

County of Warner Agriculture Service Board Strategic Plan 2025-2029

The County of Warner is located in southern Alberta and stretches from just southeast of Lethbridge down to and along the Montana border and covers an area of approximately 1,143,193 acres. The landscape of the County varies from the flatland prairies to the rolling Milk River Ridge. From the Hoodoo's of Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park to Ridge and Chin Reservoirs.

In 1959, the County of Warner formed an Agricultural Service Board (ASB) and since then, have been running Agricultural programs and services under the guidance of the Agricultural Service Board Act. The Advisory Body Membership consists of seven Council members.

The County of Warner Agriculture Service Board employees 5 full time staff, 1 permanent part-time and 13 seasonal staff. The Agricultural Fieldman is hired to implement these established programs.

The ASB promotes environmental sustainability of the agriculture industry and rural communities and the development and delivery of resource management programming.

Vision

The Agricultural Service Board focuses on commitment to the agricultural industry and rural communities. In partnership with others, we provide and administer programs to the agricultural community. Inspiring, supporting and leading environmentally sustainable resource management practices.

Mission

To enhance and support economically sustainable agricultural production and rural communities in the County of Warner.

To promote and protect the environment for the benefit of all its citizens.

To carry out the legislative responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the Agriculture Service Board Act.

Values

Act as an advisory body and to assist Municipal Council and the Minister with matters of concern under the Agriculture Service Board Act.

Provide a local authority for weed and pest infestations and are responsible for enforcing legislative requirements under the Weed Control Act, and the Agricultural Pests Act.

Provide adequate resources for monitoring and effectively responding to identified soil erosion issues to support compliance of all Soil Conservation Act requirements.

Provide effective support during animal health outbreaks and during livestock emergencies. Designated under the Animal Health Act.

Promote, enhance, and protect sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of agriculture and preserve the family farm.

Promote and support environmental stewardship programs to improve biodiversity, air, soil, and water conservation.

Develop and promote agricultural policies to have agriculture related services and information which is responsive to the needs of the municipality.

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