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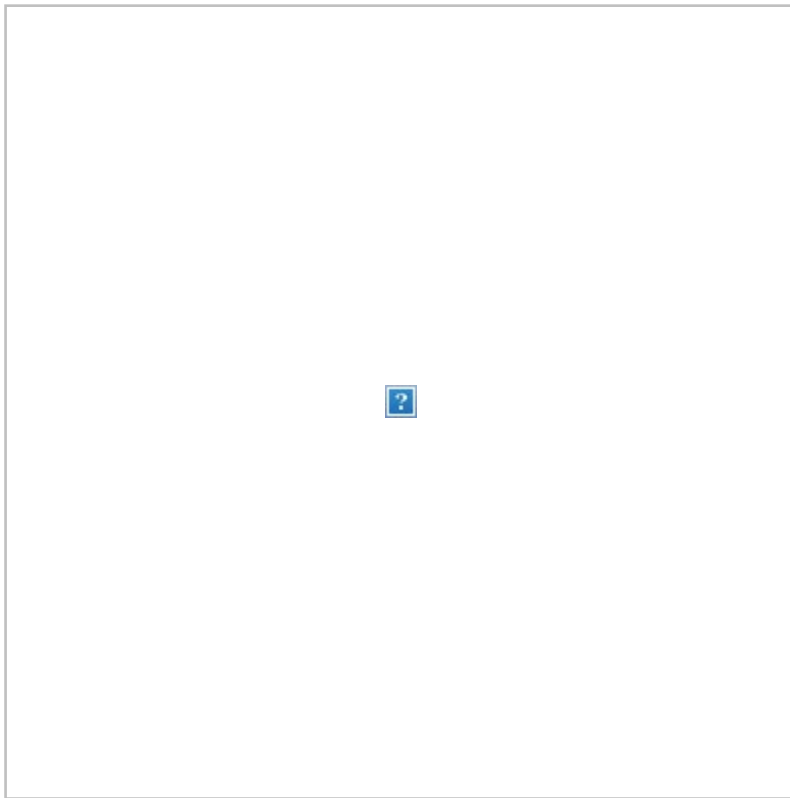
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Introducing Member Purchasing

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.

Watch the *short introduction video* about Member Purchasing and the services it provides.



We encourage you to play this video at an upcoming council meeting to share how Member Purchasing can benefit your RM.

**Visit SARM Member
Purchasing**

Reach out to:
Amanda Kozak, Member Services Advisor
akozak@sarm.ca or 306.761.3722



The 2022 SARM June Division Meetings will be held in person this year. Please see the details below outlining the location, date, time, and subject matter for each meeting. Pre-registration is not required for these events.

Date: June 8, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall
301 6 Ave
Kipling SK S0G 2S0

June Division 1 Meeting

Please see the division 1 meeting agenda below. Note - agenda is subject to change.

[View Agenda](#)

Date: June 7, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mosaic Place
110 1 Ave NW
Moose Jaw SK S6H 3L9

June Division 2 Meeting

Please see the division 2 meeting agenda below. Note - agenda is subject to change.

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Date: June 7, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Living Skies Casino
1401 North Service Rd E
Swift Current SK S9H 3X6

June Division 3 Meeting

Please see the division 3 meeting agenda below. Note - agenda is subject to change.

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Date: June 9, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Legion Community Ctr.
208 1st Ave
Kelvington SK S0A 1W0

June Division 4 Meeting

Please see the division 4 meeting agenda below. Note - agenda is subject to change.

Lunch will be available for purchase onsite for \$20/person (cash only).

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There is no June Division 5 Meeting

Date: June 6, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Dekker Centre
623 Carlton Trail
North Battleford SK S9A 2Y7

June Division 6 Meeting

Please see the division 6 meeting agenda below. Note - agenda is subject to change.

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Deadlines

Last Chance to take the SARM Survey - Municipal Local Election Dates

In response to the Ministry of Government Relations' expressed preference for consistent dates for rural and urban municipal local election dates, SARM has prepared a short survey for SARM members to advise if they agree or disagree, as well as provide feedback with respect to the same.

We ask that your rural municipality review and complete the survey **no later than end of day May 31, 2022.**

[Take the Municipal Election Dates Survey](#)

Why CanWILL?



Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL)

The second round of applications for CanWILL's Inclusive Community Initiatives (ICI) is now open!

Local governments, in partnership with women's or community groups, from all regions of the country are invited to submit project ideas that support women's participation in local leadership. Note that initiatives intended to serve underrepresented women, including Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, as well as youth and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community will be prioritized.

- In this second round, we will select 10 to 12 initiatives of up to \$10,000 each. Activities are expected to begin by September 2022.
- Small and rural communities are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to regions that were not supported in Round 1.

Deadline to apply: June 10, 2022

To obtain the full call for applications and the application form, please contact women@fcm.ca

Despite gains toward equal political representation, there continues to be a gender gap in leadership for all orders of government in Canada. In 2021, women held just over a quarter of municipal council seats. This democratic deficit is even more pronounced for women from diverse or marginalized backgrounds. FCM wants to help close this gap because Canada is better served when women and diverse communities contribute their insights and expertise. Their voices enrich our political discourse and inform decision-making.

CanWILL is a three-year project (2021-2024) that is part of FCM's portfolio of social inclusion initiatives. The project aims to increase the participation and retention of women in municipal leadership and support a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment in municipal governance processes. The project will prioritize underrepresented women, including Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, as well as youth and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. The project leverages the success of *FCM's Toward Parity in Municipal Politics (2018-2020)* and *Diverse Voices (2016-2018)* initiatives.

AgriStability Enrollment Deadline Extended

The 2022 program deadline has been extended without penalty to June 30, 2022.

Recent changes to the AgriStability Program make it more responsive for producers.

This step, agreed to by federal, provincial, and territorial governments, will help producers manage the impact of avian influenza (bird flu), current market disruptions, increased expenses and production challenges facing many farm operations.

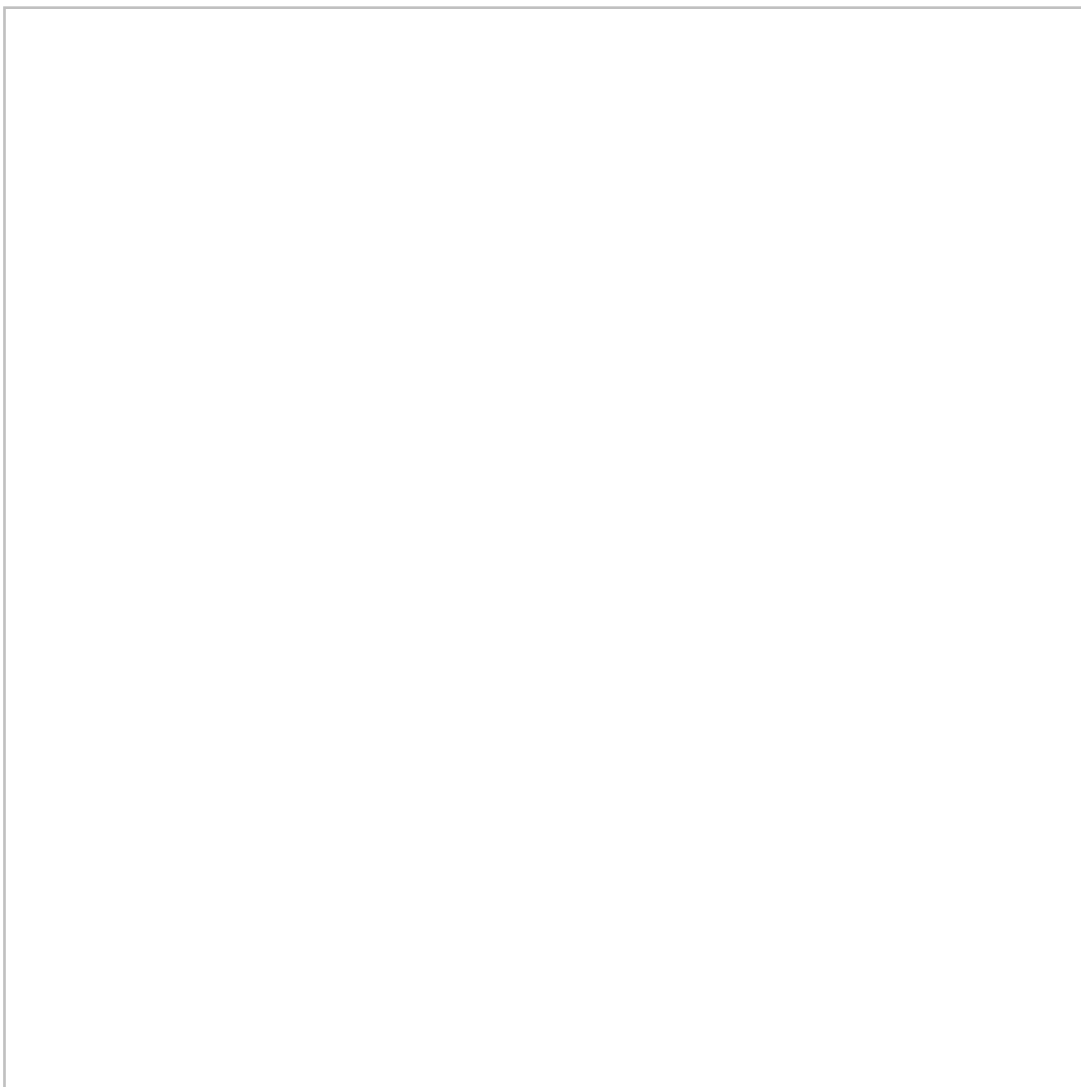
Removing the reference margin limit from the AgriStability Program means payments are more predictable, more equitable and more efficient across all agriculture sectors.

How to
Enroll

Enrolling in the AgriStability Program is easy. Saskatchewan producers can provide all the necessary information over the phone through a brief conversation. Producers can also complete the short contact form to begin the application process and request a call back from AgriStability staff.

Staff are available to assist producers over the phone at 1-866-270-8450 or through email agristability@scic.ca, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.





BIO-CONTROL Leafy Spurge Beetle
Collection Days, July 4-8, 2022

SARM Plant Health Officers (PHO) are hosting Leafy Spurge Beetle collection days July 4th to 8th (5 days) | 10am—3pm each day

Anyone interested is welcome to come and collect Leafy Spurge Beetles, at no cost, from Besant Campgrounds (west of Caronport on Highway #1). The PHOs will be present to provide information, and assist in packaging leafy spurge beetles for landowners, and RMs, to take back to their property for release.

Refer to the ***Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection 2022*** document for specific instructions. Please let your PHO know when you plan to attend.

As a reminder, if you are feeling unwell or have tested positive for COVID19 in the week prior to the collection days, please do not attend. Reach out to your PHO to discuss alternatives.

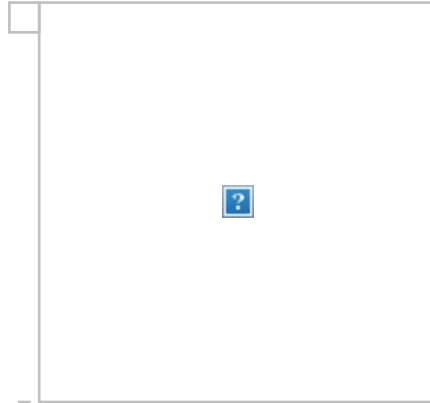
[Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection 2022 \(PDF\)](#)

Resources

CAP-PBP Funding Continued to March 31, 2023

SARM is administering the Pest Biosecurity Program (PBP) on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Federal Government for the final year of the *Canadian Agricultural Partnership* (CAP) agreement to March 31, 2023.

The programs available to RMs and First Nations Bands south of the Northern Administrative District provide resources when dealing with issues regarding invasive plants, rats, nuisance beavers, clubroot and other pests as declared/designated under the *Saskatchewan Pest Control Act and Weed Control Act*. Review updates to the 2022-23 PBP now posted to the [SARM website](#).



- **\$715,000 - Plant Health Network (CAP-PHN)** – fully funded through the PBP
 - Contact the Plant Health Officer in your Division regarding any of the Pest Biosecurity Programs:

Division 1: *Tayo Adegeye*, (306) 580-8708, division1pho@gmail.com

Division 2: *Joanne Kwasnicki*, (306) 541-8437, joanne.kwasnicki@gmail.com

Division 3: *Betty Johnson*, (306) 315-3925, bettyjohnson0025@gmail.com

Division 4: *Katey Makohoniuk*, (306) 594-7683, katey.makohoniuk@gmail.com

Division 5: *Chelsea Neuberger*, (306) 380-4526, chelsea.baraniecki@gmail.com

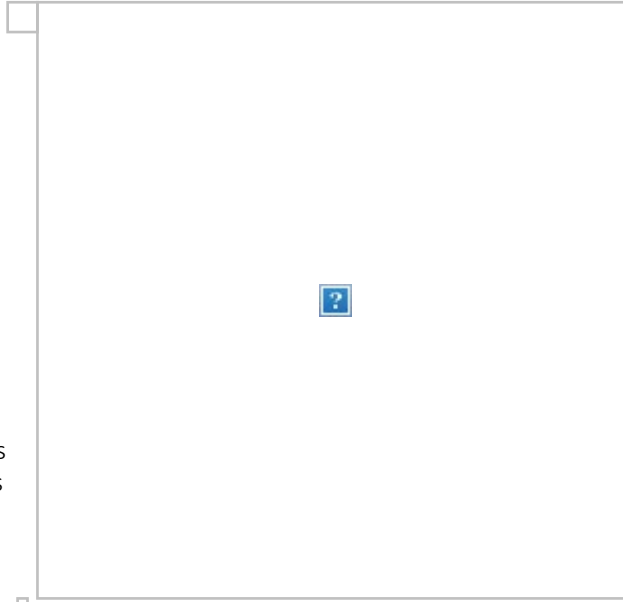
Division 6: *Colleen Fennig*, (306) 946-9895, colleen.fennig@gmail.com

The following three rebate programs are based on a 50:50 cost share:

- **\$450,000 - Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP)** provides cost share funding for the humane removal of nuisance beavers by utilizing licensed trappers across Saskatchewan
 - **NEW** - Up to 50% rebate per adult nuisance beaver removed by licensed trapper (previous \$30 minimum has been removed)
 - **NEW** - Determine and define the verification method used when compensating licensed trappers for nuisance beaver removal on the CAP-BCP claim form
- **\$500,000 - Invasive Plant Control Program (CAP-IPCP)** provides rebates to producers to subsidize the cost of chemicals to eradicate prohibited and noxious weeds throughout the province.
 - **NEW** - 2 new noxious weeds have been added to the program: **Scentless Chamomile** and **White Cockle** (eligible herbicides for each species can be found in [Schedule A](#)).
 - **NEW** - A **Herbicide Application Record Spreadsheet Template** is now available that allows for mass entry of herbicide application records, reducing administrative time and effort for multiple applications.
- **\$1.2 M - Rat Control Program (CAP-RCP)** provides financial and human resource assistance to control the rat populations in Saskatchewan

High Interest Savings Accounts for SARM Members

SARM has partnered with CIBC Commercial Banking to offer our members a pooled High Interest Savings Account (HISA). The HISA offers a competitive interest rate, secured principal, and the ability to move your money at any time without penalty, regardless of the amount invested. Your deposits are held in your own account. Our team is happy to walk you through the details so you can start earning higher returns. Enrolment forms can be found on SARM's website at **SARM HISA**. Contact Breanna by email accounting@sarm.ca or phone (306) 761-3739 if you have any questions.



SARM has used the investment services of the Punshon Fleming Financial Group at CIBC Wood Gundy, in Regina, for many years. To further assist you to understand the benefits of the High Interest Savings Account and other attractive yielding investments feel free to contact Shawn, Kevin, or Steve (Shoieb). They are also reaching out to RM's to offer a presentation of these investments to your Council.

For more information:

Punshon Fleming Financial Group

Our purpose:
To help make your
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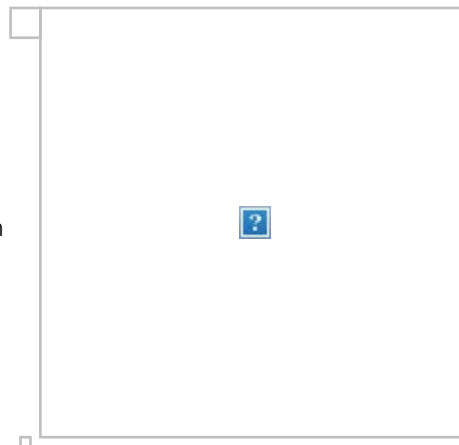
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The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP)

This 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.



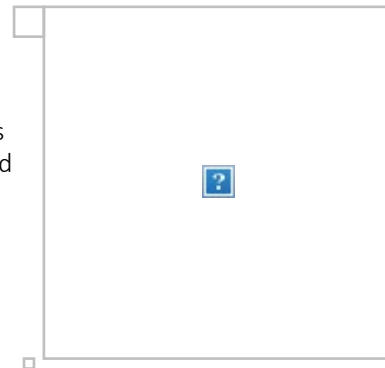
Module(s) open for registration:

**Register for
Community
and Land Use
Planning**

Community and Land Use Planning - this online module covers a variety of topics including: the roles and responsibilities of council, administration and the public; the creation, adoption, and amendment process for Official Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws; the subdivision process; servicing agreements; the development permit process; the development appeal board process; enforcing bylaws; the building permit process as well as regional planning.

New Saskatchewan Interactive Fire Ban Map

This map is more intuitive and visually appealing. It displays fire bans, restrictions and advisories from all authorities and provides improved quality and accuracy of fire ban information for the public. Users can zoom in and out freely, search for a specific location and access contact information. They can also select exactly what information they want to see on the map and view it on either a desktop or mobile device with ease.



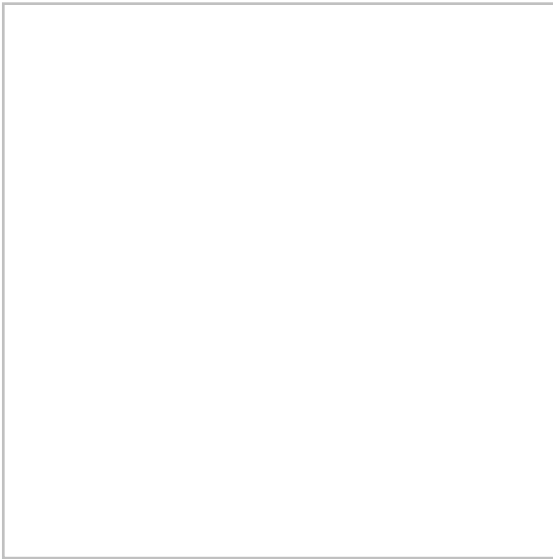
To ensure a ban, advisory or restriction is displayed on the fire ban map, the authorized administrator must call the Control Burn Line at 1-866-404-4911 to advise they have issued a fire ban. The Control Burn Line is answered 24/7, 365 days a year. The caller will be asked to provide the following details:

- Their name
- Contact name
- RM, UM or fire department
- The location of the ban (e.g.: town, RM, park, etc.)
- The type of ban (ban/advisory/restriction). If it is a restriction or advisory details about what is included in the advisory or restriction, such as whether fire pits or agricultural burning are allowed, will be requested
- A phone number the public can call for more information

At the conclusion of the ban, advisory or restriction, it is important that the authorized administrator contact the SPSA so that the ban can be removed from the map.

Try out the new map by visiting saskpublicsafety.ca and clicking on *Fire Ban Map*.

An important note: The previous PDF version of the Fire Ban Map remains available on our website in select locations and links to the



PDF map will continue to work.
However, we recommend
updating the link to direct users
to the new map when and where
possible.



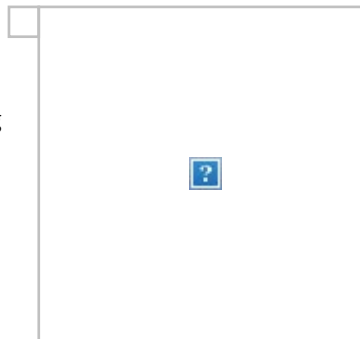
We're Only Human conference!

Too often, we forget that we can't do it all.

We get distracted from our work-life balance as the world seems ever more hectic.

Amongst all the pressure, we tend to forget; We're Only Human...

Welcome to the **FREE** second annual We're Only Human virtual conference – Cultivating a Culture of Well-Being in partnership with the **Canadian Mental Health Association – Sask Division** on June 15th, 2022, featuring a FULL lineup of special guest speakers. This event will run from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (CST). ***View this year's speaker lineup!***



Fostering an environment of well-being is no longer only a personal pursuit; it has become a reality for employers to focus on as well. This year's conference will focus on various areas impacting the workplace, such as

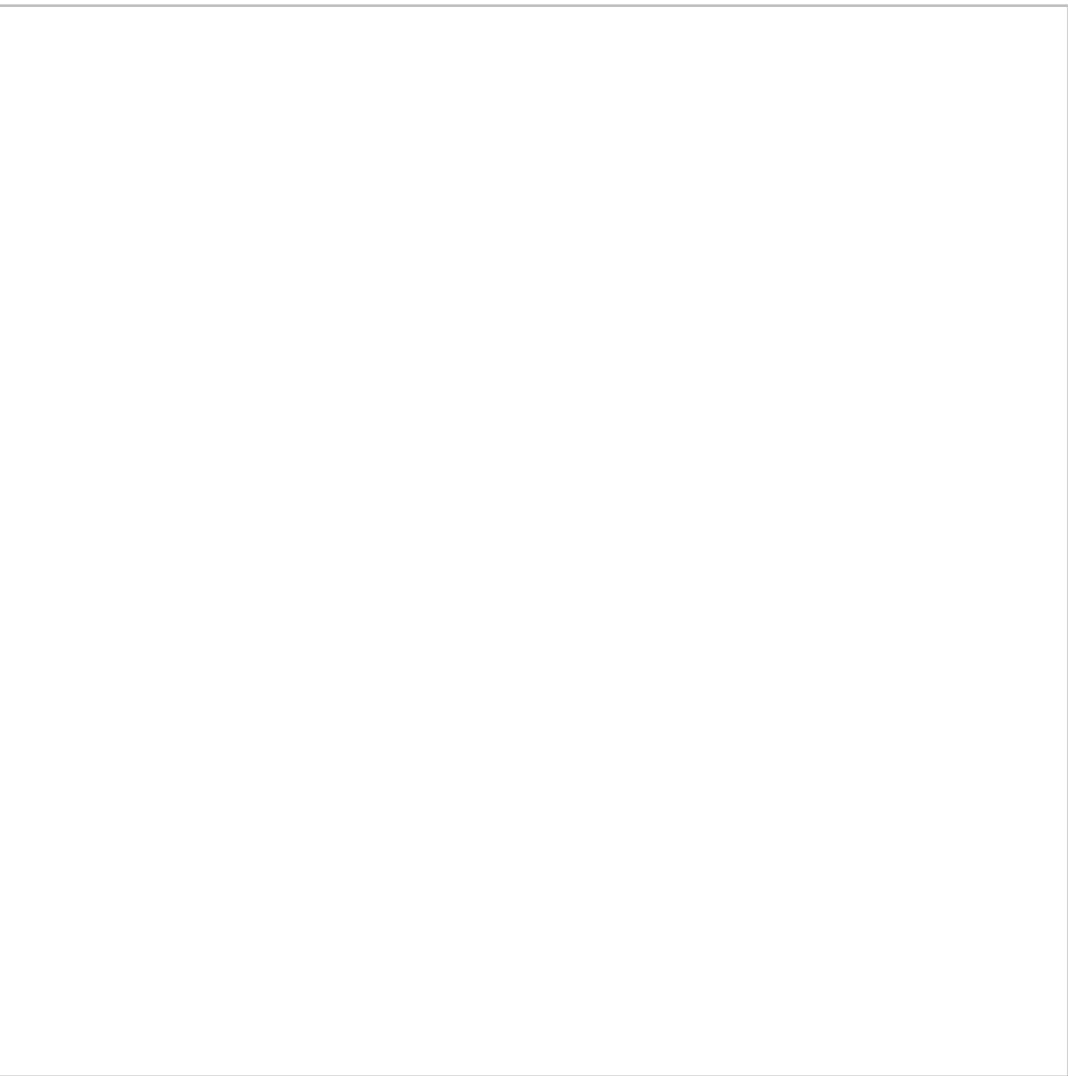
**Register for
We're Only
Human 2022**

indigenous mental health and inclusion, psychological health and safety, psychosocial factors affecting workplace wellness, and information on general mental health, suicide prevention, and gambling addiction as they relate to the workplace.

Learn more

**In June, Join the National Online
Campaign School from
wherever you are in Canada!**





Dates and Times: June 2022

Every Thursday evening for 4 weeks. Classes run from 7:00pm EST – 9:00pm EST (4:00pm – 6:00pm PDT / 8:00pm – 10:00pm ADT)

**Sessions take place online using Zoom and in English only. To participate, you will require access to the internet, a microphone, and a web camera. Closed captioning will be available.*

Pricing

We are delighted that thanks to the generosity of donors to the Equal Voice Foundation we are able to offer this campaign training at no charge to participants.

**spots are limited*

"The Equal Voice Campaign School is a great launchpad for women thinking about running for office! They cover a huge breadth of topics and engage with a fantastic group of speakers including those who have successfully run for office. Learning about the path other women have taken, and their reasons for entering politics, was an invaluable experience."

-2020 Participant

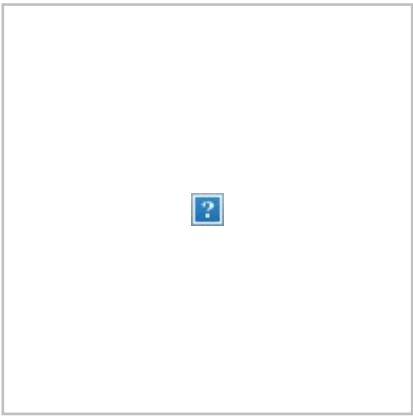
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to the wait list**

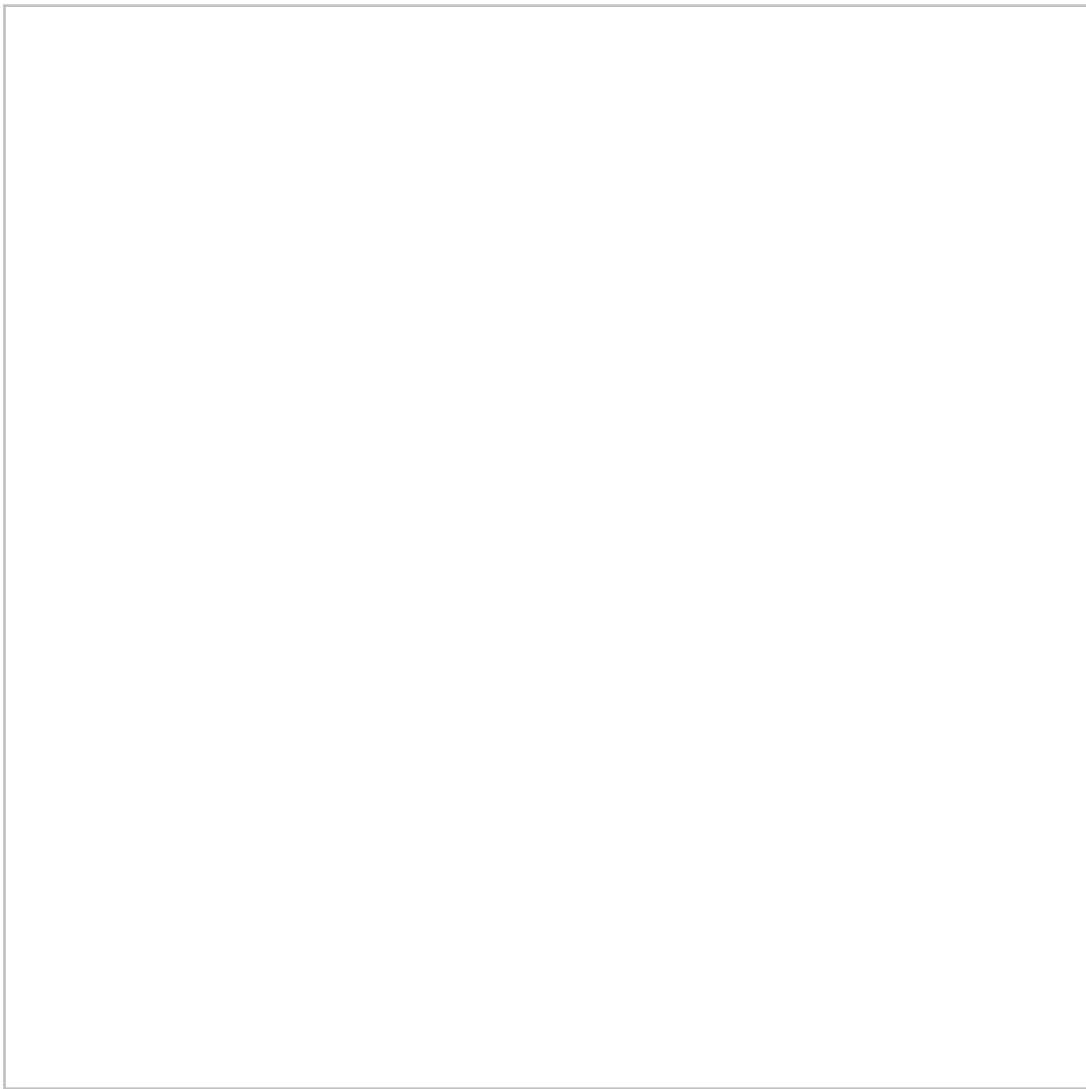


Thinking about running for municipal office?

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities ***Municipal Elections in Canada: A Guide for Women Candidates*** provides tips and tools for campaigning and beyond.

[Learn More](#)





The week is a time to champion Saskatchewan's tourism industry – to cheer for chefs who bring the flavour, for guides who know the water, and for volunteers who make it happen.

Throughout the week, Tourism Saskatchewan will be releasing a series of videos on its **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter** channels. These stories will showcase the province's abundant tourism resources and bring attention to the people, businesses and experiences that make Saskatchewan an inviting destination.

Tourism Saskatchewan is encouraging the resident market to support local, plan road trips and staycations in the province, and make travel memories right here at home.

[Learn more](#)



Agriculture census highlights many positive developments

While the release of the agriculture census every five years draws plenty of interest from the farm sector, the recently released results of the 2021 edition is really worth close consideration by governments and the rest of the agrifood industry.

The 18-page document issued by Statistics Canada in mid-May outlines

Farmers are transitioning toward renewable energy production in response to government programs. In 2021, about 11 per cent, twice as many farms as before reported some form of renewable energy production with solar energy leading the way.

Technologies such as automated guidance steering systems and

what the census unearthed. More information will come later. StatsCan made considerable effort to draw attention to the release of the census.

It says agriculture must always adapt quickly to multiple challenges, such as extreme weather events, trade disputes and fluctuating prices. The pandemic added labour shortages, supply chain disruptions and rising input prices to the pressures facing the sector.

On top of the usual findings of farm consolidation and aging producers, the census shows higher rates of technology adoption, renewable energy production and implementation of sustainable farming practices.

It also noted some interesting for the future changes such as emergence of niche sectors seen in the increase in the reported area for greenhouses. The number of female operators rose to 79,795 in 2021 compared to 77,970 in 2016, the first increase since 1991.

Almost two-thirds of Canadian farms have adopted some form of sustainable ag practices compared to just over 50 per cent in 2015. As well, farms have shifted their focus to more drought-tolerant crops, such as barley.

geographic information system mapping have gained in popularity in recent years.

Farm operating revenues in Canada totalled \$87.0 billion in 2020, while expenses reached \$72.2 billion. Oilseed and grain farming were the most profitable farm types while sheep and goat farms had the highest expense to income ratio.

Another interesting census insight is a 3.8 per cent increase in farmers working off the farm. In 2020, 47.7 per cent of farmers reported some off farm income although the number with a fulltime job, considered as 30 hours or more, declined slightly while the number working part time increased to 34 from 31.9 per cent.

Overall, the census portrays an industry doing its utmost to increase its food output while protecting the soil and the environment. Now the challenge is to maintain that pace of adaptation and get governments and the public to appreciate it.

Ontario Farmer (Print edition),
Alex Binkley

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Invitation to RMs

Hosted by the Town of Wakaw and Wheatland Express
at the beautiful *Wakaw Lake Regional Park*

**July 7: Social on the Wheatland Express Excursion
Train– departs from Wakaw**

Questions:

**July 8: Four-person 18 Hole Scramble at Wakaw Lake
Regional Park, including:**

Email: wakaw2022@wakaw.ca

Call: 306-233-4284

- Golf cart rental
- Breakfast 8am
- Shotgun start 9am
- Prizes
- Supper & championship celebration

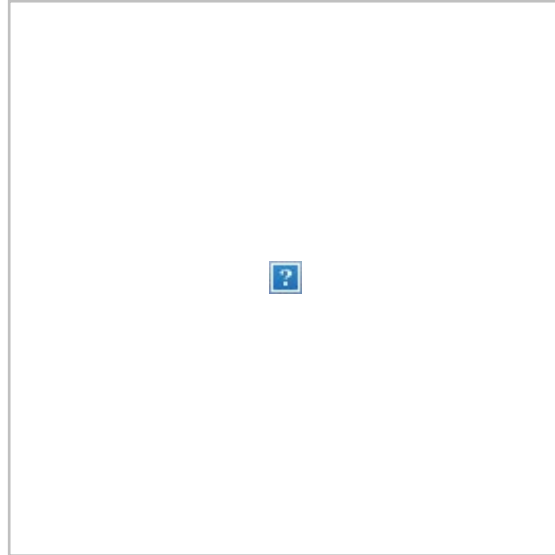
General Information

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Your Voice



Changes to *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* (blue bin recycling program) are being considered.



The Ministry of Environment has completed a review of the regulations and wants to understand how the proposed changes may impact your municipality, business, or organization. The Ministry invites you to:

1. Review the draft regulations and summary of proposed changes found on saskatchewan.ca/recycling

TIP: The draft regulations are written as actual regulations would be. Given the technical nature and length, a summary of the proposed changes is also available on the SK Gov. website.

2. Watch the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's May 17, 2022, webinar for municipalities, First Nations, and collectors about how similar regulatory changes for full producer responsibility have impacted municipalities in neighbouring jurisdictions.

3. Attend an online engagement session where the Ministry of Environment will review the proposed regulation changes and ask for your feedback.

Please indicate the session date(s) you are registering for and the contact information of everyone attending.

- **For municipalities, First Nations, collectors and processors** - Wednesday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m. (CST)

View Draft Regulations and Summary

View Producer Responsibility for SK Paper & Packaging Webinar

Register / request a presentation link

TIP: If you cannot attend any of the engagement sessions, a pre-recorded presentation will be

- **For stewards/producers and businesses** - Tuesday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. (CST)
- **For general interest and anyone who was not able to attend a previous session** - Thursday, June 16 at 1:30 p.m. (CST)

available to you upon request after all engagement session have concluded.

4. Send written feedback by June 30, 2022.

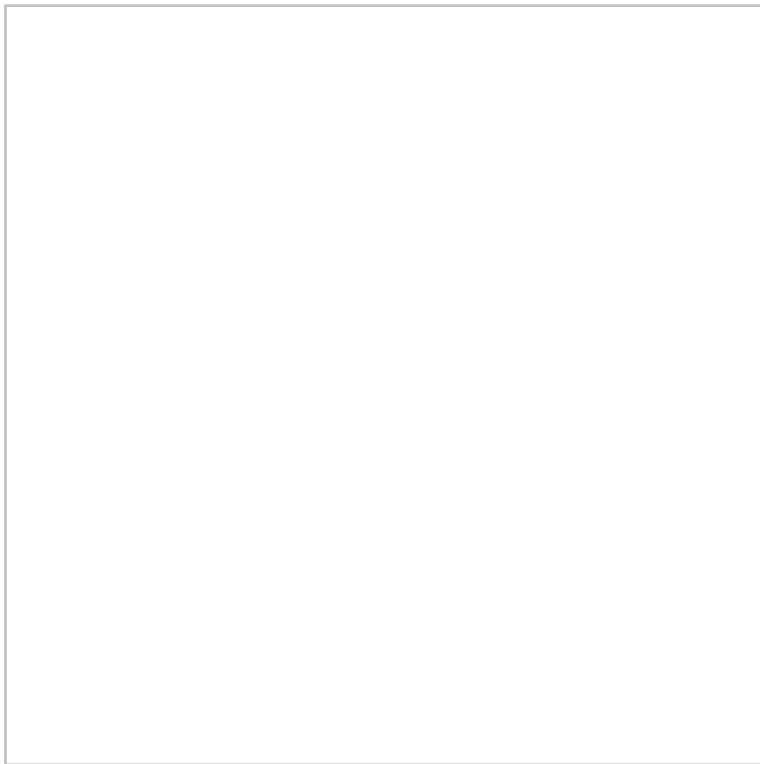
**Multi-Material
Recycling Program
Feedback**



Member Purchasing



Vendor Highlight



Building and maintaining safe, accessible road infrastructure requires access to sound products.

The Canoe Culvert Program provides access to a range of drainage, bridge, and road construction products, enabling you to focus on building infrastructure networks that connect residents and economic activity.

Culvert Program



Current Tenders

Snow and Ice Handling Equipment, Supplies and Accessories

– closing date is June 22, 2022 – RFP06222

Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services

– closing date is June 30, 2022 – RFP063022

[Visit SaskTenders](#)



[Register](#)

Changes to Prompt Payment Legislation

Date: June 23, 2022

Time: 10-11:30am CST

This webinar will provide a guided walkthrough of the evolution and expectations of Saskatchewan's new prompt payment regime. The presentation has been given to a broad range of owners, contractors, and construction stakeholders – with the aim of seeing everyone in the industry on the same page from the start.

While much of prompt payment's practical impact will need to be sorted out in the years ahead, there are things all industry participants should be aware of in preparing for and managing their construction projects moving forward. Key among these is that prompt payment will require change, but is nonetheless manageable and far less intimidating than it seems at first glance.

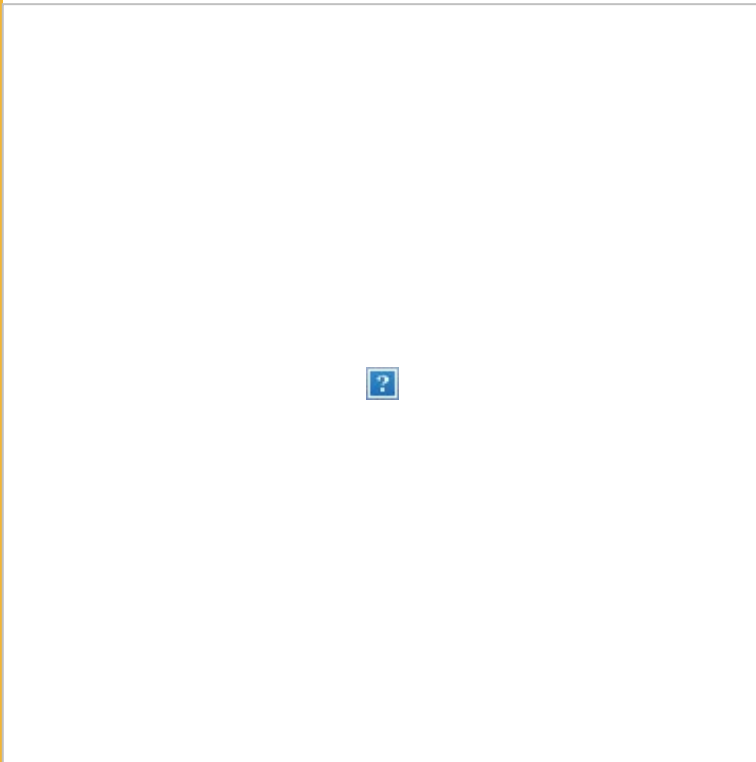
Our Webinars

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

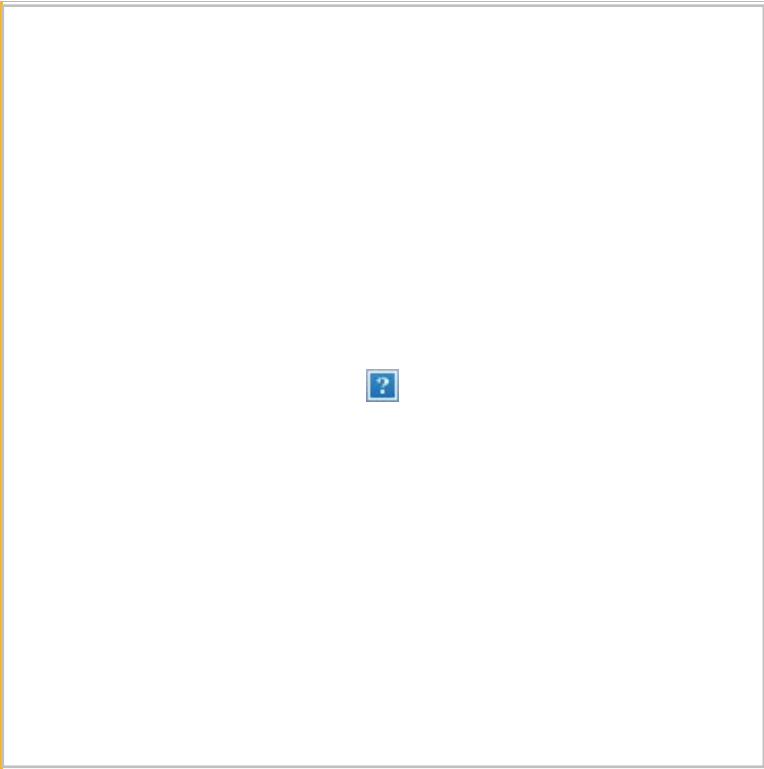
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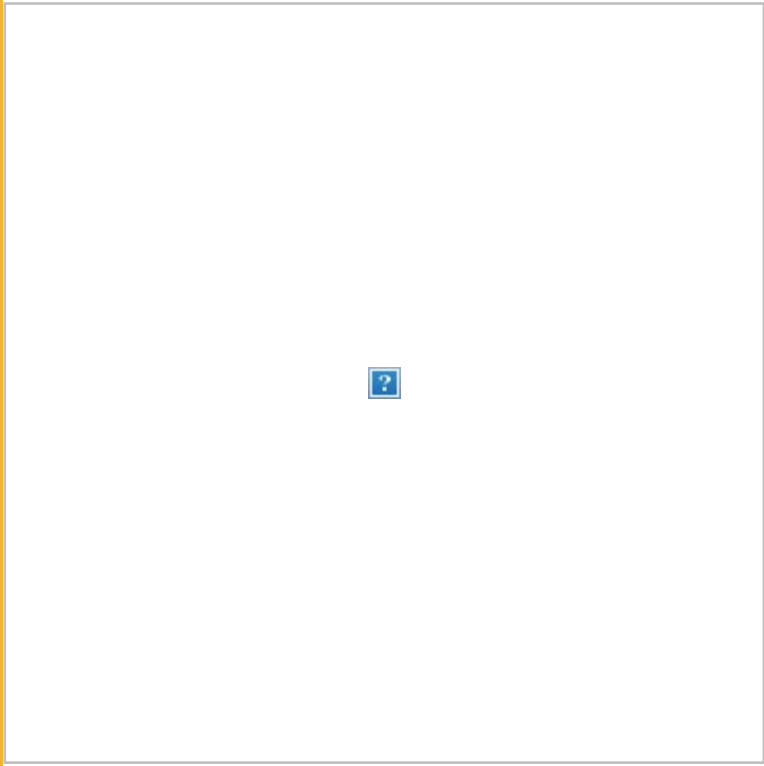


SARM met with Minister Harrison about the labour needs in rural Saskatchewan and expressed interest in seeing new opportunities for training those both here at home, and those looking to relocate here.

Dustin Resch, SARM
Programs Manager, updates
members of the Rural
Municipal Administrators'



Association on all of SARM's many programs at the RMAA Convention.



SARM congratulates the RMAA for 100 years of valued partnership and service to rural Saskatchewan.



Two SARM delegations attended Question Period at the Saskatchewan Legislature. The Minister of Government Relations, Don McMorris gave them a



warm welcome and insight into the inner workings of question period.



SARM with Premiere Scott Moe and Minister of Government Relations, Don McMorris to discuss Rural Health, Tax Changes, Carbon Offsets, and the importance of working together to grow rural Saskatchewan.

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