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If yes, read ***the Applicant Guide***. It contains detailed information about the application process, including on how you can demonstrate the quality of your proposed job placement(s).

Should you have any questions about CSJ 2022 or the application process after reading the guide, please do not hesitate to contact Service Canada.

Apply Now for Canada Summer Jobs funding!

For more information:

Click: www.canada.ca/canada-summer-jobs

Call: 1-800-935-5555 (ATS: 1-800-926-9105)

Visit: [Service Canada Centre](#)

If you are interested in attending a virtual Information Session, register here: <https://2022infosessions.eventbrite.ca>

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Irrigation Development Project Application Deadline

Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Agriculture is reminding applicants of the Irrigation Development project that pre-approval applications must be received on or before **January 15, 2022**.

To learn more about the funding, eligibility and how to apply, visit: [Irrigation Development Program | Irrigation Program | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Learn More](#)

[View Application Form](#)

Resources

Traffic Safety Fund (TSF) Grant

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program enables projects to reduce traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities in communities across Saskatchewan. Approved projects are eligible to receive up to \$100,000 per location in funding for infrastructure projects or on equipment and community outreach programs to help improve traffic safety.

Some examples of priority areas of focus include:

- Impaired driving (alcohol, drugs)
- Distracted driving (cellphone, fatigue)
- Occupant protection (seatbelts, car seats)
- Speed management (excluding camera equipment for photo speed enforcement programs)
- Vulnerable road users (pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists)
- Intersection safety (crosswalks, lights, signage)

Who can apply

Applicants representing Indigenous lands or territories and urban or rural municipalities are encouraged to apply with their traffic safety initiatives.

How to apply

Calls for new applications are open twice a year:

- January through March
- July through September

Request guidelines and additional information from the PSE Program Administrator by emailing PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca or calling 1-844-855-2744, extension 6042.

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Wildlife Damage Claims

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation is reminding farmers to contact them right away if you notice any damage to your hay or silage bales. It is important that you report wildlife damage to SCIC right away to file a claim.

If you notice deer or other wildlife damaging your hay or silage bales, contact 1 (888) 935-0000



Report wildlife damage on your farm right away.
All Saskatchewan producers can file a claim.

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The University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine is looking for your help to select the province's future medical students! Volunteer to be an accessor at their 2022 virtual Multiple Mini Interview on March 5 or 6, 2022.

Who are they looking for:

- Health professionals and members from the community that will offer a balanced, fair and diverse perspective to help inform our selection decisions.
- Assessors who are comfortable with virtual technology as we will be hosting our multiple mini interviews synchronously using an online platform.
 - **Google Chrome: Version 77 or newer (our recommended browser), Firefox: Version 69 or newer, Microsoft Edge (on Chromium): Version 76 or newer, Opera: Version 62 or newer. Please note that Safari and Internet Explorer (IE) are not supported at this time.**

What they need from you:

- One-full day (approximately eight hours) commitment of assessing candidates for personal qualities important for the medical profession on either **March 5** or **March 6, 2022**
- Participation in a two-hour training session (multiple dates TBD)

What you can expect from them:

- Assessor training including orientation to the interview platform and pre-interview system check
- Pre-interview and interview technical support

If you would like to volunteer, please complete the **online volunteer form 2022 MMI Assessor Registration Form** by **January 17, 2022**.

You will be contacted with further details regarding assessor selection, scheduling, assessor training and orientation sessions.

If you have questions, please contact the College of Medicine Admissions Office at med.admissions@usask.ca.

[Complete Online Volunteer Form](#)

The Canadian Northern Corridor Research Program wants to hear from You!

The Canadian Northern Corridor Research Program at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy is conducting a roundtable event for Municipal Governments in Western Canada to discuss local perspectives on infrastructure planning and development in Canada and would like to invite your municipality to join the conversation.

WHEN: January 25th, 2022
9:00-12:00 PM PST | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM MST | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM CST

WHO: Your fellow representatives of Municipal Governments in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba

WHERE: Via Zoom

The Canadian Northern Corridor Research Program

The University of Calgary's School of Public Policy is hosting a series of roundtables in 2022 discussing the Canadian Northern Corridor (CNC) and the future of large-scale infrastructure planning and development in Canada. The roundtables will be facilitated by Cascade Projects.

The roundtable event, to be held via Zoom on January 25, 2022, will discuss the feasibility, desirability, and acceptability of a connected series of infrastructure corridors throughout Canada and how such a development might align with your municipality's interests and priorities. This is your opportunity to share your municipality's concerns, perspectives, and priorities regarding relevant infrastructure-related issues such as **regional economic development, broadband access, tourism, and post-Covid recovery.**

This roundtable will bring together municipal and regional representatives from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Date: January 25, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CST

Meeting Purpose

The roundtable event will have two main purposes:

1. To have participants share local perspectives on infrastructure issues impacting their municipalities and communities with the goal of informing future research and policy decisions; and
2. For participants to learn about the CNC Research Program's ongoing research on corridor development and infrastructure planning.

About CNC Research Program

The University of Calgary's Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this study (REB20-1717). The Research Program operates with arms-length research funding and is not affiliated with any infrastructure project proponent, advocacy group or government entity.

For more information about the CNC Research Program, please visit the website by visiting www.canadiancorridor.ca or by replying to this email.

About Cascade Projects

Cascade Projects is an Indigenous owned and controlled engagement and consulting firm located in Calgary, Alberta. Cascade is currently working with the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy to facilitate the CNC Engagement Program in 2022. To learn more about Cascade Projects, please visit: www.cascadeprojects.ca.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the upcoming roundtable session, please contact Jade McLean at Cascade Projects.

E: engage@cascadeprojects.ca

P: 403-472-9250

[Register Here](#)

Information

Key SARM Meetings: December 2021

- Meeting with Shadow Minister of Agriculture, Ag Food and Ag Security John Barlow and Andrew Scheer to discuss emissions regulation, drought impacts, RCMP costs, rural broadband, the BC flooding supply chain and CP Rail and tax exemptions.
- Rae Gallivan, Executive Director, Police Contracts and Financial Services, Policing and Community Safety Services, Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety to discuss potential increase to RCMP Costs.
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers - Tim McMillan, President & CEO to discuss Growth Coalition and SARM and CAPP's Memorandum of Understanding and ongoing working relationship.
- Chief Firearms Officer - Robert Freberg to discuss the CFO's focus for Saskatchewan's future and how SARM can help.

Municipal General Election Report

The Ministry of Government Relations has advised that an election report on the 2018-2020 general election cycle is now available for review. The report includes an analysis of the outcomes in municipalities under 300 in population and trends

over the last three general election cycles. Please click the links below to access the report and to learn more about municipal elections.

[View Report](#)

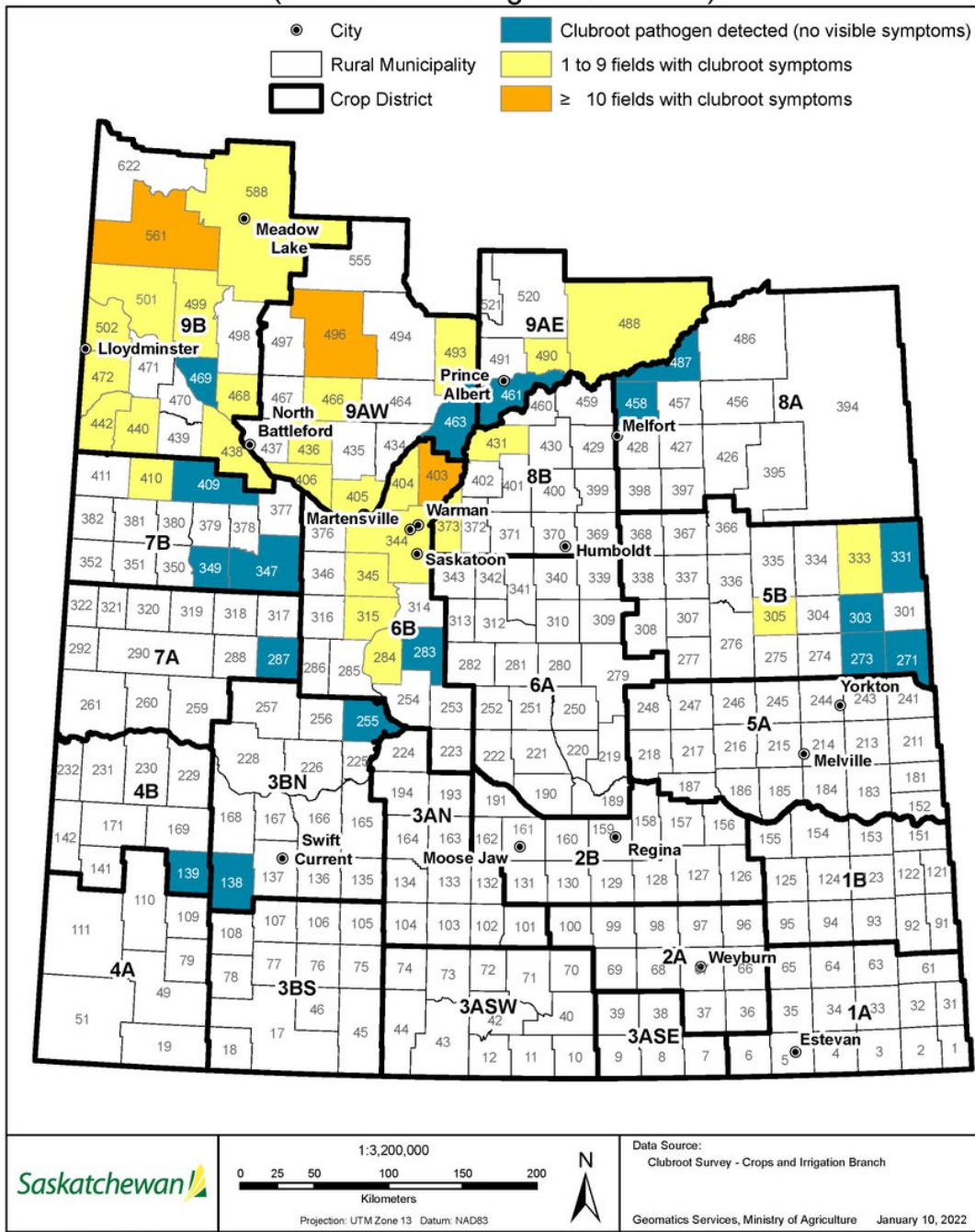
[Learn More](#)

Updated 2021 Saskatchewan Clubroot Distribution Map

The Ministry of Agriculture has released the updated clubroot distribution map with the information collection from the 2021 survey that was in partnership with SaskCanola.

Included below is the updated map showing the cumulative testing for clubroot distribution in Saskatchewan from 2008 to 2021:

Clubroot Distribution in Saskatchewan (cumulative testing 2008 to 2021)



To learn more about clubroot, click the link below:

[Learn More](#)

Resources

JSGS Training: Boards of Revision Certification and Registrar

Government continues to work with the municipal sector and assessment agencies to improve the property assessment appeal system.

To support these efforts, government amended *The Municipalities Regulations*,

The Cities Regulations, and The Northern Municipalities Regulations. These amendments establish an Office of the Registrar and require all boards of revision to be certified to hear property assessment appeals **starting with the 2023 taxation year**. The Office of the Registrar has the authority to certify boards of revision and the application process for board certification will open in June 2022.

To assist municipalities with having a qualified board of revision, an online training program has been developed through the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS). Training registration opens on **January 4, 2022**.

The cost of this training is \$100 per person. There are 150 spots available with a discounted rate of 50 per cent. To receive a discount, board members and secretaries should use the Code: BOR2022 upon registration. These spots will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis. To know more about the training program and to register, please, visit the JSGS ***Board of Revision (BoR) Training Program*** page.

Work on a centralized board of revision for the 2023 taxation year continues. However, municipalities remain responsible for property assessment appeals at the first level. They may appoint citizens and community members to form their own board of revision, establish or join a district board in partnership and collaboration with other municipalities or contract a third party or private service provider. In each instance, the selected board must be certified by 2023.

The Ministry of Government Relations intends to host a webinar in the coming months to fully explain the above changes. Details will be sent to municipalities when they are finalized.

Thank you for your involvement in consultations and leadership on these changes directly and through your municipal associations, to help ensure Saskatchewan taxpayers receive qualified appeal services.

The regulation amendments as published in the ***Saskatchewan Gazette can be found here***. If you have any immediate questions, please contact us at ***property.tax@gov.sk.ca***.

Crop Planning Guide & Crop Planner

The Ministry of Agriculture has advised that the 2022 Crop Planning Guide and Crop Planner has been released. The guide will provide information that can help estimate income and cost of production for different crops in various soil zones in the province.

To learn more about the Crop Planning Guide and Crop Planner, click the link below:

[Learn More](#)

To view the complete version of the 2022 Crop Planning Guide, click the link below:

2021 Specialty Crop Report

The Ministry of Agriculture has released the 2021 Specialty Crop Report which aimed at examining mustard, lentils, peas, canaryseed, chickpeas, soybean, fall rye and faba beans with various statistical factors such as the area planted, yield, production, price, moisture and insects.

To view the complete version of the 2021 Specialty Crop Report, click the link below:

[View Report](#)

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Webinar: What to Expect when Saskatchewan's Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act takes Effect

Proposed amendments to Saskatchewan's Builders' Lien Act will take effect on March 1, 2022, initiating new legislation for Prompt Payment. The new legislation prescribes timelines and mandatory rules for payments in almost all construction industry sectors to ensure contractors and subcontractors are paid promptly. The legislation also includes a new dispute resolution process, adjudication, to address disputes arising under the legislation.

Join MLT Aikins for this comprehensive webinar where they will provide an overview of the effects these proposed changes may have on your construction projects.

Date: January 18, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CST

Cost: Free

Registration closes: January 18, 2022

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New Trespass Act Facts and Information

With the recent implementation of *The Trespass to Property Act, 2019* (“**The Act**”), SARM reached out the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for direction on some quick facts for RMs.

The Minister of Justice and Attorney General prepared a fact sheet on The Act, to view the fact sheet click: [Publications Sask](#)

The Government has made a number of social media posts on The Act, to view the Minister of Environment’s Facebook page with posts pertaining to The Act, visit: [Facebook](#)

To view the latest Government news release: *New Trespass Legislation Coming Into Force On January 1, 2022* released December 16, 2021, visit: [News Release](#)

Road Maintenance Agreement Information

The Ministry of Government Relations has completed their review of the Road Maintenance Agreements. The updated regulations create a more consistent, transparent and clear process for all involved.

Section 22 of The Municipalities Act provides authority for municipalities to enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with haulers, shippers or receivers of delivered goods. A Rural Municipality (RM) will often use an RMA in cases where there is concentrated heavy hauling from an identifiable source or there is heavy haul traffic that routes through a municipality where the hauler, shipper or receiver does not have a property tax base.

The following links to websites and conversion factors are supplied to assist an RM in drafting the new Road Maintenance Agreements which came into effect Jan 1, 2022.

- [Roads and Streets Construction and Maintenance](#)
- [SARM Resolution 19-21A - Road Maintenance Agreement Rates](#)
- [2022 Road Maintenance Agreements](#)

The Road Maintenance Agreement Template provides general guidance to rural municipalities in drafting an RMA. The template is currently available:

[RMA Template](#)

[Learn More](#)

To calculate the RMA amounts SARM has the following conversions for gravel:

1.0 cubic metre (m³) = 1.31 cubic yard (yd³)

1.0 cubic yard (yd³) = 1.43 Imperial ton or 1.30 Metric tonne

1.0 cubic metre (m³) = 1.87 Imperial ton or 1.70 Metric tonne

1 mile = 1.61 kilometres

Note that the RMA rate for the applicable Transportation Planning Council area (from the attached map site link) can ONLY be used in the formula when metric tonnes and kilometres are the other factors in the formula, meaning that, for gravel, conversions from cubic yard (yd³) or cubic metre (m³) to Metric tonne; as well as from miles to kilometres MUST be done before entering those values into the formula.

Note that the Road Maintenance Agreement may be used for any bulk hauling of liquids, grain, minerals, livestock, lumber, manufactured goods, etc. which will have different conversion factors than for gravel.

Support is available on the Government Relations Inquiry Line at (306) 787-2680.

Ag in Motion Western Canada's Outdoor Farm Expo

Ag in Motion Western Canada's Outdoor Farm Expo plans to return to a full outdoor event in **July 19-21, 2022**. This year Ag in Motion plans to deliver a 'see, touch, connect' experience to farmers where they can talk one-on-one with surrounding farmers and industry contacts while seeing innovative technology and products up-close.

SEE the newest agriculture technology in the field
TOUCH innovative new products and equipment for your farm
CONNECT with farmers and industry again, live and in person

WHEN: July 19-21, 2022 - 8:30 am – 4:30 pm each day

WHERE: RM of Corman Park, Langham, Saskatchewan (15 Minutes NW of Saskatoon on HWY 16)

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AgriStability Virtual Information Session

SCIC is hosting virtual sessions to share information and tips about the AgriStability Program. The sessions will provide an overview of how the program works, the coverage AgriStability provides and the requirements to participate annually. You can sign up for the session date and time that works best for your schedule.

Virtual Information Schedule:

- Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Saturday, January 29, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M.
- Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Saturday, February 5, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M.
- Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.

To register for the date and time that works best for you, click the "Register Here" button below.

If you have any questions, please **contact your local SCIC customer service office** or the AgriStability Call Centre at 1-866-270-8450 or **agristability@scic.ca**.

[Register Here](#)

[AgriStability Handbook](#)

[Learn More](#)

2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative

Producers who have already applied for payment one, can now apply for payment two. A separate application is needed to receive the second payment and will require the December 31, 2021 inventory and a Premise Identification Number. Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation is reminding farmers to apply for both payments by January 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact 1-844-723-1211 or **skdri@scic.ca**.

To learn more about the payment applications, how the initiative works, eligibility and more, please click the link below:

[Learn More](#)

Webinar Recording: Targeted Sector Support at Work

On January 11, 2022, SUMA hosted a webinar where participants would learn about the Targeted Sector Support ("TSS") Initiative, how you can use TSS funding

in your community, get the inside track on what makes a strong application, and discover the supports available to communities looking to apply for funding.

The webinar recording is available for viewing below:

[View Recording](#)

The Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative provides cost-shared grants to municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on regional cooperation, capacity building, and good governance.

The submission deadline for TSS applications is February 1, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the Targeted Sector Support Initiative or require any assistance with the application process, please contact the TSS Coordinator, Paul Ladouceur, at 306-525-4231 or info@targetedsector.ca.

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Target Sector Support Submission Deadline

Municipal Revenue Sharing is an integral part of strengthening municipalities across rural Saskatchewan. Funding such as the Targeted Sector Support Initiative helps to support inter-municipal cooperation resulting in more effective community governance.

The Steering Committee is now accepting applications for funding through the Targeted Sector Support Initiative. Please note that the deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 5 p.m.**

[Learn More](#)

Feedback

Saskatchewan Environmental Code Transfer Station Chapter Consultation

The Solid Waste Management Strategy (the “Strategy”) was launched publicly on January 23, 2020, as a starting point to provide a practical and sustainable solid waste management system in Saskatchewan.

The Strategy outlines goals and commitments that will move the province towards a practical, sustainable, integrated solid waste management system that protects the environment and promotes economic development and innovation opportunities.

The commitment that this public engagement focuses upon is for the Ministry of Environment to develop a new ***Saskatchewan Environmental Code (the “code”) chapter for transfer stations*** for implementation in 2022-23.

A new code chapter for transfer stations aims to provide legal requirements and concise guidance to reduce administrative burden associated with permitting and reporting of these waste disposal grounds/facilities.

Acceptable waste management options include bringing an existing landfill into

compliance, converting to a transfer station, participating in a regional waste management authority, contracting a private disposal company, or a combination of these or other innovative solutions.

Transfer stations, are a low risk alternative to engineered landfills. Transfer stations offer opportunities for resource recovery by opening up economies of scale. Transfer stations can be operated at a fraction of the cost associated with engineered landfills.

The transfer station code will reduce the time municipalities spend on permitting and reporting, while providing flexibility for meeting compliance obligations. The code chapter will allow for online registration and reduce the requirement to submit some documentation for review, such as operations plans and emergency response plans.

Key Changes being considered:

- Clear requirements to employ industry best practices for low risk operations following the acceptable solution.
- Streamlining from a permit application system to online registration to establish, construct, and operate a transfer station for facilities following the acceptable solution.
- No requirement to submit annual reports.
- No requirement to submit operations plans and emergency response plans for approval under the acceptable solution.
- Engaging a Qualified Person to verify requirements of the chapter are met, rather than ministry staff review.
- Encourages innovation in managing risk and methodologies and technologies.
- Facilities that choose to propose an alternative solution submit proposed new methodologies and technologies for ministry review and approval as part of an environmental protection plan.
- Auditing acceptable solution for oversight.

Registration of a transfer station will require the following information to be uploaded:

- A. Site suitability report and design plan
- B. Construction verification
- C. Operations plan
- D. Emergency Response Plan

How will this impact existing transfer stations?

Existing transfer station owners will be required to provide notification through the online portal which will include filling out a form and uploading required documents. A notification number will be generated that will identify a registered transfer station for the lifetime of the facility. Existing transfer stations will not be required to comply with the siting, design and construction requirements unless the owner is expanding the transfer station. All other requirements apply. The deadline for notification of existing transfer stations will be six months from when the chapter is implemented.

The Ministry of Environment is currently seeking feedback on a proposed new transfer station chapter for inclusion in the Saskatchewan Environmental Code.

For more information regarding the draft of code being considered, the discussion paper, survey and more, please visit:

[Learn More](#)

Please submit your response to the survey or written comments no later than February 5, 2022 to the Ministry of Environment via:

Online survey:

[Take Survey](#)

Your participation is voluntary and responses are confidential. You can leave the survey at any time. This survey should take around 30 minutes to complete.

The Government of Saskatchewan will not be responding to individuals or organizations that participate. However, the ministry will review the responses and report back on what we heard. This report will be emailed to stakeholders and posted on the Government of Saskatchewan website in early 2022.

Written submissions or questions can be sent:

Ministry of Environment Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch
Attn: Transfer Station Chapter Public Consultation
4th Floor, 3211 Albert Street
REGINA SK
S4S 5W6

Email: waste.management@gov.sk.ca, using the subject heading Transfer Station Chapter

RM Input on Oil and Gas Tax Arrears and Write-offs

Increasingly oil & gas companies are defaulting on their tax payment obligations for municipal and education purposes, thus forcing both governing bodies to lower the level of service to their ratepayers.

At SARM's midterm convention there were three resolutions passed asking SARM to lobby the Provincial government for tax tools to help municipalities collect on these tax arrears and write-offs.

As part of our lobbying effort, SARM would like to present some hard figures to back up our claims when speaking to government officials around the depth of this issue. In order to do this, we are asking for RM's to provide some figures from their experience with oil and gas arrears.

On **January 24th**, a survey (linked below) was distributed to all RM's asking for data on tax arrears and write-offs from oil and gas accounts. A guide to assist in the gathering of the information required to help build our case is linked below. (These instructions are for those who use MuniSoft software only)

The requested information will be for oil and gas tax arrears totals and oil and gas tax write-off totals for the below year-ranges:

2010-2013

2014-2017

2018-2021

We understand that this will take some time to complete the work, however this will be invaluable information to take forward in our lobbying effort and effectively highlight the concerns that many RMs have expressed in supporting the resolutions regarding Oil and Gas tax arrears.

Our hope is to compile the results from RM's across the province and be able to show an accurate representation of the problem that exists and the strain that it is putting on RM's due to the lost revenue. We also intend to share our findings with RM's once the surveys are completed.

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to the aforementioned, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Brian Rakochy (P: 306-761-3735 or E: brakochy@sarm.ca) or Ms. Deanna Nichols (P: 306-761-3947 or E: dnichols@sarm.ca).

Deadline to submit is **end of day February 7th, 2022**.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter of importance for our membership.

[MuniSoft Guide](#)

[Take Survey](#)

Information

Saskatchewan Procurement Thresholds Chart - Valid until December 31, 2023

The Government of Saskatchewan released the updated procurement thresholds for 2022-2023 which came into effect January 1, 2022. Procurement thresholds are adjusted for inflation every two years.

To view the Procurement Thresholds letter dated January 24, 2022 from the Ministry of Government Relations, click below:

[Procurement Threshold Letter](#)

To download the new procurement threshold chart, click below:

To download the Procurement Guide (Updated January 10, 2022), click below:

[Procurement Guide](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Lyndi Blakley
Saskatchewan's Minister of Trade and Export Development
Phone: (306) 787-8910
Email: lyndi.blakley@gov.sk.ca

Celebrating Rural Ranching Women

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is excited to present the fifth Celebrating Rural Ranching Women conference. Celebrating Rural Ranching Women is eager to return with the first ever virtual event on Feb. 10 and 11, 2022. This year's theme is Resiliency on the Ranch: Inspiration and information to help you and your operation thrive. After a challenging year for all, join us for this two-day online event to celebrate the strength of Saskatchewan's rural women.

Join us Thursday evening for our keynote address: The Success-Energy Reset with Michelle Cederberg. Sponsored by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership through the Farm Safety Program, this thought-provoking session with Michelle will discuss how to break free from stress and drive your own success. Presenting four science-backed factors that contribute to success and overall well being, Michelle will leave you with strategies to take action and control stress in every area of your life.

All webinars will be recorded and all registrants will receive a recording to view later. If you are unable to attend the event live, please still register to receive a link to the recording. For more information or for assistance with registering, please contact Jordan at jordan.johnson10@gov.sk.ca or at 306-741-6800.

[Register Here](#)

Alberta Conservation Association to Fund Chronic Wasting Disease Research

The Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Conservation Association are providing nearly \$1.3 million in funding toward the research and development of a vaccine for chronic wasting disease (CWD) over the next five years.

"This shared funding agreement has the

potential to yield an effective tool to protect our cervid populations across the prairies," Environment Minister Warren Kaeding said. "A vaccine could assist in reducing challenges faced with premature fatalities in the animals, as well as offering a reduction in transmission across more than just our two provinces."



CWD is a fatal, infectious disease of deer, elk, reindeer and moose (cervids) that affects the central nervous system. Caribou, a subspecies of reindeer in Canada, are also susceptible.

Saskatchewan will provide \$400,000 to be dispersed from the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund, with a commitment of \$50,000 for the first two years and \$100,000 in each of the remaining three years.

This funding will complement a commitment from the Alberta Ministry of Environment and Parks to support the research for two years at the University of Calgary (\$195,000) and the University of Alberta (\$186,000), as well as a \$500,000 pledge over five years from the Alberta Conservation Association.

"The ongoing spread of CWD through wildlife populations threatens a natural resource of considerable economic, ecological and social importance," Alberta Minister of Environment and Parks Jason Nixon said. "An effective oral vaccine for CWD would complement other science-based strategies to limit the prevalence and spread of CWD in wildlife populations in Alberta and beyond."

CWD has been detected in wild cervids throughout most of Saskatchewan south of the boreal forest, with the highest infection rates in the western and central portions of the province, as well as the northeastern areas around Nipawin and Carrot River.

For more information on CWD, please visit:

[Learn More](#)

For additional information, contact:

Chris Hodges
Environment
Regina
Phone: 306-787-0143
Email: chris.hodges2@gov.sk.ca

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FREE COURSE: Foundations in Agriculture Management

The University of Guelph, in collaboration with RBC and FCC, are pleased to announce Foundations in Agricultural Management, a free self-paced online

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Are you ready to take your agricultural business to the next level? Then you're in the right place! In this course, you'll explore agricultural business strategy and planning, farm management, succession planning and financial fundamentals. Invest a few hours in this free, online course and you'll gain the knowledge and confidence to make a lifetime of better informed decisions for yourself and your business. Invest in your business. Invest in yourself.

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Agriculture Student Scholarship

The Ministry of Agriculture is offering four scholarships for Grade 12 students who are planning on pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture.

Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2022**

To learn more about the application process and eligibility, visit:

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Firefighter Cancer Prevention News Conference

No employer, worker, coworker or family member ever wants a fatality to occur in the workplace, but it's happening. In 2020, the Workers' Compensation Board (the "WCB") accepted five fatalities from firefighter cancer, and it remains one of the leading causes of occupational disease fatalities in Saskatchewan.

That's why improving firefighter cancer prevention is one of the top priorities in WorkSafe Saskatchewan's *Fatalities and Serious Injuries Strategy*. WCB is proud to be launching the next initiative in their strategy to prevent firefighter cancer and fatalities later this month.

WCB has worked with Jim Burneka and the Firefighter Cancer Consultants to develop a series of training videos showcasing safe work practices that will help fire departments and firefighters reduce their risk of developing cancer from the hazards they are exposed to at the jobsite. You may *preview the video series here*. The videos are based on best practices that were recommended for Saskatchewan fire departments to adopt after an audit of several fire departments (both career and volunteer) in 2019.

In support of Firefighter Cancer Awareness month, WCB will be holding a virtual news conference on **Monday, January 31**, to launch this new video series, and

they are inviting you to attend to show your support.

The speakers at the news conference will include:

- Mike Kwasnica, President, Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs
- Lloyd Zwack, President, Saskatchewan Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association
- Doug Lapchuk, President, Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Layne Jackson, City of Regina Fire Chief
- Nikki McLelland, widow of Darren McLelland, the late Fire Chief of Swift Current

To register for the news conference, visit: [Sign In \(ungerboeck.com\)](https://www.ungerboeck.com)

Improving firefighter safety and preventing fire fighter cancer will not happen overnight, and this video series is just one step in our journey together to prevent cancer and death among the brave men and women who serve our province.

WCB hopes that you will attend the news conference to show your support for this prevention initiative and improving firefighter safety in your community.

WCB encourages you to extend the invitation to others within the fire and protection services. Your support and active participation is greatly appreciated.

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