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INFORMATION: Saskatchewan Protective Service Medal – Call for Nominations

The annual deadline for the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal nominations is **March 31** of each year. Nominations will be accepted for members of your agency or organization with 25 years of exemplary service as of **March 31, 2020**.

Nominations are accepted year round; nominations received after March 31, 2019 are already in the queue for this year – there is no need to re-send a nomination already submitted. Nominations received after March 31, 2020 will be added to next year's queue. The selection committee will meet in late spring 2020 with presentation events in fall of 2020.

Eligibility information and nomination forms for the medal can be found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/heritage-honours-and-awards/saskatchewan-protective-services-medal>

We continue to depend on the individuals signing the nominations to ensure that all information is accurate and that criteria associated with this medal has been met.

If you have any questions please contact our office by email at honours@gov.sk.ca or toll-free at 1-877-427-5505 or 306-787-8965.

ACTION REQUIRED: Resolution Deadline Reminder

The deadline for submitting resolutions the upcoming 2020 Annual Convention is Friday, January 24, 2020 end of day. Resolutions must be received in the SARM office by this date in order to be addressed at the convention and included in the resolution booklet. Please email resolutions to sarm@sarm.ca.

Please note the new requirement that submissions must include a brief (no more than 750 word) summary that outlines the reason(s) that the sponsor(s) is submitting the resolution for consideration.

INFORMATION: 2020-21 Reaching Home Rural and Remote Call for Proposals

The YMCA of Regina (Community Entity) and the Rural and Remote Advisory Board (RRAB) through the Government of Canada's Reaching Home strategy will be accepting funding applications for projects, which aim to alleviate or avoid the ill affects of homelessness in rural and remote Saskatchewan.

The Rural and Remote Advisory Board has opted to list 5 funding priorities for the 2020-2021 Reaching Home Strategy Funding:

1. Housing Services
2. Prevention & Shelter Diversion
3. Client Support Services
4. Capital Investments
5. Coordination of Resources & Data Collection

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Champion Community

Through the Government of Canada's Reaching Home strategy, we will also be accepting funding applications for Champion Communities in rural or remote Saskatchewan to take a united approach in combating homelessness. This would require collaboration and partnerships between community leaders and organizations. 'Champion Community' applications must exhibit the following:

- Broad community support
- A clearly defined homelessness issue to be addressed
- Measurable goals and outcomes
- The ability to leverage other resources to support the project

The total amount of funding available is approximately \$481,005.00 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Funding is available for projects operating between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

[Call for Proposal Guide](#)

[Call for Proposal Application](#)

For more information please contact Pamela Reimer, Director of Program Development & Housing First Initiatives, YMCA of Regina at pamela.reimer@regina.ymca.ca or by phone at (306) 757-9622 ext. 234.

INFORMATION: Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program

The program provides up to \$100,000 per traffic safety initiative to municipalities and Indigenous land or territories. The goal of this fund is to stimulate and support local, collaborative action that will increase traffic safety awareness and reduce the frequency and severity of traffic injuries and fatalities within Saskatchewan. This application intake began January 1, 2020. Request a project number and application form from the PSE Program Administrator by emailing PSEprogram@sgi.sk.ca or calling 1-844-TLK-2SGI (1-844-855-2744), extension 6042.

INFORMATION: New Insurance Rules - Government of Saskatchewan

The Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed *The Insurance Act* on January 1, 2020.

The new Act modernizes legislation, allowing Saskatchewan's marketplace to deal with new and emerging issues in the rapidly changing insurance industry. More information can be found [here](#)

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INFORMATION: Saskatchewan Crop Insurance and SARM

SARM met with the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) in December and discussed holding meetings in the areas of the province hardest hit by this year's untimely heavy rain and snow resulting in an impossible fall harvest thus causing financial and emotional hardship for many.

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SCIC has arranged to host townhall style meetings in these areas and SARM encourages all RMs impacted to attend and to encourage farmers in your RMs to attend. The meeting dates and locations are below:

January 20 - 10am to 12pm

Ituna

Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church, 6th Ave NW

January 23 - 10am to 12pm

Davidson

Town Hall Auditorium, 206 Washington Avenue

January 31 - 10am to 12pm

Saskatoon

Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Drive West

INFORMATION: Got Gravel Resources and Midterm 2019 Workshops

In 2015 SARM commissioned a report, Got Gravel, which studied the current state of aggregate resources in Saskatchewan and developed strategies for RM sustainable gravel resource management. This information can be found in the Aggregate Management Guide, Aggregate Resource Manual and tools and templates provided [here](#).

Thank you to all who attended and to the technical experts who facilitated SARM's Got Gravel workshops at the 2019 Midterm Convention. The workshops were well attended and feedback from both attendees and presenters was generally positive.

There were six breakout groups that covered topics including: Exploration and Testing, Pit Planning and Operations, Roadway Design and Lifecycle Management, Tendering and Procurement, Costing and Budgeting, General Questions.

Information from the sessions and other gravel resources can be found [here](#).

INFORMATION: Active Resolutions and Responses

A reminder to members that all active resolutions and responses that SARM has received can be found on the SARM website <https://sarm.ca/advocacy/resolutions>

Resolutions can be searched by year/convention or by resolution number. You may also use a keyword in the site's search function. Please note resolutions are only active for five years, so all 2014 and prior resolutions have expired.

Recently posted resolution responses:

Response from Ministry of Agriculture for the following resolutions:

[1-19M Funding Assistance for Agricultural Commodities in Crisis](#)

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2-19M Reinstate the Gopher Rebate Program

3-19M Rat Control Program Funding

4-19M Detailed Impoundment Fee Schedule

Response from SaskTel for the following resolution:

22-19M The Rural Channel

Response from the Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation:

10-19M Provincial Government notification for doing development work

Response from the Ministry of Justice for resolution:

21-19M Penalties for Criminal Charges

Response from Ministry of Finance for resolution:

9-19M PST on Construction Contracts

Matters pertaining to SARM

27-19M SARM's Recommendations Regarding the Agricultural Water Management Strategy

POP 7-19M Provincial-Federal Relations

1-19A Creation of a Resolutions Committee

3-19A Resolutions' Committee Representation

POP 2-19A Documentation to Accompany Resolutions at Submission

INFORMATION: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Applications

The Ministry of Government Relations opened up the next intake step for two funding streams under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The application intake process will run until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 for the:

- Green Infrastructure Stream; and the
- Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream.

Eligible recipients are encouraged to submit their detailed applications for priority infrastructure projects that will result in at least one of the following outcomes:

- Increased structural capacity and/or increased natural capacity to adapt to climate change impacts, natural disasters and/or extreme weather events;
- Increased capacity to treat and/or manage wastewater and storm water;
- Increased access to potable water;
- Increased capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants; and
- Improved access to and/or increased quality of cultural, recreational and/or community infrastructure for Canadians, including Indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations.

For more information, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/ICIP.

INFORMATION: RDARM Annual Convention

Last week the Regina District Association of Rural Municipalities (RDARM) met for their 95th Annual Convention. SARM President Orb, Vice-President Sterling, Division 1 Director Huber, Division 2 Director Nordgulen and the Executive Director had the opportunity to participate in a bear pit session where they answered questions ranging on topics from infrastructure funding to rural crime.

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INFORMATION: Mosquito Control Survey

From the Ministry of Health:

The Ministry of Health is conducting a review the province's West Nile Virus program. As part of this review we would like to survey municipalities on their mosquito control methods. Municipalities are asked to fill out the short survey to indicate if control methods are used and program details, including products used and application times. If additional historical data on the program is available, we ask that this also be shared. The Ministry asks that surveys be completed by January 24, 2020.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQLPBTF>

Questions or additional information can be submitted to Alanna.senecal@health.gov.sk.ca or 306-787-2750.

INFORMATION: Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards

The Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards recognize excellence in waste reduction in Saskatchewan. We hope not only to provide well-deserved recognition, but also to highlight success stories for others to consider adopting.

Nominations close **Feb 7th, 2020**. The Awards Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the [Waste ReForum](#) on April 2, 2020 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Regina.

[More information.](#)

INFORMATION: RCMP MNP Town Halls in Southwest Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan RCMP is in the process of reviewing the delivery of policing services in south west Saskatchewan for the communities of Swift Current, Gravelbourg, Leader, Maple Creek, Morse, Ponteix and Shaunavon. In collaboration with Meyers Norris Penny (MNP), Saskatchewan RCMP will be holding several town halls to gather information and input from the public and stakeholders in the district. Details of the meetings can be found [here](#).

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INFORMATION: Updated Clubroot Map Releases

The Government of Saskatchewan and SaskCanola released an updated version of the Saskatchewan Clubroot Distribution Map, which outlines the rural municipalities (RMs) where clubroot has been identified.

Since 2017, visible symptoms of clubroot have been confirmed in 51 commercial canola fields. This has increased by eight fields since the release of the map in January 2019.

In addition, the clubroot pathogen was detected in five fields without visible symptoms in

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2019. These results were compiled through ministry surveys or through reports or samples submitted to the ministry and SaskCanola by producers and agrologists

More information.

INFORMATION: MLDP Online

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) Community and Land Use Planning Module is now offered online through Southeast College.

This 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.

For more information email mldp@sasktel.net or go to www.mldp.ca.

To register:

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

INFORMATION: Minister Meetings

On December 13, SARM and SUMA met with the Minister of Environment Dustin Duncan to discuss municipal action on climate change. We continue to work together to demonstrate municipal leadership in addressing climate change and supporting the Government of Saskatchewan's *Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy*.

INFORMATION: FCM Sustainable Communities

Nominate your municipality for FCM's 2020 Sustainable Communities Awards. The awards celebrate exceptional initiatives in asset management, brownfields, climate change, energy, sustainable neighbourhood revitalization and design, transportation, waste, and water. In honour of GMF's 20th anniversary, the Visionary Award will be granted to an initiative that demonstrates how sustainability and innovation can generate long-term community change.

The 2020 call for nominations is now open. [Learn more about the award categories and apply by March 31, 2020.](#)

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INFORMATION: Targeted Sector Support Initiative

Targeted Sector Support (TSS) is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5M for 2019-20) that will be used to encourage inter-community collaboration and good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The funds will be used to support projects that help advance the priorities set by the Steering Committee.

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The Steering Committee is now accepting applications for funding under this program until **March 6, 2020**.

[More Info](#)

[Application Guide](#)

[FAQs](#)

INFORMATION: Carbon Tax on Fuel for Drying Grain

The difficult harvest this fall has further demonstrated the negative impact of the carbon tax on farmers. To support our federal lobby efforts, SARM is asking farmers to share information about how much carbon tax they've had to pay for drying grain. If you have any farmers on council or in your community that would like to help us out by sharing their invoice amounts, please send the information to **[Karen Morris](#)**.

INFORMATION: SaskPower Third Party Attachments

SaskPower has asked SARM to share this information with members:

A new year has begun, and we understand that communities will be starting to plan their 2020 beautification projects shortly. SaskPower would like to remind you that any projects that involve third party attachments (e.g. flags, banners, seasonal lighting, flower planters, etc.) on SaskPower poles must receive prior approval. The installation of such attachments on SaskPower facilities may impact safety, operations and even SaskPower's brand and, therefore, all requests must meet certain guidelines before installation. These guidelines have been in place since 2015 but may have not always been enforced or recognized. For more information please review the guidelines and appendix.

[Appendix](#)

[Guidelines](#)

INFORMATION: SCIC Website Resources

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance has resources on their website that can help producers make informed farm management decisions. Calculators, maps and statistical information can be found **[here](#)**.

INFORMATION: Winning 101

Equal Voice – SK is excited to collaborate with Training for Progress (T4P) to host an introduction to the tools, strategy and organizational considerations to run or volunteer on a political campaign at any level.

When: February 1 & 2, 2020

Location: University of Regina, Regina, SK - exact room and building will be provided with RSVP confirmation (Free parking!)

Price: \$45 per person, includes coffee service, lunch for both days, and workshop materials

[More info](#)

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INFORMATION: Saskatchewan Solid Waste Strategy

On January 23, Environment Minister Dustin Duncan released a new Solid Waste Management Strategy for the province. This strategy is a starting point to providing a practical and sustainable solid waste management system to achieve specific goals over the next 20 years.

Used packaging, food scraps, electronics, plastic, paper and scrap materials are a few examples of solid waste.

Saskatchewan produces the second-highest amount of waste per capita in Canada – an amount equivalent to each resident of the province generating about 842 kilograms of waste. This is roughly the weight of 60 regular household bags of garbage per person per year. The strategy was developed in an effort to change that statistic and move toward more responsible waste management. More information on the [strategy](#).

INFORMATION: AIMday Plant Proteins 2020

AIMday Plant Proteins 2020, scheduled for Wednesday March 4th, 2020 at the University of Saskatchewan, aims to bring together basic and applied researchers from the University of Saskatchewan and experts from various industries that operate within the Plant Proteins research space. This is expected to enhance current partnership and foster new collaboration between academic researchers and industry in a cross-disciplinary fashion.

Registration for Industry is open until January 30th

[**More information**](#)