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November 2021

**Proud of
Rural SK
support**



To date SARM members have donated \$3.4+ million to the life saving operations of STARS.

At the 2017 SARM Annual Convention, a resolution was passed asking that RMs voluntarily contribute a minimum of \$2 per capita per year to the STARS Helicopter Air Ambulance program.

If you haven't donated, please give it some consideration as STARS has had a

RM donations can be sent directly to SARM (and can be included with regular payments, it doesn't need to be a separate cheque).

A presentation was made to STARS representatives at the 2021 SARM

major impact on saving lives in rural Saskatchewan in over 500 communities. Most people can say they know of someone who has benefited from this valuable life-saving service.

Midterm Convention with the total RM contributions.

[STARS Ways to Donate](#)

Way to keep up the rural support!

Awards & Nominations



The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan
His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty

The Lieutenant Governor's Award for: Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan

The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan is awarded to a Reeve, Councillor, or Administrator, for his or her lifetime contribution to rural SK (both retired and/or actively working individuals).

The selection committee reviews all nominations and selects one individual who has not yet been formally recognized for his or her exemplary contributions in making rural SK a better place to live.

The committee includes representatives from the following organizations:

- The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan's Office
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
- the Ministry of Government Relations, and
- the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association

Rural Municipalities may nominate a Reeve, Councillor, or Administrator for this award. Nominations should be sent to the SARM office by **January 31st, 2022**.

[Learn more](#)

[Nomination Form](#)

[Nomination Guidelines](#)

Deadlines

Complete MEPP's Member Satisfaction Survey for a chance to win \$100.

MEPP is looking for your feedback on the communications and services you receive. Once you complete the survey,



you can enter your name into the draw to be one of five lucky winners of a \$100 gift card!



Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.
The survey ends on November 30, 2021.

Call for CIF Peer Review Committee Members



**Community
Initiatives Fund**

The Community Initiatives Fund is inviting applications from individuals throughout Saskatchewan who are interested in serving on one of our regional Peer Review Committees!

Openings are currently available for our North, Central, and Provincial committees for the 2022-24 term. Peer Review Committees are responsible for reviewing applications for our Community Grant Program and providing informed funding recommendations to the CIF Board of Directors.

If you have any questions about the adjudication committee application process or requirements, contact Angie Sawatzky at 306.780.9397 or send your completed application form directly to asawatzky@cifsask.org by **November 30, 2021**.



Rat Control Program (CAP-RCP)

RMs and First Nations bands can apply for rebates up to 50% of approved expenses when active in their rat control efforts and follow the minimum level of service determined by the 2021-22 CAP-RCP.

Reach out to the Rat Control Technical Advisor (RCTA) or Plant Health Officer (PHO) in your division for assistance with claim forms and supplemental documents required to be eligible for rebates.

Submit to SARM by claim deadline December 31, 2021.

For additional information, including CAP-RCP claim forms please visit the website or contact one of the Pest Biosecurity Program's Plant Health Officers (PHO) or Rat Control Technical Advisors (RCTA):



Crown Land

Please be advised that the Ministry of Agriculture will require notification of any outstanding 2021 municipal

tax Arrears

Section 2-17 of The Provincial Lands Act, 2016:

"that municipalities can request the Ministry of Agriculture to cancel an agriculture lease if taxes remain unpaid for more than five business days after December 31 of the year in which they were levied."

Municipalities are required to fill out the *Agreement Cancellation Request Non-payment of Property Taxes Relative to Provincial Land*.

tax arrears by **January 31, 2022**. If a municipality fails to submit their request by the January 31 deadline, they will forgo payment by the Ministry of Agriculture.

As a reminder, if the agriculture leaseholder makes their tax payment on the leased land, you should advise our ministry immediately as cancellation proceedings may be stopped.

For additional information, please reference the included *Municipal Tax Policy* or contact Tamara Wolfe at 306-787-2525 or tamara.wolfe@gov.sk.ca

Municipal Tax Policy

Agreement Cancellation Request Form

Saskatchewan!

Investing in SK community, culture and recreation projects



A new detailed application intake process was launched by the Government of Saskatchewan under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for community, culture and recreation projects.

This latest intake has two phases:

- **Phase 1 is now open and closes on January 11, 2022.** This is for projects at the "shovel-ready" stage. These submitted projects will also be considered in the second intake phase.
- **Phase 2 is also now open and closes May 10, 2022.** This is for more complex projects needing extra time to complete applications.

Previously unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to submit eligible project proposals under this new intake for community, culture and recreation infrastructure.

This will be the last opportunity to apply for these types of projects under ICIP in Saskatchewan to allow future intakes to focus on other types of infrastructure.

Eligible recipients are also reminded that applications are still being accepted under a currently open intake for landfill decommissioning projects.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Infrastructure and Finance Branch at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations at: infra@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-1262.



Channel Clearing Assistance - Rebate Program



The Water Security Agency (WSA) reminds rural municipalities to take advantage of the largest ever channel clearing rebate program offered by the province. Up to \$1.5 million is available in 2021-22. The cost-sharing program assists rural municipalities to remove obstructions in natural watercourses that can cause flooding and erosion problems to roads and adjacent lands.

WSA has streamlined the program making it simpler and more efficient for applicants. Information about the channel clearing program and application process is found in the *program guide* or at <https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/channel-clearing/>

The first step in the process is to submit the notification form (Appendix A) at least 14 days before beginning any work.

Once the work is finished, complete the rebate application (Appendix B) and submit it with all necessary documentation of expenditures to the nearest **Water Security Agency office** or by emailing ruralwaterservices@wsask.ca.

This program only applies to natural watercourses. Constructed works for drainage or moving water are not eligible for the rebate.

To qualify for the program, all rebate applications must be received by WSA on or before January 31, 2022.



Resources



Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities

2021 Midterm Convention

November 9-10, 2021



The future of land access management

What is SaskLander?

SARM provided its support to SaskLander and now it's ready to share with landowners across Saskatchewan.

SaskLander allows Landowners & Operators to take control of land access permissions with a simple to use website. Using our detailed permissions, you can show what is allowed and when. You can accept, deny, or chat with a requester before deciding. This enables you to choose whether you would like to meet in person on your schedule or respond to their request based off their rating. Our mission is to help landowners manage their properties, reduce unsolicited visitors & trespassers, and identify opportunities for land use that add value to individuals and rural communities.

Key take aways:

- Manage land access online
- Keep your information private
- 2-way rating system
- Have records of land users
- No download required

How to sign up:

1. Pick a role
2. Add contact & personal information (including DL for land verification)
3. Optional address information
4. Read and accept terms & conditions

If you have questions contact info@sasklander.ca, or:





What Keeps a Municipality from Innovating? Municipal challenges addressed by partnering with Mitacs

Municipalities can access funding, talent, and solutions to challenges through Mitacs, a not-for-profit organization that fosters growth and innovation in Canada. Through Mitacs's internship programs, municipalities can access a range of research expertise and specialized skills from Canada's postsecondary institutions to advance innovation, policy, and local projects.

Mitacs interns — ranging from college and polytechnic students, university undergraduate and graduate students, to postdoctoral fellows — can help municipalities address a broad range of challenges from infrastructure renewal including waterways and roads, to agricultural and food supply issues, to COVID-19 pandemic-related concerns.



Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services Ways They Help



The Ministry of Social Services helps people in need by providing income support, affordable housing, child and family services and disability supports. They work with community-based organizations and other levels of government to provide the supports that clients need. Social Services provides some stability through income assistance and housing supports, while community and government partners provide support for specific challenges people are facing, like mental health and addictions. By working together, we can help make a real difference in the lives of people facing difficult times by providing:

- Income Support
- Housing and Shelter



Tourism Saskatchewan launches Achieving AWESome pilot program

Tourism Saskatchewan is committed to fostering the development of distinctly unique tourism experiences. A



pilot program, titled *Achieving AWESome*, has been introduced to support new experience providers through the complete development process – from concept to promotion to delivery.

Achieving AWESome aligns with the 10-year *Destination Development Strategy* for Saskatchewan's tourism sector. The program combines training and development supports together as one complete experience development journey that is subsidized and affordable for the successful applicants.

Ideal candidates are people with no previous experience in developing or delivering a tourism experience to the travelling public; who have an interesting story to share; and are willing to invest time and resources to create an interactive, hands-on guest experience.

Learn more about Achieving AWESome. For additional information, contact:
Corrina Kapeller, 306-812-8882, corrina.kappeller@tourismsask.com or
Denise Stroeder at 306-787-2825, denise.stroeder@tourismsask.com

Saskatchewan Destination Development Strategy

GOALS

- 1 Strengthen Saskatchewan's global position through innovative tourism products and experiences
- 2 Increase tourism revenue through new markets, longer visits and greater spending
- 3 Reduce seasonality and spread economic benefits across the province
- 4 Raise awareness of the economic and cultural value of tourism

COVID-19 continues to impact every community in Saskatchewan. From prevention and safety to testing and vaccination, every resident, business and organization plays a part in helping to manage and move past the pandemic.



**Saskatchewan
Health Authority**

In order to assist communities, businesses and organizations with managing the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has designed a "Community Champions Toolkit". The toolkit contains self-service tools for addressing common communications needs related to COVID-19 vaccines and immunization. These resources will help provide valuable information and guidance necessary for managing COVID-19 at the local level.

It is hoped that providing a centralized set of resources will help mitigate misinformation and assist communities to implement consistent practices and communication.

Please use the link or QR Barcode to access the Community Champions Toolkit.

Continuity Chameleon Toolkit

SK Public Health Orders

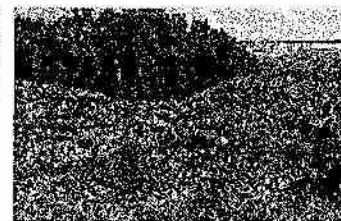
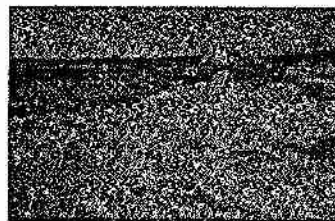
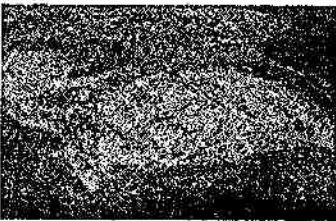
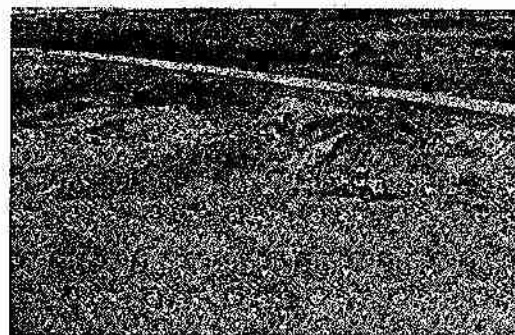


Gravel Land RM of Colonsay

212 ACRES

\$1,290,000

Priced to sell! 212 acres of land in the RM of Colonsay. Test holes were dug to find about 350,000+ yds of gravel throughout the property. Seller states there is roughly 170 acres that was cultivated at one time 40 of them are seeded this year. Land is located only 2 miles south of highway #5 and 40 min from Saskatoon.



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Insurance & Benefits

SARM 2022 Insurance & Benefit Plan Invoices

Renewal Invoices for 2022 for all Insurance Plans offered through SARM will be sent by email to each of the RMs participating in each particular insurance plan on December 15, 2021.

The invoices will be due and payable on or before February 15, 2022.

Renewal information requests for the SARM Benefits Plan and the SARM Property Self-Insurance Program were emailed out to participating RM's on November 1st. We would appreciate the reviewed and updated information being returned to us by December 1, 2021. The information will be used to produce the RM's 2022 renewals for these programs.

For benefit programs inquiries, please contact

Jodi Hughes at 306-761-3727 or jhughes@sarm.ca

For questions regarding PSIP, please contact

Lisa Shordee at 306-761-3732 or property@sarm.ca

For questions regarding LSIP, please contact

Colin Warnecke at 306-761-3946 or at cwarnecke@sarm.ca

SARM Benefits Plan – Vision Care Deadline

This is a reminder that the last day to submit 2021 Vision Care Claims to the SARM Benefits Plan is **Friday, January 7, 2022**. Claims received after that date will not be eligible for payment for the 2021 calendar year. We accept these claims by email at jhughes@sarm.ca or by fax (306-565-2141). Administrators – we ask that you please pass this information on to all employees who are eligible for this benefit. Thank you.

Cyber Liability Insurance – Apply for Quotes Today

Renewal information for this coverage was provided to the participating RMs on November 1st. We are awaiting renewal information from the broker and will provide that update to the participating RMs once that information has been received.

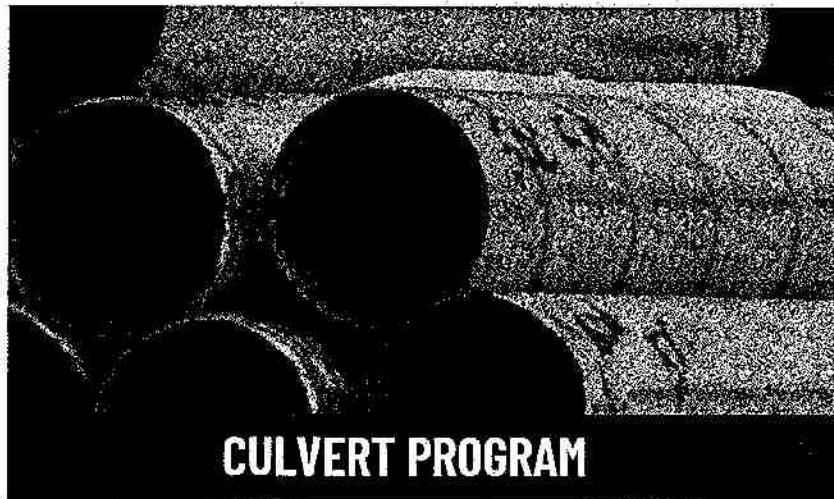
If your RM has any questions or is interested in getting a quote for this product, please contact Lisa Shordee at property@sarm.ca or you can call her at 306-761-3732.



Trading Services



Program Spotlight



CULVERT PROGRAM

Building and maintaining safe, accessible road infrastructure requires access to sound products.

The Canoe Culvert Program provides access to a range of drainage, bridge and road construction products, enabling you to focus on building infrastructure networks that connect residents and economic activity.

[Learn More](#)

Effective Warfarin Alternative

Did you know that Contrac Rat & Mouse Bait Place Pacs is an excellent clean-out and maintenance bait to control mice and rats, including warfarin-resistant Norway rats. Meal baits, while the least weatherable bait form, get excellent rodent acceptance because they contain food-grade ingredients, seeds and grains, which give rodents a variety of textures and flavors. Rodents can consume a lethal dose in a single night's feeding. This product is sure to give you great results!



Reminder: All commercial registered pesticides (rodenticides and insecticides) should be handled and applied by licensed individuals as per the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Canada and the Saskatchewan Pest Control Products act.



Current Tenders

Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles – closing date is November 30, 2021 – RFP113021

Underground Infrastructure Inspection and Rehabilitation Equipment with Related Services – closing date is December 7, 2021 - RFP120721

Used and Pre-Owned Firefighting, Fire Service, Ambulance, and Emergency Service Vehicle Solutions – closing date is December 9, 2021 – RFP120921

Traffic Supplies with Related Accessories and Services – closing date is December 9, 2021 – CAN-2021-009

Lab Services and Testing with Related Products and Supplies – closing date is January 12, 2022 – RFP011222

Mailing and Postage Equipment and Technology – closing date is January 13, 2022 – RFP011322

Public Safety Training and Simulation Equipment and Technology – closing date is January 18, 2022 – RFP011822



Your Voice

Thank to Rural Saskatchewan's Census Input

Participation across the country was simply outstanding, with an *overall collection response rate* of 98.0% and an online response rate of 84.1%. This represents a new record for online response. The success of this campaign wouldn't have been possible without the input of rural Saskatchewan.



PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE

2021 Census



New to SARM

Welcome to SARM

Alicia will work closely with Brian Rakochy, SARM's Policy Manager, and Deanna Nichols, SARM's Policy Administrator, in the Policy department.

Her responsibilities include research on municipal issues and recommend related policy actions to address such issues. Alicia's previous position was the Government of Saskatchewan, where, for over thirteen years, she held various roles, working with a wide variety of both crown corporations and ministries.



Alicia Bay, Policy Analyst
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TRAINING



Midterm Convention Webinar Series



Fire Bans and Emergency Preparedness

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency is responsible for wildfire and emergency management in the province; however, this responsibility is shared with local municipalities. This presentation informs participants on the Agency's responsibilities, including fire bans, and outlines some of the resources that are used to monitor and assess risks. The presentation also offers some guidance, tools and resources for municipalities to consider in the development of their emergency plans and fire ban bylaws.

Date: November 30, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Speakers:

Steve Roberts - Vice President, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA),

Jason Rumancik - Manager of Strategic Policy, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA)

The Lighter Side of Things

ZEBRA QUESTION

I asked the zebra
Are you black with white stripes?
Or white with black stripes?
And the zebra asked me,
Or you good with bad habits?
Or are you bad with good habits?
Are you noisy with quiet times?
Or are you quiet with noisy times?
Are you happy with some sad days?
Or are you sad with some happy days?
Are you neat with some sloppy ways?
Or are you sloppy with some neat ways?
And on and on and on and on
And on and on he went.
I'll never ask a zebra
About stripes
Again.



Written and drawn
by Shel Silverstein

How many slams in an old screen door? Depends how loud you shut it.
How many slices in a bread? Depends how thin you cut it.

How much good inside a day? Depends how good you live 'em.
How much love inside a friend? Depends how much you give 'em."
— Shel Silverstein

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