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Good morning APAS members – visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUGL2fCJIK8> to watch this week's 2-minute APAS Update video.

1. Connecting Saskatchewan available on YouTube: Our Connecting Saskatchewan broadcast aired on AccessNow TV this week, plus the show is available to watch on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/31nJtPZ>. It's a 60-minute program that explores why internet and cellular connectivity is still so bad in rural Saskatchewan, but also solutions for fixing it. Access Communications was great to work with on this project, so a big thanks to them for helping us put it together.

2. APAS press release on SCIC surplus: The Government of Saskatchewan's 21-22 Mid-Year Report gave the impression that crop insurance claims contributed to the current provincial deficit. APAS is concerned about this because it's not appropriate to blame producers for making SCIC claims in a severe drought year. Go to <https://bit.ly/3lpQLtC> to read our December 1 press release, plus visit <https://bit.ly/31nCs1B> to hear Ian Boxall (APAS Vice-President) talking to John Gormley about this topic.

3. Responses from APAS grain contracts survey: On November 30, APAS released preliminary results from our survey to gather information about producer experiences with grain contracts in 2021. 75% of survey respondents were unable to fulfill their grain contracts because of the drought that impacted large areas of Saskatchewan. Visit <https://bit.ly/31ngtb8> to read a summary of what we heard from our grain contracts survey.

4. Registration open for APAS General Meeting: The APAS General Meeting will be held on January 17-18, 2022 at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina. APAS Representatives and APAS Associate Members can visit <https://bit.ly/2ZJq37F> and fill out the online form to register. "Notice of APAS General Meeting" and "Resolution Submission Form" documents were emailed to members last week, but you can find both documents at <https://bit.ly/2ZJrUJF>.

5. Summary of changes to land access legislation: Various changes to Saskatchewan's land access legislation will be coming into effect on January 1, 2022. APAS put together a short summary of those changes, so visit <https://bit.ly/3l8sHVR> to read that document.

6. Update materials for RM Council meetings: Let me know if you need APAS update materials for an upcoming RM Council meeting, or if you'd like APAS staff or Directors to come discuss our projects and advocacy work.

You'll get the next APAS Update on December 9 – just call or email if you have any questions in the meantime.

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All APAS Representatives and Associate Members:

Notice of 2022 General Meeting and call for resolutions

The next APAS General Meeting will be held on January 17 and 18, 2022 in the Queensbury Convention Centre at Evraz Place in Regina. The meeting will start at noon on the 17th and finish early afternoon on the 18th.

Please register for the General Meeting by filling out the online form at <https://forms.office.com/r/ShxUKkwmIy>. If you cannot attend, your RM can select an alternate attendee for this meeting. Please reserve your own room at the Atlas Hotel by calling 306-586-3443, and use code **011 622 APA**

APAS will also cover the mileage/hotel/meal costs for one extra participant from each participating APAS RM, (either a Reeve, Councillor, or Administrator).

We are also offering the opportunity to participate by Zoom, for those unable to attend in person.

If your internet connectivity is not good enough to participate via Zoom, or you need access to a computer or device, APAS can reimburse your mileage and expenses to a location with better service, including a hotel room. Please contact the APAS Office Manager, Brenda McBride, at brendamcbride@apas.ca if you need assistance with getting connected.

An agenda, minutes, and materials for the General Meeting will be sent in the near future.

Resolutions

Participating APAS RMs and Associate Members can submit resolutions for consideration at the General Meeting.

The deadline to submit resolutions is **4:30pm on Thursday, January 6, 2022.**

Send resolutions using the attached form to the APAS Policy Manager, Donovan Howden by email at policy@apas.ca, fax at [306.789.7779](tel:306.789.7779), or by mail to 3401A Pasqua Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 7K9.

Please call the APAS office at [306.789.7774](tel:306.789.7774) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in January.

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