

RM 220 Administrator

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February 2022

Deadlines

Attention RMs and Producers: Last Date for Sale and Use of Strychnine

The Pest Management Regulator Agency (PMRA) has deregistered Strychnine. Based on the date of the deregistration, the **last date of sale** of Strychnine is **March 4, 2022**.



Sale of Strychnine after this date is prohibited by federal statute.

As well, the date of **last use** of Strychnine is **March 4, 2023**. Any remaining stocks of Strychnine should be used before that date; after this date, unused Strychnine will require disposal in an environmentally safe manner. For additional information on farm chemical disposal, please contact the Ag Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

Further information about the PMRA decision on the use of Strychnine for Richardson Ground Squirrels is available on the Government of Canada website.



SARM 2022 Annual Convention: Update & Reminder

The registration deadline for the SARM 2022 Annual Convention has been extended to **March 3, 2022**. Following this deadline, all council members, administrators and assistant administrators registered through our online form will be invoiced for the Food & Beverage Fee (\$70 per registrant). Please ensure you have registered and made any required revisions by this date.

The SARM Bylaws state that in order to hold the resolutions session at convention, we must meet quorum (2/3's of all RMs are in attendance). As of now, we have not met quorum. Please do not miss out on the opportunity to have your council's voice heard in March at convention.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that RMs register and select their voting delegates online in advance of convention. Please note voter designations will not be transferrable onsite during convention.

Only registered voting delegates will be able to vote during the SARM resolutions session on Tuesday March 15th and the SARM Division Director Elections on Thursday March 17th.

Please register through the appropriate online forms linked on our Annual Convention and Trade Show webpage and in our member update emails by **March 3, 2022**.



Traffic Safety Fund (TSF) Grant

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program enables projects to reduce traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities in communities across Saskatchewan. Approved projects are eligible to receive up to \$100,000 per location in funding for infrastructure projects or on equipment and community outreach programs to help improve traffic safety.

Some examples of priority areas of focus include:

- Impaired driving (alcohol, drugs)
- Distracted driving (cellphone, fatigue)
- Occupant protection (seatbelts, car seats)
- Speed management (excluding camera equipment for photo speed enforcement programs)
- Vulnerable road users (pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists)
- Intersection safety (crosswalks, lights, signage)

Who can apply

Applicants representing Indigenous lands or territories and urban or rural municipalities are encouraged to apply with their traffic safety initiatives.

How to apply

Calls for new applications are open twice a year:

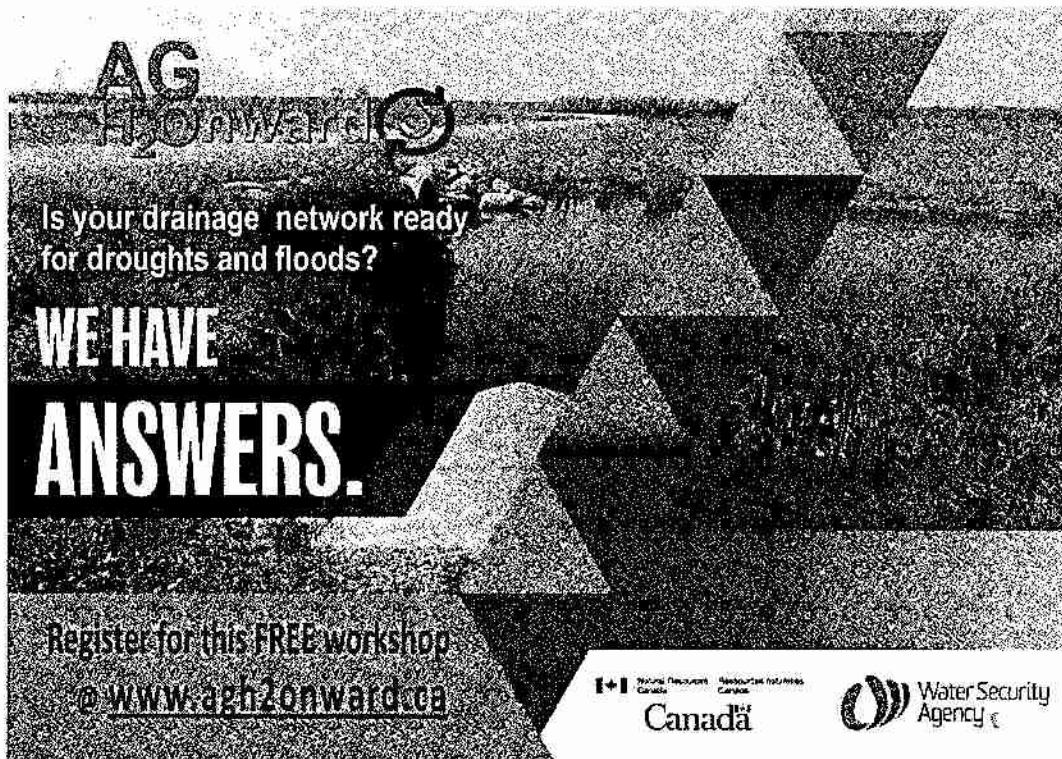
- January through March
- July through September

Request guidelines and additional information from the PSE Program Administrator by emailing PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca or calling 1-844-855-2744, extension 6042.

[Learn more](#)

[Download info sheet \(PDF\)](#)

Resources

An advertisement for AGH2ONWARD.ca. The background is a black and white photograph of a flooded agricultural field. Overlaid on the image is a large, stylized graphic of a water droplet or a drop shape. The text 'AGH2ONWARD.ca' is at the top left. Below it, the text 'Is your drainage network ready for droughts and floods?' is followed by 'WE HAVE ANSWERS.' in large, bold, white capital letters. At the bottom left, it says 'Register for this FREE workshop @ www.agh2onward.ca'. At the bottom right, there are logos for 'Canada' (with the Canadian flag) and 'Water Security Agency'.

Since 2017, an increasing number of landowners across Saskatchewan have been receiving drainage approvals. In fact, the Water Security Agency has approved more drainage in the past five years than in the previous three decades. As drainage approvals have grown, rural municipality councils have seen a lot more drainage applications.

Drainage approvals provide necessary security for drainage works, reduce risk to crops, and protect downstream neighbours and infrastructure from negative impacts. They also provide an opportunity to coordinate water management between rural municipalities and ratepayers.

"We can help RMs answer important questions they have about existing drainage and how to advance good drainage projects that protects RM infrastructure," says Julie MacKenzie, a qualified person with the Water Security Agency. "An RM is on the ground level, so addressing what they are seeing is imperative."

Saskatchewan is expected to see more extreme weather events, like heavy rain, which could impact RM infrastructure if there is no plan for managing water. The drainage approval process provides options to help RMs adapt to those types of conditions.

Getting Started.

The Water Security Agency recognized the need to help landowners learn more about water management and drainage. So, with support from Natural Resource Canada's BRACE funding program and numerous partners, including SARM, the Water Security Agency developed *AgH2Onward*.

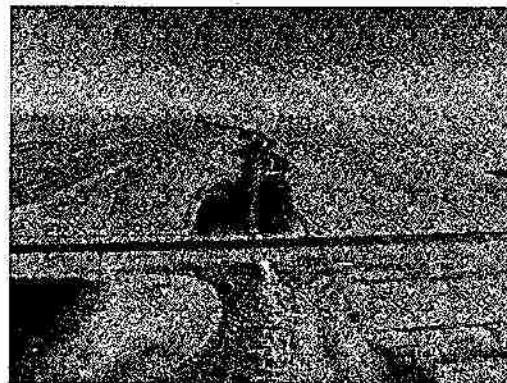
"Knowing that most drainage projects end up in front of an RM council for review – it just made sense," says MacKenzie.

AgH2Onward is a free workshop being offered into spring 2022 and delivered over two short sessions. It provides landowners with information about Saskatchewan's Agricultural Water Management Strategy, how to get drainage works approved and how drainage can be constructed to be more resilient to a changing climate.

If you would like *AgH2Onward* delivered to your council and discuss situations specific to your RM, please contact agh2onward@gmail.com.



New culverts were installed through a farm access road in the RM of Marquis during the Marquis C&D Main ditch construction.



Clay from the ditch construction was used to raise the grade on a non-farm access road which crossed the Marquis C&D main ditch.

Updates to the Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program

Since 2011, the Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program (Rural MAIP) has played an integral part in preparing over 80 people for a career in rural municipality administration. Like all successful programs, the Rural MAIP has been continuously improved since its inception. Most recently, a series of changes have been approved to make this program even more effective.



- **Supervising Administrator Honorarium:** The program recognizes the unique skill-set and significant time investment it takes to train an intern properly. In order to encourage talented supervising Administrators to take on interns, the program has begun to offer a \$3000 honorarium to be paid through the host RM to the supervising Administrator upon the successful completion of an internship.
- **Increased Wages for Interns:** The program has re-evaluated the required level of support needed by interns to succeed in a 52-week internship. For MAIP interns beginning after March 31, 2022, RMs must provide a minimum annual salary to the intern of \$42,000 to be eligible for the program. If the intern and host RM applications are accepted, the RM will receive \$17,000 in funding to subsidize the intern's salary over the course of the internship.
- **Quality Assurance:** The program has added new quality assurance measures to support a positive experience for both interns and supervising administrators. Supervising administrators will be required to have not only their Rural Class A Certificate of Qualification from the Rural Board of Examiners, but also at least five years of experience managing an RM office as a municipal administrator. In addition, more robust reporting and evaluation requirements have been developed to spur the continuous improvement of the program.

The Rural MAIP is an excellent opportunity for RMs to build succession plans, expand capacity, and contribute to the growth of sound governance in rural Saskatchewan.



For more information contact:
Dustin Resch, Manager, Programs
306.761.3945 or dresch@sarm.ca

Training for Heavy Equipment Operator - Southeast College in Estevan

Grader, front end loader, and excavator operators are in demand in Saskatchewan. The Heavy Equipment Operator program at Southeast College in Estevan offers competitive advantages over other similar programs by providing increased seat time in both simulation and hands-on training equipment.



The full-time Heavy Equipment Operator course at Southeast College includes a combined 12 weeks of classroom theory, hands on simulation and onsite project field experience. Students have the opportunity to use state of the art simulators for grader, front end loader, dozer, excavator, backhoe and rock truck. The student will receive approximately 240 hours total of field time on all equipment. New this year, students will have the opportunity to operate all 6 pieces of equipment in the field.

Heavy Equipment Operators work in construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, pipelines and buildings, as well as in mining, manufacturing, construction and materials handling work. Annual estimates for wages vary from \$41,600 to \$79,040. Forecasted job openings for 2019-2023 are predicted at 540 with many more on the horizon. (Relevance Magazine, 2019)

Upon successful completion of the program students will receive an industry accredited certificate in Heavy Equipment Operation. Click on the [link](#) or search Heavy Equipment Operator at southeastcollege.org

WIN a \$25 Tim Horton's Gift Card

If you have taken a Municipal Essentials course through Southeast College virtually or online during the pandemic, we need your help.

We want to ensure we have each individual name recorded so we can recognize students with their "Level Achievement" certificates. Some examples of classes offered during this time: *Leadership and Influence, Business Writing, Performance Management or Customer Service.*

This information will also help us to process the SARM/SMHI bursaries for the Municipal Essentials.

Please email your name to tandrist@southeastcollege.org informing us you took a virtual course from March 2020 – current.

OR, you click this link for a quick survey to submit your name.
<https://forms.gle/wcRCmex7Gds1jEeo6>

All names will be entered to Win a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card, drawn randomly when the survey closes on March 31.



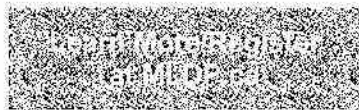
**Upcoming Winter
2022 modules**

Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals
Virtual: March 2 and 3, 9 AM – 12 PM
Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities
Virtual: March 2 and 3, 9 AM – 12 PM
Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace
Saturday, April 2*
Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina, SK*
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) is a series of modules developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. Mayors, reeves, councillors and municipal staff are able to benefit from this program that is designed to strengthen local government leadership.

**Delivery method, location and/or dates are subject to change.*

**Spaces are limited
– register today!**



Public Relations & Communications for Municipalities

Saturday, April 2*

Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina, SK*

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals

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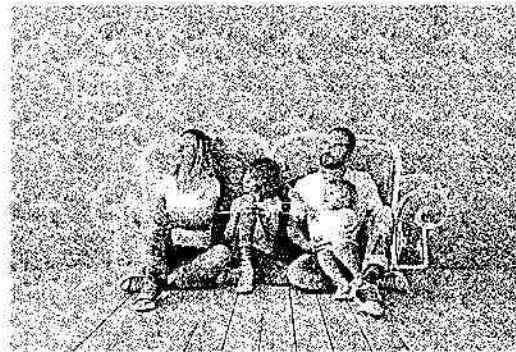
Community and Land Use Planning

Online course:

<https://www.southeastcollege.org/courses/mldp-community-and-land-use-planning/>

Take a closer look at your community using the first results of the 2021 Census

The Census of Population provides high-quality information on key socioeconomic trends and analyses that help Canadians plan services and make informed decisions that affect our families, our neighbourhoods and our businesses.



The first release of 2021 Census of Population data is now available!

This release sheds light on the number of Canadians counted, population growth across the country, and the impact of the pandemic on the demographic make-up of our country. This data is key to telling Canada's story and monitoring how the country has changed and continues to grow.

Canada's population grew at almost twice the pace of every other G7 country from 2016 to 2021. Approximately 1.8 million more people called Canada home in 2021 compared with five years earlier, with most of that growth attributable to new arrivals from around the world. Canada's population growth was however slowed down with the onset of the pandemic.

You can benefit immensely from community-level census data when making important life decisions.

- **Demographics:** Population counts can help you understand the people that make up your community.
- **Services:** Population data, the number of dwellings and their occupancy status can help communities plan services and programs for residents.



HEADS UP Mental Health Educational Programming

The *Fresh Outlook Foundation* produces *HEADS UP Community Mental Health* podcasts, videos, social media campaigns, and virtual summits.

They combine science with storytelling to explore diverse mental health issues with Canadians from all walks of life. Each episode focuses on one issue or condition, and features a person with lived experience of mental illness and recovery along with one or two of the following (mental health professional or researcher, technology or policy expert, government leader, or national/provincial advocate). And in keeping with commitment to “community” mental health, guests from all sectors, ages, cultures, abilities, and genders are included.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

They are always looking for programming ideas, if you, or a member community has a great story to tell about a specific community mental health challenge and an innovative solution.

RECENT PODCASTS

WEALTH IN MENTAL HEALTH: Mobilizing a Just & Green Recovery Economy

A mental health policy professional and green recovery advocate explore how recovery from COVID-19 provides great opportunities for transition to a just and green economy that would ultimately boost universal mental health. They talk about transformative concepts such as ‘doughnut economics’, ‘well-being budget’, ‘inclusive economy’, and the ‘three-sided coin’. They also share how lessons learned about mental health during the pandemic can guide economic reform while informing solutions to other global challenges, such as systemic racism and climate change.

ROLE CALL: Local Governments’ Contribution to Community Mental Health

The mayor of Kamloops, BC and a social economist/community advocate explore local governments’ unique role in planning and building mentally healthy communities. They gauge Kamloops’ success in supporting mental health as recommended by the World Health Organization’s Healthy Community approach, which originated in Canada. They also talk about the realities of local government spending for social infrastructure, and the impact of COVID-19 on community mental health.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS: Downstream Losses vs Upstream Wins

Two doctors (a public health professional and a general physician) share insights about our old-school “downstream” mental healthcare system vs. a proactive “upstream” approach. They argue that the latter better serves individuals, families, workplaces, and communities through enhanced prevention efforts, innovative and integrated treatment approaches, proactive public policy, and adequate funding models.

e-MENTAL HEALTH: Vast and Profound Opportunities for Better Care

An expert from the Mental Health Commission of Canada and a registered professional counsellor explore the emerging field of e-mental health, including the infrastructure, funding, training, and quality control needed to optimize and legitimize e-care. They also talk about the need for structured yet flexible personalized treatment plans, COVID-19, and how to best design and deliver e-mental health in the future.

STIGMA: From Stereotyping & Discrimination to Compassion & Inclusion

A Mental Health Commission of Canada stigma researcher joins a Metis woman whose battle with intergenerational trauma and misdiagnosed mental illnesses left her homeless, suicidal, and steeped in self-stigma. They talk about resilience (she’s now studying social work, running a business, and advocating for Indigenous people in Canada’s health care system), different types of stigma, and how we can move beyond them to build more inclusive, compassionate communities.



Board of Revision Training and Certification Update

SARM continues to work with the Ministry of Government Relations on the Board of Revision Renewal Initiative to strengthen and support the property assessment appeal system. SARM has two representatives that serve on the steering committee, which leads this change and recently achieved significant progress.

Changes to Municipal Regulations

The provincial government recently **amended three municipal regulations**. Municipalities need to be aware of the following changes:

- Requirement for all boards of revision to be certified to hear appeals **starting with the 2023 taxation year**.
- All board of revision members and secretaries must complete online training before the board can apply for certification.

Mandatory Board of Revision Training

The mandatory online training is offered by the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS). A 50 per cent discount is being provided to the first 150 registrants using the code BOR2022 when registering. The discount is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. When the spots are filled, the code will expire. To register or learn more about the training program, visit the JSGS **Board of Revision (BoR) Training Program** website.

The application process for board certification will open in June 2022. Details on how to apply for certification will be

- The Office of the Registrar has been established to certify all boards of revision.

Changes have not been made to the council's authority to appoint a board of revision. Municipalities may decide to appoint their own board of revision, establish or join a district board, or contract a private board. In each instance, beginning with the 2023 taxation year, the appointed board must be certified.

communicated by the Ministry of Government Relations in the coming months. For more information, visit Saskatchewan.ca's section on **Property Assessment Appeals**.

SASKATCHEWAN CRIME STOPPERS 1-800-222-8477

Continued Success
during a Challenging Year

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers is pleased to announce another successful year in 2021. Through the cooperative efforts of the public to anonymously report detailed tip information and working in partnership with law enforcement to ensure the proper information is collected for investigation, SK Crime Stoppers continues to play a significant role in making our communities safer.

Click the image to read the
February 2022 Partner
Newsletter



Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that combines the efforts of the public, media, and police to assist in solving crime in our communities. Founded in 1987, Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers receives anonymous tips of criminal activity in Saskatchewan's rural municipalities, cities, towns, villages, and First Nations communities and works with the RCMP to provide this information.

The program, along with four others in the province (Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert) grows tips through a call center and online reporting system to collect detailed information which is forwarded to the respective law enforcement agency to complete an investigation. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers protects the safety of those reporting the tip information by ensuring all contact remains anonymous and anyone providing information that results in an arrest or charge may be eligible for cash rewards of up to \$2000.

Program Results

Statistics	2021	2020
Tips	2388	2630
Calls Received	7586	7051
Arrests	42	49
Charges	117	105
Receivers Approved	45	49
Reward \$ Approved	\$12,800	\$14,178
Property/Cash/Drugs Received	\$662,107	\$72,375

Highlights

The face of program operations, RCMP Coordinator Sgt. Rob Cozine met with 9 detachments to review program activities and 8 rural, urban and/or First Nations representatives to promote our program and answer questions. SARM and SUMA Virtual Trade Shows were attended in 2021 and Sgt. Cozine held a webinar with stakeholders in May to present and field questions about the program. We hope to continue our public outreach in 2022 as restrictions continue to lift.

Other highlights include a digital billboard campaign in August that featured missing and wanted individuals along with a general awareness theme covering 18 communities with 375,000 plays and an estimated 6.5 million views. Our Facebook page continues to grow with now over 34,000 followers and an impressive 48% of all cases featured on the page being solved.

Thank You

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers acknowledges the immediate financial support from SARM and SUMA contributors, corporate and individual sponsors, and the successful partnership with the RCMP to operate the program.

The program would not be able to exist without this ongoing support and we look forward to continuing to work together with all our partners to ensure the security and safety of our communities.

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City of Regina

City of Saskatoon

City of Moose Jaw

City of Prince Albert

Contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers:

Sgt. Rob Cozine
RCMP Police Co-ordinator
639 625 3027

Submit a tip:

Talk 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
Type www.saskcrimestoppers.com
P3 app for tablets and smartphones

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**

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.



Trading Services



Vendor Highlight



Aggregate Program

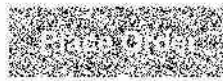
Roadways. Construction projects. Snow and ice management.
There are numerous needs for secure and affordable sources of aggregates.

In partnership with AMI RockChain, the Aggregate Program helps you source and transport surface materials; gives you access to resource mapping, modelling and stockpile monitoring; and provides options for regulatory and resource engineering services.

[Learn More](#)

Rodent Control Products

With the current supply chain issues, don't forget to place your order for any products that you may need for the upcoming spring and summer season.



Current Tenders

Fleet Management Services

– closing date is March 1, 2022 – RFP030122

Athletic Surfaces with Installation, Related Equipment, Materials and Services

– closing date is March 10, 2022 – RFP031022

Artificial Turf and Tracks with Installation, Related Equipment, Materials and Supplies

– closing date is March 16, 2022 – RFP031622

Fabric and Pre-Engineered Steel Buildings with Related Accessories, Supplies, and Services

– closing date is March 18, 2022 – CAN-2022-011

[View all tenders](#)

New to SARM

Welcome Shelby Piel to the SARM Team as the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Administration Support.



Shelby Piel
RIRG Administration Support
spiel@sarm.ca | 306.761.6651

In this role, Shelby aids the RIRG Team by interacting directly with RMs about inquiries related to the various aspects of their RIRG projects (e.g., application, claims, project tracking, etc.). She also offers the team administrative support to manage the large number of projects that resulted from the recent stimulus funding.

Shelby comes to SARM with approximately five years of experience at an agriculture insurance company where she served a variety of administration functions as an Executive Assistant. Her background includes an undergraduate degree in the humanities with a focus on English literature. We are excited to have Shelby join the SARM.

TRAINING

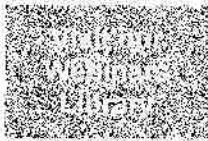


2022 Weed Inspectors & Land Manager Webinars

The SARM Plant Health Officers and Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture have partnered to deliver a series of three free monthly webinars for Weed Inspectors and Land Managers in the first quarter of 2022.

- **March 23, 2022 at 12PM:** Biocontrol for Invasive Weed Management

Watch the **SARM CAP-IPCP website** for more information and registration on these webinars. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Roszell, Plant Health Officer, SARM Division 4 at 306-852-8328 or lynneroszell@gmail.com.



Our Webinars

SARM offers webinars for members. Not only can you participate in these live, but you can also have them as a resource to view again when it's convenient. Past topics have included:

- Fire Bans and Emergency Preparedness
- Municipal Safety Manual
- Civic Addressing
- Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities
- Tendering and Procurement Best Practices
- Mental Wellness in Agriculture – Fostering Resiliency
- Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan
- Principles for Positive Employment Relations
- And more



Future Topics

Let us know what you would like to hear about in 2022!

Please complete our short survey to provide your input on a variety of potential webinar topics.

#RuralMatters



on the

RM Calendar

March 2022

- Monthly Reminder:

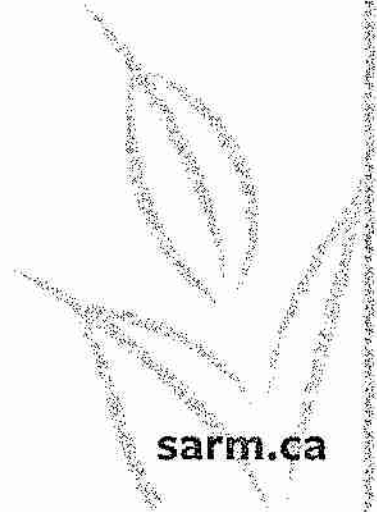
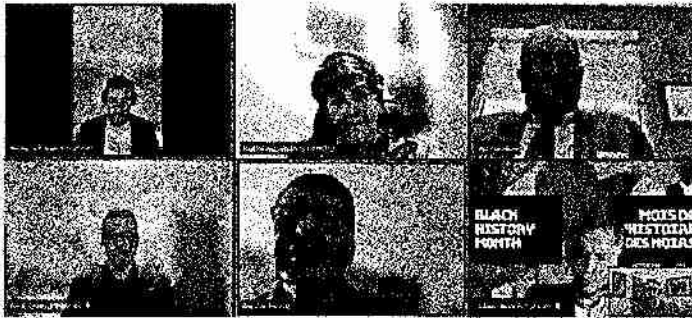
Park authority to advise
RMs of regional park levy

The Voice of Rural Saskatchewan

Check the SARM RM calendar action item(s) for March 2022.

View the online Calendar: <https://sarm.ca/resources/calendar>
#ruralmatters #skpoli

SARM & the Honourable Gudie Hutchings



SARM meeting with the Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development **@Gudie** to discuss the importance of reliable rural broadband, RCMP policing and agriculture to our rural members. **#ruralmatters #broadband #agmatters #skpoli**

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