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The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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Federal Election...Don't forget to ask!

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR RURAL

Rural roads and bridges are vital for the sustainability of rural communities. Industries and people living and working in rural areas depend on access to reliable, well-designed infrastructure as they continue to assume a growing responsibility for exporting key commodities from the energy, agriculture, and manufacturing sectors. Municipal governments do not have the resources to fund essential infrastructure projects on their own. We need a federal government that is going to ensure a pool of funding that is truly dedicated to rural and small communities.

What are your federal election candidates going to do to ensure there is a pool of federal funding that is truly dedicated to rural and small communities; not just funding for mass-transit and urban sized projects?

BETTER AG SAFETY NETS

Governments are spending hundreds of millions less on risk management programs than they were a decade ago, despite unprecedented risks from trade barriers and drought.

In developing the next Agriculture Policy Framework slated for 2023, the federal government must work with farmers to develop new, effective risk management tools that increase coverage, use innovative delivery models, and that deliver meaningful support when farmers need it most. SARM has pledged to work with senior levels of government and we have requested to be included on the National Safety Net Advisory committee.

What are your federal election candidates going to do to develop effective risk management tools? Are they going to have groups like SARM participating on the National Safety Net Advisory Committee?

To read more about SARM's Federal Election Priorities please see our website:



Feedback

Intensive Livestock Operations Survey

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture has asked for SARM to reach out to our membership on the topic of Intensive Livestock Operations, for feedback from all RMs.

SARM has always supported the growth and development of the livestock sector in Saskatchewan and offers to do what we can to assist in these efforts.

Our board and members recognize the direct and indirect benefits of the livestock sector in rural areas including the creation of local job opportunities, spin-off and support businesses and resulting economic opportunities for local producers to contribute feed and provide access to land for activities like manure spreading and livestock grazing.

RMs also need livestock developers to realize their responsibility in ensuring successful development which includes open, regular communication and engagement with both RMs and the public. That includes not only promoting the industry but ensuring the needs of the local community are met by offering to help pay for required infrastructure, allowing local ratepayers and businesses to access spin-off opportunities, and agreeing to provide investment in maintenance such as dust control where applicable. We want to state how important it is for

developers to engage with the RM council and ratepayers early in the site selection process; long before they make land purchases. If the developer explains their plan, not only for development but for potential future growth, RMs can assist them in finding the best location before they purchase land.

In an effort to both support growth in the livestock sector in Saskatchewan and maintain strong local autonomy of RM's, please provide your RM's input by completing the survey below. **Deadline to submit is end of day September 24, 2021.**



Information

Don't Forget to Vote

If you are looking for information about where and how to vote in the Federal Election on September 20th, please click here:



Amendments to The Statement of Provincial Interests Regulations

Amendments to The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations came into effect on January 1, 2021. The *Changes Guide for Amendments to the SPI* outlines these recent amendments; the updated *Statements of Provincial Interest Handbook* provides guidance to municipalities, developers and professional planners.



Resources

2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative

The 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative provides financial relief to help offset the extraordinary costs livestock producers face related to the current drought, with a per head payment on female breeding animals.

Details for the Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative.
Applications open on **September 1, 2021.**

For more info visit <https://t.co/3SpiAZLbh5> or call 1-844-723-1211.



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