

THE MUNICIPAL CONNECTION

Winter Workshop Series

Stay tuned for our upcoming Winter Workshop Series! Events set to start in the new year!

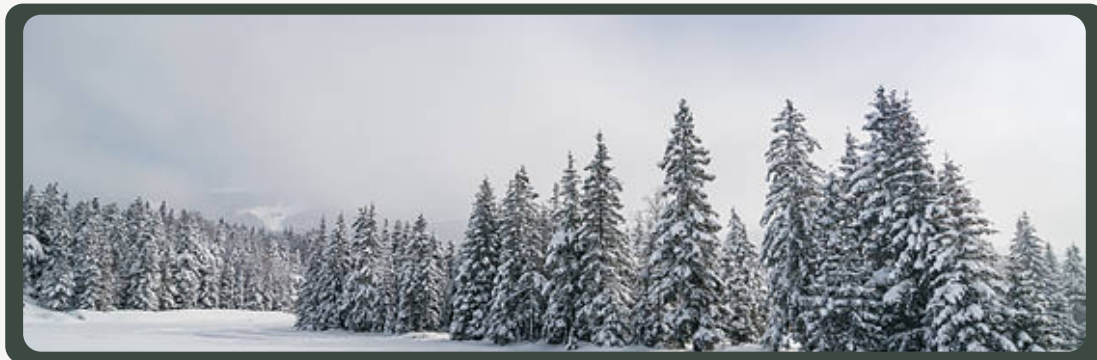
What The Farm Podcast

Weekly conversations between Rob Sharkey & Lesley Kelly talking about food, agriculture, farming and how it affects the consumer. Topics include public perception, legislation, consumer buying habits, marketing strategies and an explanation of farming techniques.



Fire Permits

Effective November 12th, the fire restriction has been lifted for the M.D. of Wainwright. To obtain a fire permit, visit the M.D. Admin office, call 780-842-4454, or speak to your local fire chief or Councillor. Fire permits ensure safe burning practices and allow emergency services to know where burning is approved.



Bursary Recipients

Congratulations to the 2025 M.D. Bursary recipients! Teylor Longmuir, recipient of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Bursary, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology with aspirations of becoming a veterinarian. Kensey Spornitz, recipient of the Education Bursary, is pursuing a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. Thank you to all of the applicants and best of luck in your studies.

Winter Recreation Opportunities

Enjoy the outdoors this winter season! Visit Riverdale Mini Park or Arm Lake Recreation Area for groomed cross country skiing trails. Visit one of the Municipal outdoor skating rinks located at Ascot Heights, Greenshields, and Peterson Estates. Clear Lake and Arm Lake offer opportunity for ice fishing.



Environmental Farm Plans

Winter is a great time to complete your Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). An EFP is a free online self-assessment workbook designed to help producers identify their environmental risks, and develop strategies to mitigate them. They are confidential, valid for 10 years, and allow access to some cost share funding programs. Visit albertaeefp.com to learn more and sign up!

Penalty for Late Tax Payments

The deadline for tax payment was November 30th. Due to November 30th landing on a Sunday this year, taxes will be accepted at the municipal office without penalty until 4:30pm, Monday December 1st. Payments sent by mail must be post marked no later than November 30th. A penalty of 12% will be added to all outstanding taxes effective Tuesday December 2nd. Please call the Admin Office at 780-842-4454 with any questions regarding tax payments.

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The M.D. wishes to express its gratitude to our outgoing Councillors for their years of service.

Bill Lawson – Division 6
Bob Barss – Division 7

Council photo taken November 25th at the Council Meeting.

Back row left to right: Oscar Buck, Shaun Rue, Robin Leighton, Richard Waddell, and Garnet MacKay. Front row left to right: Mike Wildeboer and Bruce Cummins.



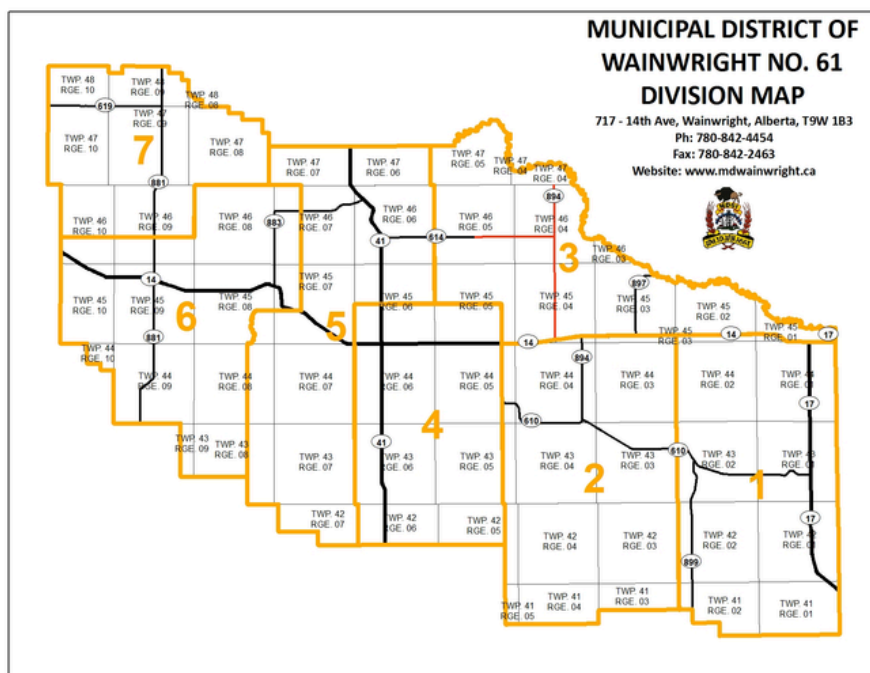
Do More Agriculture Foundation

The Do More Agriculture Foundation (Do More Ag) is a national charitable foundation focusing on mental health in agriculture across Canada. Agriculture is an industry built on deep rural roots, hard work, resilience, independence and strength. These same traits can also be the industry's weakness when they become barriers to speaking up and seeking help. Those in the Canadian agriculture industry are among the most vulnerable when it comes to mental health issues: stress, anxiety, depression, emotional exhaustion and burnout are all high. By collaborating with the entire industry and those working to cultivate a culture of mental well-being in agriculture, we can and will make a substantial impact.

The Do More Agriculture Foundation operates under three pillars. **Action** for awareness, education and breaking the stigma. **Community** activates a sense of belonging and hope. **Resources** such as mental health services and supports are hard to access in rural and remote locations, the aim is to bridge the gap. In 2024 the foundation was able to impact over 140 communities and agriculture-based entities across Canada to support the delivery of tailored programming to diverse agricultural audiences.

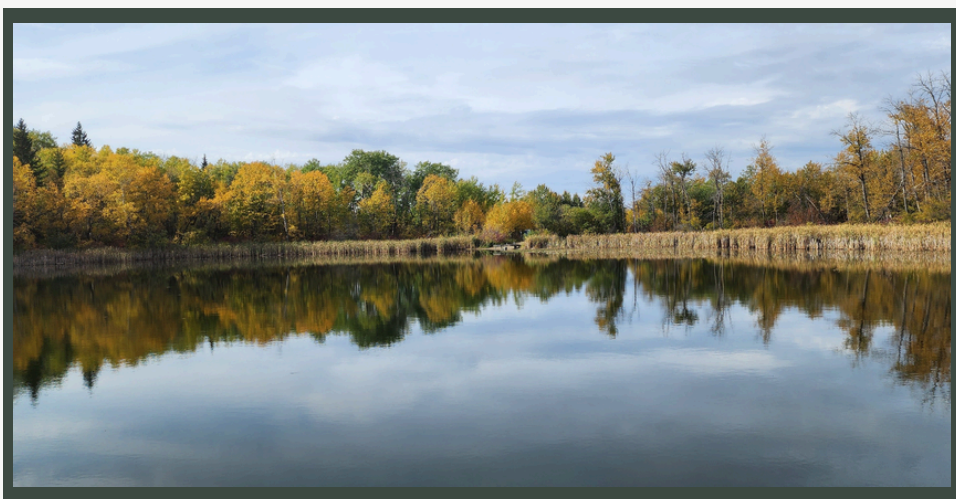
Visit domore.ag for access to supports, wellness tips, and more information on the Do More Agriculture Foundation.

TALK MORE. LISTEN MORE. ASK MORE.



Arm Lake Recreation Area

Tucked amid the rolling prairie landscape southeast of Wainwright, Arm Lake Recreation facility stands as one of the Municipal District of Wainwright's outdoor destinations. Known for its peaceful atmosphere and family friendly amenities, Arm Lake has long served as a gathering place for campers, golfers, and outdoor enthusiasts from across east-central Alberta. Arm Lake Recreation Area is located 16km east and 10km south of the Town of Wainwright off of hwy 610.



Arm Lake Recreation Area has been part of the M.D.'s recreational facilities since its grand opening in 1988. The M.D. of Wainwright purchased the land where the recreation area lies in 1986. Over the following two years, infrastructure and amenities were developed in the recreation area including a 9 hole golf course, approximately 30 campsites, some with power and an ATCO trailer was brought in which served as the concession.

The recreation area grand opening took place on July 1st, 1988. Official opening celebrations included a golf tournament, fishing derby, horseshoe tournament, canoe races, kids games and activities, and an evening bonfire. Coffee, doughnuts, hotdogs, and kool-aid were available during this celebration. The recreation area has continued to evolve over the years. In 1992 the Family Centre opened, offering a welcoming gathering space for events, visitors, and community groups. By 1994, the golf course had expanded to a full 18 holes. However in 2009, the golf course was reconfigured back to 9 holes to accommodate the addition of 20 campsites, adapting to meet the demands of the area. Over the years, further improvements followed including additional campsites, playgrounds, and upgrades to group site facilities designed to enhance the visitor experience.

Today, Arm Lake Recreation Area is cared for by Andrew and Jodi Forster, and Rick and Marlene LaPierre, who have teamed up to maintain the campground and welcome guests each season. Current facilities and amenities include: a concession, 130 individual campsites, 6 group campsites, laundromat, showers, 9 hole golf course, frisbee golf and 25km of nature walking trails. The latest upgrade to the recreation area includes the addition of a pickle ball and basket ball court. The recreation areas boat launch, picnic areas, and beaches allow for lake access and summertime fun, while winter recreation opportunities include ice fishing and groomed cross country ski trails.

This recreation area is home to an abundance of wildlife and native plants including saskatoon berry and chokecherry bushes. Arm Lake offers excellent fishing opportunities, with anglers finding species such as Northern Pike, Perch, and Walleye.

The South side of the East arm of the lake, now known as Scout Beach, holds a place in local history. For more than 70 years it served as a campsite for Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guides, and Cadets. The area was once named Camp Harkness in honor of Mr.Harkness, a well respected Scout leader from Edgerton.

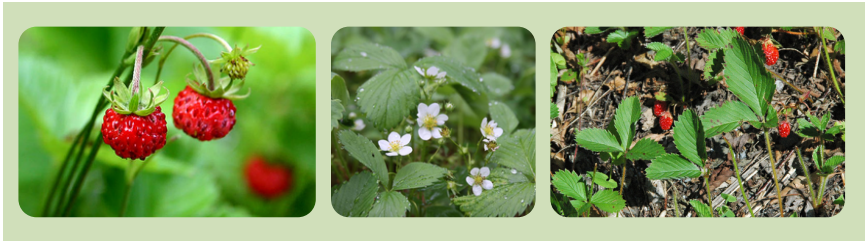
The recreation area is family oriented with opportunities for all ages to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you enjoy a relaxing day fishing or a round of golf, it is all available here.

Reservations open April 1st and the grounds open for customers on May 1st. Contact armlakecamping@gmail.com or call 780-806-0990 to make reservations. Campground and golf rates are available at mdwainwright.ca under the Parks & Attractions tab.

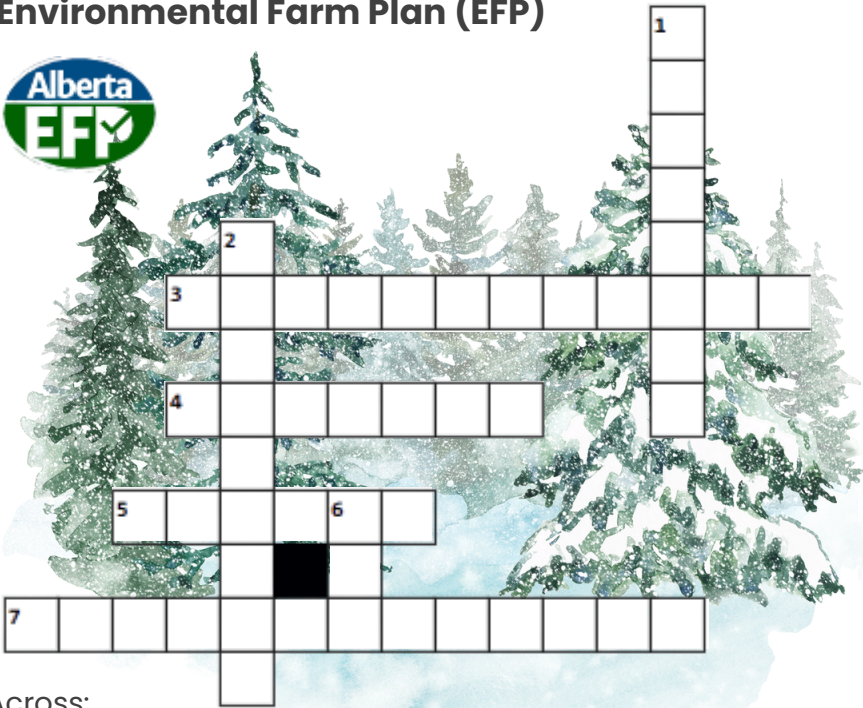


Prairie Staples

Wild Strawberry *Fragaria virginiana*
The Wild Strawberry is a small, herbaceous plant with a spreading growth habit. The plant produces compound leaves with three leaflets that are toothed and hairy on the undersides. Wild Strawberries produce white flowers with five petals. This plant thrives in a variety of habitats including woodlands, meadows, and even rocky areas. The most notable feature of the Wild Strawberry is its edible fruit, which resembles a small strawberry. The fruits are usually red when ripe. Wild Strawberries are known for their sweet aromatic flavor and are often enjoyed fresh or used in jams, and desserts. These fruits are rich in vitamins and antioxidants, making them nutritious and a favorite among many wildlife species.



Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)



Across:
3. All your information remains _____ between you and your technician .
4. Completion of an EFP allows for access to some _____ opportunities.
5.. _____ Growers of Alberta require completion of an EFP for membership.
7.An EFP is a whole farm _____ risk assessment tool.
Down:
1.The EFP program helps you _____ and address environmental risks in your operation.
2..Completing an EFP is completely free and _____.
6.Number of years an EFP is valid for.

3.Confidential, 4.Funding, 5.Potato, 7.Environmental, 1.Identity, 2.Voluntary, 6.Ten



WHAT IS A SUBDIVISION

Subdivision refers to the process of adjusting the boundaries of a parcel of land to:

- Change the dimensions of an existing parcel;
- Create new/additional parcels of land; or
- Reduce the number of parcels of land. (Consolidation)

New subdivisions must be approved by the municipality's Subdivision Authority before the new property boundaries can be registered with the Alberta Land Titles Office.

Canola Rotation Risk Mapping

New to the M.D.'s Clubroot Inspection Program is the use of Landview Drones Canola Rotation Risk Mapping (CRRM) Program. This program uses remote sensing data from Sentinel 2 satellites to identify the locations of the current year's canola crops. This data combined with historical remote sensing data is used to prioritize scouting for clubroot on those parcels where canola has been prevalent in the crop rotation. Landview prepares this data and is able to produce an accurate map of all canola acres within the M.D. by mid-July. Switching to this risk based approach allows staff to effectively locate all canola parcels, starting with those where rotation and other factors suggest a higher risk of clubroot. 2025 Clubroot Surveys were completed with 86 fields surveyed and no new locations identified within the M.D. of Wainwright.

Happy Holidays from everyone at the M.D. of Wainwright. We hope your holidays will be filled with joy and laughter!

