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Feedback

SARM Survey - Municipal Local Election Dates

In response to the Ministry of Government Relations' expressed preference for consistent dates for rural and urban municipal local

election dates, SARM has prepared a short survey for SARM members' to advise if they agree or disagree, as well as provide feedback with respect to the same.

We ask that your rural municipality review and complete the survey **no later than end of day May 31, 2022.**

To participate in the survey, click the link below:

[Take the Survey](#)

Red Tape Review - Trip Inspection and Security of Load Regulations Consultation Survey

On May 18, 2022 SARM received a letter from the Ministry of Highways pertaining to its red tape review. To view a copy of the letter received [click here](#).

The Ministry of Highways is currently reviewing *The Trip Inspection Regulations and The Security of Loads Regulations, 2013*. To assist with the review the government is asking for the public to review and identify red tape and regulatory barriers with the aforementioned regulations.

The links to the regulations currently under review can be found here:

The Trip Inspection Regulations, H-3.01 Reg 11

The Security of Load Regulations, 2013, H-3.01 Reg 6

The Ministry of Highways asks that the public participate in *The Trip Inspection Regulations and The Security of Loads Regulations - Red Tape Review* survey. **The survey is open until June 20, 2022.** Information collected in this survey will only be used for the purposes identified and responses are confidential.

[Take the Survey](#)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization ("NWMO") outlined its plans and priorities for the next five years to help shape the implementation of Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel in the below document:

NWMO Survey for 5 Year Nuclear Waste Strategic Plan

NWMO has asked that the public review *Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026* and provide feedback to NWMO to assist and guide

Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026:

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their work as they implement Canada's plan. NWMO will provide any resulting changes or clarifications, along with a summary of responses received in its next year's implementation plan. The implementation plan is planned to be released in 2023.

The survey, based on our five-year implementation plan, provides an opportunity for the public, including those who are new to Canada's plan, to get involved, learn more and help shape NWMO's work.

The **survey is open until June 10, 2022** and all responses will be kept confidential.

[Take the Survey](#)

Multi Sector Network on Cyber Threats and Mitigation Measures for Canadian Industry

On April 26, 2022, Critical Infrastructure Partnership had a meeting on the Multi Sector Network meeting on Cyber Threats and Mitigation Measures for Canadian Industry. A copy of the April meeting summary can be [read here](#).

Let's Talk Critical Infrastructure consultation is open for responses from the public until **June 1, 2022**. [Click here](#) to participate.

The consultation is an opportunity for the public and the critical infrastructure community to provide feedback and help shape Canada's approach to critical infrastructure resilience for years to come.

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Information

**Building a Zero-Plastic
Waste Strategy for
Agriculture**





Throughout the 2020/2021 winter Cleanfarms commissioned grower research to better understand farmers' attitudes and behaviours around ag plastics recycling. The quantitative research primarily targeted growers in regions where pilots are operating (British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and the Maritime provinces). The information collected provides important baseline data that helped inform pilot development and will help assess pilot performance. Summaries, organized by region, are [**available here**](#).

Some key findings across the regions are:

- When recycling programs are made available, farmers will overwhelmingly use them over other means.
- Overall, farmers are more satisfied when they can recycle an ag plastic versus other disposal methods like landfilling.
- Disposal habits generally reflect the availability and maturity of recycling programs in a region.
- There is a strong appetite amongst farmers to participate in pilots for recycling ag plastics.
- There is concern about potential costs associated with more permanent, long term recycling programs.

Pilots allow program operators to test out various aspects of program design such as storage techniques (e.g., collection bags or bins), collection scheduling (e.g., blitz style vs. collection days) and processing options.

When pilots begin, Cleanfarms works with its project partners to develop customized communications materials that focus on how to prepare ag plastics (on the farm) for optimal recycling.



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Help Young Wild Animals by Leaving Them Alone

The Ministry of Environment has a simple message for well-meaning people who want to rescue what appear to be orphaned young animals: please don't touch them.

Many animals leave their young alone for long periods while they forage for food, or to protect them from predators.

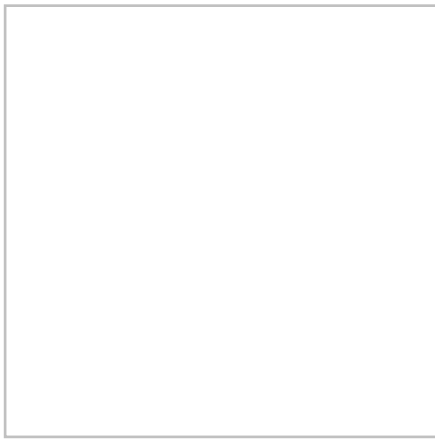
While "saving" the animal may seem like the right thing to do, contact with humans can significantly decrease a young animal's chances for survival.

There can be hazards for humans, too. Wildlife can carry infectious diseases that can be transmitted to people, including rabies and West Nile virus. It's also illegal to take wild animals home. Only recognized wildlife rehabilitators are licensed to care for orphaned and injured animals, as they have the expertise to provide appropriate care.

A young animal should only be picked up if the parent is found dead nearby, or if the animal is found in an unnatural situation, such as a baby bird on a doorstep.

For instance, before concluding that a deer fawn is abandoned, ask yourself:

- Has it been lying in the



same position for more than 10 hours?

- Is it vocal?
- Is it covered in insects?
- Is it wet, possibly covered by the morning dew?

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Saskatchewan Releases Latest Oil and Gas Emissions Report

[On May 18, 2022], the Ministry of Energy and Resources published its second Oil and Gas Emissions Management Regulations (OGEMR) Annual Emissions Report.

In 2021, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from vented and flared gas at upstream oil facilities in Saskatchewan totalled 4.4 million tonnes (Mt) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

This represents a 6.5 Mt CO₂e, or 60 per cent, reduction from 2015 levels and a 0.8 Mt or 15 per cent reduction from 2020 levels.

Multiple factors contributed to the provincial emissions reduction in 2021- primarily, the Saskatchewan oil and gas sector's investments in new equipment and/or infrastructure at key locations, which resulted in reducing company-level emissions.

Emission reductions outlined in *Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy* have been achieved and will likely be exceeded in 2025.

OGEMR is part of an equivalency agreement on methane emissions signed in 2020 with the federal government. The agreement established a five-year timeframe and expires on December 31, 2024.

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Government of Saskatchewan Continues to Invest in Community Airports

The Government of Saskatchewan will invest \$935,000 through the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program, supporting 11 airports. When combined with local matching dollars, this represents almost \$2 million investment in airport infrastructure.

CAP supports local airports helping to offset the costs of rehabilitation and improvements, with cost-shared grants up to a maximum of \$275,000.

This year's investment will result in improvements to the following airports:

- Big River - \$40,936 - Runway edge light repairs, windsock pole, main runway and aprons rehabilitation
- Carlyle - \$9,090 - Crack fill runway and tarmac
- Estevan - \$34,948 - Crack sealing and line painting
- Kindersley - \$46,614 - Runway lighting upgrade
- La Ronge - \$133,125 - Airport drainage system maintenance
- Melfort - \$256,715 - Replace underground wiring and lighting around runway, taxiway and apron
- RM of Browning (RM 34) - \$35,850 - Add turn pads and pavement marking
- RM of Eldon (RM 471) - \$18,582 - Crack sealing for taxiway and apron
- RM of Moosomin (RM 121) - \$256,715 - Continued work on Phase 3 including new navigation system
- Weyburn - \$97,500 - Taxiway repairs, crack sealing and pavement marking
- Yorkton - \$4,925 - Information broadcast transmitter and friction index equipment

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Get to Know Saskatchewan Safety Council

Since 1955, the Saskatchewan Safety Council has worked on countless injury prevention and safety initiatives covering a wide variety of issues, especially targeted towards those who are statistically at high risk, like children and youth, First Nations and rural populations, new Canadians, and seniors.

A community-based approach that starts with K-12, or before, will result in a shift of mindset. When young people learn about injury prevention because of their involvement in a sport or recreational activity and then have that backed up at school, by the time they get to their first job, hazard assessment and risk mitigation will come naturally. The potential of getting hurt will



Today, injuries are known to cost the Saskatchewan economy approximately \$2.4 million dollars a day.

Regardless of where injuries take place, be that in our homes and yards while driving or taking part in recreational activities, or while at work, many result in chronic pain for which the sufferer potentially seeks out and develops an addiction to drugs or alcohol. That same pain may result in anxiety, depression, or other mental health disorders which, in the community, can lead to increases in crime, homelessness, unemployment, and violence.

"Our approach to injury prevention is to start young and get everyone in the community involved", says Robert Weitzel, Director of Development with the Council. "Our youth are our influencers and the future."

be more on their radar and being put in high-risk situations just won't be acceptable to them."

From youth activity books and a recently signed memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Education to strengthen the K-12 curriculum to enhance injury prevention information and safety resources in schools, to completely free online industry-approved workplace safety training, and the establishment of a network of community safety champions, the Council truly is engaged in injury prevention initiatives that are of benefit to everyone in Saskatchewan.

Funded through donations, membership contributions, sponsorships, grants, and the distribution of safety programs and materials, the revenues generated by the Safety Council are invested within the province of Saskatchewan to further promote safety.

You can learn additional information about Saskatchewan Safety Council by visiting:

www.sasksafety.org

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Proposed Amendments to *The Local Government Election Act*, 2015

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amendments to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* for review by stakeholders.

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The Ministry of Government Relations asks that SARM provide any comments on the summary of proposed amendments no later than the end of May so they can proceed with finalizing the proposed amendments for government consideration in June, 2022.

To view the current copy of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*, [click here](#).

SARM asks that if you have any comments or concerns surrounding the aforementioned proposed amendments summary, that you email the same to Mrs. Alicia Bay (ABay@sarm.ca) or Ms. Deanna Nichols (DNichols@sarm.ca).

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Changes to PST will Benefit Farmers and Agriculture Industry

Amendments to the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) regulations will provide greater clarity to farmers and help ensure that PST is applied fairly and consistently to

farming and agricultural goods and services.

Effective April 1, 2022, new PST exemptions were made through regulation changes. These exemptions include:

- prefabricated wind breaker panels for use in the protection and handling of livestock
- insulators for electrified livestock fences
- certain farm equipment attached to a registered vehicle
- on-farm dugout excavation and for trenching (in specific circumstances related to farming)

Additionally, it was clarified that the following products are also exempt from PST and are retroactive to April 1, 2016:

- water storage tanks used in spraying or irrigating crops
- storage tanks for weed control chemicals, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, liquid fertilizer
- adjuvants that improve their efficacy or application
- portable seed cleaners used on-farm by farmers in preparing their crop for storage or market (farmers in the business of seed cleaning must pay PST on their seed cleaning equipment)
- farm tractors

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Event details:

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm (CST)

This free lecture will be delivered by Zoom. ***Register online*** and the Zoom connection details will be sent by email.

Lecture: Smart, Co-operative Action for a Better Future

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) is hosting the 2022 Tansley Lecture, entitled:

Smart, co-operative action for a better future:

Economic growth for Canadians will depend on our ability to set, and reach, productive and equitable goals

Presented by:

The Honourable Anne McLellan, P.C., O.C., A.O.E., Canadian and International Strategic Planning Advisor, Bennett Jones LLP; Co-chair, Coalition for a Better Future, &

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., Vice-Chair, Global Investment Banking, CIBC Capital Markets; Co-chair, Coalition for a Better Future

JSGS's speakers believe that it is time to reimagine what Canada is capable of achieving, and to embrace an ambitious vision for inclusive, sustainable economic growth and opportunity for all. For a complete event description, please click the link below:

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