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The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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Reminders

Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010 – Red Tape Review

Ministry of Highways is looking to consult with Rural Municipalities regarding the proposed recommendations resulting from the Ministry of Highways *Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010 – Red Tape Review*.

They seek feedback on the attached document and are looking for feedback on the following:

1. Whether or not there are specific incidents or concerns that rural municipalities would like to share about commercial trucking in the province?
2. Whether or not rural municipalities are supportive of the proposed recommendations and/or they have any advice to strengthen?
3. Whether or not there are any questions or concerns about the findings or recommendations?

The Ministry of Highways would request that RMs provide their input or contact them with any questions about this review through Zaki Hussain, Manager of Transportation Policy at zaki.hussain@gov.sk.ca by May 18th, 2022.

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Protect Your Flock

Prevent Avian Influenza

Monitor and Isolate

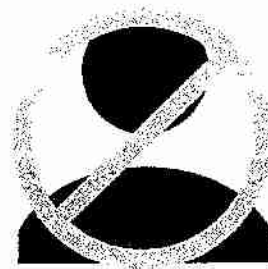


saskatchewan.ca/avian-influenza-poultry

Clean and Disinfect



Limit Visitors



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High Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) have been confirmed in Saskatchewan backyard flocks and commercial poultry flocks.

On April 14, 2022, Saskatchewan's Chief Veterinary Officer put in place an animal health control area order to limit the co-mingling of poultry due to the risk of HPAI. The order, in place until May 14, 2022, prohibits the movement to and participation of birds in shows, auctions and agricultural fairs, as well as any other events where birds would be brought together from multiple locations.

Protocols include keeping wild birds away from poultry flocks and their food and water supply, limiting visitors and monitoring bird health. Small flock owners are encouraged to confine their birds indoors, if possible, during wild bird migration. Producers should contact their veterinarian immediately if they have concerns about the health status of their flocks. If avian influenza is suspected, producers should also contact their local Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) office. CFIA-confirmed findings of HPAI in domestic poultry are posted on the **CFIA website**.

Producers are reminded that biosecurity remains the best tool for poultry producers and small flock owners to protect their birds from avian influenza.

Producers can also access information on the disease on the Government of Saskatchewan avian influenza in poultry [webpage](#).

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Feedback

Canadian Sport Policy Renewal

The Canadian Sport Policy (CSP) is set to be renewed in February 2023. The renewed sport policy will help to identify Canadian sport priorities and provide guidance to Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FP/T) governments in advancing sport for the next 10 years (2023-2033).

To ensure the new policy reflects the sport Canadians want, it's important that we hear from valued and diverse stakeholders from across the country. Sports Information Resource Centre (SIRC) is working together with the FP/T and CSP Renewal Work Groups to hold virtual consultation and engagement sessions from April to June 2022. To complement and further inform the process, all Canadians are invited to complete the survey. **The survey is open until the end of June, 2022.**

Key documents to review:

- *Toward the Next-Generation Canadian Sport Policy (2023-2033)*
- *CSP 2012 Evaluation Summary Report*
- *CSP Renewal – Environmental Scan*
- *CSP 2012: Full report*
- *CSP 2012: Summary Sheet*
- *A Common Vision for increasing physical activity and reducing sedentary living in Canada: Let's Get Moving*
- *Framework for Recreation in Canada*

[Take the Survey](#)

Information

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week runs May 1 to 7, and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) reminds residents to be ready for anything. During the week, the SPSA will perform a test of the provincial emergency public alerting system, SaskAlert.

This EP Week, consider the following activities to better prepare for emergencies:

- Build an emergency kit with a collection of basic items around your household.
- Make an emergency plan.
- Research and understand the risks in your area. Knowing what to do and how to prepare for different situations is a crucial step in being ready to face any emergency.
- Take quick, simple steps to protect your home today so you're prepared if a flood happens.
- Protect your home from wildfire by looking for, and removing, fire hazards in and around your home, such as dried out branches, leaves, and debris.
- Take time to change passwords on your private accounts to keep your private information from being compromised.

To learn more about emergency preparedness at home, visit *Emergency Preparedness at Home* / *SPSA (saskpublicsafety.ca)* or *getprepared.ca*.

SaskAlert System Testing

SaskAlert provides critical information on emergencies in real time, so you can take action to protect yourself and your community. The SPSA will conduct a test of the SaskAlert system at approximately 1:55 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

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2022 SPCOA Annual Convention



It's been a long two years and the Saskatchewan Pest Control Officers Association is excited to welcome all Pest Control Officers back to our in-person seminar **June 7th and 8th at the Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw.**

Administrators, please share to ensure your PCO has the opportunity to attend the 2022 annual Saskatchewan Pest Control Officer seminar June 7 & 8, 2022. **Click here** to review the registration, agenda and hotel information.

Register early and don't miss this great educational and networking opportunity.

[Click here to Register](#)

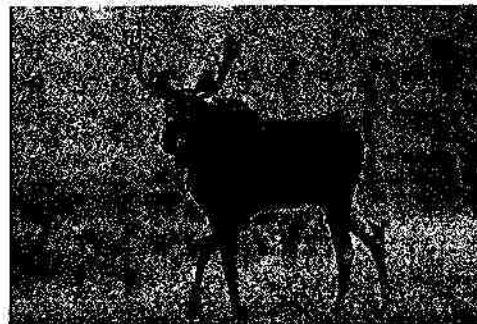
2022 Big Game Draw Opens Online May 1

Saskatchewan's Big Game Draw opens on May 1. Hunters have until May 25 to submit their online applications.

The Big Game Draw is used to allocate a limited number of hunting licences to Saskatchewan residents in a transparent and equitable manner. This year's draw includes licences for elk, moose, pronghorn, either-sex mule deer and antlerless mule deer.

The draw is administered through the Saskatchewan Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system. Hunters can submit, review and update their applications, check pool status history and purchase a draw licence through their HAL accounts.

Hunters should review the 2022 Big Game Draw Supplement for information on



Draw results will be available through your HAL account in June, with the exception of pronghorn, which will be available in mid-July. Although Big Game Draw applicants are sent a notification of their draw results, hunters are responsible for looking up their results through their HAL account.

Successful applicants will be able to purchase licences through their HAL accounts beginning August 1.

For information on your HAL account or assistance with completing a draw application, please visit saskatchewanhal.ca or call 1-888-773-8450.

quotas for draw species prior to submitting their draw application. The supplement also informs hunters of any changes to this fall's Big Game Draw seasons. The supplement can be found at saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

If you have questions about your pool status or hunting in Saskatchewan, contact the Ministry of Environment's Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224 or centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

Applications for the Big Game Draw can be submitted until May 25 at 11:59 p.m. Hunters are encouraged to apply early and to use the online residency verification tool to avoid complications.



Saskatchewan Extending Public Engagement on Virtual Care

The Government of Saskatchewan is seeking feedback from additional patients and health care providers on their experiences with virtual care by extending the survey two more weeks until May 15, 2022.

The Virtual Care Engagement has had more than 2,161 survey participants and over 754 poll participants. Currently, 84 per cent of the participants rated their overall quality of experience with virtual care as good or excellent. While 73 per cent of health care providers indicate that they can provide quality care to their patients using virtual care.

The information gathered will be one of many tools used to develop a long-term provincial strategy around virtual care. The province is also seeking input from health system partners and other affected organizations on their experience using virtual care over the past two years.

Make your voice heard. Visit virtualcare.saskatchewan.ca to join the conversation, which is quick and confidential.

Participation is not limited to residents with mobile devices or online access. The public can participate over the phone by calling 306-787-6750. The phone line will be available for calls from Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm. To receive the survey via email, send your request to virtualcare@health.gov.sk.ca.



Wild Pigs' Prolific Reproductive Capacity Fuels Expansion of Population and Range

A researcher with the University of Saskatchewan says the prolific reproductive capacity of wild pigs has fuelled a massive expansion of their range and numbers. Wild pigs destroy crops, reduce water quality, eat anything from an adult white tail deer to small mammals, birds and frogs and they can harbour disease and parasites.



Dr. Ryan Brook, an Associate Professor in the Department of Agriculture and Bioresources with the University of Saskatchewan, told those on hand earlier this month for Manitoba Pork's 2022 Annual General Meeting, when it comes to reproductive capacity, wild pigs are in a category of their own, typically producing six young per litter and multiple litters per year.

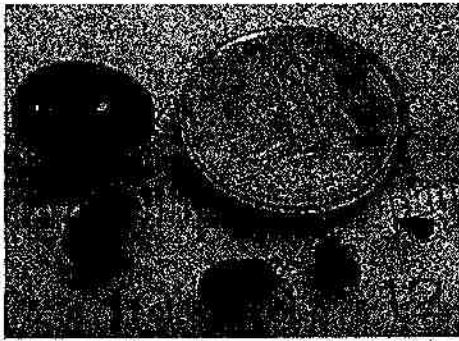
Dr. Ryan Brook-University of Saskatchewan:

Wild pigs currently occupy about one million square kilometers of Canada. The overwhelming majority of those are on the Canadian Prairie provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and within each province there's one or two major hot spots. In Alberta it's west of Edmonton, there's a major stronghold and most of the pigs are there.

In Saskatchewan, a bit in the Battleford area but mainly near the Manitoba border in that Melfort, Saskatchewan country and there are more wild pigs in that area than the rest of Canada combined so, to be really clear, that is the hot spot in the country.

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Take Precautions for Ticks Outdoors



Saskatchewan residents are being reminded to watch for ticks as they venture outdoors this spring.

Ticks are most often found in tall grass, brush, or wooded areas. They cannot jump or fly but will grasp onto people or pets who brush up against them.

To prevent tick bites:

- Wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be easily seen.
- Wear pants, long-sleeved shirts, and shoes that do not expose your bare feet.
- Pull socks over your pant legs to prevent ticks from crawling up your legs.
- Use insect repellents that contain DEET or Icaridin. Apply repellent to clothes as well as your skin. Always read and follow the directions on the label. Some repellents may have age restrictions.
- In Canada, clothing that has been treated with the insecticide permethrin has been approved for use by people over the age of 16.
- Shower or bathe as soon as possible after being outside to wash off loose ticks and inspect for attached ticks.

If you find a tick attached to your skin or on your pet:

- Carefully remove it with fine-tipped tweezers and grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull slowly upward and out with firm, steady pressure.
- Be careful not to squeeze, crush or puncture the body after removal.
- Do not put Vaseline, gasoline, or other harmful substances on an attached tick.
- Submit photos of the tick using the eTick system, and please keep ticks in a secure container until you receive the identification results. Ticks can be euthanized by placing them in a bag and storing it in the freezer 24 hours.

Saskatchewanians can submit photographs of ticks found on humans or animals using the eTick online system at www.etick.ca.

For more information on ticks and Lyme disease, including how to submit a tick for identification and testing, visit saskatchewan.ca/lyme or <https://research-groups.usask.ca/ticks/#Passivesurveillance>.



Government of Saskatchewan Extends 4R Nutrient Stewardship Agreement with Fertilizer Canada

Saskatchewan accounts for nearly half (46 per cent) of all 4R-designated acres in western Canada.

More information on 4R Nutrient Stewardship and sustainable farming in Saskatchewan is available at <https://fertilizercanada.ca/nutrient-stewardship/4rs-across-canada/saskatchewan/>



The Government of Saskatchewan has re-signed a 2016 Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with Fertilizer Canada to support continued education, training and expansion regarding 4R Nutrient Stewardship in the province for an additional three years.

Adoption of a fertilizer management strategy that incorporates the Right fertilizer source at the Right rate, at the Right time, and in the Right place (4Rs) enhances environmental sustainability for producer operations by reducing greenhouse gas emissions while increasing crop production. A made-in-Canada program, 4R Nutrient Stewardship promotes such environmental stewardship through best practices in science-based nutrient management.

The 4R Nutrient Stewardship Advisory Committee - established by the Ministry of Agriculture with Fertilizer Canada, industry stakeholders, and the scientific community - provides guidance on awareness and adoption of the 4R practices. Saskatchewan also encouraged adoption of 4R practices through 20 Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT) projects being carried out at Applied Research Management (Agri-ARM) field sites across the province, co-funded under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) and with co-funding from Fertilizer Canada for select projects that are related to 4R. The ministry has also offered CAP funding under the Farm Stewardship Program for a variable rate mapping beneficial management practice, and held four virtual 4R workshops in January 2021.

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FCM: Launch of Funding for Inclusive Communities

On April 25, 2022, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced that CanWILL launched its second round of applications for Inclusive Community Initiatives (ICI). This is an opportunity for 10 to 12 communities to receive up to \$10,000 each for initiatives that support women's participation in local leadership. Activities must be implemented by local governments or an association in partnership with local community groups, between September 2022 and August 2023. The deadline to apply is June 10, 2022. Those interested can *consult the CanWILL webpage* to learn more and apply.

Local governments, in partnership with women's or community groups, from all regions of the country are invited to submit project ideas that support inclusive women's participation in local leadership. Note that FCM will prioritize initiatives intended to serve underrepresented women, including Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, as well as youth and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Small and rural communities are encouraged to apply. Priority will also be given to regions that were not supported in Round 1.

FCM will be hosting a virtual information session on **Tuesday, May 10th, from 2-3pm EDT** for those interested in applying. This interactive session will be an opportunity learn more about the CanWILL project, the ICI grant program and ask questions to the CanWILL team. FCM encourages individuals to attend.

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Assistance for Livestock Producers Impacted by Severe Spring Storms

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is available to support eligible livestock producers who have experienced significant financial losses due to recent extreme weather in Saskatchewan.

Compensation for livestock losses will be calculated using the rates under the Wildlife Damage Compensation and Livestock Predation Program administered by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation.

PDAP provides financial assistance to producers in eligible areas which have experienced substantial losses or damages to uninsurable property as a result of natural disasters, such as the recent record-breaking blizzards in southeast Saskatchewan. Local authorities, such as municipalities, must request designation through the PDAP office to initiate assistance for residents following an extreme weather event.

Producers whose local authorities have been designated as eligible for assistance can make claims for livestock loss, provided no coverage for losses is already available through existing insurance or other programs.

Livestock losses have been reported in several rural municipalities in southeast Saskatchewan because of recent spring storms that included periods of heavy snowfall, high winds and blizzard conditions. Livestock producers are encouraged to take photos/videos and document all livestock losses due to these extreme weather events.

For more information, please contact PDAP at 1-866-632-4033 or *visit the website*.

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