

**Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee meeting
with Minister of Municipal Affairs Danielle Larivee
Shaw Conference Centre
Salon 17
March 15, 2016 at 11:30 am**

In attendance:

Minister Danielle Larivee, Municipal Affairs
Brock Bowman, Executive Assistant
Melinda Steenbergen, Ministerial Assistant
Brad Pickering, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs
Paul Leeder, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Minister
Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Elden Kozak, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Phillip Massier, Central Region Alternate
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Doug Macaulay, Acting ASB Program Manager, AF Representative
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

The meeting commenced at 11:30 pm with introductions made around the table.

Pat explained what the role of the Provincial Committee is and what their mandate is.

There was no official agenda set for the meeting so there was a general discussion on some of the following items:

- Minister asked for Committees thoughts on importance of preserving farm land – what are key issues out there
- Pat brought up the issue of the poor attendance by Ministers at the bear pit session during the ASB Provincial Conference
- Density planning and more sustainable projections
- Help to preserve small communities for rural usage – Minister said it was a priority to keep this strong
- What do municipalities do if the oil companies stop paying taxes
- Ag Plastics – strong consideration should be given to setting up a stewardship program
- Corey explained the issue municipalities are having with Alberta Transportation regarding weed control

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30 PM