

Hunting in Strathcona County

Strathcona County's 2011 hunting season — September 1 to December 7

Hunting – a part of wildlife management

Wildlife is abundant in the rural areas of Strathcona County. An overabundance of animals may cause problems within urban and farming communities.

Wildlife management is necessary for maintaining healthy and diverse wildlife populations.

Alberta Fish and Wildlife, Edmonton District, is responsible for wildlife management and enforcement of Alberta's *Wildlife Act*.

The rights of landowners

A large portion of the privately owned land in the County falls into the category of occupied land, as defined under the *Wildlife Act*. The following regulations apply to hunting on occupied land:

- A hunter needs permission from the landowner or occupant to hunt on a given property. It is entirely the decision of the landowner or occupant whether to allow hunting on the property.
- The landowner is responsible to ensure that the hunter understands any conditions on which hunting is being permitted. For example, hunting may be allowed for one day, several days or longer. The landowner may specify the number of hunters allowed, or particular areas they are to avoid.

Where hunting is and is not permitted

The discharge of firearms in Strathcona County is controlled by the County's Firearms Control Bylaw 11-2007 and is enforced by the RCMP. Firearms may not be used for hunting in Sherwood Park or in rural hamlets.

The use of firearms is restricted within the Special Control Area. In this area, shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles, bows and arrows, and cross-bows may be used to hunt white-tailed deer during this year's Strathcona White-tailed Deer Hunt from October 25 to December 7, Monday to Friday only.

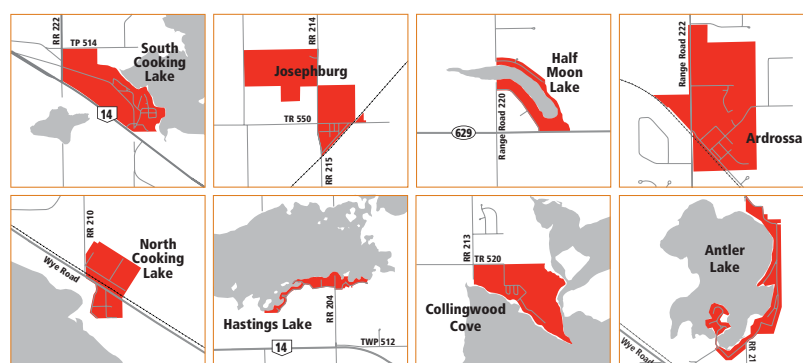
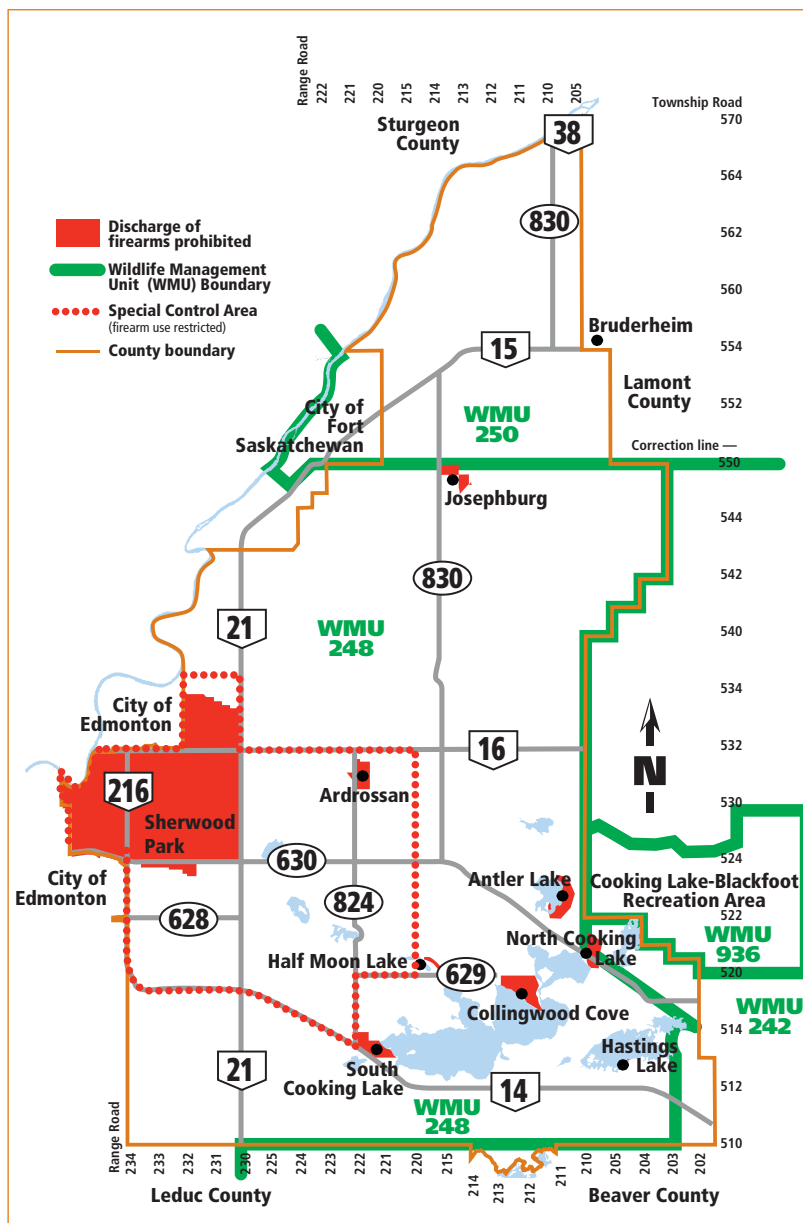
Recipients of the antlerless moose special licence for Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 248 must adhere to the regulations associated with the Strathcona White-tailed Deer Hunt when hunting in Strathcona County.

Outside of the Special Control Area, Sherwood Park and rural hamlets, Strathcona County does not have bylaws restricting the use of firearms. Provincial and federal regulations apply in these areas.

The County is divided into three different Wildlife Management Units (WMUs). Different regulations apply to each. Check regulation details.

Hunting game birds with a shotgun on road allowances is not allowed in the County.

Strathcona County is a Specialized Municipality and, because of this designation, all road allowances are considered County property. There is no hunting allowed on County property.



Further information

The 2011 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations is now available. For locations of hunting licence issuers:

- check the Government of Alberta website www.albertaregulations.ca
- call 1-877-944-0313

Alberta Fish and Wildlife Edmonton District Office
• 780-427-3574

Strathcona County Transportation and Agriculture Services

- www.strathcona.ca/tas
- 780-417-7100
- Firearms Control Bylaw 11-2007

24-hour numbers

- RCMP Sherwood Park 780-467-7741
- Report-a-Poacher 1-800-642-3800

Badgers control rodent populations



The badger is a unique animal that inhabits the great plains of North America. It has a flattened body with short, strong, stocky legs. Its throat and chin are whitish with black patches and a white dorsal stripe extends from its nose over its head, creating a mask-like appearance. The badger's head is wedge shaped with a short, thick, strong neck, their ears are protected by long hair, and the eyes have a specially adapted membrane to protect them while excavating soil.

The northern populations have a greyer coat and weigh more than their southern counterparts. Badgers range in weight from four-12 kilograms and are 520–875 mm from head to tail. They breed in late summer, so males are more visible at that time of the year. Two to five young are born the following spring which coincides with the appearance of seasonal rodent populations.

Unless a female is accompanied by young, badgers are lone hunters. They hunt and feed on burrowing prey and have special pressure receptors in their front paws which extend into the claws. Their home range is about 760 hectares and they settle into habitats that contain pocket gopher or ground squirrel infestations.

They have a keen sense of sight, hearing, touch and smell. These senses allow the badger to be more than 70 per cent effective at capturing gophers after they start a "digout". They often capture several rodents to stockpile underground, then stay within the ground den system for several days. Often accompanied by coyotes while they prey on gopher colonies the rodents that escape the badger's grasp above ground are then captured by the faster predator. In southern regions they are also known to kill venomous snakes. Some jurisdictions protect badgers because of their ability to control populations of pocket gophers and ground squirrels.

Badger burrows are sometimes a nuisance but as soon as the gopher infestation is eradicated they move on. The burrows may then be used by hares, porcupines and coyotes for protection. In heavily sodded, native range, burrow openings allow for water and oxygen exchange in the soil.

Badgers have adapted to deal with temperature and food stresses by reducing their heart rate by half the normal rate and reducing their body temperature to 9° celcius. Badgers food shifts seasonally with more mice and hares consumed during the winter months.

Badgers are not true hibernators but do rest up to three metres below ground for long periods of time. They are an interesting part of Strathcona County.

Further information

- www.strathcona.ca/tas
- 780-417-7100

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A gathering of the horse industry

This event will be of great interest to horse owners and enthusiasts in Strathcona County and the Edmonton region.

The evening will consist of:

- a feature presentation on “Trends, consequences and where does the horse industry go from here?”
- state of the industry reports from representatives in different sectors of the horse industry
- 2011 horse count results presentation
- trade show booths and information displays

Tuesday, September 20

The Agora

501 Festival Avenue

(in the new Community Centre behind County Hall)

Sherwood Park, Alberta

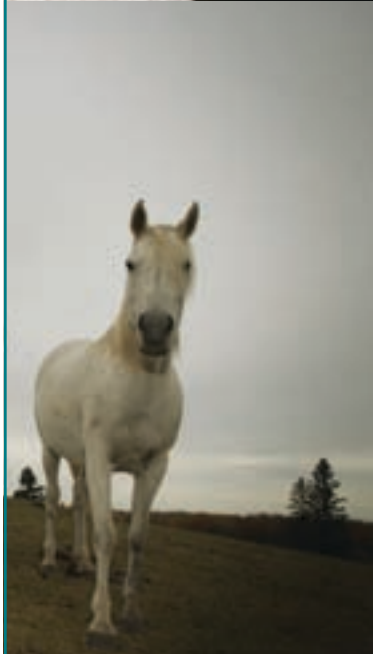
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



For further details visit discoverhorses.org or call Gary Millar at 780-499-9219.



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www.strathcona.ca/tas



Services and Supports for Older Adults

Since the Strathcona County Older Adults Plan was developed in 2009, a number of new programs have been developed and are being offered in our community.

Seniors Outreach

The Seniors Outreach Program provides seniors (65 and older) and their families with ongoing supports and helps them connect with appropriate community resources. The Outreach Worker meets with seniors in their home.

The program provides emotional supports, advocacy and referrals to assist with: emotional well-being, housing, finances, grief and loss, family relationships, life transitions, transportation, addictions, abuse and neglect, and coping skills.



Friendly Visitor

Friendly Visitor matches seniors with volunteers who visit weekly. The program helps seniors stay connected to the community, while providing meaningful volunteer experiences for residents. Participants meet weekly to chat, enjoy a coffee or tea together, share experiences, go for a walk, and play cards,

depending on their interests. If you know a senior who would enjoy social visits, share this information and help them connect. If you are looking for a meaningful opportunity to volunteer and connect with seniors, contact us at the number below!

Be a good neighbour... Help a senior with snow removal this winter

Snow Busters

Snow Busters is a program that matches eligible seniors with volunteers to assist with snow removal throughout the season. To qualify for Snow Busters, you need to be a Strathcona County resident aged 65 or older, have an annual income not exceeding \$24,600 for singles or \$40,000 for couples and be physically unable to shovel snow.

If this winter is anything like last winter, we will need a lot of support from volunteers to provide this valuable service for seniors.

Make a difference for a senior near you. Take a few extra minutes when shovelling or ploughing your own snow to give a senior a hand. Don't know a senior you can help? Volunteer with Snow Busters and be matched with a senior.

Further information

Family & Community Services
780-464-4044
www.strathcona.ca/seniors

Weed inspectors wrap up another busy season

Thank you to everyone for working cooperatively with Strathcona County's weed inspectors this past summer. In many cases, residents took immediate action to control weeds after the weed inspector met with them to discuss their concerns.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your continued support in controlling weeds in Strathcona County.

Transportation and Agriculture Services
780-417-7100



Future Workshops/Open Houses

Transportation and Agriculture Services hosts a variety of open houses and workshops for rural residents throughout the year. Workshop presentations on topics such as: Human and Coyote Interactions, Tree Pest, Water Wells, Equine, Septic Systems and Dugouts are some of the topics covered in the past.

Would you like to see a workshop/open house on a rural related topic? Contact Transportation and Agriculture Services at 780-417-7100.



It's now easier to apply for a fire permit online

The new system is more user-friendly, has an online tutorial and uses the ePermit property finder to locate your rural property details.

If you don't have access to the internet or need assistance, a public ePermit computer kiosk is available at Fire Station #4 at Heartland Hall or at Fire Station #1 in Sherwood Park. Staff are available to help you through the process.

Further information

www.strathcona.ca/sces
780-449-9651

Watch for wildlife on roads



As the days get shorter, Strathcona County would like to remind drivers to slow down and be aware of wildlife activity, especially along rural roads.

Many species are more active during dawn and dusk, particularly deer and moose during the fall mating season. Visibility while driving may be reduced at this time of year. Animals are unpredictable, especially when faced with glaring headlights, blowing horns and fast-moving vehicles.

Reduce the chance of a collision with wildlife

- stay alert and drive at a speed appropriate to road conditions
- reduce speed at night, especially on unfamiliar rural roads where wildlife frequently cross, i.e. near water, wooded areas and open spaces
- look for more than one animal – some species travel in groups
- leave plenty of room when driving around an animal on or near a road; a frightened animal may run in any direction



Take extra care when you see wildlife signs.

Further information:

Transportation and Agriculture Services
780-417-7100

Guide to Rural Living

Life in the country is full of experiences: connecting to the land, raising animals, growing crops, enjoying the sense of freedom and privacy, wildlife, the fresh air, and the close-knit community with neighbours helping neighbours.

Life in the rural also brings new responsibilities. The way you care for your land may impact the health of the entire landscape, the water quality and supply, wildlife habitat, or your neighbour's property.

The Guide to Rural Living package is designed to help you consider some of the major factors that affect rural residents. It provides practical insights on land uses, development, conservation, bylaws, and safety, as well as recommendations on where you can find additional help or information if needed.



Guide to Rural Living in Strathcona County

For further information or to request a copy

Transportation and Agriculture Services
780-417-7100
www.strathcona.ca/tas

A new name for the Strathcona Airport (Josephburg)

Warren Thomas was honoured at the re-naming ceremony of the Strathcona Airport (Josephburg) on June 9, 2011. The airport was renamed the "Warren Thomas (Josephburg) Aerodrome" in honour of the ex-County councillor and reeve.



The Warren Thomas (Josephburg) Aerodrome is located 1.6 kilometres north of Josephburg on Secondary Highway 830. The aerodrome is managed by Strathcona County. The aerodrome is used for privately owned and commercial aircraft.

For more details about the aerodrome

www.strathcona.ca/tas
780-417-7100

Farm family rewarded

Don and Adeline Guenette have been chosen to represent Strathcona County as this year's recipients of the 2011 Farm Family Awards as part of Farmfair. The family will be honored at the November ceremony at Northlands.

The Guenettes run a successful grain operation in the northern part of Strathcona County. All members of the family are involved in the farming operation to varying degrees including accounting, harvest, seeding and spraying. In addition to the farming operations, the family is involved in community activities such as the

Josephburg Agricultural Society and participate in test plots with Dow Research. Don and Adeline were also recognized by the New Holland Equipment Company for their farming excellence.

The family's philosophy is to do everything the best you can, take satisfaction in everything you do and be passionate about your work. We are pleased to recognize this outstanding farm family.



Trails Strategy

Did you know that trails are one of the most used, requested, and enjoyed outdoor recreation amenities by Strathcona County residents?

It was determined through the public engagement process to create our Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (2008), that Strathcona County needed to build upon the foundations of the existing Trails Master Plan (1998), and create a guiding document which will serve as a tool for prioritizing trail enhancements and new trail projects.

Strathcona County has spent several months working on the Trails Strategy which has been driven by a public engagement process that has captured the vision of the community. The final round of consultation with our stakeholder groups, trail users, and the general public, has been completed.

Thanks to the community's valuable contributions, the Trails Strategy is a reflection of the County's long-term commitment to the growth and development of trails throughout our community. The Trails Strategy will be presented to Council in the fall for its approval.



Further information

Planning & Development Services
780-464-8117

Do you need a PID account?

Premises ID (PID) is a way of linking livestock and poultry to geographic locations for dealing with health issues and effective emergency response.

Who is required to apply for a PID account?

- All owners of domestic livestock, such as farmers and acreage owners
- All operators of commingling sites, such as feedlots and vet clinics

In Alberta, reportable livestock include: cattle, dairy, bison, hogs, sheep, goats, horses, cervids, poultry, llama, alpaca, ostrich, emu, ducks and other game fowl.

What are the benefits of PID?

The PID system allows officials to plan for and manage animal health and food safety emergencies. The information is essential to:

- Assist in tracing animals to effectively manage for animal disease outbreak.
- Respond to non-disease emergencies (eg. floods).
- Rapidly inform producers of disease threats or control measures that might impact their livestock.

Further information

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
780-310-FARM (3276) toll-free
www.agriculture.alberta.ca/premises

Oil and Gas in Strathcona County

Strathcona County provides resources for residents looking for information or assistance on oil and gas development

They can assist you with:

- Information, resources and contacts for anyone affected by or interested in oil and gas exploration in the County.
- Current updates on proposed, new and existing seismic activity, wells and pipelines.
- The Strathcona County Protocol and Strathcona County's expectations of companies working within the municipality.
- Seismic operation and landowners' rights.
- Contact with the right individuals within the

oil and gas regulator, the Energy and Resource Conservation Board (ERCB).

- Communication with energy companies and their agents.
- Problem solving with energy issues that arise.
- Connections to other local or provincial groups or individuals related to oil and gas development for support or information.

You can go to <http://strathcona.ca/oilandgas> for updates on proposed oil and gas activity in Strathcona County and other details.

Further information

Lori Mills, Energy Exploration Liaison,
780-416-6739



Green Winter Routine

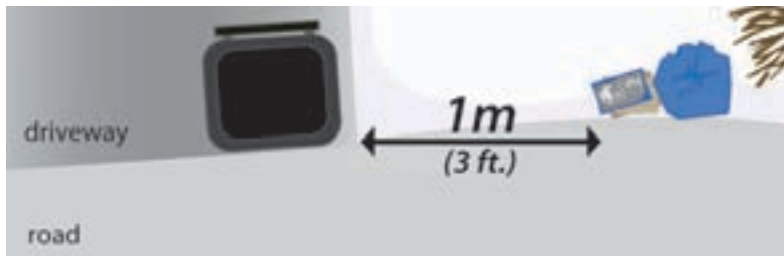
We all know that the weather in Alberta can change drastically – sometimes overnight! Here are some tips to keep in mind when the temperatures drop and the snow falls.

Give your organics cart a winter coat

Line the bottom and sides of your green organics cart with newspaper or cardboard. Then every 30 cm (12”) layer wet organics, such as food, grass and leaves, with dry organics, such as newspaper, cardboard or shredded paper. This will reduce the possibility of organics getting stuck or freezing to the bottom and sides of your cart when the temperature drops.

Hold the wetness

Wrap organic items with a lot of moisture in newspaper or put



them into a cracker box. The paper will help absorb the moisture and prevent it from freezing to the cart.

It's stuck!

If organics have become stuck in your cart use a broom or shovel to try and loosen the frozen clump. If it is frozen solid, bring it into your garage and let it warm up a little then try to stir it up. If you store your carts in your garage, layering becomes even more important. If your cart isn't dumped until later in the day, the organics may freeze. The key is to layer, layer, layer!

Pull don't push

In the winter time pull, your organics or waste cart – don't push it. The bottom of the cart will cause snow to build up making it difficult to move. Pulling the cart won't cause snow to build up.

Changes to cart placement in winter

Once the snow is here to stay, please place your waste or organic roll-out cart at the end of your driveway. Carts cannot be on the road because snow removal vehicles cannot manoeuvre around them. If your property is on a Provincial highway, this does not apply to you.

Time to get rid of that old couch?

Leave up to two items at the curbside with your other waste and recycling by 7:30 a.m. on your regular collection day and we will haul them away for you.

Large item pickup days

Collection day	Large item pickup
Monday	September 26
Tuesday	September 20
Wednesday	September 28
Thursday	September 22
Friday	September 30



There is a limit of two items per household. All items must be less than six feet by three feet (1.8m x 0.9m) and weigh less than 90 kg (200 lb). Please remove doors and lids to fridges and freezers, and make sure the coolant system is not damaged. Barbecues and lawn mowers must have fuel tanks removed. Please remove all barbecue briquettes and charcoal. Fuel and fuel tanks can be taken to an Enviroservice event.

Please note: Electronics are not included in the large item pickup. These items can be brought to an Enviroservice event; check your collection calendar or the website for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

Rural Enviroservice event

Do you have:

- old electronics
- leftover paint
- household solvents you no longer use
- some sort of liquid in an old bottle and not sure what it is but know it shouldn't go into the landfill?

Bring them to the Enviroservice event for proper disposal or recycling! The rural Enviroservice event will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Ardrossan Fire Station. Visit our website for a complete list of items accepted at the Enviroservice events.

The Enviroservice event is available for all Strathcona County residents even if you do not subscribe to the Green Routine.

Can't make it to this event?

Check out the other events held in Sherwood Park every two weeks from May to October. Check our website or call Utilities for more information.

Questions?

www.strathcona.ca/utilities
780-449-5514
greenroutine@strathcona.ab.ca

Save time next spring

Fall is generally an excellent time for weed control because plants are shutting down for the winter. This especially applies to weeds that reproduce by root such as Canada thistle, or that have a root storage structure such as Dandelion or Field Scabious. As plants shut down, they pull sugars and nutrients from their leaves deep down into their root structures. This stores resources underground so they are available to the plant in the spring. If you choose to use herbicide for your weed control, spray that is applied during this time is pulled into the roots of the plants along with their sugars and nutrients. The chemical is pulled down much deeper into the plant than if applied in the spring making better use of the application producing better results, minimal waste, and less effort come spring. Be sure to apply it when the plant is still green and well before the first frost.

If herbicide is not your choice – hand-pulling and mowing/cutting should be done all season long and well into the fall (up to first frost). Be sure to remove all seeds and heads and dispose in the garbage/organic bin or burn.

Further information:

Transportation and
Agriculture Services
780-417-7100

Digest

& Dates

Keep up to date with all that is happening in the County!

New! Digest & Dates is a quick, at-a-glance page that highlights news and updates from Strathcona County; it also includes upcoming programs, services and events. You can find it in the Sherwood Park-Strathcona County News or at www.strathcona.ca under Notices. It runs the last Friday of each month.

ARE YOU FREE PLUGGED IN?

If you are in grade 7-12 Here is your chance to get connected!

Drop by for an afternoon of activities, music, food, prizes and more!

Saturday, October 22, 2011
1 pm – 4 pm @ the Community Centre Agora

For more information call the Strathcona County Library at
780-410-8600
www.strathcona.ca/youth

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Strathcona County's Agricultural Service Board

Strathcona County's Agricultural Service Board consists of four Councillors and four public members.

The mission of Strathcona County's Agricultural Service Board is to act as an advisory body to Council on agricultural matters affecting our residents, while promoting and developing agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

The Agricultural Service Board Act provides for the establishment and operation of Agricultural Service Boards throughout the province of Alberta. It provides a province-wide infrastructure for the delivery of weed control, disease and pest management, as well as soil and water conservation programs and services. It also provides financial incentives and technical assistance



Left to Right: Jackie Christie (public member), Howard Schneider (public member), Councillor Jacquie Fenske, Jim Henry (public member), Councillor Bonnie Riddell, Councillor Peter Wlodarczak, Councillor Linton Delainey, Paul Barlott (public member).

to enable the administration and enforcement acts and the implementation of agricultural

policies at the municipal level. The members are available to discuss matters of interest to you.

Agriculture Services

Agriculture Services phone numbers

Manager	Joel Gould	780-417-7134
	gould@strathcona.ca	
Pest control/weed inspection/vegetation control	Laura Hammer	780-417-7100
	hammer@strathcona.ca	780-417-7132
	Alf Kolenosky	780-417-7133
	kolenosk@strathcona.ca	
Transportation and Agriculture Services is located at	370 Streambank Avenue	
	Sherwood Park, AB T8H 1N1	
Office hours	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
	Monday to Friday	
Phone	780-417-7100	
Web	www.strathcona.ca/tas	
Fax	780-417-7109	

Agricultural Service Board

The members are available to discuss matters of interest to you.

Councillor Jacquie Fenske (Chair)	780-464-8147
Councillor Linton Delainey	780-464-8206
Councillor Bonnie Riddell	780-464-8003
Councillor Peter Wlodarczak	780-464-8146
Paul Barlott	780-951-0631
Jackie Christie	780-422-8633
Jim Henry (Vice Chair)	780-719-4383
Howard Schneider	780-977-0023

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