



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES PRESS RELEASE

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(High Prairie, Alberta) – Due to drought conditions resulting from a lack of moisture throughout the municipality, the Municipal District of Big Lakes was officially declared an agricultural disaster area by the municipal council during the regular council meeting on August 12.

In speaking on the declaration, Reeve Alvin Billings noted that “it is seriously dry, and in some areas we have major grasshopper infestation”. Reeve Billings further notes that “in making this declaration, the M.D. of Big Lakes joins other municipalities of the Peace in identifying the current challenges faced by local producers. We can only hope that declarations such as this will raise the awareness of the situation in the eyes of provincial and federal officials capable of providing relief to our producers.”

The Municipal District of Big Lakes remains committed to ensuring that sustainable agriculture is a cornerstone of our municipality.

Information on current moisture conditions can be found on the Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development website at www.agric.gov.ab.ca

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