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M.D. of Bonnyville hosts four-day ASB Conference

The Municipal District of Bonnyville will be showing off the region during the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Tour from July 8 to 11.

Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Chair Deputy Reeve David Fox says the M.D. put its name forth to host the annual tour two years ago. Subsequently the M.D. formed an organizing committee composed of staff, ASB members and community volunteers that has spent the last year finalizing the plans. The tour is funded by registrations and sponsorships. “We are excited to host nearly 400 tour delegates from across the province. Tour participants include agriculture staff and politicians from rural municipalities, their partners and children.”

Director of Agricultural & Waste Services Matt Janz said it was hard to narrow down the region’s highlights for the two days of touring. “Delegates will be touring 4 Wing Cold Lake and Imperial Oil Resources to view two of our major economic industries. Agriculturally delegates will tour the Friedel Elk Farm, Michaud Bison Ranch and the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association. Partners will tour H’Evans Berries, Hamilton House Bed & Breakfast, Ozero and Ilchuk Gardens and the Bonnyville Forest Nursery. Youth will be entertained at Muriel Creek Cattle Company, the Bonnyville RCMP detachment and participating in the Walking With Moose educational session.”

Fox says the Provincial ASB Tour gives rural communities a chance to share best practices with each other. Delegates will tour the La Corey Landfill site to learn about the M.D.’s recycling programs. “M.D. of Bonnyville ASB members and staff have brought back several ideas from past tours that have been implemented in the municipality to improve services to our residents.”

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