



The Weekly Policy Bulletin

5-11-2021

Reminders

Fire Bans

With very dry conditions facing much of the province the threat of fire is on many people's minds.

SARM has been in contact with the Minister of Government Relations and would like to remind RMs the importance of monitoring dryness in your jurisdiction. If it is necessary, then please implement a fire ban. This will help to prevent fires, protect communities and improve public safety.

To implement a fire ban you must have a bylaw in place that allows you to do so. Once you have issued the fire ban, please contact the Sask911 Centre, who will help inform the public of the ban, Sask911 Toll-Free Information Line: 1-866-757-5911.

To add or remove a fire ban, municipalities should call the Controlled Burn Line at 1-866-404-4911.

[Learn More](#)

Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week

May 9th to 15th is Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week. The Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment is turning the focus on the important role that residents can play to protect the numerous rivers and lakes from the significant threat of invasive species.

Saskatchewan's AIS program continues its focus on public education, including promotion of the Clean, Drain, Dry Program for watercraft, as well as roadside inspections, decontaminations and regular monitoring of the province's waterbodies. Prevention of zebra and quagga mussels remains a top priority for the province. The program has proved successful so far, with no invasive mussels found in Saskatchewan waterbodies to date.

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Information

Resolution Response

SARM received a response from the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General on the following resolution:

- **22-21A - Trespass Law**

Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan Legacy Pile Survey

TSS is looking to develop a proactive plan on dealing with legacy piles in the Province. TSS is asking individuals with tire collections which would not be suitable for the Return to Retailer program to document their piles along with Community groups who have legacy tire issues in their community or RM to fill out the Survey.

The results of this survey will allow TSS to develop a long-term plan to address legacy tires that will be transparent in terms of the expected timeline on when TSS can accommodate the cleanup effort. TSS is looking to have feedback from individuals and community groups by **December 31, 2021**.

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AMI RockChain Webinar

Join AMI RockChain for an information session on their new cooperative aggregates program.

Simplify your project planning and find affordable aggregate sources with AMI RockChain's new cooperative aggregates program. The program will help you source and transport surface materials; gives you access to resource mapping, modelling, and stockpile monitoring; and provides options for regulatory and resource engineering services.

AMI RockChain sources various material types such as:

- Gravel – Crushed, Washed, Screened, Pitrun
- Sand – Bedding
- Sand (Winter) – Road Sand
- Rip Rap – Class 1M, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3
- Ballast – Sub, Main, Other
- Clay – Fill
- Landscape – Topsoil
- Recycled – Concrete, Asphalt

Date: May 20, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Fire Ban Awareness – NOTE: Corrected phone number in RED below

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Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping continues to be a huge issue across rural Saskatchewan. Please see below for more information regarding what suspicious activity to look out for and how to report any potential violations.

Report any suspicious activity such as:

- Trafficking in fish or wildlife
- Fish being caught in closed spawning areas, with illegal nets, fish traps or snares
- Wasting game
- Burning copper wire
- Unauthorized removal of aquatic plants or beach construction that could destroy fisheries habitat
- Hunting in closed areas
- Fish being sold by commercial fishermen without valid licences
- Dumping of toxic materials on land or in water
- Hunting at night with lights
- Illegal forest harvesting
- Unsafe hunting or fishing practices
- Dumping tires

Provide the information below, if possible:

- Licence plate of the suspect vehicle/boat
- Date/time/location of the offence
- Whether it is ongoing or not
- Description of the violation
- Description of the violators
- Description of the vehicle
- Photos or video of the offence or the offender

All inquiries to TIPP are reviewed by a conservation officer. If an inquiry requires action, the Ministry of Environment will follow up in a timely and appropriate manner.

How to Report

Contact the TIPP service if you notice any potential fishing, wildlife or environmental resource violations.

Report suspicious activity three ways

All calls and submissions are confidential.

- Toll-free – 1-800-667-7561
- SaskTel cell – #5555
- Complete and submit a form online. See form below.

The Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) 1-800-667-7561 is not an emergency response number.

If your call is about a matter of public safety, please call 911 or the police.

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Resolution Response

SARM received a response from the Water Security Agency on the following resolution:

- **4-21A - Water Management**

Resources

Community Planning Education Material Update

Land use planning is voluntary in Saskatchewan. Municipalities can choose to regulate development within their boundaries through an official community plan and zoning bylaw, and regionally with neighbouring communities through a district plan. All municipal and district level land use bylaws must be consistent with *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* and *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations*. This legislative framework is very detailed, and Community Planning is here to help!

The **Planning 101 webinar** (with **presentation slides**) covers a broad cross-section of Saskatchewan land use and community planning fundamentals, such as:

- Roles of municipalities and Community Planning in managing land use and development;
- Legislation and regulations guiding land use and development;
- Land use and community planning bylaws;
- Subdivision, dedicated lands and hazard lands;
- Servicing agreements and development levies;

- Asset management; and
- Regional planning.

This pre-recorded, 3.5-hour webinar is designed to assist municipal elected and administration officials. The webinar can be watched in segments, paused anytime, rewind and provides flexibility to the viewer to learn in a manner that best suits their abilities and schedule. Special thanks to the **Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute** for making this webinar and materials open to the public.

Stay tuned for additional education and training materials on the following land use planning and development topics:

- *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations*
- Official community plans
- Zoning bylaws
- Dedicated lands
- Development Appeals Boards

Community Planning staff are available to answer your land use planning and development questions. Download our **Community Planning Map** to find your area consultant and general Community Planning contact information.

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2021 June Division Meeting Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for SARM's 2021 June Division Meetings has been extended to **June 1, 2021 by end of day**. Please complete the online registration form linked below prior to the deadline.

[Register Now](#)

Feedback

Health Canada's Radon Action Guide Consultation

Health Canada's National Radon Program (NRP) launched a consultation in April on its draft Radon Action Guide for Provinces-Territories (RAG-PT) and for Municipalities (RAG-M). The Guides are intended to provide provinces/territories (P/T) and municipalities with the legal justification, rationale and resources to enable radon reduction policy and program action. The Guides describe why radon action is important, show what steps provinces, territories, and municipalities in Canada can take, and provide examples from around the world of radon action.

The consultation closes **June 30, 2021** and next steps will be to work with P/T and municipal authorities to pilot the use of the guides.

The consultations seek input and ideas on how the Radon Action Guides will be used and can be improved. Your participation and feedback will ensure that the Radon Action Guides are a resource that will be effectively used by Provincial, Territorial and Municipal authorities. This is also an opportunity to tell us if we have missed an important radon program, policy or initiative you are participating in or know about.

For more details on how to participate in the consultation visit www.takeactiononradon.ca/radon-action-guide for full instructions and consultation materials.

Please don't hesitate to contact Health Canada's National Radon Program for additional assistance at hc.radon.sc@canada.ca

Municipal Public Accounts Survey

The Ministry of Government Relations would like to hear from you on the important topic of municipal public accounts.

In 2020, amendments to *The Municipalities Act* and *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* added authority to establish public accounts for all municipalities. This section of the legislation has not yet been proclaimed. When the legislative amendments come into force, all municipalities will be required to prepare public accounts annually and make them available to the public. The regulations will set out the specific requirements for what municipalities report and the thresholds of each requirement for which details need to be reported.

You can find a discussion paper and follow-up survey here:

[Learn More & Submit Feedback](#)

The survey closes on **June 30, 2021**.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact regs@gov.sk.ca.

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