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The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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Reminders

The Prairie Grain Portal Town Hall Sessions

The Prairies are one of the most sophisticated and productive agricultural regions in the world, yet outside of North America we are only known for our bulk-grain exports. The primary bottleneck is simple: outside of our bulk-exports, our farmers have little to no global exposure, and real buyers will not materialize when they don't know we are even here.

So, let's talk about it! Join us for a virtual town hall meeting where we'll share our plans to facilitate direct-sales between producers and end-markets.

Registration:

PGP Virtual Town Hall I
March 1, 2022



PGP Virtual Town Hall II
DATE CHANGED from Thursday,
March 3 to Thursday, March 10,
2022



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Active Transportation Fund - Call for Applications

On January 27, 2022, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, ***opened the call for applications*** for the Active Transportation Fund, as well as other new funding opportunities in support of public transit systems.

Infrastructure Canada will be accepting applications for both the planning and capital funding streams of the Active Transportation Fund between **January 27, 2022 and March 31, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. EST**. Applications from eligible Indigenous recipients will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

The Active Transportation Fund's goal is to generate economic, environmental and social benefits for Canadians by increasing the amount, quality and usage of active transportation infrastructure.

If you are an eligible recipient with a project that will support a modal shift away from cars and towards active transportation, we invite you to submit your application through the ***Applicant Portal***. To assist potential applicants in determining eligibility and preparing an application, guidance materials are available on ***Infrastructure Canada's website***, including:

- ***General information*** on the Active Transportation Fund, which includes applicant and project eligibility requirements;
- Answers to ***Frequently Asked Questions***;
- Instructions on ***how to apply***, including:
- The ***Applicant Guide***; and
- The ***Step-by-Step Guides*** for submitting an application.

Infrastructure Canada will be hosting weekly Webinars for interested potential applicants, beginning on February 2nd, 2022. At these webinar sessions, attendees will be provided with details on applicant and project eligibility, the application process, and the evaluation process. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. A list of available sessions and links to register are available on the ***Webinars for Potential Applicants*** page.

The Active Transportation Fund team welcomes you to contact them in regard to any questions you may have about the Active Transportation Fund or the application process by sending an email to ***ATF-FTA@inf.gc.ca***. Please be

advised that they will not be able to provide information on project eligibility until an application is received in full through our project intake process.



Community Airport Partnership Program - Call for Applications

The Government of Saskatchewan is now accepting applications for the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program. CAP is administered through the Ministry of Highways. Under the program, communities can apply for up to \$275,000 in grants for rehabilitation and improvements.

"Our community airports are important to our provincial economy," Highways Minister Fred Bradshaw said. "The program provides grants to municipal governments to improve community airports by helping offset costs associated with rehabilitation and upgrades."

Community airports secure the safety of our communities through supporting services like Air Ambulance and firefighting.

Projects are approved based on criteria focused on improving safety, extending life cycle of the asset, airport utilization, economic benefits associated with the project and partnership opportunities.

The Government of Saskatchewan contributed a record \$1.5 million to improvements at 17 community airports in the 2021-22 Budget. The additional funds came from government's two-year \$7.5 billion stimulus program.

Applications are now open for Community Airport Partnership grants available in 2022-23. Interested communities can apply at www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/transportation/airports/community-airport-partnership-cap-program. The deadline for applications is 5 pm on March 13, 2022.

Since 2007-08, the ministry has committed to investing more than \$10.5 million with a total of 42 different communities and RMs having benefited from the CAP program.

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Information

Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Remain Committed to Supporting Producers Through 2022 Crop Insurance Program

[On February 22, 2022], Federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced details of the 2022 Crop Insurance Program.

Some adjustments included in the program this year:

- In response to experiencing extreme heat temperatures and dry growing conditions, a heat adjustment factor was added to rainfall data used in claim calculations for the Forage and Corn Rainfall Insurance programs. When temperatures reach 31 degrees Celsius or higher, precipitation amounts are now reduced in the 'monthly per cent of normal' calculation. This adjustment helps recognize the impact of extreme heat on forage and corn yields.
- With the Contract Price Option, producers can use their contract prices to blend with the Crop Insurance base price for higher coverage. This allows producers to establish an insured price reflective of the actual market value they would receive for their production. New for 2022, this price option is available on all commercial crops. New crops added include fababeans, Khorasan wheat, fall and spring rye, sunflowers, triticale, winter wheat, extra strong wheat, hard white wheat, all classes of chickpeas, caraway, irrigated dry beans and soybeans. Producers can select the crops they want covered under the Contract Price Option by March 31, 2022 and submit their contracts to SCIC by May 31, 2022.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) continues to provide relevant pricing and coverage levels. Average coverage will reach a record level of \$405 per acre, due to higher commodity prices and increased yield coverage. Due to

this year's 48 per cent increase in coverage, the average total premium is higher, at \$12.05 per acre, compared to \$8.59 in 2021. The average premium rate is lower, due to the strong production in 2020. As there is a one-year lag when calculating premium rates, 2021 production is not used until 2023.

Crop Insurance is a federal-provincial-territorial Business Risk Management program under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. Under Crop Insurance, premiums for most programs are shared 40 per cent by participating producers, 36 per cent by the Government of Canada and 24 per cent by the Government of Saskatchewan. Administrative expenses are fully funded by governments, 60 per cent by Canada and 40 per cent by Saskatchewan.

March 31, 2022, is the deadline to apply, reinstate or cancel their Crop Insurance contract. Producers must select insured crops and coverage levels or make additional changes by this date. Producers can speak to their local SCIC office to make any changes or coverage will remain the same as the previous year. SCIC provides a diverse and relevant suite of risk management programs: AgriStability, Crop Insurance and Livestock Price Insurance. Producers can reduce their risk by reviewing all SCIC options to find the right insurance and coverage package for their operation. For more information, contact a local SCIC office, call 1-888-935-0000 or visit scic.ca.

For more information, contact:

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To read the full news release and view the 2022 Crop Insurance Program letter from SCIC, please use the links below:



Canadian Agricultural Youth Council - Seeking New Members

The *Canadian Agricultural Youth Council*, hosted by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), is recruiting creative and outspoken people who have a passion

for food and farming and enjoy working in a team to find solutions and have impact.

The Youth Council meets regularly with Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food as well as department officials to discuss the issues that matter the most to young people in food and farming. Together, Youth Council members look for ways to overcome challenges facing youth and build a vibrant future for food and farming in Canada that reflects the values and aspirations of young people from all walks of life.

First established in 2020, the ***Canadian Agricultural Youth Council*** provides an opportunity for the next generation of leaders to share their personal experiences, perspectives, and innovative ideas on how to tackle issues from across the agriculture and agri-food sector.

During this unique career building opportunity, Youth Council members will learn about how policy and programming is developed at AAFC and expand their professional skillset and network.

Who can apply?

We welcome youth, ages 18 to 30, from across Canada to ***apply*** to the Canadian Agricultural Youth Council by March 22 if they have experience and knowledge of food and/or farming as a result of their upbringing, academic studies, volunteer work, current employment, or other life experiences.

The next cohort of Youth Council members will be made up of 25 diverse youth from across Canada including farmers, students, researchers, teachers, food processors, business owners, scientists, and advocates. Agriculture doesn't just mean on-farm activities — it also includes food processing, distribution, marketing, retail, restaurants and all the other activities along the value chain.

If you want to learn more about government, expand your professional network, and work together to create positive change in the food and farming sector, please ***apply*** by **March 22, 2022**.



**Canadian Security Intelligence Service
Newsletter**

In mid-2020, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) Academic Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement (AOSE) team launched a bi-weekly newsletter entitled "Need to Know," an open-source, multi-platform media collation on issues considered relevant to Canada's broad national security interests.

The objective of the newsletter is to highlight and share a diverse array of perspectives on Canadian and global security matters, with a focus on emerging developments and sources of expertise across disciplines. With the usual caveat that inclusion of a document, source, expert or event does not constitute endorsement by, or affiliation with, CSIS, topics AOSE covered in recent issues include climate change and security, disinformation, diversity and equity in the intelligence community, research security interests.

To view the AOSE's February 24, 2022 "NEED TO KNOW" newsletter, please click the link below:

[Read Newsletter](#)

Resources

Training Opportunities for Local Board of Revision and Other Administrative Tribunals

For the 2023 taxation year, all board of revision members and secretaries in Saskatchewan are required to take mandatory training offered through the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS). This is the first step of certifying a board of revision.

Once all board members and the secretary have completed the training program, the board must apply for certification to the Registrar. Boards of revision, rather than individuals, will be certified by the Registrar. Only certified boards will be allowed to hear property assessment appeals in the 2023 taxation year and thereafter.

To assist municipalities with having a qualified board of revision, an online training program has been developed through a partnership involving the Ministry of Government Relations, the Board of Revision Renewal Stakeholder Steering Committee and Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS).

All board members and secretaries are encouraged to take the training to achieve better quality hearings and decisions for taxpayers. **Registration for the**

online training has opened and at a price of only \$100 per student. Over 75 individuals registered for this training in January 2022.

Although focused on the board of revision work and property assessment appeals, any person involved in the work of other appeal bodies can benefit from the administrative justice training offered in this course. To learn more about the training program and register, visit the ***JSGS Board of Revision Training Program*** page.

Municipalities are responsible for property assessment appeals at the first level. The legislation requires every municipal council to appoint a board of revision. They may decide to appoint their own board of revision, establish or join a district board with other municipalities, or contract a private board. In each instance, this training program will provide new or existing board members and secretaries with the essential knowledge needed to conduct hearings and ensure property owners receive high-quality services throughout the province.



Employment Standards 2022-23 Training Webinar Schedule

The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety's Employment Standards Branch is offering webinars in spring/summer 2022. The webinar series is free and covers various employment standards topics such as: Employment Standards overview, protections for foreign workers, tips for taking the Young Worker Readiness Certificate course, employment leaves, what you need to know about employing youth, understanding when overtime is payable, understanding layoffs and ending employment, COVID-19 and Saskatchewan Employment Act, as well as many others.

If your organization or group is interested, the Employment Standards Branch also provides customized webinars for groups no smaller than 20 attendees.

Visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/employment-standards/employment-standards-training> to view the upcoming webinars, register and/or view recordings of previous webinars.

Questions or Inquiries can be directed to the Employer Services at 1-833-354-6914 or saskjobs@gov.sk.ca.



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