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Information

Government Accepts Rate Review Panel Recommendations on SaskPower Rates

The Government of Saskatchewan has accepted the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel's recommendation to increase SaskPower's rates for the first time since

2018. The Crown electrical utility's rates will increase 4 per cent this fall, and another 4 per cent in 2023.

The new rates will result in an average increase of approximately \$5 on residential customers' bills starting on September 1, 2022, and an additional \$5 on April 1, 2023.

Natural gas is the largest generation source in SaskPower's fleet. As federal regulations require the elimination of conventional coal generation in Canada by 2030, SaskPower's reliance on natural gas generation is expected to grow.

Fuel and Purchased Power expense increases are largely driven by increased natural gas prices and SaskPower's fuel and purchased power expense is expected to increase from \$715 million in 2020-21 to \$1.069 billion in 2023-24. This represents a 50 per cent increase in fuel and purchased power expense over three years.



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Ministry of Environment Update to Solid Waste Management Facilities Webpage

The Ministry of Environment has updated the webpage for solid waste management facilities in Saskatchewan. The webpage features a more convenient layout for those looking for information on landfills, transfer stations, composting facilities, industrial waste works facilities. Did you know that Saskatchewan produces the second highest amount of solid waste per capita in Canada? You can also find useful information about recycling programs in Saskatchewan which play a key role as we all work towards reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill. All information can be found here: ***Solid Waste Management Facilities | Saskatchewan Environment, Public Health and Safety | Government of Saskatchewan***

In addition, a new Inert (Construction & Demolition) Landfill Design and Operational Guidance Document has been developed for municipalities looking to dispose of a significant amount of inert waste; including some construction and demolition material. To access this document go to the

Solid Waste Management Facilities page, click on the “landfills” section, scroll to the bottom, and click on “***guidance document***” under inert landfills.

If you have any questions or feedback for either the updated webpage or the new inert landfill guidance document please send your comments Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Tel: 1-800-567-4224 (toll-free in North America) Email: ***Centre.Inquiry@gov.sk.ca***

Government Increases Seniors Income Plan Benefits

For the second year in a row, the maximum monthly benefit provided through the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) will increase by \$30 per month.

The maximum SIP benefit will increase from \$300 per month to \$330 per month for singles and from \$265 per month to \$295 per month for each pensioner in a married, two-pensioner household, for a total of \$590 per month.

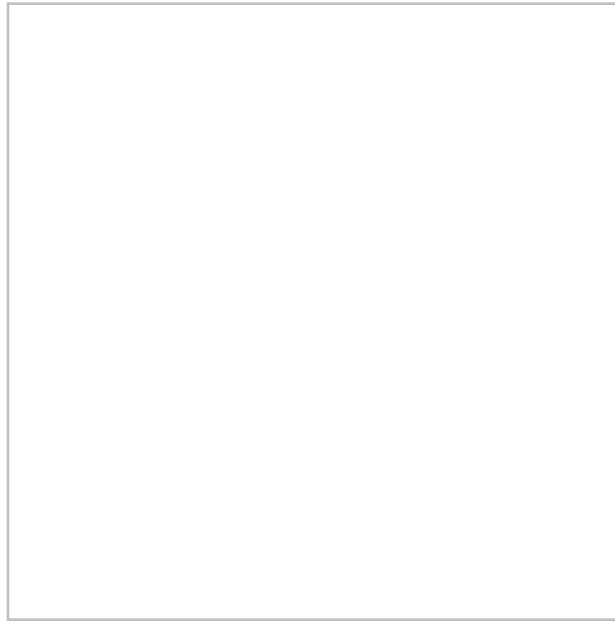


SIP provides financial assistance to seniors who receive little or no income, other than the federal Old Age Security pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. SIP is a monthly benefit paid to seniors, who receive different levels of support depending on the amount of their pension, taxable income or living arrangement. The benefit is higher for seniors with lower incomes.

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Upcoming TSS Application Intake

The **Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative** supports municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on good governance, capacity building and regional co-operation. Funding is provided through cost-shared grants, covering up to 75 per cent of eligible project costs.

The next intake for funding under this program is expected to run from **September 1 to November 15, 2022**. More information on the application process will be available to municipalities, once the application window is open.

Each year, the TSS Initiative receives \$1.5 million from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program. Since 2020, \$4.5 million of provincial funds has been made available to Saskatchewan municipalities through the TSS Initiative. Funding is administered by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) on behalf of the TSS Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee consists of representatives from SUMA, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities and the Ministry of Government Relations.

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4 Seasons of Reconciliation Course

The 4 Seasons of Reconciliation course was created and is administered by the First Nations University of Canada. This 3 hour online course allows

students to work at their own pace. The purpose of this resource is to provide further understanding and education on the historical background of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

RBC has partnered with the First Nations University of Canada and Reconciliation Education to offer this program, at a cost of \$231, for free to all Canadians until the end of August. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more! Please click the link below to submit your online registration form through RBC.

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New Web Resource for Small Scale Pig Farming

Recently the Prairie Swine Centre launched a new website specifically for small scale pig farmers.

The website is dedicated to providing small-scale pig producers with the information and resources needed to be successful. Topics include animal health, biosecurity, and production practices, among others.

The resources include factsheets, how-to videos, handbooks and more. The information provided was developed through collaboration between Canadian small-scale pig farmers and veterinarians, and the Prairie Swine Centre.

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