



# RURALS BORDERING URBANS

SARM MIDTERM CONVENTION-NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2013

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# MEMBERSHIP AND BACKGROUND

- Membership consists of the 18 Rural Municipalities that surround the Cities.
- New participants and other RM's surrounding smaller Urban Municipalities are welcome!
- In June 2012, the RM of Sherwood No. 159 hosted the initial meeting.
- In attendance were the RM's of Estevan No. 5, Weyburn No. 67, Swift Current No. 137, Sherwood No. 159, Moose Jaw No. 161, Wallace No. 243 and Orkney No. 244
- On January 29, 2013, a meeting was held where the group solidified their working arrangement and SARM committed their involvement as well.
- The group of municipalities recognized that there are unique opportunities and issues for municipalities that surround cities and that this is an opportunity to take a proactive approach and deal with those issues.

# RBU GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To provide an opportunity to share information, discuss alternatives and make recommendations
- To share the successes of our members
- To identify issues that impact growth and development
- To explore positive solutions that will address the issues dealing with growth and development

## PANEL DISCUSSION QUESTION

What do you think we need to do to work together to assure the industry and the development sector that municipalities can be consistent, respectful and stable to attract investment in our regions?

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How can we ensure that local interests do not get in the way of regional prosperity?

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When considering future growth and development of your municipality what do you feel is the most important item or items for you to be successful?

What do you see as possible obstacles to securing those most important items?

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What opportunities do you see for your municipality and its urban/rural neighbour to successfully cooperate?

How can we encourage more municipalities to work together?

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Do you feel that Government should be more involved in development and regional planning in this province and, if so, what role should they play?



## PANEL DISCUSSION QUESTION

Do you have any recent success stories that you would be willing to share, regarding intermunicipal cooperation?



QUESTIONS?