

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE BULLETIN 16/2016

Alberta Wildlife Watch Application

Summary

This Bulletin informs Highway Maintenance Contractors (HMCs) that the department has adopted the use of the Alberta Wildlife Watch (AWW) Application. The AWW Application will be used by HMCs to report wildlife that have been struck and killed, or when practical, live observations, on provincial highways. All collisions involving medium and large bodied animals (i.e., Wolf and larger) must be reported.

Background

Collecting reliable Animal Vehicle Collision (AVC) data will assist the department in mitigating AVCs, improving the safety of the traveling public and reducing the impact that highways have on wildlife.

Key Changes

Currently AVC data is collected via manual paper submission. The AWW Application will reduce the HMCs' effort required to complete this work activity therefore no additional cost to existing maintenance contracts is anticipated. HMCs are required to download and utilize the AWW Application. The use of the AWW Application is a requirement effective immediately.

The requirements for use of the AWW application are as follows:

- HMC staff shall download the AWW Application from the smartphone application store by searching for "Alberta Wildlife Watch".
 - Note: There is a training material available on the Environmental Management Services website outlining how to use and the objective of the application (link below).
 - Highway Maintenance Contractor specific identification codes will be provided by Operations Managers.
- No face-to-face training will be provided by the department. Training material can be found at the following link: <u>http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/6003.htm</u>
- For assistance regarding the AWW Application please call the GOA Service Desk 1-888-427-1GOA (1462).

Effective Date

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