



THE MUNICIPAL CONNECTION

M.D. OPEN HOUSE

Ratepayers of the M.D. of Wainwright are invited to an Open House on Tuesday April 15th at the Municipal Admin Building (717 14th Ave Wainwright) from 4-6pm.

Council and staff will be in attendance. The Financial statement and future plans will be available.

We hope to see you there!

SUSTAINABLE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

The S-CAP On-Farm Efficiency Program (OFEP) is intended to support producers in achieving environmental benefits by improving the efficient use of agricultural inputs. The OFEP is set to reopen for applications on April 1st. This program has four funding streams which include smart farm technology, energy efficiency, farm security, and efficient grain handling. Eligible expenses are cost shared 50% grant and 50% applicant. For more details and a detailed funding list visit: alberta.ca/sustainable-cap

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

If a landowner within the M.D. of Wainwright does not want the Municipal right-of-ways adjacent to property they own sprayed as part of the regular vegetation management program, they must complete a No Spray Agreement on an annual basis. Agreements are due no later than May 1st, and will be honored for a period of one year only. There are responsibilities that must be met by a landowner should they enter into an agreement, all of which are outlined on the application. The application can be picked up at the administration office, or downloaded from the M.D. website.

PODCAST

Tune into the Beginner's Garden Podcast for resources, tips, and information to help beginner gardeners get the most out of their gardening adventure! Here in Wainwright we are in the plant hardiness zone of 3b!



ELECTRONICS, PAINT AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP

Bring your old computers, TV's, small appliances, paint, used tires, used oil and filters, and household hazardous waste to the Wainwright Regional Landfill (1201 4th Ave South) on Saturday, May 3rd, 10:00am to 2:00pm for safe and FREE disposal.

NO COMMERCIAL ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

For more information call Carol at 780-842-4051



RIVERDALE CAMPSITE BOOKING DATES

April 22nd- Seasonal sites

(pending availability) and monthly

April 23rd- Seasonal sites (pending availability), monthly, and weekly

April 24th- All bookings open

Bookings can be made in person between 9am- 1pm at Riverdale or by calling 780-842-2996



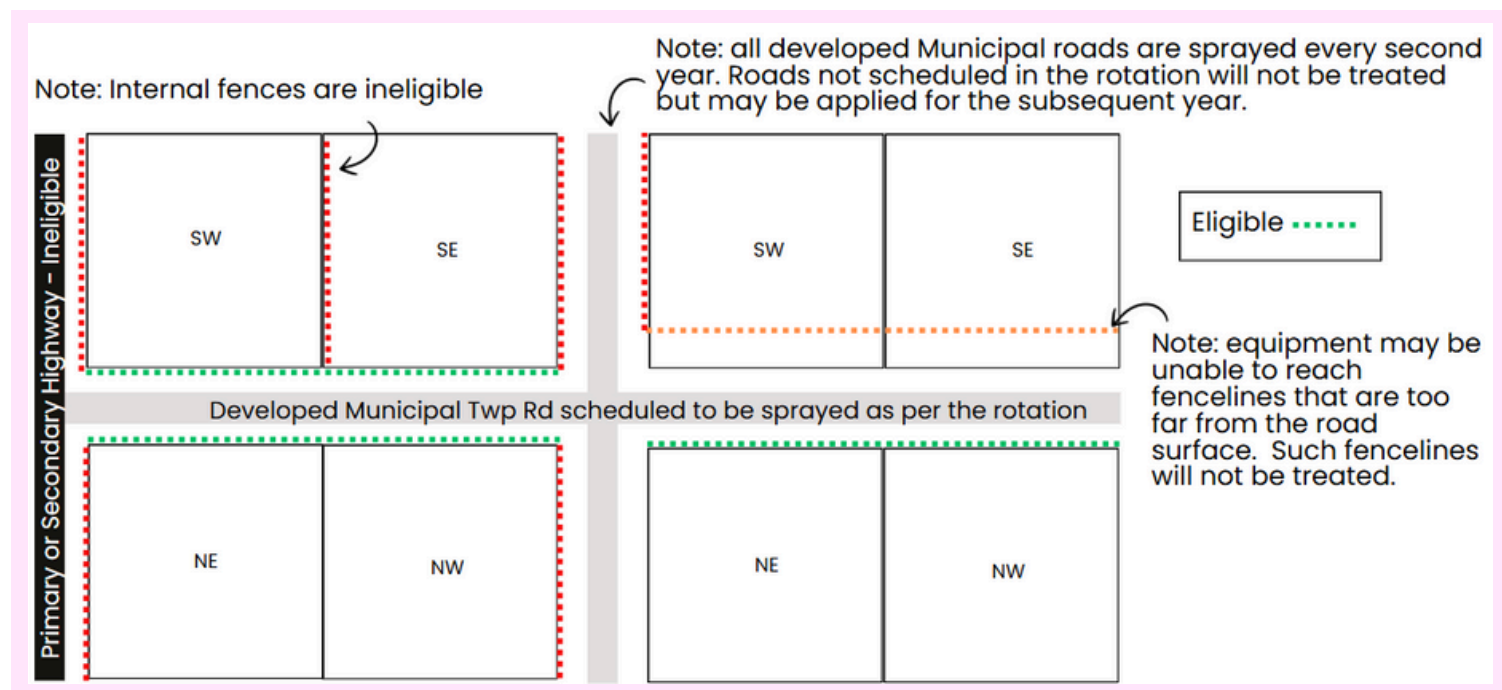
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

The Agricultural Services Department would like to extend a thank you to everyone who attended workshops in the winter series! Eight events took place beginning in January, with 568 attendees between them. 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!

FENCELINE SPRAY PROGRAM

New to the M.D. of Wainwright is the Fenceline Spray Program! If a landowner or grazing lease holder within the M.D. of Wainwright wants the fenceline they own adjacent to developed Municipal right-of-ways sprayed as part of the regular vegetation management program, they must complete a Fenceline Spraying Agreement. Eligible roads are those scheduled to be sprayed as per the two-year rotation utilized in the regular vegetation management program. Agreements submitted for fencelines outside of this prescribed area may not be accepted. Please see the illustration below for clarification on eligible fencelines.

This program utilizes Navius Flex by ENVU at brush rate. Navius Flex delivers extended, broad-spectrum control of broadleaf weeds and encroaching brush, has no grazing restrictions and is low odor. Please see the M.D. of Wainwright website to view the Fenceline Spray Agreement which outlines the terms of the program. Please reach out to Shelby at soracheski@mdwainwright.ca with questions regarding this program.



ALBERTA'S MOST UNWANTED GARDEN PLANTS

Invasive plants, like the regulated ones below, can be beautiful, but they can take over native ecosystems, impacting our biodiversity, economy, and enjoyment of natural spaces. To learn more visit the Alberta Invasive Species Council website: abinvasives.ca

Be PlantWise - purchase and grow non-invasive plants!



BABY'S BREATH



HIMALAYAN
BALSAM



ST. JOHN'S WORT



PURPLE
LOOSESTRIFE



YELLOW
CLEMATIS



DAME'S
ROCKET



CREeping
BELLFLOWER



FLOWERING
RUSH



PALE YELLOW
IRIS



SALT CEDAR



OXEYE DAISY



WILDFLOWER
MIXES

SPOTLIGHT AMIGO'S RV PARK

Amigo's RV Park is nestled just 15 minutes northeast of Wainwright, offering a charming escape where visitors can enjoy both the tranquility of nature and the comfort of modern amenities. This locally owned and operated campground has established itself as a hidden gem for those seeking a peaceful, rural camping experience.

Amigos RV Park features 28 full-service campsites designed to accommodate RVs of all sizes, ensuring you'll find the perfect spot to settle in. Each site is thoughtfully designed with modern conveniences, including free Wifi, a private deck, picnic table, and a cozy firepit perfect for relaxing and enjoying the outdoors. To enhance your stay, the park provides a variety of amenities.

The games room serves as a welcoming space for socializing and fun, while the shower and laundry facilities offer all the comforts of home, making your stay feel effortless. For those who love to explore, enjoy the scenic walking trails the property encompasses, or take a short 6-minute drive to visit Riverdale Mini Park.

The campground's safe, family-friendly environment makes it ideal for guests of all ages.

Amigo's RV Park opened in 2014 and has been under new ownership since August 2020. Darrell and Tammy Fisher acquired the campground as it presented a great opportunity to venture into a new business, while also embracing their personal hobbies and interests. The property not only offers them the space to raise goats but also features walking trails, allowing them to fully enjoy the outdoors. The Fishers have continuously worked to enhance the park, making thoughtful improvements each year. Future plans include upgrades to the games room, such as improved lighting, with the vision of creating a space to gather and play cards.

As the business continues to grow, the Fishers describe their favorite part as meeting people from all walks of life. Their guests have ranged from local workers and those visiting family in the area, to travelers passing through, creating a diverse and welcoming community. They describe one of the most surprising and meaningful things encountered as rural business owners as the distance campers are travelling to stay, and the number of repeat visitors. The Fishers have had guests stay who have traveled all the way from Ontario or stopped to stay on their way to Alaska.

One guest shared their experience, highlighting the warmth and hospitality of the owners. As they described, "Darrell and Tammy are most hospitable and welcoming, making your stay here very enjoyable. The rural location allows for a quiet, relaxing stay, while a short drive to Wainwright provides quick, easy access to almost any imaginable amenity or need you may require. Imagine peace and quiet only disrupted by birds singing and bees buzzing with very little human disturbances, and this is the place to be."

One of the biggest challenges of running this rural business is its seasonal nature. Each year, the number of bookings fluctuates, which can make planning and managing operations a bit unpredictable. The variability in guest numbers requires careful planning and flexibility to adapt to the changing circumstances.

Amigo's RV Park is a perfect choice for anyone seeking a peaceful, well-equipped campground. With its combination of natural beauty, excellent facilities, and friendly service, it's the kind of place where memories are made!



AMIGOS RV PARK

amigoscampground.ca

639-536-0260

PRAIRIE STAPLES

GIANT HYSSOP *Agastache foeniculum*

Giant Hyssop is a perennial wildflower species that can grow to be one meter tall. The flowers are small, lavender to purple colored, appear on terminal cylindrical spikes, and bloom between June and September. The flowers are attractive to pollinator species like bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. The flowers, seeds, and leaves are edible for humans. As a member of the mint family, you can use the licorice-flavored leaves in desserts. Giant Hyssop grows best in normal to dry soils with full or partial sun exposure. This wildflower may be naturally found in prairies, dry upland forests, fields, and dry meadows.



DEVELOP YOUR BUILDING

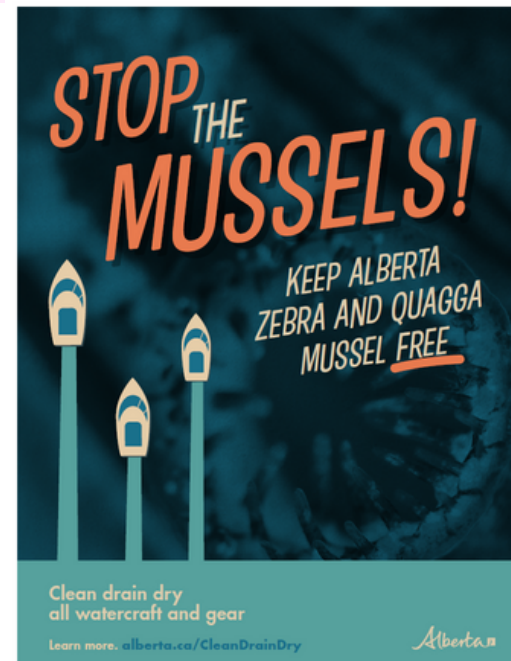
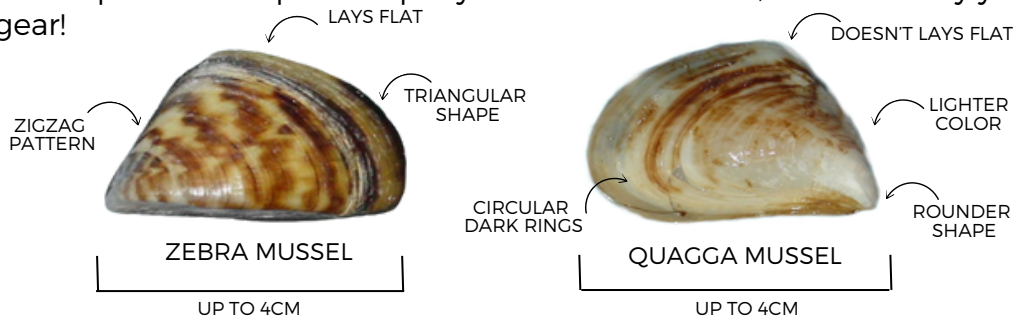


In addition to a Municipal development permit, generally speaking, whenever building, adding on to, renovating or relocating a structure, you will require one or all of the highlighted permits.

Contact Dana Smith the Director of Development Services at 780-842-4454 with any questions.

KEEP THEM OUT

Zebra and Quagga Mussels are highly invasive species that pose a significant threat to both Alberta's environment and economy if introduced. An infestation in Alberta is estimated to cost 75million annually. As filter feeders, these mussels extract suspended matter and food particles from the water, disrupting the natural food chain. They also encrust and damage surfaces, leading to costly repairs. With an alarming reproductive rate, females are capable of producing one million eggs annually. With the absence of natural predators in Alberta, these species can spread rapidly. Take action: clean, drain and dry your gear!



INVASIVE MUSSELS

Across

5. Zebra mussels have a _____ pattern.
6. To stop the spread of invasive mussels clean, _____, and dry your gear.
7. Zebra and Quagga Mussels grow up to _____ cm.
8. A Zebra and Quagga infestation in Alberta is estimated to cost _____ million annually.

Down

1. Due to the absence of natural _____ these species can spread rapidly.
2. _____ mussels don't lay flat.
3. Female mussels are capable of producing one _____ eggs annually.
4. Zebra and Quagga mussels tend to _____ surfaces.

