

Progress Report on 2020 Resolutions

2020 Resolutions for Annual General Meeting:

1. “Be it resolved that ABP continue to work with partner organizations to effectively work with the Government of Alberta lobbying sustainable solutions to issues that arise from multiple use demands (resource extraction, recreation, forestry, etc.) on the land and water resources.”
SW, SE, CT, NW, NE

Carried: ABP Staff and Board are working with other ag organizations to find solutions to this issue.

ONGOING: Alberta Environment and Parks has committed to developing a framework that prioritizes agriculture on crown land leases.

2. “Be it resolved that ABP work with the Government of Alberta to develop and implement solutions that allow responsible recreational use, while preventing impacts to farmers and ranchers and promoting the environmental sustainability of Alberta’s lands, both private and public.”
SW

Carried: Mark Lyseng, Government Relations and Policy Lead, is currently working on this issue.

ONGOING: ABP worked with Alberta Environment and Parks to develop more communication tools outlining property rights. ABP was able to provide information through an article for Canadian Cattlemen magazine.

6. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby Environment and Parks to extend the *Landowner Antlerless Elk Special Licence* to be valid for all open seasons for which the licence is valid.”
SE

Carried: Delegates agreed that extending the use of this special licence would be beneficial to landowners and help control the elk population.

COMPLETED

7. “Be it resolved that ABP request Alberta Environment and Parks to place more emphasis on antlerless wildlife management of big game

species in wildlife management units where populations are above goal.”

SE

Carried: Delegates agreed that it is important to encourage Alberta Environment and Parks to manage females to control the growth of a herd.

COMPLETED

8. “Be it resolved that ABP request that the Government of Alberta amend legislation to prevent future withholding of Firearms Discharge Permits on legal hunting days.”
SE

Carried: Discussions will take place to determine next steps.

ONGOING

9. “Be it resolved that ABP request the Alberta government (Biologists and Fish and Wildlife officers) work more closely with private landowners when dealing with predator conflicts.”
SE

Carried: Mark Lyseng, ABP Government Relations and Policy Lead is working on this issue. Delegates understand the frustration producers are feeling with the current situation.

COMPLETED: *Discussed with AEP*

10. “Be it resolved that ABP continue to work with partner organizations to lobby Justice and Solicitor General to increase the presence and fill vacant positions of Fish & Wildlife Officers in areas that currently lack.”
SE

Carried: There is a lack of support across the province from Fish & Wildlife when it comes to dealing with hunters, and a lack of funding to hire more officers and during hunting season.

COMPLETED: *Government of Alberta increased the number of Fish and Wildlife officers*

11. "Be it resolved that ABP actively engage all individuals from Alberta involved with the Young Cattlemen's Council (YCC) and Cattlemen's Young Leaders (CYL)."

SE

Carried: Discussions are taking place on stronger engagement with both national youth programs. Stakeholder Communications Lead to connect regularly with CCA Youth Leadership Coordinator.

ONGOING: *Personal invites will be sent for ABP meetings. ABP participated in Alberta CYL public speaking final project. The Board of Directors will invite CYLs to observe Board Meetings, and encourage youth to submit nominations for delegate positions.*

2020 Resolutions for ABP Board of Directors:

1. "Be it resolved that ABP lobby Alberta Environment and Parks and Municipal Affairs to prohibit rural Municipal Governments from allowing development of Off Highway Vehicles trails for the purpose of recreation on road allowances, as this is not the purpose or intent."

SW

Carried: The Board will be working with other ag organizations to address the issue of off-road trails being developed on road allowances.

IN PROGRESS: *Issue Management Committee*

2. "Be it resolved that ABP work closely with partner organizations to protect the rights of leaseholders and ensure those rights are not diminished to that of a permit holder."

SW, SE

Carried: Over the last year ABP has been working with the government to make sure any changes to the grazing lease dispositions does not diminish the rights of the leaseholders.

COMPLETED: *ABP worked with other industry organizations and Alberta Environment and Parks to ensure that a leaseholders' rights were not diminished on the disposition document.*

3. Be it resolved that ABP will take an active role in supporting its members and the Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association to prevent the Government of Alberta from unilaterally replacing grazing leases with grazing permits."

SW

Carried: Over the last year ABP has been working with the government to make sure any changes to the grazing lease dispositions does not diminish the rights of the leaseholders.

ONGOING: *ABP continues to work with AGLA to have agricultural land use emphasized and supported on crown land.*

5. "Be it resolved that ABP continue to work with partner organizations to lobby Environment and Parks to complete the disposition renewal document to address the backlog and the slow pace of grazing lease renewals."

SE

Carried: The government has stated that they will work on the backlog of grazing lease renewals over the next few months.

COMPLETED: *ABP worked with other industry organizations and Alberta Environment and Parks to ensure that a leaseholders' rights were not diminished on the disposition document.*

6. "Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Government of Alberta to reinstate A Coal Development Policy for Alberta (1976 Coal Policy) that was rescinded on June 1, 2020, until such time appropriate public consultation has taken place to determine land use planning for resource development that would guide future coal exploration and development within the province of Alberta."

SW

Carried: Directors agreed that there should have been consultation with the public before the policy was rescinded.

COMPLETED: *The 1976 Coal Policy was reinstated in response to concerns raised by Albertans, as of February 8, 2021.*

9. "Be it resolved that ABP establish access to a current list of eligible producers within the province to ensure proper communication when holding elections."

SE

Carried: ABP staff continually work to keep our lists up to date. We are currently in discussions with LIS to use their mailing list for such things like elections. But even with this unless producers tell us when they are no longer in the cattle industry.

IN PROGRESS: ABP leadership is exploring options for the delegate body to consider.

10. "Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to include processing plant workers at the beginning of phase two in the COVID-19 vaccination roll out."

NW

Carried: ABP Executive contacted the government about prioritizing workers in the supply chain for vaccination and were told the government was looking into it.

COMPLETED: In April 2021, a rollout of on-site and community vaccinations allowed processing plant workers to be vaccinated as quickly as possible.

11. "Be it resolved that ABP investigate the probability that COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing may limit the availability and affordability of livestock medication in the future."

SE

Carried: Vaccines produced for animals are not processed in the same facilities that produce human vaccines. There was a shortage of animal vaccines earlier this year, but it was not due to the manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines, rather a shortage at the facilities producing the animal vaccines. According to the Canadian Animal Health Institute, they do not anticipate a shortage of the most important veterinary medications.

COMPLETED: Vaccines produced for animals are not processed in the same facilities that produce human vaccines. There was a shortage of animal vaccines in early 2021, but it was not due to the manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines, rather a shortage at the facilities producing the animal vaccines. This was deemed investigated and found no concern.

12. Be it resolved that ABP engage with other like-minded ag organizations to lobby the provincial government to join with the federal government and accept the industry requested changes to Agri-Stability, specifically the removal of the Reference Margin Limit and raising the compensation rate from 70% to 80%."

SW

Carried: This is an issue that ABP has been working on for the past year.

ONGOING: The Reference Margin Limit (RML) was removed from Agri-Stability in Spring 2021. The compensation rate has not yet changed.