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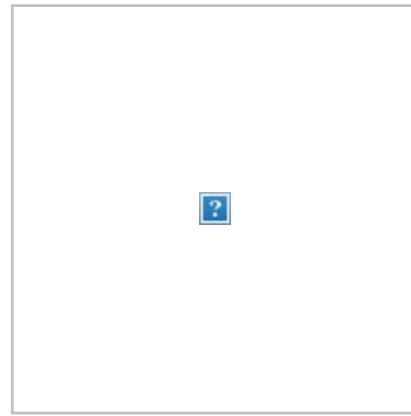
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SARM's Holiday Schedule

The SARM office will be closed on the following

dates this holiday season:

Monday, December 26, 2022
Tuesday, December 27, 2022
Monday, January 2, 2023



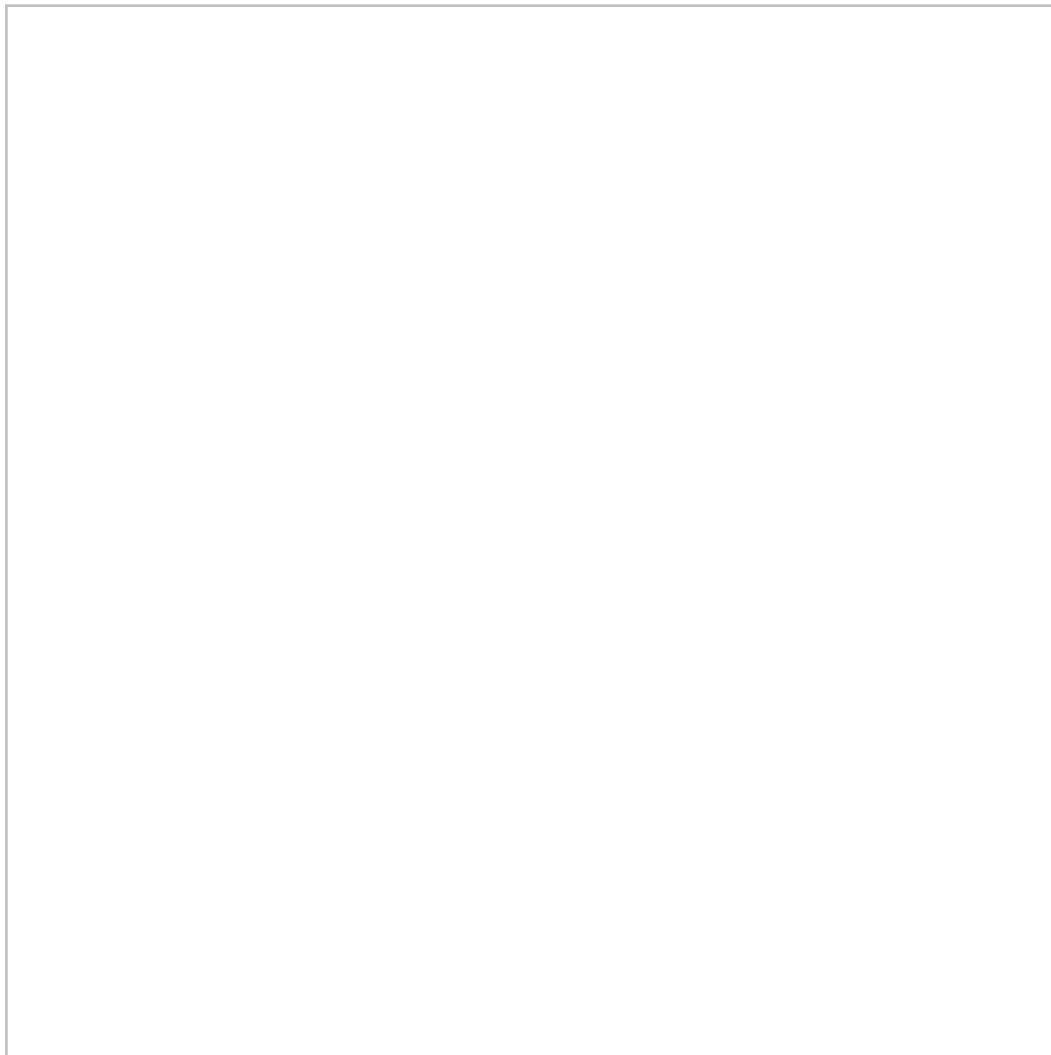
SARM Occupational Health & Safety Snow Removal Exemption Renewal

SARM is pleased to advise its members that the OH&S Exemption for SARM members regarding Snow Removal Operations has been successfully renewed.

The new exemption, including the required agreement, is linked below for your reference and use. As in the past, this only applies to residents contracted by an individual rural municipality to remove snow who meets the conditions of the exemption and who signs an agreement to comply with the conditions set out in the exemption. This new exemption is in effect until **November 30, 2025**.

[OH&S Snow Removal Exemption](#)

Awards/Nominations/Scholarships



Nominations for the 16th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are now open

Nomination Deadline: before 4:00 p.m. on November 25, 2022.

For a project to be eligible for an award, it must be focused on a municipally-led initiative.

All Saskatchewan municipal projects initiated in the last 15 years are eligible for an award. If a project was initiated longer than 15 years ago, it must be demonstrated that the practice is, and continues to be, a main priority for council.

A **selection committee** of non-biased, distinguished individuals within the municipal sector will evaluate all nominations based on the following criteria:

- Innovation
- Effectiveness
- Transferability
- Significance of community impact
- Urgency
- Retention or training of future community leaders and/or volunteers
- Good governance
- Effective management
- Consistent public engagement

Project Eligibility

Project Categories

Why submit a nomination?

Support other municipalities:

- Information included in your nomination form will be added to the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards **Best Practices Library** or the **Municipal Capacity Development Library** for other municipalities to use as a template for their projects.
- Exposure for new and innovative projects and practices addressing issues relevant to Saskatchewan municipalities.
- Strengthening resources and information sharing for Saskatchewan municipalities.

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 annual SARM and SUMA conventions.

[Learn More](#)

[Nomination Form](#)



**The Lieutenant Governor's Award for:
Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan**

The Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan is awarded to a Reeve, Councillor, or Administrator, for their lifetime contribution to rural SK (both retired and/or actively working individuals).

The award is presented to the successful candidate at the **SARM Annual Convention**. This provides an excellent opportunity to publicly recognize the recipient of this award.

The selection committee reviews all nominations and selects one individual who has not yet been formally recognized for his or her exemplary contributions in making rural SK a better place to live.

The committee includes representatives from the following organizations:

- The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan’s Office
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
- Ministry of Government Relations, and
- Rural Municipal Administrators’ Association

Rural municipalities may nominate a Reeve, Councillor, or Administrator for this award. Nominations should be sent to the SARM office by **January 31st, 2023**.

[Learn More](#)

[Nomination Form](#)

[Guidelines](#)

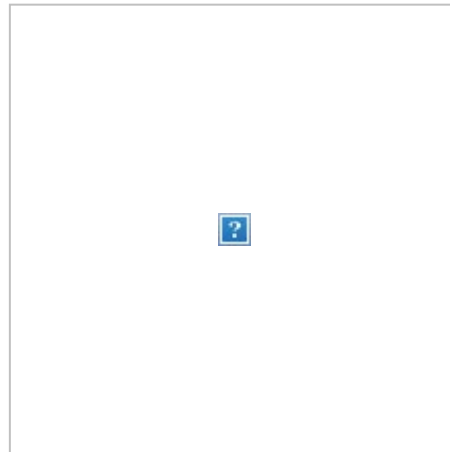
Deadlines

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

Province Accepting WATER, WASTEWATER AND OTHER Green Infrastructure PROJECT Applications UNTIL NOVEMBER 29

Saskatchewan communities and eligible organizations may start submitting funding applications for proposed water, wastewater and other projects under the last intake in the province for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

Water and wastewater projects can include treatment plants, sewage lagoons or similar facilities. Other projects include infrastructure that can adapt, resist or mitigate natural disasters and climate change.



Eligible recipients that can apply

include: municipalities; First Nations and Métis communities and related governing bodies; public-sector bodies; not-for-profit organizations; and for-profit organizations, provided they are working with Indigenous entities and/or municipalities.

[Learn More/Apply](#)

Rat Control Program (CAP-RCP)

RMs and First Nations bands can apply for rebates of up to 50% of approved expenses when they are active in their rat control efforts and follow the minimum level of service determined by the 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):

[Rat Control Program \(CAP-RCP\)](#)

[PBP Contacts](#)

Apply for the Tourism Diversification Program – November 1-December 15

Tourism Saskatchewan's *Tourism Diversification Program* will be open for applications from November 1-December 15. The program helps established operators and Indigenous organizations/communities to diversify and expand product offerings, and be more resilient during challenging times.

Three streams of funding are available:

New Market(s) – attracts new markets for currently operating tourism business infrastructure

- Maximum funding per application is \$30,000
- Minimum equity investment by the applicant is 30 per cent of total project budget

Seasonal Usage Expansion – assists businesses with expanding seasonal usage of both current and new tourism infrastructure

- Maximum funding per application is \$30,000
- Minimum equity investment by the applicant is 30 per cent of total project budget

New Experiential Product Development – assists in the creation of new experiential product(s) for established tourism businesses

- Maximum funding per application is \$40,000
- Minimum equity investment by the applicant is 30 per cent of total project budget

Application period: November 1-December 15, 2022.

Program information and FAQs are available at [Business.TourismSaskatchewan.com](https://www.business.tourismsaskatchewan.com). For more information, contact Darcy Acton at 306-933-7493, darcy.acton@tourismsask.com or Bob Kadis at 306-933-5903, bob.kadis@tourismsask.com.

Deadline Reminder: Channel Clearing and Drainage Project Maintenance Assistance Rebate Program

The **Water Security Agency** (WSA) reminds rural municipalities that there is still time to take advantage of the Channel Clearing and Drainage Project Maintenance Assistance Program.

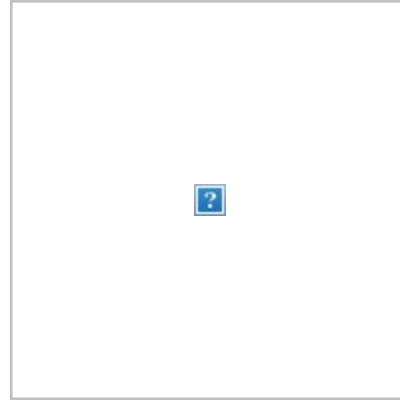
\$1.0 million has been allocated in 2022-23 to assist local governments with the removal of obstructions in natural watercourses and eligible drainage projects. Financial assistance will be provided as a rebate of up to 50 per cent of the eligible costs for channel clearing and drainage project maintenance activities carried out during the 2022-23 program year.

Information about the channel clearing program, application steps, and applicable forms can be found at <https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/channel-clearing/>. The 2022-23 Program Guide with appendices is also enclosed for your reference.

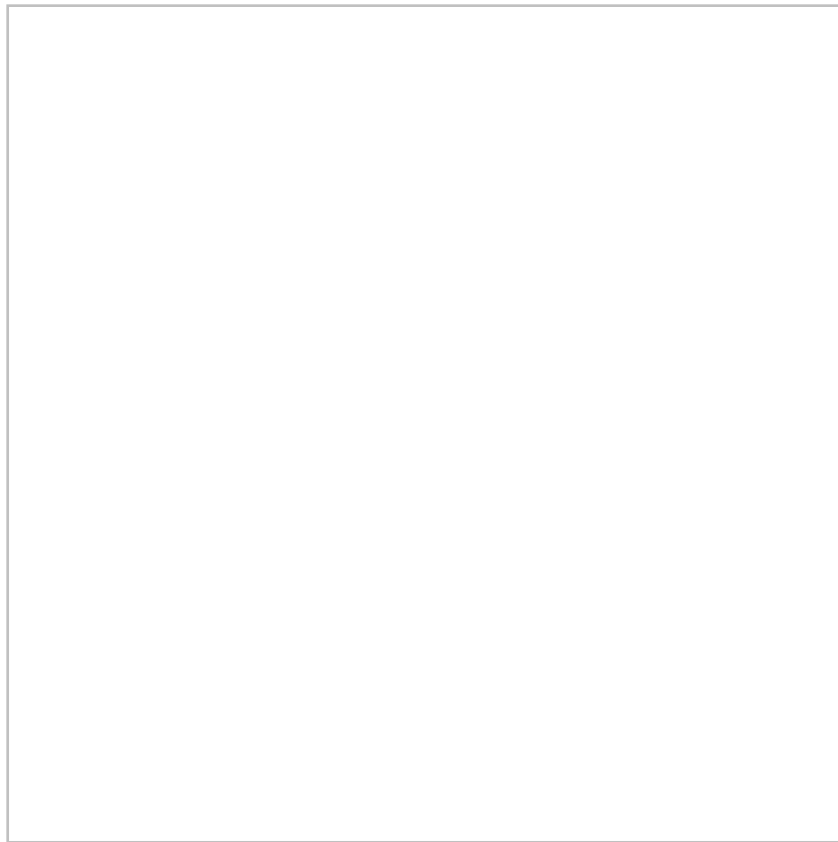
To qualify, all rebate applications must be received by WSA on or before **January 31, 2023**. You must also submit the notification form (Appendix A) at least **14 days** before beginning any work. If activities involve beaver dam removal only, a notification form is not required if the Beaver Dam Removal Fact Sheet is followed.

For rebate inquiries, please email:
WSAWatershedServices@wsask.ca or
phone 306-630-5971

For Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (AHPP) inquiries, please email:
AHPP@wsask.ca.



Resources



[Watch Recordings](#)

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Navigating Conflict Workshops for Appointed Officials

*(FN Land Managers, Pest Control Officers and
Weed Inspectors)*

SARM, through the Pest Biosecurity Program, is excited to host four, one-day Navigating Conflict workshops. These workshops are happening in January and February 2023. They will be facilitated by the Dispute Resolution Office, Ministry of Justice. These workshops introduce concepts and skills that build off what you may already know about managing a contentious situation and having difficult discussions. This

interactive session builds capacity to orientate yourself when in a conflict situation and take an interest-based approach to positively influence where it goes.

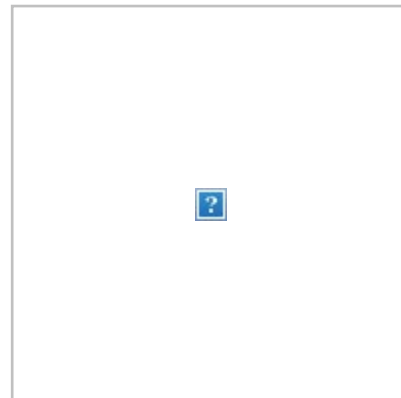
Registration is required and space is limited each day so register early to save your spot for your preferred day, so you don't miss this valuable and engaging learning opportunity. Each one-day workshop is free to attend for appointed officials and will run 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch included.

Regina:

Tuesday, January 17 **or**

Saskatoon:

Wednesday, February 1 **or**



Wednesday, January 18

Thursday, February 2

Watch for registration coming soon. If you have questions reach out to the **Plant Health Officer** in your SARM division.

Pest Control Officer Webinar

CAP-RCP will be hosting a free one-hour webinar for Pest Control Officers on February 13, 2023 focused on **Strychnine Alternatives** presented by James Tansey, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. **Registration coming soon.**



November is Financial Literacy Month

Make Change that Counts: Managing your Money in a Changing World

Financial Literacy Month is here! To mark the month and support you in your financial wellness journey, MEPP will be posting a series of articles to help you make change that counts and:

- find your financial balance;
- manage your debt;
- plan for the future; and
- more!

Visit the **Insights** page on the **MEPP website** or follow MEPP on social media for posts on Financial Literacy Month and more.

- **Facebook**
- **Twitter**

Saskatchewan's Highway Hotline App

Saskatchewan travelers will now be able to check the Highway Hotline through an app on their smartphones.

Saskatchewan's Highway Hotline has launched a new version of their app with cleaner graphics and added functions such as an expanded route-planning feature that includes road conditions.



Users can now download a free mobile app for their smartphones. It's available online at Google Play and the Apple Store.

You can check out the new website at <https://hotline.gov.sk.ca/>. If you're viewing it on a mobile device, you'll see a pop-up with links to download the app.

Highway Hotline information is also available over the phone at 1-888-335-7623 or by calling

[Learn More](#)



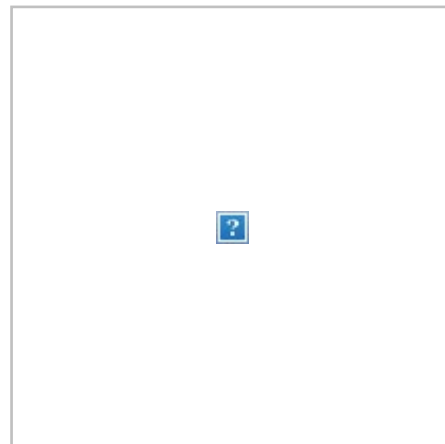
Province Invests \$6 Million in New Gardiner Dam Office

On November 4, 2022, the Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency (WSA), officially opened a new head office at Gardiner Dam.

This investment is the first major construction to the office site at Cutbank since Gardiner Dam was built in the 1960s. The new Gardiner Dam facility provides significant upgrades for maintenance, training, monitoring and operation of the province's most important piece of infrastructure.

WSA plays pivotal role in supporting Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for the Next Decade of Growth (2020-2030) through its mandate to responsibly and sustainably manage our water resources to expand economic growth, improve quality of life, and enhance environmental well-being.

Opened in 1967, Gardiner Dam is the fifth largest dam of its kind in the world, standing at over 210 feet tall and five kilometres long. More than 60 per cent of Saskatchewan's population gets their water from Lake Diefenbaker.



[Learn More](#)



SaskLander introduces a new way to inform your rural community.

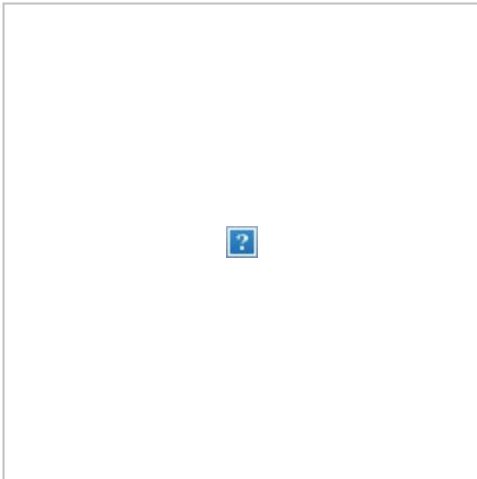
SaskLander is introducing RM cards and accounts to the platform! Whenever someone clicks our map, they're clicking on an RM somewhere. Get their attention and inform them about key notices, events and contacts. Anyone using the platform can also subscribe to your RM for update notifications. SaskLander is purpose-built for RM and rural interests!

SaskLander Key Features for RMs:

- Easily push and update key info and bulletins (road closures, fire bans, meeting minutes, events, etc.) to your RM card in real time
- SaskLander landowners in your RM and any user who chooses to subscribe to your RM get notifications about your bulletins
- Promote local events
- Advertise to recreational enthusiasts who are planning activities in your area
- Get notified about Points of Interest (POI) that are posted by anyone within your RM;
 - Premium RM accounts can moderate Community Notice points to ensure accuracy
- Embed key links (i.e. your website) and images in a gallery on your RM card
- Leverage in-app chat for direct messages to and from users, or create and moderate group chats
- Use your RM account to leverage other SaskLander features:

- Manage municipal land with permissions and public messages
- Keep track of owned and titled land in your RM
- Post POI as the RM for public visibility, or use private points to manage asset locations

To learn more about this new SaskLander feature and inquire about an account, email us directly at sales@sasklander.ca. We also encourage discussion with your local RM council and SARM if you have interest in what SaskLander is doing!



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.

See the schedule of upcoming Winter 2023 modules for more information, or to register, please visit www.mldp.ca.

**Dates are subject to change.*

Spaces are limited – register today!

[Learn More / Register](#)

Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals

March 13, 2023

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Location: Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities

March 13, 2023

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Location: Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace

March 13, 2023

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Location: Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Strategic Communications for Municipalities (formerly *Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities*)

March 13, 2023

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Location: Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Community and Land Use Planning

Online course:

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



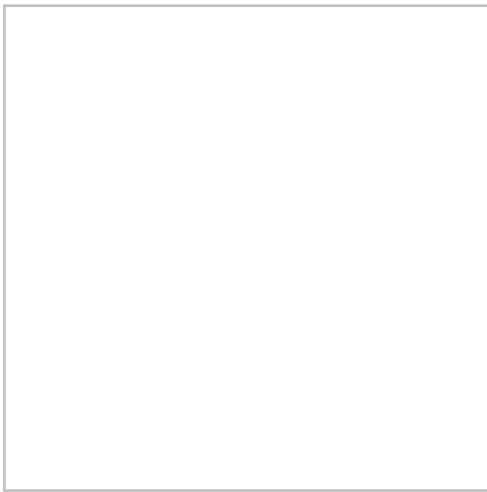
On (and off) the rails, weathering commodity prices

Why does Canada seemingly have an uphill battle each year transporting grain? Steve Pratte, senior manager of transportation and biofuel policy with the Canadian Canola Growers Association, talks about the current grain movement situation and what it might take to finally fix Canada's grain transportation problem; plus, Bruce Burnett, director of markets and weather information for Glacier MarketsFarm, reports on the extreme weather that's currently driving grain prices. Hosted by Gord Gilmour.

[Listen Now](#)

2022 November:

1. ***Municipal Administrators' Corner - Council Meetings***
2. ***Last ICIP Intake Closes November 29***
3. ***Saskatchewan Construction Standards Appeal Board***
4. ***Municipal Revenue Sharing***



Municipalities Today

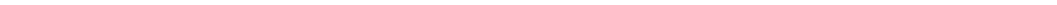
Municipalities Today is a web-based newsletter published monthly by the Ministry of Government Relations. It lists deadlines, training opportunities, services and programs that may be of interest to Saskatchewan municipal administrators.

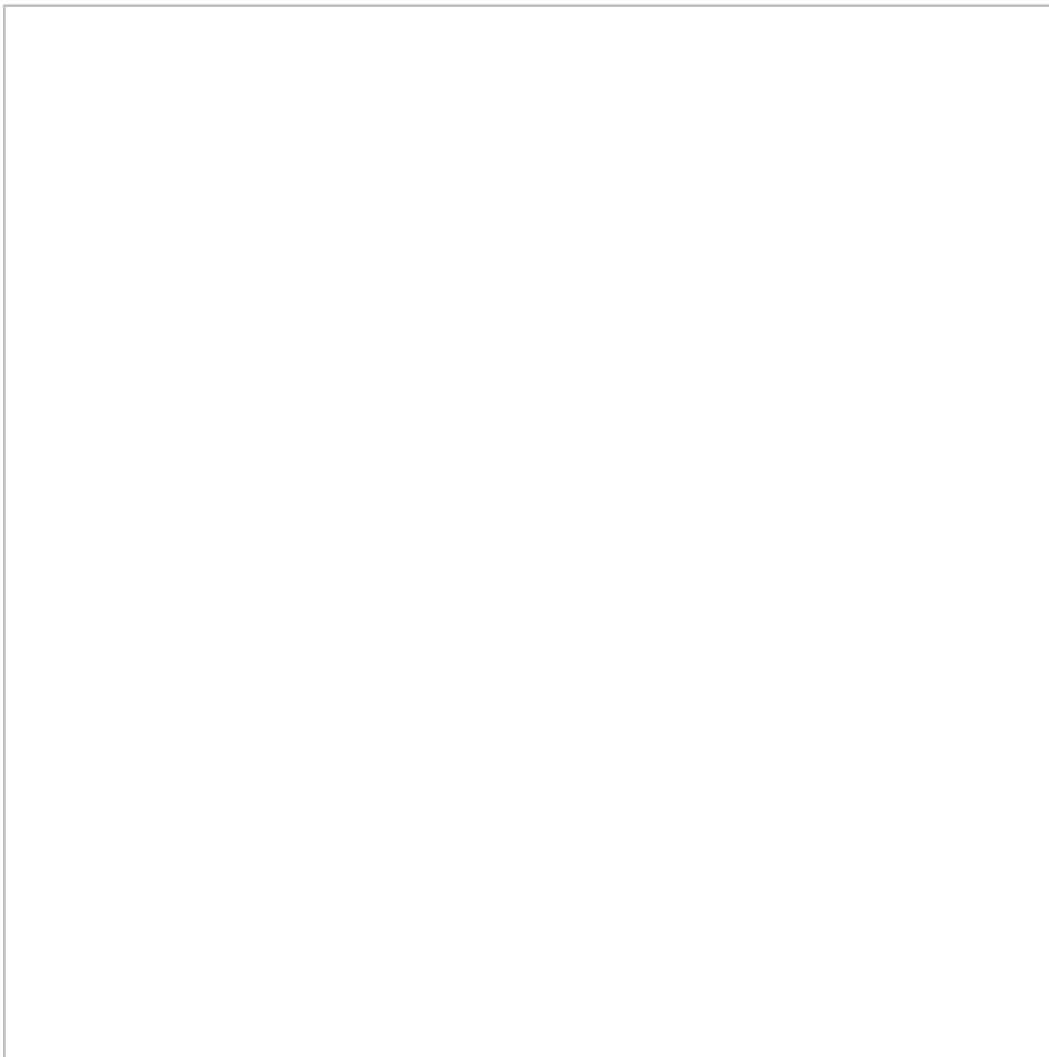
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Declaration of Eligibility

- 5. *Reminder – Deadline to Nominate Your Community for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award Is Fast Approaching*
- 6. *Complete Your Trade Agreement Procurement Report by December 2*
- 7. *Recorded Effective Tax Rate Webinar Now Available*





Invasive Species Framework

The Ministries of Environment and Agriculture are pleased to release the Invasive Species Framework to help manage the threat and impact of invasive species in Saskatchewan, such as purple loosestrife, zebra mussels and mountain pine beetles.

Developed with the help of partners inside and outside of government, the framework outlines a province-wide approach to managing invasive species. It ensures that all provincial invasive species prevention and management efforts are aligned, and establishes a foundation for future strategies, programs and committees.

The framework focuses on four key pillars:

- **Prevent Entry** of invasive species through education, legislation and surveillance.
- **Prevent Establishment** of invasive species through early detection and rapid response.
- **Respond to Establishment** through containment and eradication.
- **Adaptation** to established invasive species, when removal is no longer practical, through management planning.

[Visit Saskatchewan.ca](http://VisitSaskatchewan.ca)

Turn In Poachers and Polluters (TIPP)

Help conservation officers protect Saskatchewan's natural resources and environment by calling the toll-free Turn In Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line to report suspected wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violations.

In 2021, the province's 24-hour, anonymous TIPP line received almost 1,800 reports from concerned citizens sharing information about illegal hunting, fishing and timber harvesting, as well as environmental crimes such as illegal dumping. These tips have been invaluable in solving cases and holding offenders accountable.

In 2021, there were 93 charges from investigations that began with a TIPP call, resulting in more than \$80,000 in fines.

The public can share information with conservation officers in several ways. You can:

- Call your local Ministry of Environment office;
- Call the TIPP phone line, toll-free, at 1-800-667-7561;
- Call #5555 on your cellular phone (for SaskTel cellular subscribers); or
- Report a violation online at saskatchewan.ca/tipp.

[Learn More](#)



Animal Health Emergency Management Project Resource

The Animal Health Emergency Management (AHEM) project has recently released its new resource, ***Emergency Response Procedures for NON-DISEASE RELATED EMERGENCIES***.

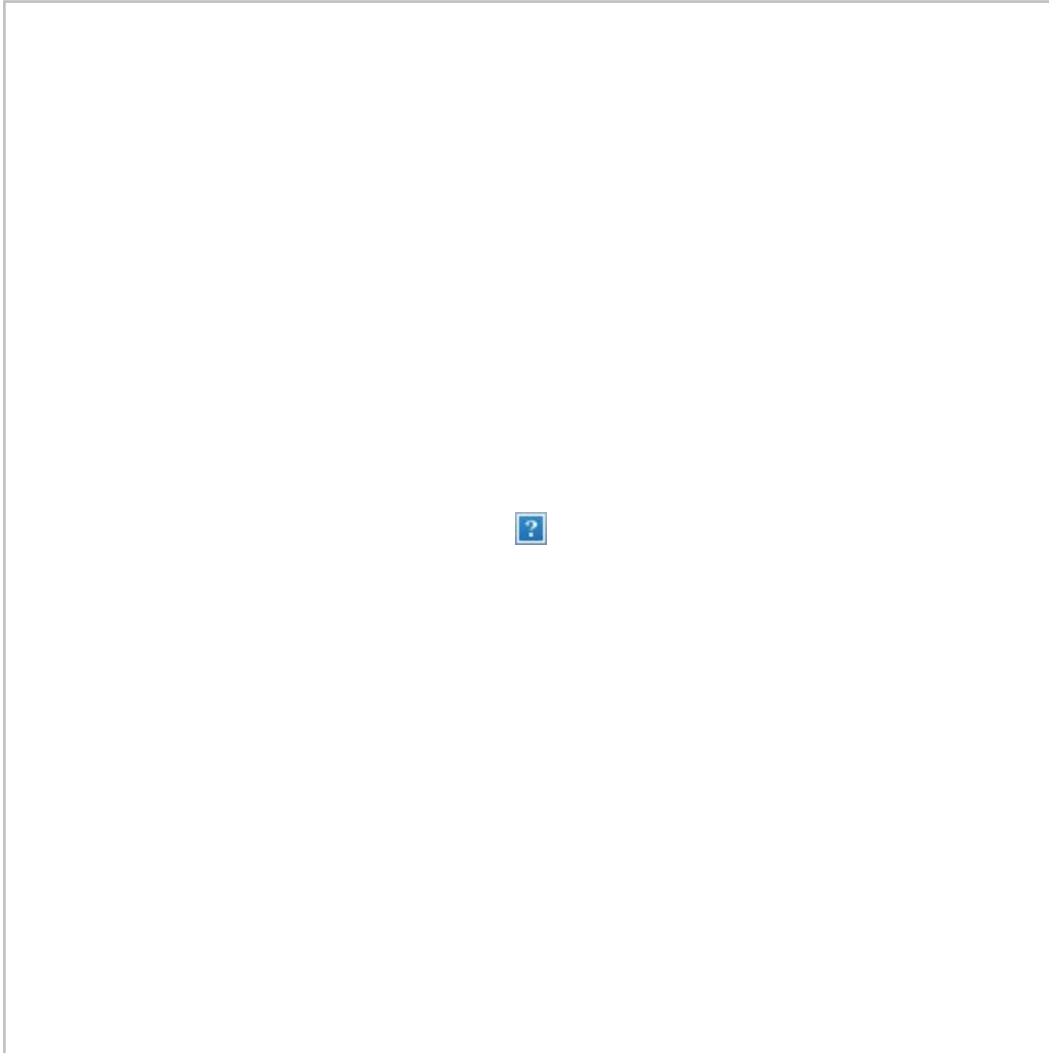
The 10-page document was developed to provide producers and animal caregivers with guidance on preparing for and responding to:

- structure fires and wildfires
- flooding
- power grid and utilities failures
- severe drought
- livestock vehicle transport accidents.

You can view, download, and print the new resource by [clicking here](#).



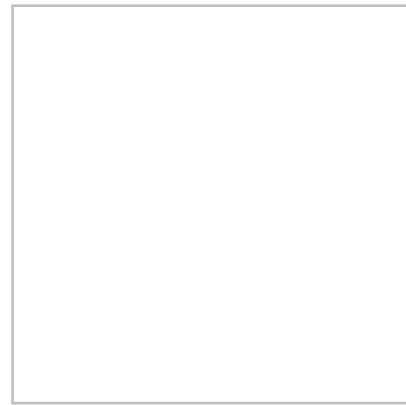
Member Purchasing



Find it through SARM Member Purchasing

Member Purchasing exists to serve SARM's members and their communities by facilitating the efficient and economic purchase of goods and services. It is our goal for all SARM's member RMs to make **Member Purchasing** their first stop when they seek to procure what they need.

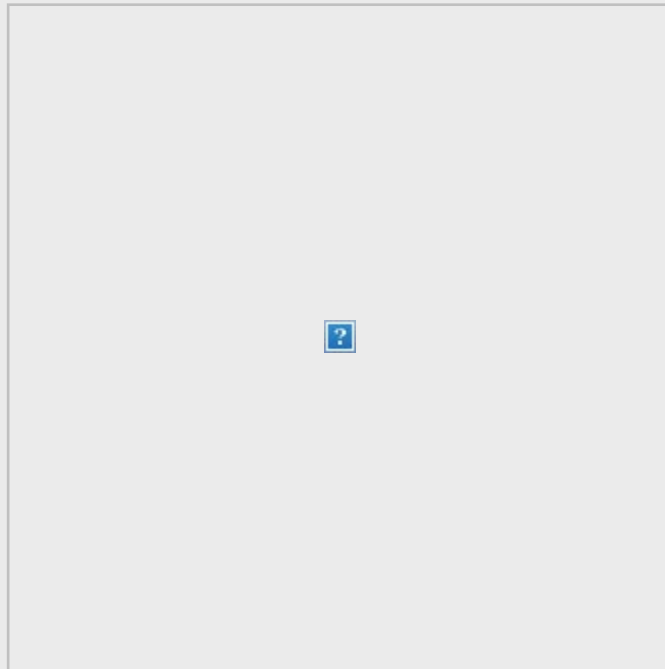
Visit SARM Member
Purchasing



Reach out to:

Amanda Kozak, Member Purchasing Advisor
akozak@sarm.ca or 306.761.3722

Vendor Highlight



When the going gets tough, you count on your fleet vehicles to be tougher. Whether it's something as simple as truck caps, something complex like hydraulic lifts, something specific like emergency vehicle lights and equipment, or even a completely custom setup, the Canoe Fleet Upfitting Program can help. With products, installation, and service available from some of the best suppliers in the country, solutions for your entire fleet are at your fingertips.

Learn More



Current Tenders

Unified Communication and Contact Center Solutions

– closing date is December 1, 2022 – RFP120122

Relocatable Building and Storage Solutions with Related Services

– closing date is December 8, 2022 – RFP120822

Corrugated Steel Culvert Pipe (CSP), HDPE Pipe, Structural Plate and Related Accessories

– closing date is December 20, 2022 – CAN-2022-018

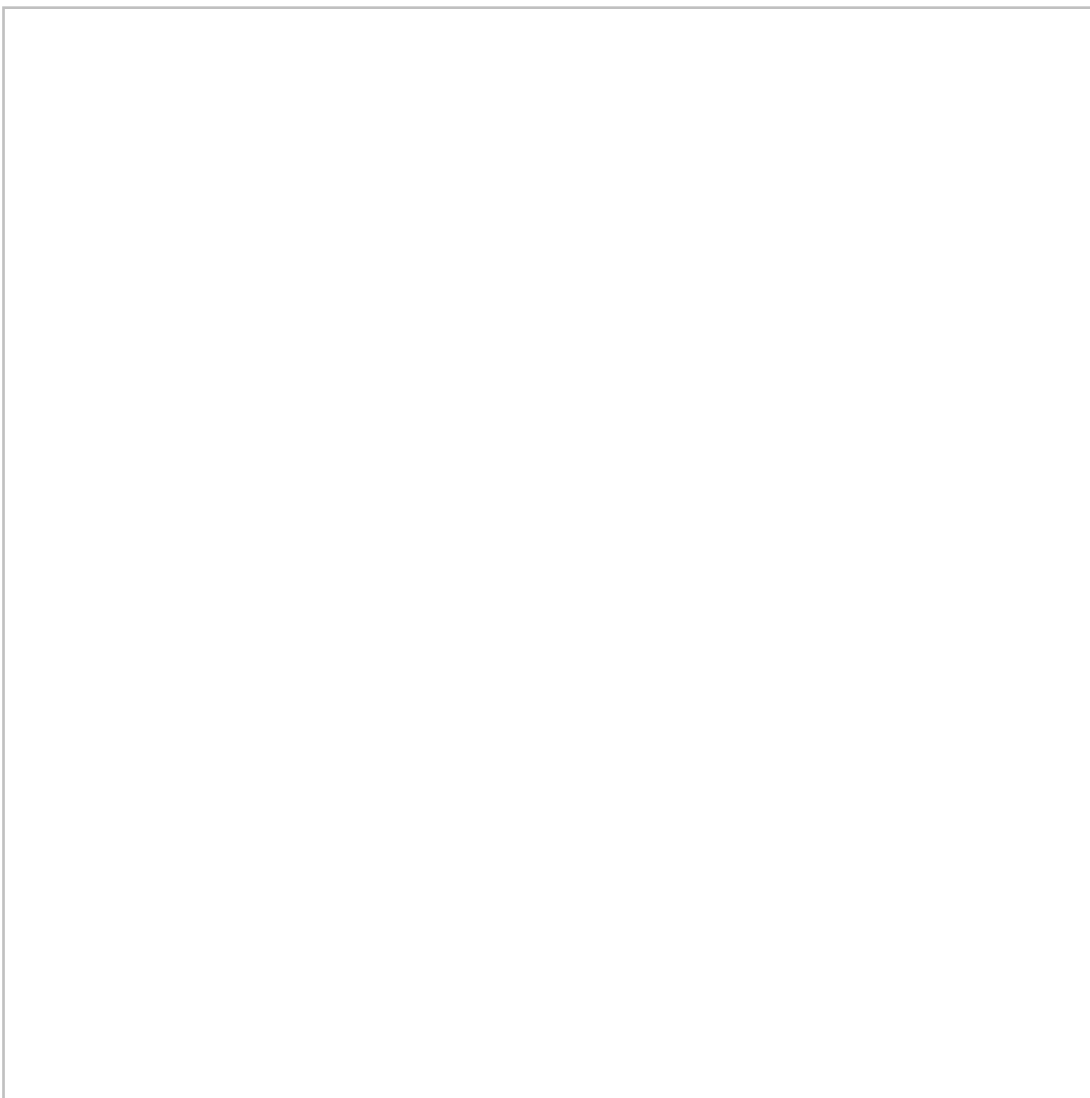
Unmanned and Remotely Operated Vehicle Systems with Related Technology and Services

– closing date is January 12, 2023 – RFP011223

Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

– closing date is January 17, 2023 – RFP011723

[Visit SaskTenders](#)



Amendments to *The Municipalities Act*

This webinar will provide information to council members about the legislative amendments to *The Municipalities Act* from the passing of Bill 194 on July 3, 2020. Participants will hear about amendments regarding administrative efficiencies, improving local governance, increasing accountability, dispute resolution processes, assessment, boards of revision and taxation. The webinar will also provide time for questions that may arise during the presentation.


Date: December 8, 2022

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

Cost: Free

Location: Online (Teams)

Speaker:

- Christopher Lamontagne - Municipal Advisor, Advisory Services & Municipal Relations, Ministry of Government Relations
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Register

Municipal Tax Enforcement

This webinar will discuss the steps involved in tax enforcement as well as the role council plays in tax enforcement. Participants will also learn about other tax collection options council may choose to pursue in addition to those typically used through the tax enforcement process.

Date: January 19, 2023

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

Cost: Free

Location: Online (Teams)

Speaker:

- Tobi Duck - Municipal Advisor, Advisory Services & Municipal Relations, Ministry of Government Relations

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SARM Webinars

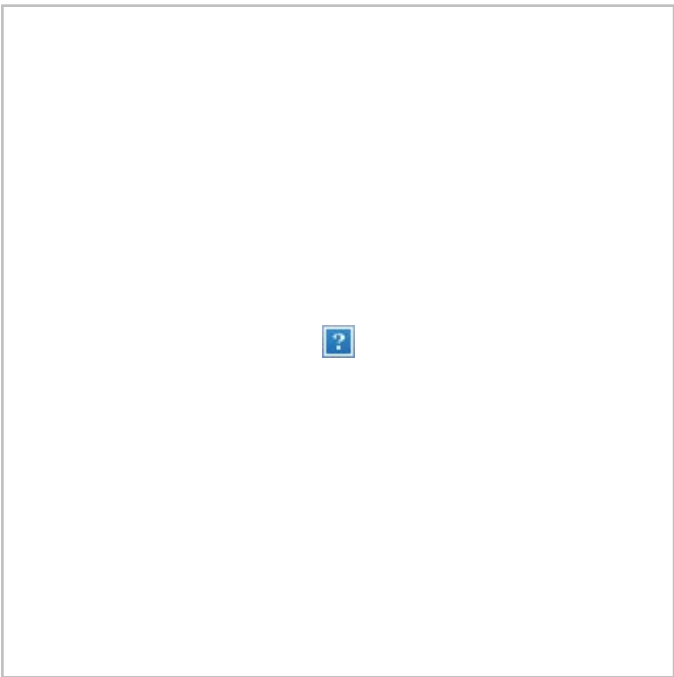
SARM offers webinars for members. Not only can you participate in these live, but you can also have them as a resource to view again when it's convenient. Past topics have included:

- Fire Bans and Emergency Preparedness
- Municipal Safety Manual
- Civic Addressing
- Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities
- Tendering and Procurement Best Practices
- Mental Wellness in Agriculture – Fostering Resiliency
- Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan
- Principles for Positive Employment Relations
- And more

Webinars Library

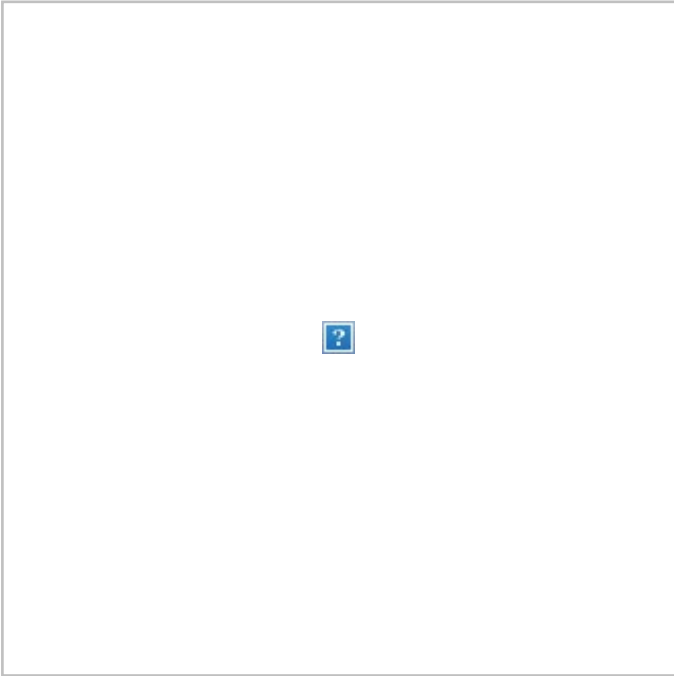
#RuralMatters

The SARM Executive with **@SKGov** Minister of Highways / Minister Responsible for SK Water Security Agency, **@jeremycokrill**, discussing investment in rural infrastructure including



irrigation, roads, and bridges.

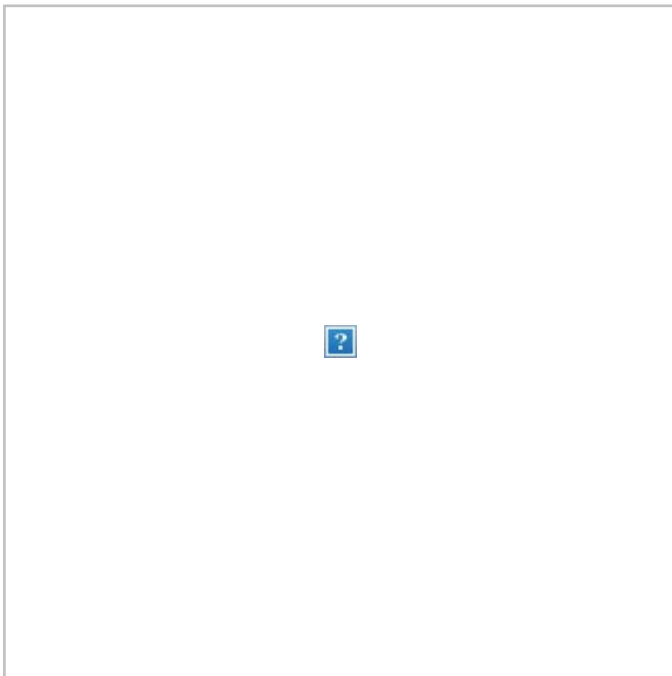
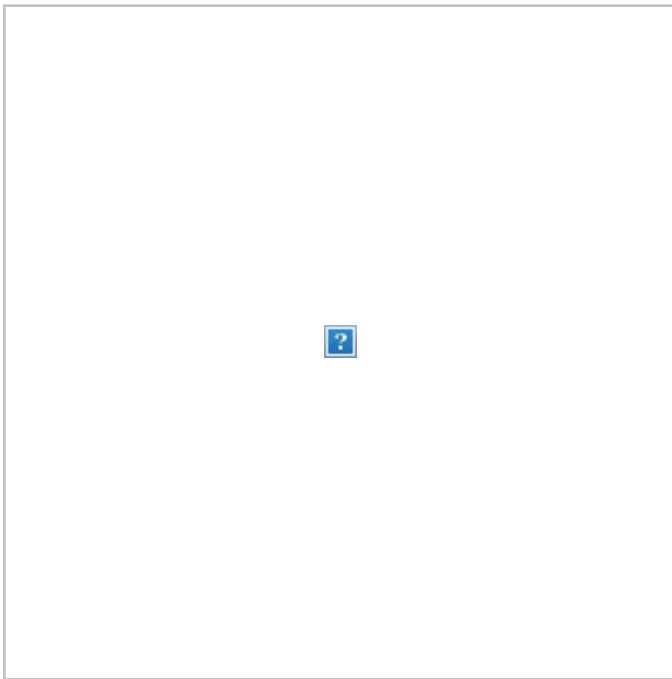
SARM's Infrastructure Priority information:
<https://conta.cc/3UDtwLx>



Local governments (**@fsinations** | **@metisnationsask** | **@SaskSchoolBoard** | **@SUMACconnect**) invest in making our communities a great place to call home. SARM is proud to support all their work! **#LGWSK #skpoli**

Learn more:
<https://saskschoolboards.ca/advocacy/local-government-week/>

That's a wrap! Midterm is over for another year. Thanks to the many generous sponsors of **#SARMMidterm2022**. Without you the convention's success would not be possible.
#RuralMatters #SkPoli



SARM supports staying status quo on municipal election dates as well as increased flexibility, authority, and accessibility to make elections more efficient. **#RuralMatters**
#SkPoli

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