

R&EDC Meeting

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Meeting Overview

- 2014 Consultations
- What we Heard
- Resource Roads Program (P3 Proposal)
- Other
 - Legal Opinions
- Questions



2014 Consultations

- 5 meetings were held around the Province this summer.
 1. Carlyle – 7 RMs/ 18 attendees
 2. Midale – 12 RMs/24 attendees
 3. Kindersley – 12 RMs/ 26 attendees
 4. Shaunavon – 13 RMs/ 19 attendees
 5. North Battleford – 12 RMs/23 attendees



What we Heard

- Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) rates are too low.
- We will look to pursue RMA rates to be increased using actual cost indexing; not the Consumer Price Indexing.
- We have requested information from your RMs on relevant costs from 1998 and 2013.



What we Heard

- We need more information on assessment of heavy industrial property and resource production equipment; what's being taxed and what isn't?
- We have met with SAMA to discuss the valuation of regulated property.
- We will work with SAMA on its City and Commercial Advisory Committee to better the assessment system relating to oil and gas developments.
- We will consult with Members as issues arise.



What we Heard

- Overweight permitting fees are too low.
- We are working with the MHI to have OW permitting fees increased.
- More information on this initiative will be released shortly.



What we Heard

- We need more bylaw enforcement officers and the duties of BEOs need to be expanded to allow for enforcing OW permits and speeding infractions.
- SARM has been working with the Saskatchewan Association of Municipal Enforcement Officers the better training opportunities for BEOs, recruit new persons to the field, and to develop consistency in related standards, markings, and equipment.



What we Heard

- SARM has also been working with the Ministry of Justice, RCMP and SUMA on the development of a Community Safety Officer Program – high need/low risk policing.
- Details of this program will be announced tomorrow at Convention.
- We have also been working with the RCMP to develop the Enhanced Officer option for RMs seeking an additional RCMP officer at the local detachment.



What we Heard

- Well drilling licences are too low.
- We have requested the Province increase the well drilling license fee but need to provide a number or set of numbers with justifications to get traction.
- RMs have been asked to think about the fee and provide recommendations on what it should be moving forward.



What we Heard

- RMs without gravel need to have right of refusal before private companies for deposits.
- SARM is working with the Province to develop a system whereby outside RMs would have third right of refusal when gravel deposits come up.



What we Heard

- Extraction fees for sand and gravel are too low.
- There needs to be a fee for clay extraction.

Q: Are you in agreement with these statements? If so, what type of an increase would you like to see?



What we Heard

- RMs need more information about contractors i.e. equipment, capacity and work history.
- SARM is currently working with the SK Heavy Construction Association to address this information gap.



What we Heard

- RMs need more information about new technologies for road construction and maintenance.
- SARM's Infrastructure Committee has taken up this task and will be gathering related best practices.
- Funding has been set aside for a potential research project; the details of which have not yet been established.



What we Heard

- Ministry of Economy (E&R) and Ministry of Government Relations are not in agreement on setback distances for new oil wells/batteries.
- SARM will work with the Province to ensure that the setback distances proposed/recommended by the Ministry's does not restrict development in an RM.



What we Heard

- We need a database of all pipeline approvals – RMs and Province.
- We need mandatory and standardized signage i.e. underground fluid movement vs. utility line.

Q: are you in agreement with these statement(s)? If so, any thoughts on how this system would work?



What we Heard

- DOTs will not ticket on an RM road under 80kms even if it's posted.

Q: are you in agreement with this statement? If so, any thoughts on how this system would work?



What we Heard

- Engineering requirements for outside funding and related costs are taking up too much of the funding for roads.

Q: are you in agreement with this statement? If so, any suggestions on what can be done to adequately address this issue?



What we Heard

- An Oil and Gas Well Levy collected by the Province on behalf of RMs would be a lot cleaner and would eliminate duplication of administration fees.

Q: are you in agreement with this statement? If so, any suggestions on what can be done to adequately address this issue?



What we Heard

- RMs, similar to Cities, need to have the authority to sub-class.
 - We have been pursuing this ask for a number of years with no movement from Province.
- Q: Thoughts on sub-classing with Ministerial approval?
Approval granted and retained if RMs is within the other class provincial averages so to prove not subsidizing other property classes i.e. Ag.



What we Heard

- Pursue a P3 Program for Resource Roads.

- We developed a proposal and submitted it to the Province for consideration.

- Province announced in Throne Speech that it is seriously considering the proposal.

- Details have not been formally announced but much of the document was pulled from our discussions this summer.

- RRP details...



Legal Opinions

1. Pre and post haul inspections
2. Shutting down hauls
3. Requiring well drills to enter RMA.
4. Withholding development permits or OW permits
5. RMA Rates –primary or secondary



Questions? Comments?



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