ASB SUMMER TOUR









Members of Council, the Agricultural Service Board (ASB), and staff had the opportunity to attend the Provincial ASB Summer Tour hosted by Wheatland County. This event welcomes ASB members from across Alberta to experience the hosting municipality by taking part in site visits, producer showcases, and hands-on learning. Tour stops included Origin Malting and Brewing Co., EH Farms- a family-owned farm specializing in raising red mangalitsa pigs, Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant, Archibald Biodiversity Centre, Solar Sheep- a agrivoltaics company that integrates managed sheep grazing with solar energy sites, Target Airspray, Western Irrigation District, and Rural Routes Agricultural Academy.

PRAIRIE STAPLES

SLENDER BEARDTONGUE *Penstemon gracilis*

Slender Beardtongue is commonly found in sandy prairies and rock outcrops but tolerates a range of conditions from dry to average moisture and full sun to part shade. This slender perennial plant has purple tube-shaped flowers, similar to a snapdragon, with a lower lip that acts as a landing platform for visiting insects. The slender name comes from the leaves, which are toothed and narrow.





Subdivisions

What's the process?

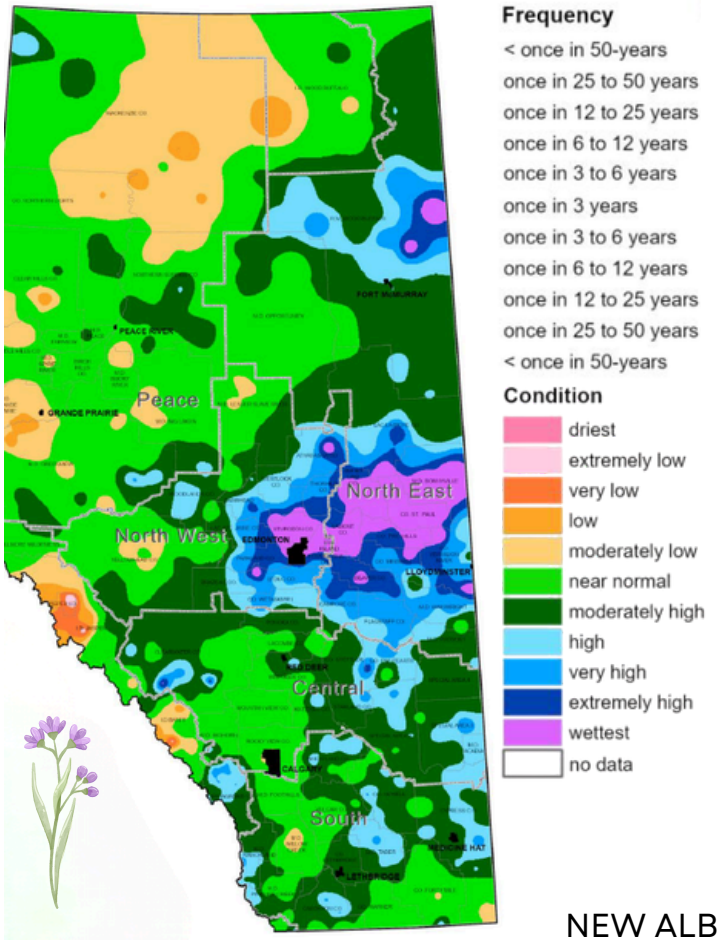
More Info:
https://munplan.ab.ca/faqs
https://www.mdwainwright.ca/?page_id=882

- Application with Proposed Plan
- Review by the Development Authority
- Review by the Municipal Planning Commission
- Conditional Approval
- Meet Conditions
- Approval & Endorsement
- Registration with Land Titles



MOISTURE SITUATION UPDATE

Growing season precipitation accumulations relative to long term normal (April 1-July 15).



The moisture situation update is developed by the drought modelling team at the Government of Alberta and published frequently throughout the growing season. To view updates visit: alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Re-inspections of properties for assessment purposes commenced 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.

WILDFLOWERS NOT WEEDS

Some invasive plants may be colourful and attractive, but they can quietly cause lasting harm. They don't always look alarming at first glance. Often described as 'death by a thousand cuts', spreading slowly and quietly, replacing native plant communities over time. Wildflowers are native flowering plants, while invasive plants (weeds) are non-native plants that spread aggressively without natural controls, outcompete native species, and cause ecological and economic harm.

NEW ALBERTA BLUE BOOK APP

The Alberta Blue Book has gone digital and now gives farmers a faster and more convenient way to access trusted crop protection information wherever the job takes them. The new App is now available for Apple and Android devices. While the familiar printed Blue Book will continue to be produced and distributed, the new app offers another way to access the information, whether you're in the office, the field or the sprayer.