

THE MUNICIPAL CONNECTION



NO TILL GARDENING WORKSHOP

April 22nd Prairie Rose Wainwright

6:00pm - 6:30pm Registration

6:30pm - 8:30pm Presentation and Q&A

If you love to garden but hate weeding and watering, join us as we explore no till gardening with Kim Ross. Through the use of permanent growing beds and mulch, no till gardening protects the soil's structure and will reduce the amount of water needed on the garden, prevent weeds from growing and increase yields through an improvement in the quality of the soil.

BUMBLE BEE BOX BUILDING WORKSHOP

April 28th Prairie Rose Wainwright

6:00pm - 6:30pm Registration

6:30pm - 8:30pm Workshop

Join the M.D. of Wainwright and Ilan Domnich, Native Bee Stewardship Specialist with the Alberta Native Bee Council for an informative evening learning about bumble bees and building bumble bee boxes!

Help make your yard a more friendly place for our native bees by building your very own bee hotel! You'll also get the opportunity to learn more about bumble bee identification and reporting tools you can use to help conserve these important native bee species.

Limited space is available and priority will be provided to M.D. ratepayers. This event is offered at \$25/person.

Register for events by emailing Kaitlin at khirsekor@mdwainwright.ca or by calling the M.D. of Wainwright admin office at 780-842-4454.

M.D. OPEN HOUSE

Ratepayers of the M.D. of Wainwright are invited to an Open House on Tuesday April 21st at the Municipal Admin Building (717 14th Ave Wainwright) between 4-6pm. Council and staff will be in attendance, the financial statement and future plans will be available, for viewing. We hope to see you then!

VETERINARY STUDENT & RECRUITMENT GRANT

The Veterinary Student Recruitment and Retention Pilot Program supports the attraction and retention of veterinary students. This program provides a wage incentive to eligible veterinary clinics to support the hiring and training of veterinary students. For more information visit alberta.ca/sustainable-cap (Veterinary Student Recruitment and Retention Pilot)

BATTLE RIVER RESEARCH GROUP EVENTS

Kochia Management (Webinar)

April 7th, 2026 10:00am

Adapting to Unpredictable Springs: Flexible Planting Strategies (Webinar)

April 8th, 2026 10:00am

Seeding 2026: Last-Minute Prep and Lessons from 2025 (Webinar)

April 9th, 2026 11:00am

For more information and to register visit battleriverresearch.com

PREDATOR REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The M.D. of Wainwright has introduced a Predator Reduction Incentive Program for the purpose of managing the impact of predator species – coyotes and wolves – on livestock and wildlife populations within our jurisdiction. Interested participants are advised to review and understand all information pertaining to the program prior to participating to ensure they meet eligibility requirements. Be advised that failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the program will result in disqualification.

Full program details can be found at mdwainwright.ca

Inspection appointments are required. The program will conclude on April 30th or once the budget is exhausted, whichever comes first.

FENCELINE SPRAY PROGRAM

If a landowner or grazing lease holder within the M.D. of Wainwright wants the fenceline they own adjacent to eligible developed Municipal right-of-ways sprayed as part of the regular vegetation management program, they must complete a Fenceline Spray Agreement annually. Eligible roads are those scheduled to be sprayed as per the rotation utilized in the regular vegetation management program. Agreements submitted for fencelines outside of this prescribed area may not be accepted. 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. The deadline to submit an application is May 1st annually. Requests may be made in season and may be accepted if a landowner completes a Fenceline Spraying Agreement, the fencelines are eligible, AND applicators have not yet treated the right-of-way requested.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

If a landowner in 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 in the application.

Please visit mdwainwright.ca for full details and access to applications for the three programs above.

If you have any questions regarding these programs please contact the Agricultural Services Department by calling 780-842-4454 or emailing asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca



Happy Easter!

WEED CONTROL REGULATION CHANGES

Weeds are provincially regulated under Alberta's Weed Control Act (WCA). The WCA enables the Minister's authority to declare weeds as noxious or prohibited noxious that present significant economic, social or ecological risks. The duties of individuals, local authorities, municipalities, and the Crown related to the prevention, control, and destruction of weeds are described in the Act. The WCA states that prohibited noxious weeds must be destroyed and noxious weeds must be controlled. Plants regulated are listed in the accompanying Weed Control Regulation (WCR).

The Minister recently approved a number of changes to the WCR, including the addition, removal, and reclassification of several species. This change has been brought forth following surveys, stakeholder engagement, and working groups which included Agricultural Fieldmen across Alberta.

Two noxious species have been removed from the WCR; Creeping Bellflower and Perennial Sowthistle, both of which are found within the M.D. of Wainwright.

For a complete list of the changes to the WCR please visit alberta.ca/weeds



Creeping Bellflower



Perennial Sowthistle

SPOTLIGHT RIVERDALE MINI PARK

Riverdale Mini-Park is located in the picturesque Battle River Valley, just 10 minutes north of Wainwright on Hwy 41. Since its grand opening on June 9th, 1984, Riverdale has been a cornerstone of outdoor recreation for residents and visitors, offering an ideal blend of relaxation, recreation, and community spirit. Whether you're planning a quick afternoon outing or a full weekend getaway, Riverdale offers something for everyone. Over the years, the park has continued to evolve to meet the needs of the community, with expanded campground services, additional recreational facilities, and improved trails, all thoughtfully developed to enhance the visitor experience while preserving its natural beauty.

The campground offers full-service, powered, and no-service sites, as well as day-use areas and a convenient RV dump station. Families and groups can enjoy amenities such as group shelters, picnic and grill areas, a playground, horseshoe pits, and a multi-use basketball and pickleball court. With direct access to the river, visitors can kayak and relax on the beach. During July and August, guests can enjoy a Sunday Brunch Buffet. Riverdale is an ideal destination for hosting company picnics, family reunions, or memorable camping trips.

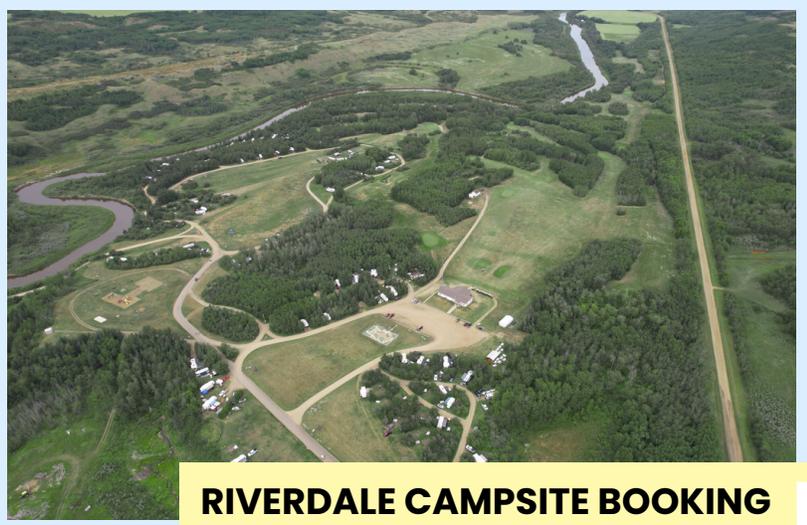
Golf enthusiasts will appreciate the scenic 18-hole course, which includes nine Par-3 holes, and mini-golf for family fun. The course is also home to the annual KidSport Wainwright Charity Golf Tournament, a meaningful community event dedicated to breaking down financial barriers so children in Wainwright and surrounding areas can participate in sports. In 2025, the tournament proudly raised just over \$30,000, directly supporting local youth and strengthening community connections.

In the winter months, Riverdale offers maintained cross-country ski trails, inviting outdoor enthusiasts to experience the valley's quiet, snow covered beauty.

Just a short drive east of Riverdale lies Mistahiya, featuring a well-maintained 15 km trail system ideal for walking, hiking, and wildlife viewing. This family-friendly destination offers views of the Battle River and a quiet escape into nature.

More than four decades after opening, Riverdale Mini-Park remains a vibrant part of the Municipalities recreational offerings. Its scenic setting, diverse amenities, and strong community connections make it a destination worth visiting year after year.

Campground and golf rates are available at mdwainwright.ca under the Parks & Attractions tab.



RIVERDALE CAMPSITE BOOKING

April 27- Seasonal & monthly sites

April 28- Seasonal, monthly & weekly

April 29 & 30- All bookings open

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



PRAIRIE STAPLES

Common Harebell *Campanula rotundifolia*
Harebell, often called "bluebell" is a native flower to Alberta and much of the Northern Hemisphere. It is often found growing in rocky or gravelly areas, such as hillsides, upland meadows, and along the edges of forests. This plant is highly adaptable and can thrive in a range of environmental conditions, from full sun to partial shade. Its stems and leaves are grass like, the narrow wiry stem growing to be about one foot tall. Harebell has deep, bluish-purple, bell-shaped flowers that are clustered at the tips of several stems and bloom from June through September. Bees primarily pollinate harebell although it is capable of self-fertilization. Harebell was historically used as a natural remedy for respiratory ailments such as coughs, asthma, and bronchitis.



INVASIVE MUSSEL FOULED BOATS

In 2025 there were a total of 13 mussel fouled boats detected at boat inspection stations positioned along the east side of the Alberta border. Alarminglly 2 of these mussel fouled boats were detected at the Wainwright boat inspection station located on Hwy 14. Zebra, Quagga, and Golden mussels are not currently established in Alberta, and have major potential to cause harm to Alberta's environment and economy if introduced. For more informaiton visit

alberta.ca/invasive-mussels

Invasive Species Hotline 1-855-336-BOAT

Do your part - Clean, Drain and Dry your gear



Zebra Mussel



Quagga Mussel



Golden Mussel

IS A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIRED FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE?

No, as long as the works do not include structural alterations or major works of renovation that would require a building permit and otherwise comply with the Land Use Bylaw No. 1695.



YOUTH COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Nominations are now open for the Youth Community Impact Award! This award is an opportunity to recognize deserving youth (12-18 years of age) 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 shows their commitment to bettering their community through volunteerism, mentorship or peer support, or taking the initiative in starting new projects or programs.

The nomination deadline is May 1st!

Please visit mdwainwright.ca or email asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca for full details and nomination forms.



New

2 Months

4 Months

6 Months

Quagga Mussels on ABS Pipe



SPRING CLEAN UP WASTE DISPOSAL COUPON

For M.D. Resident Use Only at the Wainwright Regional Landfill.

Name:

Address:

Hours of operation:

Mon-Fri 8am-4:45pm

Sat 8am-3:45pm

780-842-4051

This coupon entitles the bearer to a ONE-TIME disposal of waste, up to 400 kgs, at no charge. Any loads over 400 kgs will be charged for excess. Freon appliances and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Proof of residency may be requested.

Please have waste sorted to facilities disposal requirements.