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Feedback

Proposed New Surface Rights Compensation Payment Enforcement Tools

The Ministry of Energy and Resources (ER) is consulting with stakeholders on proposed amendments to *The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act* and *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act*. The amendments aim to enhance the ability of the Saskatchewan Surface Rights Board of Arbitration (Board) and ER to enforce payment of compensation owing pursuant to a surface lease or a Board order.

Details on the proposed amendments may be found at the link below. Please submit written feedback on the proposed regulatory enhancements to the ER Service Desk at er.servicedesk@gov.sk.ca by **May 6, 2022**.

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Information

Increased Investment in Emergency Medical Services to Stabilize Rural, Remote and Northern Communities

Key commitments in the 2022-23 provincial budget will see significant expansion in emergency care throughout Saskatchewan with a nearly \$11 million funding increase. An investment of \$7.3 million will support stabilization of emergency medical services (EMS) with additional paramedics, ambulances and funding in 27 communities across the province, particularly in rural, remote and northern areas.

"Our government is committed to getting emergency medical services for our residents back on track by addressing critical areas of need with a dedicated focus on rural, remote and northern communities," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "EMS is a valuable part of our overall health care system, and we are grateful for the service they provide. This significant new investment will strengthen ambulance services in 27 communities across our province."

The new funding will add 70.7 full time equivalent positions and will address critical priority areas in the following communities:

Beauval	Beechy	Big River
Blaine Lake	Buffalo Narrows	Cut Knife
Frontier	Humboldt	Imperial
Indian Head	Kipling	Kyle
La Ronge	Lloydminster	Macklin
Maple Creek	Meadow Lake	Melfort
Melville	Moosomin	Naicam
North Battleford	Oxbow	Redvers
Rosetown	St. Walburg	Yorkton

Also included in the \$11 million budget increase for emergency medical services is \$653,000 to expand community paramedicine to rural and northern communities by adding three additional full-time positions and covering training costs to further enhance and stabilize available supports.

The community paramedicine positions will be split as follows:

- One between Beauval and Buffalo Narrows;
- One among Wynyard, Wadena and Wakaw, and potentially other locations in the area; and
- One will be targeted to one or more First Nations communities.

Community paramedicine provides patients with increased access to mobile health services closer to home. Paramedics apply their training and skills in community-based environments, often outside the usual emergency response and transportation model.

Also, \$1.5 million will provide ongoing support for wage increases implemented in 2021 for paramedics working for contracted EMS services to help recruit and retain staff.

A full list of communities and details on investments are included in the Backgrounder.

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Saskatchewan Invests More Than \$1 Million in 23 New Municipal Projects

On April 5, 2022, Government Relations Minister Don McMorris announced 23 new municipal projects that will receive a combined provincial investment of more than \$1 million under the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative.

The TSS Initiative supports municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on good governance, capacity building and regional co-operation. Funding is provided through cost-shared grants, covering up to 75 per cent of eligible project costs.

Projects are approved after a thorough review process by the TSS Steering Committee, which consists of representatives from SUMA, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities (New North) and the Ministry of Government Relations.

"SARM is pleased to see continued funding and uptake of the Targeted Sector Support Initiative," SARM President Ray Orb said. "This latest installment of TSS funding will enable municipalities to focus on projects that lead to better governance and enhanced co-operation amongst municipalities. We certainly appreciate the opportunity to participate on the steering committee and collaborate with the other members. We all want to ensure that Saskatchewan municipalities have every opportunity to remain vibrant and strong."

Examples of approved projects include:

- Providing regional governance training for municipal councils and administration.
- Undergoing a feasibility study to determine options for safe water treatment between neighbouring municipalities.
- Drafting a district community plan to guide regional co-operation and development.

- Hosting relationship and capacity building exercises among communities.

This is the third round of successful projects approved under the TSS Initiative, which receives \$1.5 million each year from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program. Since 2020, \$4.5 million of provincial funds has been made available to Saskatchewan municipalities through the TSS Initiative. Funding is administered by SUMA on behalf of the TSS Steering Committee.

Grant recipients and their approved projects are outlined in the attached backgrounder.

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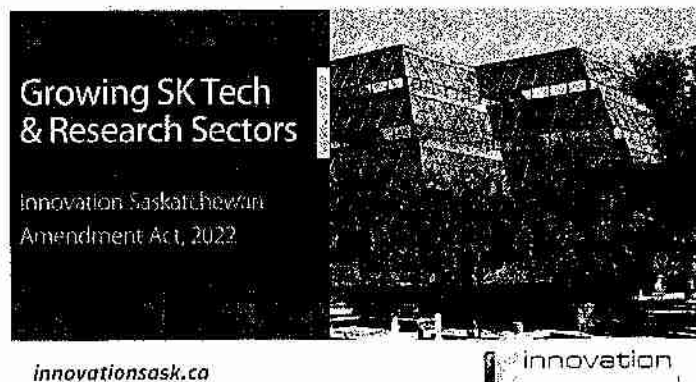
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Supporting a Growing Saskatchewan Technology and Research Sector

On April 5, 2022, the government introduced *The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2022* to further support the growth of the technology and research sector in the province.

The legislation provides authority for Innovation Saskatchewan to own and operate the technology and research parks currently



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assigned to Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (SOCO) for the purposes of creating a single innovation agency in the province.

"This move positions Innovation Saskatchewan as the leader in a sector that is key to our economic recovery," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Jeremy Harrison said.

"Innovation Saskatchewan has been a highly effective agency for the strategic and rapid deployment of policies and programs with an enormous impact on the growth of the innovation sector," SaskTech President and Siemens appointee - an industry organization that represents Saskatchewan technology companies - Aaron Genest said.

Innovation Saskatchewan works directly with industry and external stakeholders to support the commercialization of research and technology and to grow the province's technology sector.

The changes in the Act will allow Innovation Saskatchewan to operate the research parks located at the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan. As a single integrated agency, it will have a clear mandate to drive innovation and ownership in delivering on the goal of tripling the tech sector in the province by 2030 by leveraging infrastructure assets. It will provide additional support to start ups and early-stage technology companies and an effective way to encourage new and established technology companies from Canada and around the world to relocate and grow in the province.

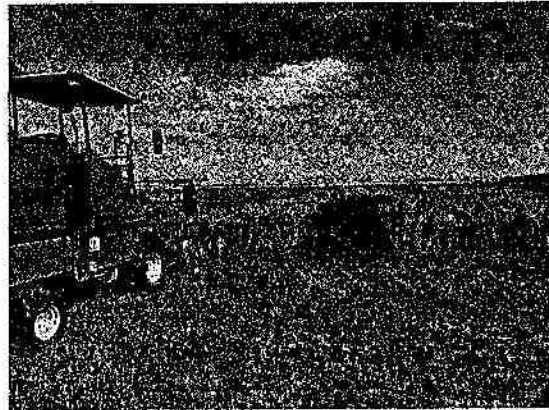
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Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Further Support Research Demonstration Projects

On April 6, 2022, the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced more than \$885,000 for 43 projects through the Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT) program.



The ADOPT Program provides funding to assist producer groups to evaluate and demonstrate new agricultural practices and technologies at the local level. The results of successful trials can then be adopted by agricultural operations in the region.

A total of \$26,625 in support of five of these projects was contributed by two industry co-funders, the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association and Fertilizer Canada

ADOPT is funded through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes a \$2 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories, including a \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture. The current CAP program began in 2018 and was the successor of the Growing Forward 2 program.

Since beginning in 2009, ADOPT commits \$800,000 per year in funding to evaluate new agricultural practices and technologies. There are two intake periods for this program in June and November of each year. Information on the ADOPT program and past projects are available on the *ministry website*.

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Saskatchewan Announces Investment of \$1 Million to Promote Careers in the Hospitality Sector

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On April 6, 2022, the Government of Saskatchewan announced support of \$1 million to Hospitality Saskatchewan to help them promote careers in Saskatchewan's hospitality and tourism sector. Saskatchewan's hospitality sector, like many other jurisdictions in North America, was one of the first and hardest hit by the global pandemic over the past two years, resulting in a labour shortage in the province.

The funding will enable Hospitality Saskatchewan to launch an aggressive recruitment strategy, *Belong Saskatchewan*. "Belong Saskatchewan" will target the attraction of domestic and international workers. This program will leverage the Hard-To-Fill Skills Pilot to target individuals living and working in Canada under restricted or temporary conditions and are eager to achieve permanent residency.

There are currently thousands of job postings in the hospitality sector on saskjobs.ca.

For more information on career opportunities in the Saskatchewan hospitality sector, please contact Info@hospitalitysk.ca.

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