



The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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Information

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Expansion of the SaskPower Farmyard Line Relocation Program

Working underneath overhead power lines in farmyards can be inconvenient and risky. SaskPower is expanding our Farmyard Line Relocation Program for 2021-2022 and is looking for qualified farm applicants who want to replace their overhead lines with underground cable.

For more information on the program and how to apply, please see the information sheet linked below.

[Learn More](#)

Sample Fire Bylaws

The SARM Board and RMs in Division 3 met with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) in June to discuss wildfire reduction.

As discussed during the presentations, the ability to restrict burning is the first line of defense an RM can take to mitigate wildfire risk. Many RMs have already adopted effective fire and burn restriction bylaws but others have not. The SPSA is investing in tools and technology to assist RMs in determining when and where to restrict burning, but these tools will only be useful when applied in conjunction with the bylaws.

To assist RMs that do not have a fire/burn restriction bylaw, or for those that may want to revisit their current one, the SPSA drafted two sample bylaws and a sample burn permit (attached) to share with RMs. These sample bylaws provide flexibility to adapt to the various fire-weather conditions RMs face. We encourage RMs that don't have a fire bylaw to use these sample bylaws to start these important local discussions. Adopting a fire ban bylaw and utilizing the most up to date risk information will allow RM's to make informed decisions that meets both the RM's safety requirements and yet supports local producers.

SPSA Emergency Service Officers are available to assist your members with fire and emergency planning. Please contact them for more information.
<https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/about-the-spsa/contact-us>

Please see the samples linked below.

Sample Fire Bylaw

Sample Fire Bylaw
with Permit

Sample Burn Permit

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Civic Addressing Policy Update

The Ministry of Highways recently implemented new policy for signage along provincial roadways. The policies include:

- RSMM 1240-51: Guideline for what municipal road names would be appropriate to display along a highway;
- RSMM 1240-100: Guideline for what can be installed in a highway right-of-way for a civic number sign; and
- RSMM 1240-52: A procedure that can be used for identifying a posted road name for roads under the Ministry's jurisdiction.

These new policies can be found at: ***1200 - Private Signing***

Please direct questions to:

Ministry of Highways

Phone: (844) 754-4929

Email: ***MHI.CustomerService@gov.sk.ca***

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Elections Canada is Hiring Election Workers

Elections Canada is now hiring and training Advance (September 10-13, 2021) and Election Day (September 20, 2021) Poll Workers in all parts of Saskatchewan.

For more information, please visit the [Elections Canada website](#) and/or watch this [informative video](#).

Please apply using the application linked below:

[Apply Now](#)

[Poll Worker Recruit PDF](#)

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Rural Transit Solutions Fund

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund (RTSF) was announced on August 3, 2021. The RTSF will provide \$250 million in federal funding over five years, beginning in 2021, to support the development of locally driven transit solutions that will help people living in rural and remote communities get to work, school, health appointments, run errands and visit friends.

For the first intake, the program will include two streams:

- Planning and design grants: eligible applicants can seek grants of up to \$50,000; and
- Capital projects: eligible applicants can seek contributions up to \$3 million to cover capital costs (e.g. purchase of a vehicle or digital platforms); and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g. for the purchase of a zero-emission vehicle(s)).

The intake for planning and design projects will be open from **August 6 to October 7, 2021**. For the capital projects, the intake process will open later in August.

The planning and design projects and capital projects guidelines are now available on the [applicant portal](#).

Additional information is available on the [RTSF web page](#).

THE PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANT

provides funding to communities for traffic safety projects aimed at making roads safer.



Help us spread the word and encourage your community leaders to apply for funding today!

To apply or learn more, simply email the program administrator at PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca to request program guideline.

Applicants must represent an Indigenous land or territory or urban or rural municipality.



Canada's Food Waste Reduction Challenge

If you have an idea, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada wants to hear about it! Apply now to the novel technology streams (Streams C and D) of Canada's Food Waste Reduction Challenge. Canadian and international concept applications are due by **August 31st, 2021**. Up to \$6.5 million in prize funding will be awarded to innovators with novel technologies that can extend the life of food or transform food that would otherwise be lost or wasted.

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Federal Election...Don't forget to ask!

BROADBAND ACCESS IS ESSENTIAL

SARM's first federal election ask is for funding and implementation of reliable broadband access across Saskatchewan. It is of utmost importance, not only for the economic and social wellbeing of our businesses and residents, but it was also proven critical in maintaining the delivery of healthcare, education, and other key supports during COVID-19. Access to reliable broadband has been proven to be an essential service and should be accessible to all Saskatchewan residents the same as clean drinking water, healthcare, and education are provided.

What are your federal election candidates going to do to ensure reliable broadband access across Saskatchewan?

To read more about SARM's Federal Election Priorities please see our website:

[Visit SARM Priorities Page](#)

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Federal Election: Check out your voting options

To vote in the upcoming Federal Election, you must be a Canadian citizen, be at least 18 years old on election day and prove your identity and address.

Elections Canada is asking people to plan early. During a pandemic, things can take a bit more time. Make a plan and choose the voting option that works best for you. You can vote almost any time; on election day (Sept. 20th), on advanced polling days, by mail or at any Elections Canada Office. For more information regarding your voting options, [click here](#).

If you are interested in participating by mail fill out an application as soon as possible, you must do so by **before Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m.**

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2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative

The 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative provides financial relief to help offset the extraordinary costs livestock producers face related to the current drought, with a per head payment on female breeding animals.

Details for the Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative.
Applications open on **September 1, 2021**.

For more info visit <https://t.co/3SpiAZLbh5> or call 1-844-723-1211.

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