

STARLAND COUNTY LINE



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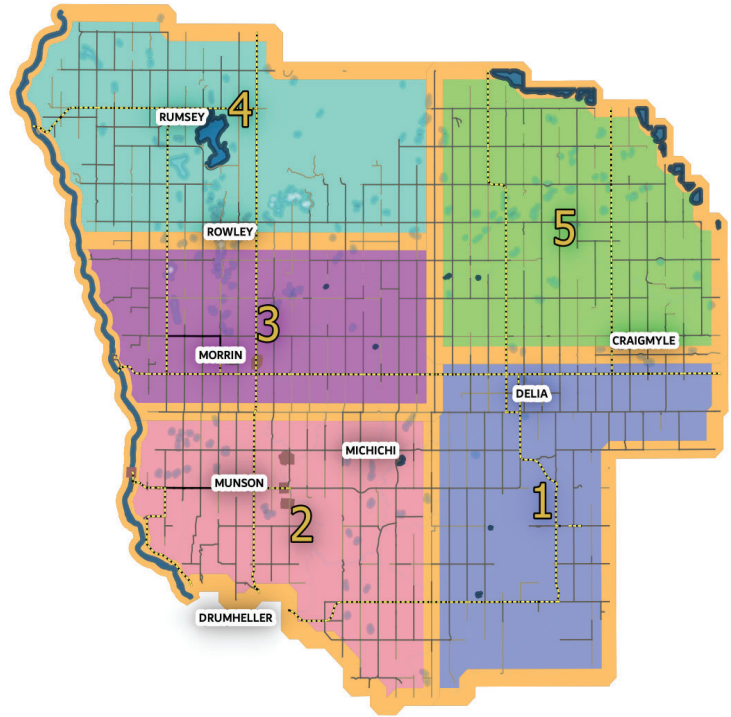
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2023 Starland County Council

Bob Sargent, John Rew, Jackie Watts, Mark Landry, and
Steve Wannstrom –Reeve

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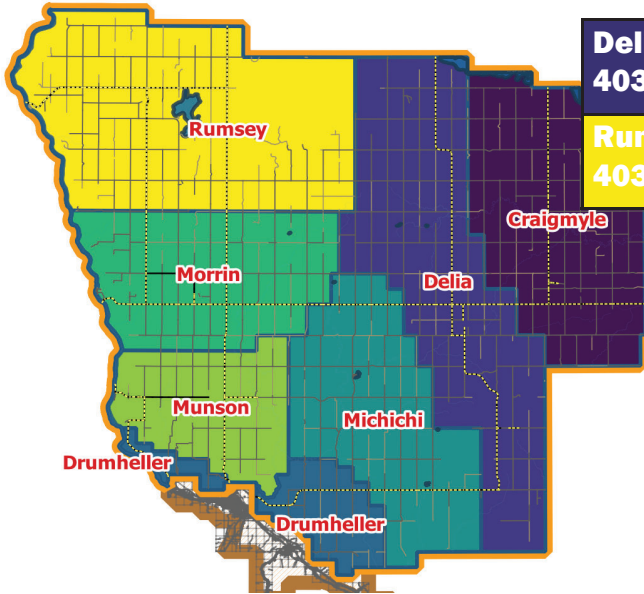
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COUNTY CONTACTS

FIRE SERVICE REGION MAP



Delia 403-820-4074	Morrin 403-820-0204	Munson 403-820-2355
Rumsey 403-334-4640	Craigmyle 403-854-6508	Michichi 403-820-4174

Fire permits can be obtained free of charge by applying online (<https://starlandcounty.ca/permit/burn/request>) or if you do not have internet access, you can come to the County Office and they can submit a request on your behalf. Failure to obtain one can result in charges, or being charged with the cost of a fire truck visiting the scene of a fire where no permit was issued.

Emergency Contacts

In the case of a major emergency or disaster event this page will contain important contact information. For Starland County's 24/7 Emergency line please call 1-403-772-3793. If calling outside business hours please wait for the answering service.

STARLAND COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBER



Matthew Kiemele

My name is Matthew Kiemele, and I am the new Legislative Coordinator for Starland County.

Growing up in Rumsey helped to instill community values and a strong work ethic. After finishing up high school in Morrin, I went to the University of

Alberta and majored in Political Science.

When I graduated, I began working in the energy sector. The industry afforded me the chance to work from Northern British Columbia to Southern Saskatchewan, meeting a wide range of characters along the way. Being able to come back to the area to raise cattle and a family has been a great opportunity. I look forward to helping the communities of the county anyway I can.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kiemele

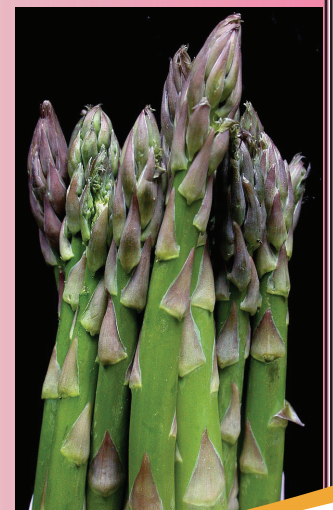
SPRING MEANS FRESH!

Spring is here and that means it's time to enjoy the fresh and seasonal produce that nature has to offer. Whether you're looking for a light salad, a hearty soup, or a delicious dessert, we have some spring food recipes that will delight your taste buds and nourish your body.

all about celebrating the bounty of the season and enjoying the flavours of nature. Try these recipes or experiment with your own creations using the ingredients that are available in your area. Happy cooking!

One of the most popular spring vegetables is asparagus, which is rich in vitamin K, folate, and antioxidants. You can roast it with some olive oil, salt, and pepper for a simple side dish, or toss it with some pasta, lemon juice, and Parmesan cheese for a refreshing main course.

Spring food recipes are



Greetings Starland County,

I am Christopher Robblee, your new CAO here in Starland County. I have a rich background in local government, previously serving as the CAO of Castor, Alberta. I hold both an undergraduate degree and a Master's degree, and my love for rural Alberta and small towns runs deep. I was born and raised on the family farm and still maintain close ties to my family's farming operations, which I enjoy working on in my free time.

Aside from my love for the rural lifestyle, I have a passion for governance and serving in the government. I've been a CAO a few times, Government of Alberta employee, and even a private contractor to municipalities. I'm an avid reader and gamer, and also enjoy blacksmithing. I have even published an article on voting preferences, showcasing my dedication to understanding the issues that impact my community.

As your new CAO, I am eager to make a difference and tackle new challenges. I have a strong focus on driving economic development and implementing progressive changes that will benefit the residents of Starland. I am dedicated to making a positive impact on the community and am excited to see what the future holds.

I am very much looking forward to working with the staff of Starland and helping the council achieve their, and by extension, the community's goals in the coming years. I see a bright future ahead, and believe that working together towards specific priorities, such as economic development and infrastructure improvements, will be key to our success. It's important to stay mindful of the progress we have made, but I am excited to pioneer innovative solutions and champion new initiatives that will keep us challenged and engaged.

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Christopher Robblee



Christopher Robblee, MPA

REEVE'S MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well, as we enter the spring season.

I am pleased to inform you that Christopher Robblee has joined Starland County as our new

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), bringing with him many years of experience in municipal administration and management. Christopher started in his role with us on January 9th, 2023 and Council is confident that he will be a great asset to our team and our community.

As Council's only employee, Christopher is responsible for managing all of Starland County's staff. His duties include overseeing the operations of our municipality, implementing the policies and directives of Council, providing leadership and guidance to his team. He will also work closely with Council to develop and execute our strategic plan for the future of the municipality. He is taking steps to increase accountability in all our departments.

The County has many projects planned for the spring and summer months ahead. Some of these projects include:

- County plans on completing 3 bridge file replacements at approx. 1.2 million
- Finish old gravel pit reclamation
- Pulverize remaining 2.5km of pavement back to gravel on TWP 30-2 east of highway 9
- Complete Michichi irrigation and groundwork in campground
- Complete Morrin Cemetery upgrades access road, gates, columbarium, tree planting, concrete pillars.
- Improve vehicle access & parking at Rumsey Cemetery
- Upgrading some piping at the Rumsey water



Reeve Steve Wannstrom

station for better operations.

In addition to these projects, Council is committed to economic development and has directed administration to explore opportunities in this area. We plan to pursue a small modular reactor (SMR) in Starland County and become a leader in this technology for the region. We are looking to promote value added agriculture and exploring possibilities for industrial development. We are pursuing broadband in the County to provide faster and more reliable internet service.

As cellular service is an ongoing issue in many areas of the County, we have had discussions with Telus on improving this service. As indicated by the service providers the lack of available spectrum is one of the big issues. We are monitoring the current discussions by the Senate and have asked to speak at these hearings to represent our region and the issues.

We will keep you updated on the progress of these projects through our website, social media, and Voyent Alerts. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can make our municipality a better place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Steve Wannstrom
Reeve
Starland County

Steve Wannstrom

COUNTY SERVICES

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR TIPPS!!



TIPPS Application Link

In January of this year, Starland County implemented a TIPPs (Tax Installment Payment Plan) program. Eligible taxpayers are now able to pay their current year taxes over twelve equal pre-authorized monthly installments, penalty free, from January to December of each current tax year. Taxpayers wishing to enroll into the program after the January deadline of each year will be required to pay the total amount of the monthly installments missed prior to enrollment. Then the regular monthly pre-authorized direct debit payments will commence.

A taxpayer is not eligible to enter this plan if there is any outstanding amount owing on the tax roll.

The monthly installment amount shall be one-twelfth of the previous year's tax levy until such time the current year's tax levy is calculated. An adjustment shall be made to this monthly installment amount to ensure that the current year's taxes will be paid in full by the end of the year. Pre-authorized automatic withdrawals/debit from the taxpayer's bank account shall be made on the last business day of each month. Once a taxpayer is enrolled in the plan, the plan will automatically renew each year.

A taxpayer can opt out of the plan at any time with fifteen days written notice to the Administration of Starland County. If a taxpayer fails to make one payment, the taxpayer shall be notified that a second payment attempt will be made in fifteen days. If the second attempt fails, the plan shall be automatically canceled, and penalties shall accrue.

If you would like to sign up for the TIPPs program for the 2023 tax year or for more information on this plan, please visit the Starland County website www.starlandcounty.com or phone the County Administration office at 403-772-3793. A Pre-Authorized Debit Application has been inserted into this newsletter for your convenience.

STARLAND COUNTY'S ATB AGENCY

Starland County would like to remind its residents and ratepayers that we operate an Alberta Treasury Branch agency in the County Administration Office located at 217 Railway Avenue North in Morrin. We offer a wide range of transactional services including:



- Account Transfers
- Deposits
- Cash withdrawals
- Bill payments
- Issuing and replacing debit cards

The logo for Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB), consisting of the letters "ATB" in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The agency is closed on weekends, statutory holidays, and from noon to 1:00 p.m. during the week.

COUNTY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE		
	Description	Fee
Aerial Photos		
	Landowners	No Fee
	Others: 11" x 17" (per property)	\$1.00 each
	Others: 22" x 34" on the plotter (per property)	\$10.00 each
Assessment Appeal Fees		
	Assessment Appeal Fee for Farmland and Residential (Refundable if Successful or Withdrawn Prior to Hearing)	\$50.00 per tax roll *GST Exempt
	Assessment Appeal Fee for Non-Residential (Refundable if Successful or Withdrawn Prior to Hearing)	\$650.00 per tax roll *GST Exempt
Assessment Roll Report		
	Assessment Roll Report of Individual's Assessment	Free to Landowner
	Complete Assessment Roll Report	\$100.00
Assessment Sheets		
	Assessment Summary or Detail Sheets	Free to Landowner
	Assessment Summary or Detail Sheets for Others i.e. ADC, Farm Credit, Banks, Mortgage Companies, Real Estate Firms	\$15.00 per parcel
CEMETERIES		
	Description	Fee
Purchase of Cemetery Plots in All County Cemeteries:		
	Purchase of Cemetery Plots	\$100.00 + GST per plot
Purchase of Columbarium Niche (where available)		
	Purchase of Niche & Plaque (Niche opening and internment included)	\$1300.00 + GST
Purchase of Memorial Wall Plaque (Placed on Columbarium Side Wall)		
	Purchase of Plaque for Memorial Wall	\$300.00 + GST
Grave Site Preparation:		
	Full Service - During regular weekday working hours - Grave site preparation and backfilling	\$650.00 + GST
	Winter Grave Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$200.00+GST
	Full Service on Weekend, Holidays or After Regular Hours - Grave site preparation and back-filling on any portion of a weekend or holiday day	\$900.00 + GST
	Winter Grave Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$200.00+GST
	Cremation Services - During regular weekday working hours - Preparation for a cremation burial	\$100.00 + GST
	Winter Burial Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$75.00 + GST
	Cremation Services Weekend, Holidays or After Regular Hours - Cremation burial site preparation on any portion of a weekend or holiday day	\$150.00 + GST
	Winter Burial Preparation (Frozen Ground Conditions)	Additional \$75.00 + GST
	Additional Charges - Eg. Tree removal, cement cover removal, snow removal to facilitate burial	There may be additional charges added to the regular fees

PUBLIC WORKS

LOCAL ROADS AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

The Public Works Department of Starland County works to build and maintain the local road system of Township and Range Roads in addition to hamlet road networks. In addition to major road rebuilding, services such as grading, dust control, road graveling, pothole repair, snow removal, and surfacing are provided throughout the year.

For more information on local road maintenance or construction please review the Public Works section of this site or contact us through the Starland County Office at 430-772-3793.

Alberta Transportation is responsible for maintaining all of the highways within Starland County, including Highways 9, 27, 56, 576, 585, 838, 839, 849, and 851.

Information about these highways, including maintenance, construction and snow removal, can be obtained from Alberta Transportation:

Alberta Transportation, Hanna Field Office
403-854-5557



If you are planning any spring projects that involve digging on your property, such as landscaping, fencing or installing a deck, you should always call before you dig. Alberta One Call is a free service that locates underground utilities such as gas lines, power lines and water pipes. By calling Alberta One Call at least two full working days before you dig, you can prevent damage to your property and avoid injury or even death. To request a locate online or learn more about safe digging practices, visit www.albertaonecall.com.

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Before
You Dig

PUBLIC WORKS

SUMMER PROJECTS

Public works are essential for maintaining and improving the quality of life in our communities. They provide us with safe roads, bridges, culverts, water systems, parks and more. This summer, several public works projects will be underway in our area, aiming to enhance our infrastructure and environment. Here is a brief overview of what you can expect to see happening:

****Gartley Road, TWP 30-2 – Road Surface Project from Highway 9 East to Howard’s (2 miles)**:** This project will involve resurfacing a two-mile stretch of Gartley Road to improve its condition and durability. The project is expected to start and finish in May, weather permitting. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during construction hours, so please drive with caution and follow the signs.

****Bridge replacement BF#6918 on 160 North of Highway 9**:** This project will replace an existing bridge over a creek with a new one that meets current standards and specifications. The bridge will be closed during construction and a detour route will be posted. Dates TBA on Voyent Alerts

****Bridge replacement BF#70286 on 19-2 North of Rowley Road**:** This project will replace an existing timber bridge over a stream with a new bridge-sized culvert that is more durable and environmentally friendly. Dates TBA on Voyent Alerts. The bridge will be closed during construction and a temporary road will be built to get around the construction site.

****Morton Gravel Pit – Archaeological study**:** This project will continue the archaeological study that was initiated last year at the Morton Gravel Pit site, where evidence of ancient human activity was discovered. The study aims to document and preserve the cultural heritage of the area before any further development takes place. Dates TBA on Voyent Alerts.

****Starland Gravel Pit – Reclamation project**:** This project will complete the reclamation work that was started last year at the Starland Gravel Pit site, where gravel extraction operations have ceased. The project involves restoring the land to its natural state by grading, seeding, planting trees and shrubs, installing erosion control measures and fencing. Dates TBA on Voyent Alerts.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work on these important public works projects this summer. We hope you enjoy the benefits they will bring to our community for years to come.

Ken Menage
Public Works Supervisor
Starland County

Ken Menage



COUNTY NEWS



RMA President Paul McLaughlin congratulates Starland County Reeve Steve Wannstrom

REEVE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Our Reeve, Steve Wannstrom received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Medal at the 2022 RMA Fall Convention on November 7, 2022.

The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal is a commemorative medal created to mark the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the thrones of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms in 2022.

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY A SUCCESS



Glen Riep, Steve Wannstrom and Frank Barron present a check of the Fishing Derby proceeds to the Salvation Army.

On September 24th, 2022, Starland County held its annual Fishing Derby. The event was a great success with 39 people entering to try their luck at catching the biggest fish. The day was filled with excitement and anticipation as participants cast their lines into the water.

After hours of waiting and hoping for a bite, six fish were finally caught. The lucky anglers proudly showed off their catches before

releasing them back into the water. Everyone had a great time and many were already looking forward to next year's event.

Despite not everyone catching a fish, the camaraderie and friendly competition made for a memorable day. The Starland County Fishing Derby once again proved to be a beloved tradition for all who participated.

JOSEPH GASCHNITZ RECEIVES AWARD



Joseph Gaschnitz receives award at Czech EU Presidency Gala at the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Ottawa.

On October 7, 2022 life-time Starland County resident Joe Gaschnitz, received an award from the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Ottawa in recognition of his family's support of Czechoslovakia during the Second World War.

"Joseph Gaschnitz, grandson of the supporter of the restoration of Czechoslovakia during World War II and the greatest Czech farmer of the time in Canada, Josef Gaschnitz"

Read the full story: https://www.mzv.cz/ottawa/en/news_and_events/czech_eu_presidency_gala_in_ottawa.html

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WHY NOT PLAN A STAY-CATION THIS YEAR?



Starland Recreation Area, photo by C.Schatz Photography

Stay-cation camping is a great way to enjoy a vacation without having to travel far from home. Starland County in Alberta offers several options for stay-cation camping.

One option is Michichi Dam Recreation Area. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout and the campground offers 18 serviced sites.

Another option is Tolman East & West Campgrounds, located on Highway 585 at the Red Deer River crossing. It has 40 well-treed, unserviced sites available for camping on a first come, first served basis.

For those interested in group camping, Starland Recreation Area sits right in the scenic Red Deer River Valley and is a popular stopover for canoeists traveling down the river. There are 50 campsites as well as overflow and group camping areas.



The dock at Michichi, photo by C. Schatz Photography

For those who like camping and fishing McLaren Dam Recreation Area is a perfect spot. Located approximately 24km north of Delia, McLaren Dam is a large informal campground.

Starland County campgrounds are set to be open for May Long Weekend, don't forget your marshmallows!

For booking and pricing information for campgrounds in Starland County please visit:



<https://www.starlandcounty.com/sections/visiting-starland-county/starland-public-campgrounds/>

LEADERS OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP RETURNS TO STARLAND COUNTY

May the first marks the opening of the application for the Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Program. Once again Starland County will be offering the scholarship in each of the following three areas:

Academic - This scholarship is for those looking to obtain an academic degree and where higher grades are the primary focus.

Agricultural - This scholarship is for those enrolled in an agricultural program in any recognized college or university.

Trades - This scholarship is for those enrolled in a trades program in any recognized post-secondary institution.

More details will be coming to Voyent Alerts and Facebook soon

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15&16 2023 10 am-4 pm

CRE Acreage and Garden Show

Camrose Regional Exhibition Grounds

<https://cre.ab.ca/events/cre-acreage-and-garden-show/>

July 7-16, 2023

Calgary Stampede

Stampede Grounds, Calgary

<https://www.calgarystampede.com/>

July 19-23, 2023

Westerner Days 2023

Westerner Park, 4847A 19 St, Red Deer, AB

<https://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/event-category/fairs/>

July 26&27, 2023

Southern Alberta Grazing School For Women

Longview, Alberta

<http://www.facebook.com/GrazingSchools4Women>

July 27-29, 2023

Vermilion Fair "Western Canada's Largest and Oldest Traditional Agricultural Fair"

<http://vermilionag.ca/>

SPOTLIGHT

The Palliser Grazing Club was established in early 2022 by a group of producers on their own agricultural journeys, each striving to improve their agricultural lands with various grazing practices.

With grazing as a common denominator, the PGC was formed to fulfill producer driven forage and grazing improvements through education and shared knowledge in the north western area of the Palliser Triangle.

Our goal is to host 1-2 producer tours each year along with workshops with guest speakers and collaborate with other grazing associations to deliver information and resources producers are looking for.

Our membership includes producers from both the County of Starland and the County of Stettler, but is certainly open to all producers.

Membership to the Palliser Grazing Club is \$20 per year. If you would like more information, please contact Kent Holowath at 403-820-6352 or Terri Mappin at 403-916-4217.



**SOUTHERN ALBERTA
GRAZING SCHOOL
FOR WOMEN**

IN THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING
OF LONGVIEW, ALBERTA

20TH
ANNIVERSARY

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US

**JULY 26-27,
2023**

**KEEP MOOOO-KING
FOR WHEN
REGISTRATION OPENS**

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<https://www.facebook.com/GrazingSchools4Women>
Facebook@Grazing schools for women

SEED CLEANING PLANT UPDATE



Seed cleaning plant under construction 2023

The construction of the seed cleaning plant has been a major undertaking, with the planning process beginning several years ago. The seed cleaning plant board has volunteered many hours to provide direction on the process, coordinating directly with the builders who have worked tirelessly to ensure the plant was constructed to last. Their expertise has resulted in a facility that will benefit not only Starland County but also the surrounding communities.

Starland County would like to thank everyone involved in the construction of this seed cleaning plant. The new plant is scheduled to become operational in early 2023 and will provide an exceptional service to the surrounding area for many years to come. This project is a partnership between local agricultural producers, Starland County Council, and the Special Areas Board, and it wouldn't have been possible without each party.

We would also like to thank the local community for their support. Without this support, this project would not have been possible. We hope that when a grand opening is announced that you will have the opportunity to come see the new facility for yourself!

*** **WANTED** ***

by **STARLAND COUNTY** in partnership with **cleanfarms**

★ **Used Ag Plastics** ★

GRAIN BAGS
mechanically rolled and secured with twine

BALER TWINE
in clear collection bags, available for free from County

SILAGE PLASTIC
silo bags, tarps, bunker covers folded in 4x4 squares or loose, in tote/mini bulk bags

BALE WRAP
stretch wrap for silage and haylage bales loose or in tote/mini bulk bags

Turn 'em in for recycling!
*** **June 13, 9am - 3pm** ***
Michichi Transfer Station

For more information contact: 403-772-3793



Grain bags and chem jugs from the 2022 clean-up. Last year we had a great turn out which has helped keep our little County beautiful and the waters clean!

CUTTING HAY IN STARLAND COUNTY DITCHES

Starland County roadside grass mowing for local roads will begin on July 15.

If you wish to harvest the roadside vegetation for hay along Starland County right-of-ways, please contact the Agricultural Services department as soon as possible. This will allow our road crew to plan their work accordingly and avoid areas intended for hay.

Alberta Transportation is responsible for roadside grass control on primary and secondary highways.

Information required by the agricultural services department will include:

- Location of the road ditch (including north/south/east/west)
- Your contact information

For more information, please contact the agricultural services department at 403-772-3793.



ATTENTION

ATTENTION RATEPAYERS

ROADSIDE WEED & BRUSH CONTROL SPRAYING

The Starland Agricultural Service Board will be SPOT SPRAYING along municipal rights-of-way beginning June 1st until completion for the control of noxious weeds and brush. The program will affect approximately 33% of the Municipality.

All spraying is carried out by licensed pesticide applicators following the Industrial Vegetation Management of Alberta (IVMAA) standards and practices. Roadsides adjacent to farmsteads, gardens, canola, legumes and other sensitive vegetation will be omitted unless weed populations warrant spraying.

NOTE: Pesticide use will be determined by weather conditions, targeted weeds, and surrounding vegetation. Any one of the following products or a combination of registered tank mixes may be used.

- Tordon 22K - Esplanade - Aspect - Roundup

- Milestone - Clearview - Garlon - Occtain XL - Navius

Information Lines:	
1. Pesticide Toxicology	1-800-267-6315
2. AB Environment Hotline	1-800-222-6514
3. Poison Center	1-800-332-1414
4. County Office Morrin	1-403-772-3793
5. Drumheller Hospital	1-403-823-6500
6. Emergency	911

Persons who do not wish to have their roadsides sprayed must complete the form below, sign and return it to the County office by June 1st. No phone requests will be accepted. These forms are to be renewed each year.

TO:

Agricultural Service Board
Starland County
Box 249, Morrin, AB T0J 2B0

I do not wish the Agricultural Service Board to spray the road allowance along my property, and per By-Law 939 I accept the responsibilities of weed control on the road allowances I do not want sprayed in 2023.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(QUARTER SECTION TOWNSHIP RANGE W.MERIDIAN)

SIGN: _____

Landowner / Renter of the Above-Mentioned Land


DATE: _____

SPRING PLANTING GUIDE

The best time to start plants in Starland County will depend on the type of plants you want to grow, as well as the local climate conditions. Starland County has a continental climate, which is characterized by cold winters and warm summers.

In general, the growing season in Starland County starts in late May or early June, when the soil has warmed up and the risk of frost has passed. This is the best time to start outdoor plants, such as flowers, vegetables, and herbs. Cool-season crops, such as lettuce and spinach, can be started a bit earlier, in late April or early May, but will need protection from frost.

It's also a good idea to check with your local nursery or gardening center for specific recommendations based on the type of plants you want to grow and the conditions in your area. They can provide you with advice on when and how to start your plants, as well as the best soil, sun, and water requirements for your specific situation.

HERBS			
CROP	Start seeds indoors	Plant	Start seeds outdoors
Basil	April 3-17	May 29-Jun 19	
Chives			May 1- 8
Cilantro			May29-Jun 12
Dill			May 29-Jul 3
Parsley			May 1-15
Rosemary	Mar 20-Apr 3	Jun 5-26	
Sage	Apr 3-17	May 29-Jun12	
Thyme	Mar20-Apr 17	May29-Jun 19	

VEGETABLES			
CROP	Start seeds indoors	Plant	Start seeds outdoors
Arugula			May 15-29
Beets			May 15-Jun 5
Bell Peppers	Mar 20-Apr 3	Jun 5-19	
Broccoli	Apr 3-17	May 1-22	
Cabbage	Apr 3-17	May 1-15	
Carrots			Apr 24-May 8
Cauliflower	Apr 3-17	May 1-22	
Celery	Mar 20-Apr 3	Jun 5-19	
Corn			Jun 12-Jul 3
Cucumbers	May 1- 8	Jun 12-26	
Eggplants	Apr 3-17	Jun 12-26	
Broad Beans	Mar 5-20	Apr10-May1	
Green Beans			Jun 5-26
Jalapeño Peppers	Mar 20-Apr 3	Jun 5-19	
Kale	Apr 3-17	May 1-22	
Spinach			Apr 17-May 8
Sweet Potatoes			Jun 19-Jul 3
Swiss Chard	Apr 17-May 1	May 8-15	
Tomatoes	Apr 3-17	Jun 5-26	
Turnips			May 1-22
Watermelons	May 1- 8		
Winter Squash			Jun 12-Jul 10
Zucchini			Jun 12-Jul 10
Lettuce	Apr 17-May 1	May15-Jun12	
Onions			May 1-22
Oregano	Mar 20-Apr 17	May29-Jun19	
Parsnips			May 8-29
Peas			Apr 17-May 8
Potatoes			May 22-Jun 12
Pumpkins	May 8-22	Jun 12-26	
Radishes			Apr 3-24

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STARLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

2023 EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SERVICE RATES

EQUIPMENT	RATES	NOTES
2011 Brillion Grass Seeder - 10 foot	\$10.00 / acre	Minimum charge \$150.00
12 foot 1206NT Land Pride No-till Drill	\$15.00 / acre	\$250.00 minimum charge
Livestock Water Transfer System	\$395.00 / dugout	\$250.00 If set up by landowner
Kirchner Grain Bag Roller	\$50.00 / day	\$250.00 Charge for ASB Staff Assistance (Optional)
Rawhide Portable Corral System	\$200.00 / day	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Portable Loading Chute	\$50.00/day	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Magpie Traps	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Back Pack Sprayer	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Measuring Wheel	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Skunk Traps	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Transit	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Forage Probe	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Grasshopper Bait Spreader	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Dannville No-Drift Chemical Applicator	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Grass Seed Belly Grinder	No Charge	\$100.00 Deposit Required
Solar-Powered Water Pumping System	No Charge	\$250.00 Deposit Required
SERVICES	RATES	NOTES
Shelter Belt Spraying Program (Insecticide)	\$125.00 / hour + chemicals	150 gallon tank, \$125.00 Minimum Charge
Weed Spraying Program	\$50.00 / hour + chemicals	1150 gallon tank, less 60% on Toadflax and Scentless Chamomile Incentive Program
ATV Sprayer - Spot Spraying Program	\$50.00 / hour + chemicals	Less 60% on Toadflax and Scentless Chamomile Incentive Program
RTV Spot Spray Program	\$100.00 / hour + chemicals	Less 60% on Toadflax and Scentless Chamomile Incentive Program
Shelterbelt Fabric Roller	\$20.00 / hour + fabric costs	\$50.00 minimum charge
SUBSIDIZED SERVICES	INCENTIVE	NOTES
Water Well Decommissioning	\$200/Well	Must be performed by approved technician, contact for details
Rozol Applicator (Gopher Control)	No Charge	Must purchase Rozol to use with applicator
Backsloping Program (Fence line Topsoil work)	40% Off Construction Rates	Contact for program requirements and rates
Tree Planter	No Charge	Contact for program requirements

RED DEER RIVER WEED CONTROL

The River Weed Control Program aims to inspect, and control listed weeds along the shorelines of flowing bodies of water in Starland County, such as the Red Deer River. Flowing waters allows weed seeds to disperse over vast distances. By controlling these infestations early, the County can help limit the spread of existing problems and prevent new ones from occurring.

Starland County has been involved with control of the Tansy problem along the Red Deer riverbeds for years. Our neighbours to the north and west also have their programs and actively involved in inspections and control of Tansy weed. The partner we all have in common that helps fund these programs are Alberta Environment.

Our program involves traveling the river and infestations are mapped by GPS, then crews use various methods to control the infestations. Some measures involved are; hand pulling, clipping buds/seed-heads, herbicide application or even mechanical control through weed whacking and mowing where feasible. A combination of the methods is also used.

Tansy weed is a difficult weed to eradicate and even with consistent control, comes many barriers that weed inspectors are up against in reducing these noxious weeds. The Provincial Designation of Tansy is Noxious, a perennial form that reproduces by both seed and short rhizomes (underground horizontal roots). It is pungently aromatic foliage has been used medicinally, as an insect repellent, and for embalming. Common tansy forms dense stands, and the plants contain alkaloids that are toxic to both humans and livestock if consumed in large quantities. Cases of livestock poisoning are rare because tansy is unpalatable to grazing animals.



Two ASB Summer students picking tansy in 2022



Tansy is a noxious weed easily found along the Red Deer River

WHAT IS INTERGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT?

In the vegetation and pest management industry, a fundamental principal has been around for several years known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). It is the management technique of using multiple methods of control to manage a pest, rather than relying on a single method. Using IPM allows us to maintain the long-term environmental viability of these areas, while still achieving our pest management goals. IPM separates into 4 categories such as mechanical, biological, chemical, and cultural/behavioural control.

Cultural Control

Our most used cultural control method is roadside seeding. The main goal is to apply grass seed and mulch mixed to establish a vegetation cover prior to wind and rain, that can create soil erosion thus wash away soil after a new construction project.

In this situation, grass serves several purposes. The deep roots aid in soil retention below soil level while the above ground vegetation reduces the impact force of heavy rainfall. Grass also competes with weeds for both space and nutrients. During grass establishment, fast growing annual weeds will grow. Our mowing program will cut the weeds down early which in turn encourages the new grass to respond by thickening and stimulating vegetative growth thus strengthening its root system. While seeding these new areas, consideration has even gone into the grass varieties we use. We have species for ease of maintenance, while still serving the goal of soil retention. By reducing soil erosion, the grass is also helping improve water quality, since there is less soil and nutrients entering water systems as runoff.

Mechanical Control

Our mechanical control is our roadside Mowing Program. While the principal goal is reducing roadside vegetation and light brush to increase visibility, there are many secondary goals.

These include reduced fire hazard by limiting the fuel load, allowing better snow management in the winter by encouraging an unobstructed path across the road for blowing snow creating drifting, and reducing the number of hosts available for diseases such a ergot or black knot.

Chemical Control

The Roadside Weed Control Program primarily uses a form of chemical control on undesirable species. Our primary goal is controlling noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, yet young brush species are also targeted. This is to reduce the brush before it becomes too large and established, that costly mechanical control is the only control option to remove. While the focus is on vegetation, a secondary benefit to reducing the weed population is eliminating or controlling potential hosts for many diseases or insect pests. These pests would subsequently spread and negatively impact neighbouring agricultural operations. For example, by controlling brassica weeds (shepherds purse, stinkweed), we prevent potential host of clubroot, which negatively impact canola.

Biological Control

Biological control is all about using natural predators or competitors to control a pest. Examples of bio-control agents are Leafy Spurge Beetles and Yellow Toadflax Weevils to control Leafy spurge which has not been an issue in the county and yellow toadflax, also very small infestation to concern ourselves with and can use another control to eradicate. Both species of insects are entirely selective to their hosts and will not feed on any other plant.

AGRICULTURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

ON-FARM CLIMATE ACTION FUND (OFCAF)

WHAT IS THE ON-FARM CLIMATE ACTION FUND (OFCAF)?

OFCAF is designed to help producers tackle climate change by supporting new actions to lower greenhouse gas emissions. This is intended to reduce the risk of new practices, while expanding, sustaining and documenting activities that may not occur without this funding. The program is delivered by Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) with funding from the Agricultural Climate Solutions initiative managed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

OFCAF provides financial support to producers to accelerate adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support increased production efficiency, sustainability, and resiliency on their farm operations.

RDAR is a program delivery partner that will administer OFCAF in Alberta, for Alberta's producers. RDAR is delivering OFCAF in three activity categories:

1. Improved nitrogen management
2. Enhanced soil health with cover crops
3. Strengthened rotational grazing systems

QUICK FACTS ABOUT OFCAF

- Activities to support the adoption of BMPs, like outreach, education, and training are part of the initiative.
- The program operates from August 4, 2022, to March 31, 2024.
- For 2023, new applications will need to be completed and approved in order to be eligible for funding for activities planned for implementation after April 1, 2023, with paid invoices submitted before January 31, 2024.
- Project activities must be pre-approved by RDAR in writing before starting projects.
- Invoices must be dated after April 1, 2023, and not before your approval date.
- As applications are reviewed, some BMPs and eligible expenses may not be funded as targeted outcomes are reached.
- Maximum limits are set within some categories to allow more producers to try new practices.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Visit: <https://rdar.ca/ofcaf/> for eligibility and application instructions.



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Ladies Calving Clinic

Such a wonderfully successful turnout for our Ladies Calving Clinic held in Delia on March 2nd.

Over 80 ladies showed up with the furthest coming from 310km away. Enjoyed by all was a 5-lady panel that spoke about their farm calving operation, sharing tips, ideas and struggles in obtaining successful calving. 3 other speakers from Discussion of Oil & Gas Leases, cameras and calving and the local Vet sharing the struggles with calving and how to help the calves on safe and healthy deliveries.

We also had 4 trade booths with wonderful items that the Ladies enjoyed browsing through and an excellent barista in the house making deluxe coffees for the ladies. We enjoyed a wonderful supper, visit and re-acquaintances by many plus so many door prizes to give away. Thank you all for attending and making this a memorable, wonderful, learning clinic.

We look forward to seeing you all next year!!



5-lady panel discuss successful calving



Kirsten Paulson



A volunteer and Veterinarian Lori Hronek demonstrate how to turn a breeched calf.

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COMMUNITY APPRECIATION INITIATIVE



2023 marks a new year, with new funds available for the The Starland County Community Appreciation Initiative. Each year \$2500 is divided equally between the 5 divisions. Please contact your County Councillor for more information

DELIA SENIORS' CENTRE RECIEVES COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DONATION



Mark Landry hands donation to Carol Sisley

One of the highlights of the festive season in Starland County was the generous donation made by Mark Landry to the seniors at the Delia Seniors Centre. On December 14, 2022, Landry gave the seniors 500 dollars to go towards their annual Christmas party as part of our Starland Community Appreciation Initiative. This initiative aims to recognize and support the valuable contributions of different groups and individuals in our county. The seniors were delighted and grateful for Landry's gesture, which helped them celebrate the holidays with joy and cheer. The Christmas party was a success, with delicious food, lively music and fun games. Landry's donation was a wonderful example of how we can show our appreciation and care for each other in our community.

THE MORRIN 100(ISH) ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

During Starland County's 80th year the Village of Morrin is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2023 instead of 2020! After ten years of being governed as a hamlet, firstly by the administration of an Improvement District and then by the Municipal District of Starland No. 307, the Village of Morrin was incorporated on the 14th day of May, 1920.

We hope you will be able to attend the party that's planned for August 4 - 7, 2023. If you were lucky enough to attend the 2015 Homecoming, you'll know how much fun was had! We promise this celebration will exceed your expectations and we've added an extra day!

700 people registered at the last Homecoming. Let's see 1,000 this year!

Please join us!

Visit: <https://morrinentennial.com/homecoming-2023>

Morrin is a village in central Alberta, Canada, that was incorporated in 1923. It is named after John Morrin, a Scottish immigrant who settled in Quebec and became a prominent politician and judge. Morrin was also one of the founders of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which helped connect Alberta to the rest of Canada. Morrin is located near Drumheller, a town famous for its dinosaur fossils and museum. Morrin has a rich history and culture, with attractions such as the Morrin Bridge Provincial recreation area, the Dry Island Buffalo Jump Provincial Park, and the Morrin Community Hall. In 2023, Morrin will celebrate its centennial anniversary with a homecoming event that will feature various activities and events for residents and visitors alike.

ROWLEY IN FOCUS



For most of you, Rowley needs no introduction. And for those of you who haven't visited this quaint little historic town, you won't be

disappointed if you do! The Rowley Community Hall Association is the organizational group that maintains and operates most of the historical buildings and facilities in Rowley and makes this unique little town a must see! There are only a dozen or so volunteers that make up this Association, but they are truly dedicated to preserving this historical little town and sharing it with the thousands of visitors that tour through each year.

The Community Hall Association has been operating for many, many years, but the focus intensified back in the late '70s. With the Province's 75th Anniversary coming up in 1980, communities were encouraged to celebrate this milestone. Rowley community members converted the old train station into a museum and it was filled with donations of antiques, artifacts and memorabilia. In addition, they fixed up the former store owned by Sam Leung, and made it into "Sam's Saloon" which is now a famous watering-hole, especially on the last Saturday of every month when their famous "Pizza Nite" is held. Visitors are able to enjoy homemade pizza with a refreshing beverage and entertainment either on-stage or inside the Saloon, depending on the weather. The volunteers make thousands of pizzas throughout the year with visitors from far and wide. It is a very popular event and in the summer months the number of pizzas made are often well over 300. Camping is also available, with donations gratefully accepted.

ROWLEYWOOD, as Rowley is also known, is also famous for the many movies and commercials that have been filmed there. Movies such as "Bye Bye Blues", "The Magic

of Ordinary Days" and "The Cut" were filmed there, just to mention a few. A couple of the buildings were erected for the movies and an agreement was made to keep them and they were then filled with artifacts as well.

During the summer months, students are hired to provide tours to the many guests. Visitors can tour through the church, the bank, the funeral home/pool hall, the garage, the Saloon, the store, the train station museum, the schoolhouse museum and can also enjoy the majestic grain elevators that have been preserved and designated as a provincial historical resource.

Rowley is always a favourite amongst the photographers too. So much history packed into one square block with numerous picturesque backgrounds. It is a must to visit! And when you are there, thank a volunteer for their pride and dedication in preserving this piece of history! The main fundraiser for this group is the monthly Pizza Nites, however, the hall is available to rent for functions and many a wedding and family reunion has been held in town as well.

Be sure to plan a trip out to Rowley for Pizza Nite. As previously noted, this event is held the last Saturday of every month, year-round. They are open for pizza orders in the hall between 5 pm and 8 pm. Refreshments can be purchased at the Saloon. Entertainment is on the outdoor stage, weather permitting, and inside the Saloon in the colder months. Tours of the buildings are available during July and August. Many volunteer hours are put in monthly to fund raise. Funds go towards the maintenance and utilities of all the historic buildings this group looks after.





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