

## RM 220 Administrator

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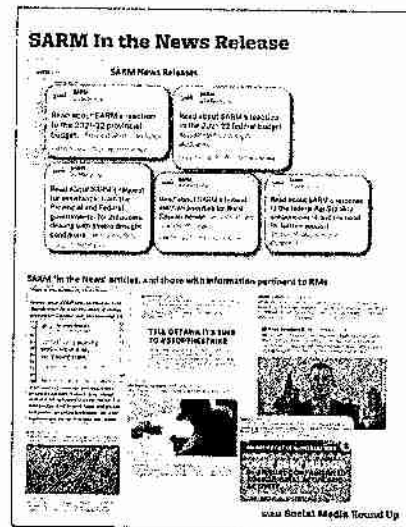


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### SARM in the Media

SARM has been working hard on getting our message out and your rural voice heard. Use the links below to see what we've been doing.

Follow us on twitter at SARM\_Voice



# Deadlines

## 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:

[Invasive Plant Control Program \(CAP-IPCP\)](#)



Saskatchewan Municipal Awards



## Calling all RMs

Let's recognize the innovation and collaboration happening in our communities.

Nominate your RM or your neighbours for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.

**Nominations accepted until November 5, 2021.**

**Nominating your community for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award has never been easier with our new online submission form.**

**Winning municipalities receive:**

- A professional video highlighting their community and showcasing their municipal project;
- An award commemorating their municipal accomplishment; and
- Exposure and recognition in front of hundreds of their municipal peers at the SARM and SUMA conventions.

By submitting a nomination, you are also entered for a chance to win an Ogio golf bag and 12 Titleist ProV1 golf balls (approximately a \$300 value) courtesy of SMA sponsor Affinity Credit Union.

**Nominations close November 5**



### **Call for CIF Peer Review Committee Members**



**Community  
Initiatives Fund**

The Community Initiatives Fund is inviting applications from individuals throughout Saskatchewan who are interested in serving on one of our regional Peer Review Committees!

Openings are currently available for our North, Central, and Provincial committees for the 2022-24 term. Peer Review Committees are responsible for reviewing applications for our Community Grant Program and providing informed funding recommendations to the CIF Board of Directors.

If you have any questions about the adjudication committee application process or requirements, contact Angie Sawatzky at 306.780.9397 or send your completed application form directly to [asawatzky@cifsask.org](mailto:asawatzky@cifsask.org) by **November 30, 2021**.



### **Rat Control Program (CAP-RCP)**

RMs and First Nations bands can apply for rebates up to 50% of approved expenses when active in their rat control efforts and follow the minimum level of service determined by the 2021-22 CAP-RCP.



Reach out to the Rat Control Technical Advisor (RCTA) or Plant Health Officer (PHO) in your division for assistance with claim forms and supplemental documents required to be eligible for rebates.

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

For additional information, including CAP-RCP claim forms please visit the website or contact one of the Pest Biosecurity Program's Plant Health Officers (PHO) or Rat Control Technical Advisors (RCTA):

## Channel Clearing Assistance - Rebate Program



The Water Security Agency (WSA) reminds rural municipalities to take advantage of the largest ever channel clearing rebate program offered by the province. Up to \$1.5 million is available in 2021-22. The cost-sharing program assists rural municipalities to remove obstructions in natural watercourses that can cause flooding and erosion problems to roads and adjacent lands.

WSA has streamlined the program making it simpler and more efficient for applicants. Information about the channel clearing program and application process is found in the *program guide* or at <https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/channel-clearing/>

The first step in the process is to submit the notification form (Appendix A) at least 14 days before beginning any work.

Once the work is finished, complete the rebate application (Appendix B) and submit it with all necessary documentation of expenditures to the nearest **Water Security Agency office** or by emailing [ruralwaterservices@wsask.ca](mailto:ruralwaterservices@wsask.ca).

This program only applies to natural watercourses. Constructed works for drainage or moving water are not eligible for the rebate.





**To qualify for the program, all rebate applications must be received by WSA on or before January 31, 2022.**

[Notification](#)

[Program Guide](#)

## Resources

## Completely FREE Industry Approved Safety Training

<p>   STANDARD</p> <p><b>Fall Protection Online</b></p>  <p>Saskatchewan Safety Council Fall Protection Online training program provides comprehensive information on fall protection and related topics.</p> <p>8 CE credits</p> <p>Workplace Safety Fundamentals</p> <p><b>DETAILS</b></p>	<p>   STANDARD</p> <p><b>Ground Disturbance for Saskatchewan Workers</b></p>  <p>Training intended for those individuals who are responsible for ground disturbance activities in the workplace.</p> <p>8 CE credits</p> <p>Workplace Safety Fundamentals</p> <p><b>DETAILS</b></p>	<p>   STANDARD</p> <p><b>Hearing Protection</b></p>  <p>Deafness is a leading cause of disability, and how to control noise you and your family are at risk of daily exposure to in the workplace.</p> <p>3 CE credits</p> <p>Workplace Safety Fundamentals</p> <p><b>DETAILS</b></p>	<p>   STANDARD</p> <p><b>Respiratory Protection</b></p>  <p>Respiratory hazards exist in every workplace from dusts to toxic vapors and gases. It is important to understand the hazards and the appropriate personal protective equipment is extremely important to be exposed to such hazardous conditions.</p> <p>8 CE credits</p> <p>Workplace Safety Fundamentals</p> <p><b>DETAILS</b></p>
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The Saskatchewan Safety Council offers a number of completely free industry-recognized online safety programs as well as a variety of paid blended-learning, in-classroom, and webinar programs suitable for employees working in a wide variety of industries.

Current free program offerings include Fall Protection, Ground Disturbance, Hearing Protection, and Respiratory Protection. Confined Space, Mental Health, and WHMIS are in development.

**WWW.SASKSAFETY.ORG**



## A Candid Conversation About Loneliness

Experts agree that isolation and loneliness are epidemic in Canada and beyond, with rates of depression, anxiety, substance use, and suicidal ideation rising across all demographics. The resulting impacts on individuals, families, workplaces, and communities are serious and require urgent, innovative, and collaborative attention.

To that end, **VITAL LINKS: Rallying from Isolation, Loneliness & Depression to Connection, Contribution & Joy** combines science with storytelling in a compelling conversation about

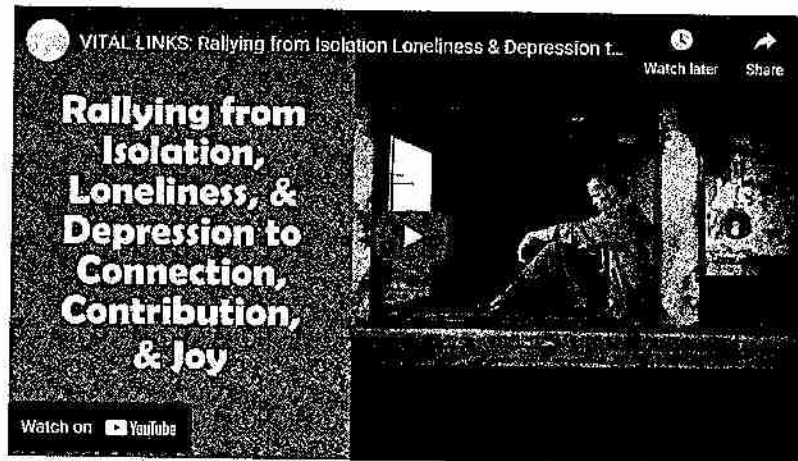




this pressing issue with experts from various sectors, ages, and cultures who have diverse experiences, insights, ideas, and passions.

Designed to inform, inspire, and mobilize viewers, the summit explores isolation, loneliness and the resulting mental health challenges and opportunities before, during, and after COVID-19. Touching stories of trauma and resilience are balanced with practical mental health how-to's, reports of pioneering public policies and programs abroad, First Nations' perspectives on mental health and care, models of connection and advocacy for youth and seniors, and emerging chatbot technology to support seniors.

VITAL LINKS: Rallying from Isolation Loneliness & Depression to Connection Contribution & Joy



## SaskPower's new tool for planning work around overhead power lines



We all know how important it is to Look Up and Live when digging into the ground. Saskatchewan's Crown Corporation SaskPower has a new online tool to help you be aware of overhead power line hazards on your journey to your work location and to remind you of what may be overhead while you're working in the ground.

It's called the **Look Up and Live** application:

- **Zoom into your work site** to see all overhead lines in Saskatchewan.
- **Turn on location services** to see where you are in real time while travelling to the work site.
- **Plan ahead** and know where overhead lines are before transporting high loads to a work site.
- **Access the application by clicking here.**

For more information about working around overhead power lines in Saskatchewan go to <https://www.saskpower.com/lookupandlive>

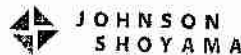
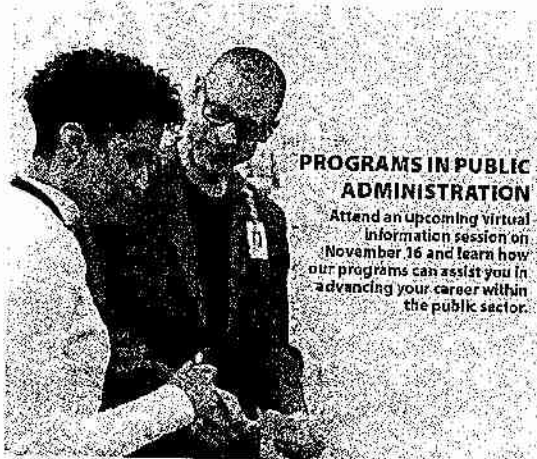
or contact:

Jason Matity, Consultant, Safety Awareness & Promotion for SaskPower at  
[jmatity@saskpower.com](mailto:jmatity@saskpower.com)

## Explore Professional Development Opportunities in Public Administration

The needs of rural Saskatchewan are changing. Municipalities and other public sector organizations need high-performing professionals with the policy acumen to collaborate across sectors, challenge mindsets, administer programs, and solve problems that impact communities.

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) is responding to these mounting pressures by shaping the next generation of policy leaders. Through a series of graduate degrees, certificates, and executive programs, JSGS can help you gain a real-world understanding of the practical realities of policymaking and public administration while developing your competencies to support your organization and your elected officials with confidence.



**DID YOU KNOW?** JSGS offers graduate-level and executive programming online and/or from its campuses in Saskatoon and Regina.

- **Master of Public Administration** (offered *in-person* or *online*)
- **Graduate Certificates** in Economic Analysis for Public Policy, Public Management, Public Policy Analysis, Social Economy and Co-operatives, and Non-Profit Management
- **Municipal Sector Governance Program** (offered *online* through JSGS's Executive Education Unit)

Whether you are looking for a comprehensive and intensive graduate program, a condensed three-course certificate, or a three-day training program, JSGS has an option to meet your professional development needs.

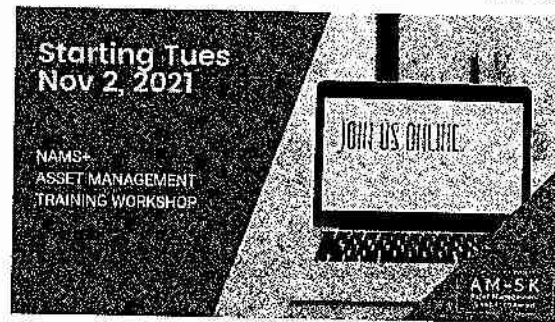
**Join JSGS virtually on November 16 for more information on its programs and admissions,** and set yourself forward on a path for success.



SARM is pleased to be a partner to support Asset Management Sask., and invites you to participate in their following activities:

## SIGN UP NOW FOR THE NAMS+ ASSET MANAGEMENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

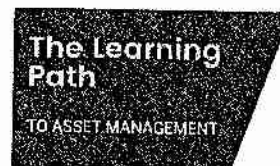
Starting on Nov 2nd, the NAMS is a proven training program designed specifically for municipal government employees to integrate the efforts of the disciplines of public works, finance, administration and political leaders. The subsidized price is \$499 + GST and it includes subscription and waived set up fees to the NAMS+ templates and modelling tools until June 30/22.



[Learn more / Register](#)

## THE LEARNING PATH TO ASSET MANAGEMENT READINESS

Are you ready for an Amazing Adventure? If you've never thought about Asset Management as an adventure, this will be a game changer. This course was developed and tailored to Municipal staff of small urban and rural municipalities in Saskatchewan with a population of less than 1000.

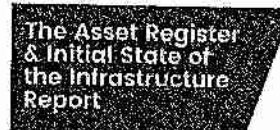


[Learn more / Register](#)

## THE ASSET REGISTER AND STATE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Have you got asset data but aren't quite sure what it means?

The Asset Register and Initial State of the Infrastructure Report is designed to help you turn your asset data into usable information.



[Learn more / Register](#)

**COVID-19 continues to impact every community in Saskatchewan. From prevention and safety to testing and vaccination, every resident, business and organization plays a part in helping to manage and move past the pandemic.**

In order to assist communities, businesses and organizations with managing the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has designed a "Community Champions Toolkit". The toolkit contains self-service tools for addressing common communications needs related to



**Saskatchewan  
Health Authority**



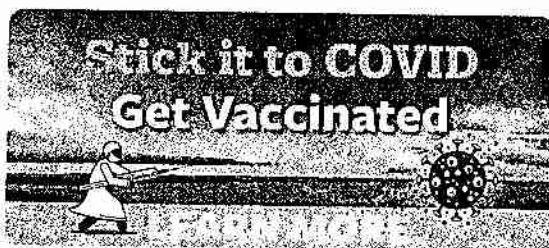
COVID-19 vaccines and immunization. These resources will help provide valuable information and guidance necessary for managing COVID-19 at the local level.

It is hoped that providing a centralized set of resources will help mitigate misinformation and assist communities to implement consistent practices and communication.

Please use the link or QR Barcode to access the Community Champions Toolkit.

[Community Champions Toolkit](#)

[Self-Insurance Programs](#)



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.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics](#)

Gord Krismer, president of Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd announces the closing of his business effective Jan 1, 2022.

*"Many thanks to all our client municipalities who have used our municipal board services over the last many years."*



## Insurance & Benefits

### Self Insurance Programs – 2022 Renewal Update

The rates for the Fidelity Bond Self-Insurance Plan will remain at the 2021 levels for 2022. The Invoice/Certificate



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.

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 119 learners from RM's have signed up already.

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.



## Trading Services

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## Program Spotlight

# YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN



This Canada-wide event is bringing procurement information and support to public sector and not-for-profit organizations from coast to coast **on November 17, 2021.**

Learn More

Register

## VENDOR HIGHLIGHT

SARM is pleased to announce that Ecopest received the successful award as the SARM Trading Services Pest Control approved supplier. The new contract offers SARM's members preferred pricing, a wide range of products, and enhanced customer service support. With this new change, other pest control supply vendors are no longer offered through the SARM Trading Services Program.





## V.I.P. PROGRAM

### SPECIAL OFFERS FOR SARM MEMBERS

Bridgestone's newest, year round, grader tire (VSW-AS) and their proven high traction grader tire (VSW) are both on sale. They provide superior traction on gravel, snow and ice and are backed by Bridgestone's performance guarantee to deliver a lower operation cost per hour.

### Current Tenders

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

– closing date is November 4, 2021 – RFP110421

#### Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service Vehicles

– closing date is November 9, 2021 – RFP110921

#### Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles

– closing date is November 30, 2021 – RFP113021

#### Underground Infrastructure Inspection and Rehabilitation Equipment with Related Services – closing date is December 7, 2021 - RFP120721

#### Used and Pre-Owned Firefighting, Fire Service, Ambulance, and Emergency Service Vehicle Solutions

– closing date is December 9, 2021 – RFP120921



## Your Voice

### Pest Control Sign-up - Ministry of Agriculture

*Saskatchewan!*

The Ministry of Agriculture is looking to gain access to Saskatchewan producer's lands to assist in monitoring pests and contributing to the health of the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan. The Ministry of Agriculture is looking to produce pest forecasts, direct its research and detect emerging pest related problems.



If you are interested in allowing the Ministry of Agriculture access to your land(s) for information gathering, please use the link or QR Barcode to access the sign up form:



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## Midterm Convention Webinar Series



### Mental Wellness in Agriculture – Fostering Resiliency

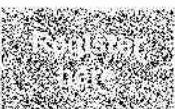
**Date:** November 12, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### Speakers:

Adam Chomos - Bridges Health

Kendra Ulmer - Agricultural Health and Safety Network



### Tendering and Procurement Best Practices

Procurement and tendering can be complex and challenging. In this session, participants will learn how to acquire the goods and services they need to support their communities in a way that complies with their legal obligations, including trade agreements. Participants will learn practical steps they can take to reduce risk and succeed in the procurement process.

**Date:** November 16, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### Speakers:

Andrew Konopelny - Associate, MLT Aikins,

Robbie McLellan - Counsel, MLT Aikins

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## **Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities**

The MLRR Seminar, which is typically held the day before the midterm convention, will be held virtually by webinar. Those attending this seminar will be given credit for MLDP Module 1, so please ensure that everyone attending is registered separately (even if you are watching as a group) for tracking purposes.

This webinar will provide information to newly-elected council members about their roles and responsibilities as a council member of their local government. The presentation would also serve as a good refresher for existing council members. Participants will hear about the importance of open and transparent government, conflict of interest, code of ethics, decision making, council procedures, access to information and privacy awareness, and sound financial oversight.

**Date:** November 18, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Speakers:**

Ken Acton - Executive in Residence,  
Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

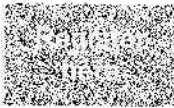
Diane Aldridge - Executive Director of Compliance, OIPC

Keith Comstock - Executive in Residence  
Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Judy Kanak - Manager, Advisory Services  
Ministry of Government Relations

Ron Kruzeniski Q.C. - Saskatchewan Information and  
Privacy Commissioner, OIPC

Courtney Riviere - Legal Counsel, SARM



## **Municipal Safety Manual**

**Date:** November 25, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### **Speaker:**

Darcy Nolte - Southeast College



## **Fire Bans and Emergency Preparedness**

**Date:** November 30, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Speakers:**

Steve Roberts - Vice President, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA),

Jason Rumancik - Manager of Strategic Policy, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA)

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