



The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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Feedback

SaskPower Webinar Survey

SaskPower would like to thank all who attended their SMR information session on October 27, 2021. They hope you found it a good use of your time. To help SaskPower improve – they need your feedback!

Let them know how they did, and what they can do better by taking the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y9VVRP3>

It shouldn't take more than 6-minutes to complete.

SaskPower is preparing a summary of questions and answers to share with you in the next week or so.

Save the Dates!

A reminder that SaskPower is hosting two virtual public information sessions about their SMR Project.

- **November 18, 2021, 10:30 - Noon**
- **November 30, 2021, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Your voices are so important in these conversations. As soon as the registration links are live we will let you know!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please email PublicConsultation@saskpower.com.

[Take the Survey](#)

MEPP Satisfaction Survey

Complete **MEPP's Member Satisfaction Survey** for a chance to win \$100.

MEPP is looking for your feedback on the communications and services you receive. Once you complete the survey, you can enter your name into the draw to be one of five lucky winners of a \$100 gift card!

The survey ends on **November 21, 2021**. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

[Take the Survey](#)

Saskatchewan Drought Risk Review Survey

Please note this survey will be open until **November 12, 2021** and will only take 15-20 minutes to complete.

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is conducting a review of Saskatchewan's drought risk, which has a view toward sharing insights and proposing options for managing current and future drought impacts. This review is being conducted in partnership with members from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Government Relations, and the Water Security Agency. This project has two main objectives: 1) Study the impact of drought on Saskatchewan communities; and 2) Propose options for mitigating and responding to those impacts.

The SPSA wants to hear your perspective on drought risks. To participate and share your thoughts, please respond to this short survey by clicking the following link: [Saskatchewan Drought Risk Review Survey](#).

If there are any questions about the survey, please contact Mac Osazuwa-Peters by email at mac.osazuwa-peters@gov.sk.ca or phone at 306-519-9372.

[Take the Survey](#)

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Revised 2021 Midterm Resolutions

Please find the revised 2021 midterm resolution document linked below with Resolution 22-21M included titled "SGI Emergency Callout Fee".

It is a resolution concerning **SGI** so you will find it listed after Resolution 14-21M ATV & Quad Licencing so it can be read at that time with other resolutions pertaining to SGI.

Thank you for your understanding and SARM apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

[Resolutions Submitted](#)

[Resolutions & Background](#)

Saskatchewan Agriculture's 2021 Agronomy Research Update

The 2021 Agronomy Research Update hosted by Saskatchewan Agriculture's Crops Extension Specialists will be online again this year. Agronomist, producer, industry and retail attendees will have the opportunity to learn about what happened in the 2021 growing season and the potential impact in 2022 and research on dry crop conditions and annual forage crops. The Agronomy Research Update will have online sessions spread out over four days from November 29 to December 2, 2021.

If you are interested in attending the Saskatchewan Agriculture's 2021 Agronomy Research Update, please visit [**Canadian Certified Crop Advisers - Prairie Certified Crop Adviser Board - Crop Advising in Western Canada | What's New \(prairiecca.ca\)**](https://www.prairiecca.ca) and sign up to the days that are of interest to you.

We have included the agenda for ease of reference below.

[View Agenda](#)

Local Government Week

Minister of Government Relations Don McMorris and Minister of Education Dustin Duncan designated November 8 to 14th, 2021 to be "Local Government Week" in Saskatchewan.

It will be a week to recognize and celebrate the important role First Nation and Metis governance, municipal governments and school boards have in the lives of the citizens of Saskatchewan.

SARM and the other associations will be marking this week with some special messages recognizing this contribution.

[Learn More](#)

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Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant - Declaration of Eligibility

Municipalities are required to annually report their compliance with eligibility requirements to the Ministry of Government Relations (ministry) to receive their Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) Grant. **The ministry will be emailing each municipality on November 15, 2021 with a unique link and password for the online declaration.** If you do not receive the email and it is not in your SPAM/JUNK folder, email the ministry at [**grcompliance@gov.sk.ca**](mailto:grcompliance@gov.sk.ca) requesting

the email be re-sent.

To avoid your municipality's Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant for the 2022-23 year from being withheld, ensure your municipality submits its Declaration of Eligibility to the ministry and that your municipality meets all eligibility requirements. **The deadline for submission of the online Declaration of Eligibility is January 31, 2022.** Please ensure the declaration is submitted by the deadline, even if the municipality does not meet all eligibility requirements.

A completed declaration requires a resolution from council confirming the eligibility requirements the municipality meets. Therefore, administrators will want to include the Declaration of Eligibility on the November, December or January council meeting agenda.

For additional information on the MRS Grant Eligibility Requirements visit the Government of Saskatchewan website linked below:

[Learn More](#)

Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS)

In June 2017 the Retail Council of Canada and the Western Canada Tire Dealers established the non-profit corporation, Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS).

The TSS recently released its 2021-2023 Product Stewardship Program (PSP) with a focus on being the best tire recycling program in Canada and substantially reducing the legacy tire piles throughout Saskatchewan. To review the TSS's October 19, 2020 Submission to the Minister of Environment the Proposed Product Stewardship Program for Scrap Tire Management: 2021-2023 click here: http://www.tssk.ca/public/CKeditorUpload/TSS_Product_Stewardship_Program,_Final_October_19_2020.pdf.

The TSS is encouraging RM's to participate in the PSP: Legacy Tire Removal by submitting their information via the TSS Legacy Pile Survey for Communities/RM: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3THT2S>.

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Builders' Lien Act Letter

SARM has received a response from the Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General & Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement advising that on March 1, 2022, *The Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2019* will be proclaimed into force. Review the correspondence below.

[View Full Letter](#)

Beef Cow Rations and Winter Feeding Guidelines

In October, 2021 the Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Agriculture released an article on Beef Cow Rations and Winter Feeding Guidelines. Saskatchewan winters can be a challenging experience, especially when it comes to feeding beef cattle. To learn more on rationing and winter feeding for the upcoming Saskatchewan winter, click the link below.

[Learn More](#)

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New ICIP Application Intake Open for Community, Culture & Recreation Projects

A new detailed application intake process was launched by the Government of Saskatchewan under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for community, culture and recreation projects.

This latest intake has two phases:

- Phase 1 is now open and closes on January 11, 2022. This is for projects at the “shovel-ready” stage. These submitted projects will also be considered in the second intake phase.

- Phase 2 is also now open and closes May 10, 2022. This is for more complex projects needing extra time to complete applications.

To read the full eligibility requirements and to begin the online application process, visit: [***Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program \(ICIP\) | Funding for Municipalities | Government of Saskatchewan.***](#)

Previously unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to submit eligible project proposals under this new intake for community, culture and recreation infrastructure.

This will be the last opportunity to apply for these types of projects under ICIP in Saskatchewan to allow future intakes to focus on other types of infrastructure.

Eligible recipients are also reminded that applications are still being accepted under a currently open intake for landfill decommissioning projects.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Infrastructure and Finance Branch at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations at [***infra@gov.sk.ca***](mailto:infra@gov.sk.ca) or 306-787-1262.

What We Heard Engagement Summary – Saskatchewan Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations

From March to May 2021, the Ministry of Environment engaged with stakeholders and interest groups on the regulatory review of The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations and Multi-Material Recycling Program. On March 2, the ministry released a discussion paper and sector-specific online surveys, including a regulatory red tape survey for businesses. The ministry also hosted virtual meetings and engagement sessions in March and April, and accepted written responses until May 10.

The ministry has published a What We Heard report, summarizing the stakeholder comments received on the discussion paper. This input came from written submissions, online surveys, engagement sessions and meetings. The What We Heard report can be found in Saskatchewan's online publication centre at [***Publication Centre \(saskatchewan.ca\)***](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/publication-centre).

For questions or comments, please contact Kyla Clincke at 306-787-2255 or [***kyla.clincke@gov.sk.ca***](mailto:kyla.clincke@gov.sk.ca).

Upcoming Deadlines for Producer Programs

The Ministry of Agriculture is dedicated to providing quality extension to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness across the province. While many in-person learning events aren't possible due to COVID-19, the ministry's agriculture programs specialist team want to raise awareness of the programs and resources available under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), a five-year, \$388-million

investment by federal and provincial governments in strategic initiatives for agriculture ending March 31, 2023.

Before these programs end, the ministry's agriculture program specialists want producers to note some important upcoming deadlines. [Click here](#) to review the deadlines for each of the programs above and share this information with your organizations' membership.

The ministry has also created a series of [online program presentations](#) that organizations and memberships will find valuable. Each presentation highlights a specific CAP program. These short, fast-paced video presentations explain the program intent, applicant eligibility, eligible activities and expenses and how to apply. Details about CAP programs and application information can always be found at [Canadian Agricultural Partnership \(CAP\) | Agribusiness, Farmers and Ranchers | Government of Saskatchewan](#).

[AG Programs Specialists Map](#)

Target Sector Support Intake Launch

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](#)

Amendments to Saskatchewan Income Support Program

On November 12, 2021, the Ministry of Social Services announced that it is increasing support for Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) clients with complex challenges who are at risk of homelessness.

The ministry will begin providing direct payments of shelter benefits available for rent, utilities and security deposits on behalf of high-needs SIS clients with complex challenges who are at risk of homelessness.

The ministry is also investing an additional \$113,000 in 2021-22 to expand money management and trusteeship services provided through currently-contracted community-based organizations by 25 per cent, to support more clients with complex needs.

SIS clients with complex challenges who need help with budgeting or managing their benefits can contact their income assistance worker to learn more about

the supports available to them.

SIS was designed to be simple, client-friendly and focused on helping individuals and families become self-sufficient to the best of their abilities. Since the launch of SIS, the ministry has been listening to feedback and reviewing the program to consider if it needed adjustments. They've seen the majority of income assistance clients are capable of managing their finances, but that some clients with high needs may need help paying their bills. The ministry is continually assessing SIS and will continue to make adjustments as needed to make sure their clients have the supports they need.

[Learn More](#)

SaskPower SMR Information Sessions

SaskPower is hosting two public information sessions about the potential for nuclear power from small modular reactors in Saskatchewan. Both are virtual and free to join.

- **November 18 – 10:30 – Noon.**
- **November 30 – 6-7:30 p.m.**
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We'll introduce the planning phase of our SMR project and how SMRs might fit into the future power system in Saskatchewan as we strive to achieve net zero emissions.

We'll have representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and representatives from two of Canada's nuclear power utilities – New Brunswick Power and Ontario Power Generation – on hand to share some background about nuclear power operations in Canada today.

We've set aside a good part of the agenda to learn what's important to you and to answer your questions at this early stage in the project.

The sessions are filling up! Please register below.

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Insects and Mould in Stored Grain

Monitoring bins, using clean storage facilities and ensuring your grain is cool/dry is the best way to avoid insects and mould while storing grains.

The Ministry of Agriculture released guidelines on insect control and mould prevention to provide farmers with the knowledge on identifying, treating and preventing potential insect or mould problems.

Click the link below to review the Ministry of Agriculture's *Insects and Mould in Stored Grain* guide and learn more.

[Learn More](#)

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Farm Stress Line Saskatchewan

Mental health is important in all aspects of our lives. If you are concerned about someone or need to talk to someone the Farm Stress Line Saskatchewan is here to listen: 1-800-667-4442



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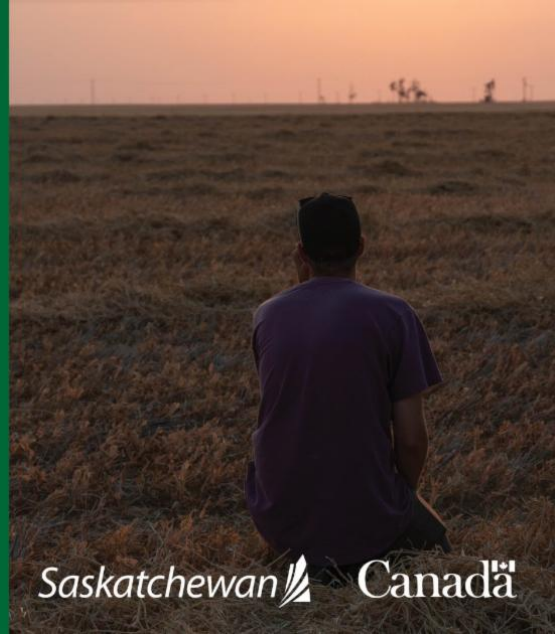
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Call2Recycle: Battery Recycling in Saskatchewan

Call2Recycle, Inc., is looking to optimize battery recycling throughout Saskatchewan. To learn more about Call2Recycle's Mission and Vision visit their website: [***Mission & Vision – Call2Recycle® | Canada***](#)

To register to become a permanent collection location visit: [***Become a Collection Partner – Call2Recycle® | Canada***](#)

To find a drop off location visit: [***Call2Recycle Rechargeable Battery and Cell Phone Recycling Locations – Call2Recycle® | Canada***](#)

For collection events call: 1-888-224-9764

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day ("WCPD") is recognized nationally on Saturday, May 7, but local events can be held through Oct. 31.

Pick a time and location for your event – Get help paying for your neighbourhood's project by applying for \$500 from FireSmart Canada and its partners.

Projects that reduce wildfire risk and increase preparedness can be accomplished by people of all ages with a variety of time commitments.

[***Click here***](#) to take the WCPD 2021 Survey.

[***Click here***](#) to submit your WCPD application 2022 Form.

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Supply Chain Recovery Working Group Survey

On November 20, 2021, the Joint Federal/Provincial **Supply Chain Recovery Working Group (SCRWG)** was established to support supply chain restoration in British Columbia. This working group is the first step in what will be ongoing efforts by all orders of government to ensure that the supply chain is re-established so that essential goods can reach Canadian households as soon as possible, and that foods and other critical supplies are accessible to those who need them.

The recent atmospheric event in British Columbia has severely damaged transportation infrastructure in the province, with critical impacts on rail, road, and pipeline logistics. While railways are beginning to operate, and some highways are opened on a limited basis and work is underway on the TransMountain pipeline, the fragility of the infrastructure is an ongoing concern. The movement of essential goods has been disrupted and there may be both short-term and sustained impacts to volumes over normal routes. By itself, there could be a sustained need to divert good movement from road to rail or marine.

As such, the SCRWG is soliciting your feedback through our survey to help prioritize their efforts to support your operations, and to create a clear and streamlined path for you to inform multiple federal and provincial agencies of your needs and priorities, and issues that you need others to know.

The SCRWG recognizes that commercial arrangements are the most ideal for facilitating the efficient movement of goods. Through the working group calls as well as this survey, their goal is to facilitate information-sharing and the development of common understandings around immediate priorities. The purpose of this survey is to leverage industry expertise to collectively identify any essential and high-priority goods requiring support due to a critical need. Furthermore, they are also asking that all shippers, particularly in the coming 2-3 weeks, to exercise restraint in seeking to send non-essential goods into or through the Lower Mainland.

In completing this survey, the SCRWG asks that stakeholders rationalize what are considered your priorities relative to and within the context of national, provincial, and regional interests given limited capacities in the system in the immediate timeframe.

The survey is expected to take approximately 5 minutes to complete. The SCRWG

thanks you for your cooperation and support and would appreciate your input as soon as possible.

Take the Survey

SARCAN Recycling: Drop & Go Survey

As a registered user of SARCAN Drop & Go, SARCAN wants to hear about your experiences using their line skipping service. They invite you to take their survey anytime from now until **January 5th, 2022** and share those experiences with them.

As a thank you for completing our customer feedback survey, you will have the chance to be entered into a draw to **win one of five prizes of \$50!**

Take the Survey

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Amendments to the Grade Crossings Regulations

As previously indicated earlier this year on the Let's Talk Transportation portal, Transport Canada was reviewing its options to amend the *Grade Crossings Regulations* in a manner to maintain the delicate balance between safety and today's economic realities. This is an update that will provide you with the latest news about the much awaited amendments to the *Grade Crossings Regulations*. The amendments to the regulations, which provide extensions to the compliance deadlines and some relief for specific scenarios, have been approved, but will only be published in the *Canada Gazette* on December 8th. While the formal publication with all the relevant details isn't out yet, the deadline extensions are nonetheless in effect. Transport Canada has updated its website to help stakeholders navigate these changes. For information on amendments to the *Grade Crossings Regulations*, please visit Transport Canada's website at ***Grade Crossings Regulations: what you need to know***.

The full package, which provides the regulatory text of the amendments to the *Grade Crossings Regulations* and its supporting documentation, will be published in the *Canada Gazette* Part II on **December 8, 2021**. Regular editions of the *Canada Gazette* Part II are published every second Wednesday and are available online at 9am Eastern time. (**Canada Gazette, Part II Online: <https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2021/index-eng.html>**)

Transport Canada will continue to advance the safe and secure transportation of people and goods by rail. New funding is available to support a wide array of activities, including additional funding to the ongoing success of the Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP). These new funds for RSIP are expected to support all stakeholders, including Canadian producers, in achieving compliance with the *Grade Crossings Regulations*. For more information on the RSIP, please visit

Transport Canada's website at: [Rail Safety Improvement Program \(canada.ca\)](http://Rail Safety Improvement Program (canada.ca)).

If you have any questions, please email railsafety@tc.gc.ca or call 1-844-897-RAIL.

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Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

Funding opportunity: Saskatchewan municipalities and eligible organizations can now submit applications under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for proposed community, culture and recreation projects.

ICIP investments will benefit Saskatchewan residents by providing:

- a cleaner environment by reducing soil and air pollutants;
- improvements to drinking water, wastewater and/or storm water systems;
- increased capacity for disaster mitigation;
- reduced greenhouse gas emissions;
- enhanced public parks, recreational facilities and other spaces that make communities great places to live;
- faster commutes and travel times and easier movement of goods for businesses;
- better transportation and digital infrastructure for people living in remote communities.

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