



## Association of Manitoba Community Pastures Inc.

### Media Release

#### **AMCP Kicks Off 2021 Grazing Season with new Conservation Trust Grant Funding**

Two grant projects approved worth a combined \$325,000

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“On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Community Pastures (AMCP), I am pleased to announce an excellent start to the 2021 grazing season with \$325,000 in new funding from the Manitoba Conservation Trust” said Greg Genik, AMCP Board Chair. “From Roblin, to Swan River, the Interlake, through to the Neepawa and Portage areas, the Community Pastures are well-positioned to deliver project work focussing on our mutual priorities with the Trust: prairie and rangeland enhancements,” continued Genik.

This year, AMCP has targeted enhancements to 8,500 acres of Community Pasture rangelands through the \$300,000 “Improving Grassland Biodiversity in Manitoba’s Community Pastures” project. Work will take place at the AMCP-managed Bield, Ethelbert, Langford, Lenswood, Mulvihill, Narcisse, and Sylvan Dale Community Pastures as well as at affiliated RM Community Pastures: Portage and Woodlands. These Community Pastures comprise a total 175,000 acres and are ramping up to take-in over 20,000 head of livestock from Manitoba producers next month.

Trust-funded project activities are geared to investments that improve rotational grazing systems and livestock distribution: water sources, cattle crossings, brush management controls, and new cross-fencing. With strong grazing management practices in place, grassland diversity and resiliency are boosted along with associated ecological goods and services including reliable forage supply, pollination, and wildlife habitat. A \$25,000 grant will be directed toward completing range health assessments and land management plans at two AMCP Pastures in the Interlake: Narcisse and Sylvan Dale. The funding supports AMCP’s mandate to enhance and support the livestock industry by providing high quality grazing balanced with sustainable rangeland stewardship.

Match support for the Conservation Trust project is being provided by AMCP, Nature Conservancy of Canada, and the Governments of Canada and Manitoba. “Community pastures are some of the most important areas for biodiversity in Manitoba. As fellow supporters of the Association of Manitoba Community Pastures (AMCP), Nature Conservancy of Canada congratulates AMCP on receiving Conservation Trust funding to enhance its ability to sustain community pastures and the nature-based livelihoods that they support.” Cary Hamel, Director of Conservation, NCC – Manitoba Region

AMCP is a non-profit producer-led organization dedicated to supporting the livestock industry and sustainable management of AMCP Community Pastures: Alonsa, Bield, Birch River, Cote-San Clara, Ellice-Archie, Ethelbert, Gardenton, Langford, Lenswood, Libau, McCreary, Mulvihill, Narcisse, Pansy, Spy Hill-Ellice, Sylvan Dale, Turtle Mountain and Wallace.

The Conservation Trust was established in 2018 as part of Manitoba’s Climate and Green Plan to fund activities that promote the conservation of natural resources by creating, conserving, or enhancing natural infrastructure for the benefit of Manitobans. The Trust is held by The Winnipeg Foundation and revenues are managed by the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC).