

Ag Programs: What has changed?

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GF2 Ended

GF2 - Growing Forward 2 = \$2.85 M/year

- ▶ BCP - \$ for tails
- ▶ IPCP - \$ for chemical
- ▶ IPMP - HR to assist RMs (Harvey Anderson)
- ▶ PREP - \$ for rat expenses + HR via PCO Coordinator/Supervisors

- ▶ Ended March 2018

New Funding under CAP

CAP - Canadian Agriculture Partnership= \$2.85 M/year

- ▶ Defendable and verifiable expenses and practices
- ▶ Comprehensive pest control; include more pests
 - ▶ Resolutions - Beavers, Invasive Plants, Clubroot
- ▶ Same level of funding = needed to do more

Common Principles of New CAP Programs

1. No more than 50% in grants/rebates
2. Must use licenced individuals for all programs
3. Receipts required to verify products/services used
4. Tried to simplify applications where possible
5. Combination of HR Support & Grants

The New Programs:

Plant Health Network

- ▶ \$715,000 - fully funded through CAP
- ▶ HR support = Clubroot/rats/beaver/invasive plants
- ▶ 1 Plant Health Officer per SARM Division
 - ▶ Assist RMs - undertake duties required via Acts.
 - ▶ Assist appointed - education, training, support
- ▶ PHO's were just hired as of June 1st....

PHO's Contracted as of June 1st

Division	Name	Phone	Email
1	Katey Makohoniuk	594-7683	katey.makohoniuk@gmail.com
2	Joanne Kwasnicki	541-8437	joanne.kwasnicki@gmail.com
3	Betty Johnson	315-3925	bettyjohnson0025@gmail.com
4	Lynne Roszell	852-8328	lynneroszell@gmail.com
5	Chelsea Baraniecki	380-4526	chelsea.baraniecki@gmail.com
6	Colleen Fennig	946-9895	colleen.fennig@gmail.com

Call your PHO when:

1. RM has **clubroot**; no one qualified
2. RM doesn't have **clubroot bylaw**; wants one
3. PCO has question regarding a pest
4. WI has to issue an **order to destroy**; needs help
5. RM is looking for **licenced person** in the area
6. RM Weed Inspector/PCO training; attend a **workshop!**
7. What do the Acts require; PHO can **present to council**

Beaver Control Program

- ▶ 50/50 cost share to a maximum of \$450,000
 - ▶ Up to \$15 per approved tail (licensed trappers)
 - ▶ Up to \$500 pond leveler & beaver deceiver
 - ▶ No pre-application this year
 - ▶ Designated RMs/FNBs (claimed last 2 consecutive years)
 - ▶ Others can submit claim (any remaining funds)
 - ▶ Deadline is Feb. 15, 2019

Invasive Plant Control Program

- ▶ 50/50 cost share to a maximum of \$500,000
 - ▶ Prohibited Weeds: 50% of the cost of eligible herbicides and their application.
 - ▶ Noxious Weeds: Up to 50% of the cost of eligible herbicides only.
- ▶ Weed Management Plans/Weed Inspector - July 2, 2018
- ▶ Program deadline is October 31, 2018

Rat Control Program

- ▶ 50:50 cost share to a maximum of \$900,000
 - ▶ based on a pro-rated formula
 - ▶ rebates of up to 50% of approved rat control expenses. (next year - bait used only)
- ▶ PCO Coordinator/Supervisors:
 - ▶ One per SARM Division to assist RMs/PCOs.

Answers to some FAQ's

How do we apply for the BCP?

- ▶ There is no longer an application required

How do I know if my RM is designated?

- ▶ All designated RMs have been notified by email.
- ▶ Designated = claimed in last 2 consecutive years.

How do we become designated?

- ▶ Provide a claim
- ▶ Rebate provided if funding remains after deadline
- ▶ Will be tracked for future designation.

Does everyone removing beaver need a licence?

- ▶ No, licenced trappers BCP requirement.
- ▶ RMs must pass a bylaw to allow beaver hunting.
- ▶ Landowners can manage their own property.

How does someone get a trapping licence?

- ▶ MOE - Online HAL System

What do I need to get a trapping licence?

- ▶ Pass an exam and firearms safety training
- ▶ Exam can be taken at nearest MOE Office

Why do we have to use a licenced trapper?

- ▶ There is a level of accountability that comes with a licence; funding requirement.

What if RM can't find licenced trapper?

- ▶ Contact SK Trappers Association to find some in your area.

Can applicator costs now be claimed on everything in the IPCP?

- ▶ No. Only eligible 50% for prohibited weeds.

Common Misconceptions

Questions and Answers...

Your “Rat Man/Woman” doesn’t have to manage clubroot too...

- ▶ Pest Control Act = RM to appoint a Pest Control Officer to deal with regulated pests.
- ▶ Nothing in the Act says it has to be the same person...
- ▶ But...Nothing in the Act says it can’t be the same person either...
- ▶ Whatever is best for the RM.

Do appointed PCOs and WI's have to be licenced to apply pesticides/herbicides?

- ▶ No, Appointed PCO's and WI's are to:
 - ▶ Investigate pest/weed complaints for the RM.
 - ▶ Work with an infested landowner to plan to resolve it.
- ▶ The RM can then hire a licenced individual to apply the chemical.
- ▶ Many RMs have their PCO/WI do both; which is just fine.

Why did SARM redesign programs that were working well?

- ▶ SARM only administers on behalf of the Province.
- ▶ In order to meet new program objectives with the same \$\$\$ changes had to be made.
- ▶ SMA invited SARM's input on the re-design.
 - ▶ We do our best to advocate for RMs needs.
 - ▶ A balance between funding requirements and RM needs is the result.

Like all programs we administer...

- ▶ SARM will monitor these programs this year.
- ▶ We will welcome feedback from our members.
- ▶ Work with SMA to make improvements where we can for future.

For more information on programs:

- ▶ Visit www.sarm.ca/programs/administered-programs/ag-programs
- ▶ Or contact: Annette Ellert or Laurel Feltin at SARM