


## RM 220 Administrator

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**THE Rural Sheaf**

September-2021



Deadlines

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

**Calling all RM Nominations**

Let's recognize the innovation and collaboration happening in our communities. Celebrate a project or practice in your municipality by nominating your RM, or your neighbours, for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.

**Nominations are being accepted until 4 pm on November 5, 2021**



**Rural Municipal Administrator Scholarship - Apply by October 15**

The application intake for the 2021 Rural Municipal Administration Scholarship Program is currently underway. This program is for students enrolled in the Local Government Authority (LGA) Certificate Program at the University of Regina.



Three scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded annually, paid at the end of the completed semester. Selection is based on academic achievement, demonstrated interest in administration as a career in rural Saskatchewan, contributions to and knowledge of rural Saskatchewan, and other criteria.

**Applications must be received in the SARM office by October 15, 2021.**



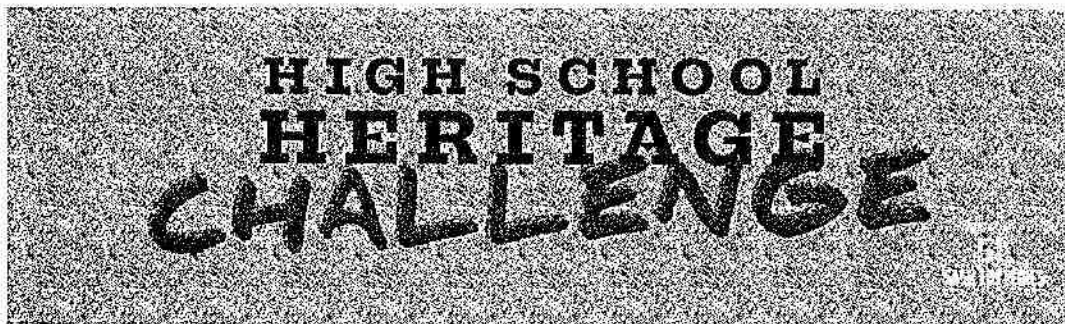
### **Invasive Plant Control Program (CAP-IPCP)**

RMs, First Nations bands, and Producers/Stakeholders can apply for rebates of up to 50% of the cost of approved herbicides used to treat prohibited & select noxious weeds through the CAP-IPCP.

Reach out to the *Plant Health Officer (PHO)* in your division for assistance with claim forms and all supplemental documents required to be eligible for rebates.

**Submit to SARM by claim deadline October 31.**

For additional information, including CAP-IPCP claim forms and supplemental documents, please visit:



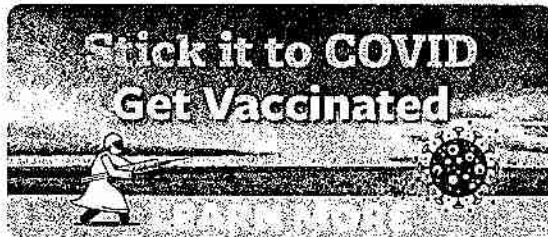
Heritage Saskatchewan is excited to be launching an all-new program, the High School Heritage Challenge! Grades 9-12 students throughout Saskatchewan are encouraged to pick a topic to research and present in a digital format.

Students can submit projects on our website where projects will be judged remotely and be available for public viewing. #HSHC2021

**Submissions are now open! Deadline: October 12th**



## Resources



Find current/upcoming COVID19 immunization clinics - both booked and pop-up clinics. Information is regularly updated, so check to ensure a clinic is still active before travelling.



### Rail Safety Week, September 20-26, 2021

#### *Passiveness Cannot Be Tolerated at Rural Rail Crossings*

Almost half of all railway-related deaths and injuries happen at railway crossings. Many of these incidents occur at "passive" rail crossings, which are common in rural Canada. These crossings don't have gates or lights or bells to warn of approaching trains, so drivers need to be extra vigilant. Rural crossings can also have uneven grades, or humps which can cause cars or trucks to bottom out—putting them at risk of being hit by an oncoming train.



This summer, there have already been a number of tragic train-vehicle collisions at rural crossings across Canada. On the July long weekend, *two young men were killed* near Woodstock, ON, when their car was hit by a train and pushed down the track.

#### **Preventing tragedies at rural crossings**

Following some basic rules can help prevent tragedies from happening.

As you approach a rural railway crossing:

- slow down
- look both ways and listen for oncoming trains before crossing the tracks
- turn off your radio and roll down your windows so you can hear better
- make sure you can clear the tracks on the other side before crossing

If a train is coming:

- don't race a train to the crossing
- stop at least five metres from the nearest rail or gate
- don't cross the track until you're sure all trains have passed in *both* directions and on *all* tracks

Remember, trains can't swerve or stop quickly—so keep yourself safe and out of their path.



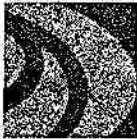
For additional information or to arrange a presentation to your community,  
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Information for Municipalities



## HANDLING COMPLAINTS UNDER YOUR CODE OF ETHICS

**A guide to dealing with alleged contraventions of a council  
member code of ethics**

### Handling Complaints Under Your Code of Ethics

This pre-recorded webinar describes the key steps of a fair complaint-handling process for dealing with alleged council member conflicts of interest and other contraventions of a code of ethics.

Looking for more  
information? Browse  
brochures, posters, videos  
and information sheets.



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## Community Experience Cluster Program



This funding program aims to encourage, support, and facilitate the development of clusters of compelling tourist experiences within Saskatchewan communities and/or destination areas.

*(formerly the Destination Experience Development Program)*

***The Community Experience Cluster Program will be open for applications from September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.***

These experiences will align with the expectations and demands of key visitor markets. It aims to increase the scope and variety of multi-day comprehensive packages available as a single transaction purchase in the province.

The program is application-based. The maximum funding per applicant is \$20,000. There will be no equity investment required by the applicant for the 2021/2022 application year.



## Rural Integrated Roads for Growth

**FINAL REMINDER**



The application intake for the 2022-2023 Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Program (including the Road Construction Program & the Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Initiative) will close on October 29, 2021.

Please visit SARM's website for the application forms (<https://sarm.ca/programs/rirg>).

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## Insurance & Benefits

### Your Employee and Family Assistance Program Get to know your EFAP



Everyone faces challenging and stressful events in their lives. Most of the time we can handle these situations ourselves; other times we could benefit from some support.

Homewood Health is an important partner of SARM. As our chosen service provider for the Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP), Homewood Health can provide assistance to our members' employees and their families on a vast variety of life topics, such as financial matters, relationship issues, health and wellness questions, career coaching, and retirement planning, just to name a few. Homewood Health also offers a wide range of short one-hour to half-day seminars on wide variety of personal and professional development topics. All of these resources are available at no charge to participating members and are only a call or click away at 1-800-663-1142 or [homeweb.ca](http://homeweb.ca).

1-800-663-1142



**Homewood Health**





## It is never too late to review your RM's potential exposures for a cyber-attack.

Cyber attacks are, unfortunately, happening more and more around the world, including right here in Saskatchewan.

SARM wants to assist its members in being proactive at guarding their operations against such risks by providing an opportunity to participate in cyber awareness training.

SARM has partnered with the team at Curricula to offer online Security Awareness Training to our members as well as to the SARM Board of Directors and staff.

This informative, fun, and engaging program contains short, animated episodes where you follow characters on their adventures through life and experience how a cyber attack could happen to you. The training covers topics such as Social Engineering Fraud, Wifi Security, Ransomware, Phishing, and creating strong passwords – just to name a few.

Ready to start your RM's security awareness journey? Simply provide the name(s) and email addresses for those individuals interested in participating and we will send the access link to get started!

Please email Lisa Shordee, Insurance Program Administrator, at [property@sarm.ca](mailto:property@sarm.ca) for more information and to enroll in this exciting training opportunity.

The training program  
launched January 1st, 2021  
and is available through  
SARM until December 31st,  
2021.

The cost is \$25.00 per person.  
This cost entitles participants  
to a subscription to the  
training through the end of  
2021, and currently includes  
twenty-two 10-minute  
modules plus any new  
modules that may be released  
throughout the year.

More than 115 learners from  
RM's have signed up already.

## Staying Savvy Against Cyber Attacks

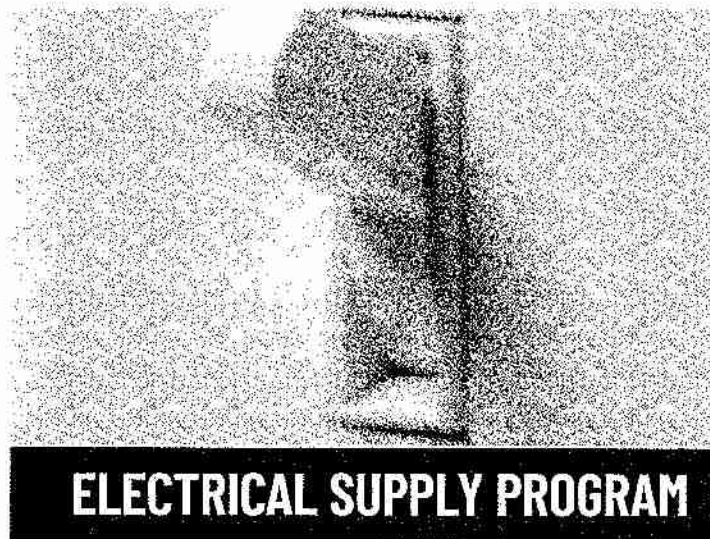




## Trading Services



### Program Spotlight



**SARM is pleased to announce  
the Electrical Supply Program  
as part of its offerings to members**

**Add some spark to your next project.**

Your organization depends on its electrical products. Electrical wire and connectors, interior automation, commercial lighting, smart home devices, ballasts, and more play a critical role in keeping your operations running smoothly. The Canoe Electrical Supply Program can help you source the equipment you need for a project done right.



## VENDOR PROMOTIONS



### 2021 Fall Tire Promotion

**ELIGIBLE PRODUCT:**

4 MSPNs

**ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS:**

All Authorized Canadian Michelin Government & Public Utility Customers

**CAMPAIGN PERIOD:** October 1, 2021- November 30, 2021

### Current Tenders

**Street Sweepers, and Specialty Sweepers, with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Supplies**

– closing date is September 30, 2021 – RFP093021

**Sewer Vacuum, Hydro Excavation, and Municipal Pumping Equipment with Related Supplies**

– closing date is October 12, 2021 – RFP101221

**Teletherapy Services**

– closing date is October 28, 2021 – RFP102821

**Public Utility Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies**

– closing date is November 4, 2021 – RFP110421



## New Faces at SARM



**Colin Warnecke**  
Manager, Risk Management  
*cwarnecke@sarm.ca*

Colin is responsible for the Insurance and Group Benefits areas of SARM, working closely with Lisa Shordee, Insurance Program Administrator, and Jodi Hughes, Employee Benefit Administrator, while handling the day to day operations of the Liability Self Insurance Program. He will also be overseeing SARM's legal department, which consists of Michael Morris, General Counsel, Andrew Svenson, and Courtney Riviere, Legal Counsels.

Colin brings 25 years of insurance experience in various capacities to SARM and he looks forward to working with the membership on their insurance needs.

# TRAINING

DISCUSSION   TOPICS   SOLUTIONS   VIDEOCONFERENCE   INFORM   PLAN   COMMUNICATION



**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.

**Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities (Virtual)**  
October 19 and 20 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals**  
(Virtual)  
October 20 and 21 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace (Virtual)**  
October 27 and 28 - 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

**Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities**  
(Virtual)  
October 27 and 28 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Municipal Leaders' Roles & Responsibilities (Virtual)**  
November 18th - 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Community and Land Use Planning (Online)**



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

## AgH2Onward – Free Workshops

The Water Security Agency is offering free online workshops throughout 2021 called AgH2Onward.

AgH2Onward provides innovative agricultural water management solutions that will help you become more resilient in the face of droughts, flooding, and other extreme weather events in a changing climate.



Please share information on this free workshop using the following AgH2Onward Poster.



*If you are experiencing any issues with receiving our Constant Contact emails, please try safe listing @sarm.ca, @sarm.ccsend.ca, and rs6.net. If you would like assistance with safe listing, Adam Brougham, coordinator@sarm.ca, is happy to help. These domains/URLs are linked to all of our Constant Contact campaigns, so adding them to your Trusted Senders list should help with the deliverability of any future SARM correspondence.*



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