

# Strategic Priorities # 5 Continued Support of Our Agricultural Industry

As a County, we recognize that our main industry within our borders is Agriculture. As such, Vulcan County is committed to supporting this industry not only through well maintained infrastructure, but programs and services through our Agricultural Service Board. Over the next four years, the following initiatives will be undertaken:

Key Action Item	Lead Role	Initiated	Status	Key Measures
Vulcan County will continue to have an active an engaged Agricultural Service Board that reviews and investigates new programming and services which are of benefit to our Agricultural Industry.	Ag Services	2018-2022	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> <li>✓ Sustainability</li> </ul>
Marginal Land Recovery Grant This program will help landowners with seeding marginal lands to grass and forages.	Rural Conservation Technician	2022-2026	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> <li>✓ Process and System Improvements</li> </ul>
Investigate and purchase specialized agricultural equipment for our ratepayers that would not be available for rent or feasible to purchase.	Ag Services		Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> </ul>
Work with Alberta Agriculture to assist them with the annual field scouting and inspection of various crop disease and insects.	Ag Services		Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> </ul>
Work with companies wishing to bring business to Vulcan County to ensure their projects are a long-term benefit and that they have protocols in place to protect the land, with clear expectations of what is required.	Ag Services Development Services	2022-2026	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> <li>✓ Council Satisfaction</li> <li>✓ Process and System Improvements</li> </ul>
Continue to enforce the Weed Act of Alberta, Soil Conservation Act, and the Agricultural Pests Act, while increasing weed control measures and awareness throughout Vulcan County.	Ag Services	2018-2022	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> </ul>
Develop and maintain a digital weed database for Vulcan County.	Ag Services GIS	2018-2022	Initiated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stakeholder Satisfaction</li> </ul>