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Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan Survey

SaskPower needs to consider all low or zero-emissions power supply options to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, including nuclear power from small modular reactors (SMRs).

But, what exactly is an SMR? How long would it take to build? What about used nuclear fuel and waste management?

SaskPower has offered to present to RMs about nuclear power options in Saskatchewan so you can learn the answers to these questions and share your perspectives, concerns and interests about SaskPower's plans.

Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about nuclear power options in Saskatchewan by filling out this quick 2 question survey below.

[Take the Survey](#)

Information

Animal Health Week

October 3-9, 2021 is Animal Health Week. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is highlighting the important role both veterinarians and producers play in maintaining healthy animals, healthy humans and a healthy environment.

To learn more about the programs, statistics and information on livestock production, visit the link below.

[Learn More](#)

2021 Cleanfarms Collection Events

Starting next week Cleanfarms is collecting unwanted agricultural pesticides & old livestock/equine medications in Northern Saskatchewan. Cleanfarms collection teams will facilitate 20 collection events from October 4th to 8th at various locations.

These events provide an opportunity for farmers to bring unwanted pesticides and obsolete livestock/equine medications to collection sites, so they can be disposed of safely and securely.

What Cleanfarms can accept:

WHAT'S IN	WHAT'S OUT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unwanted (or "obsolete") agricultural pesticides (identified with a Pest Control Product number on the label).• Commercial pesticides for golf courses and industrial and commercial pest control products (identified with a Pest Control Product number on the label).• Livestock/equine medications that are used on-farm in the rearing of livestock, poultry or horses in an agricultural context (identified with a DIN number, serial number, notification number or Pest Control Product number on the label).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fertilizer, diluted solution, large quantities of unopened product, and treated seed.• Needles or sharps, medicated feed, aerosol containers, premises disinfectants and sanitizers, veterinary clinic waste and medications, ear tags, and aerosols• Domestic pesticides, fertilizers and animal health products• Any other household hazardous waste.

If you have any further questions about which products are accepted in this collection program, please call (416) 622-1105 or email Cleanfarms at bradleyh@cleanfarms.ca.

[View Map](#)

[Event Locations & Dates](#)

Resolution Response

SARM received a response from the Minister Responsible for SaskPower on the following resolution:

- **21-21A - SaskPower Poles**

The Dedicated Lands Handbooks Amendments

Amendments to *The Dedicated Lands Regulations, 2009* came into effect on May 7, 2020. To assist people and communities with implementing the amended regulations, the Government of Saskatchewan's Community Planning branch has prepared The Dedicated Lands Handbook. Please visit the link below to download a copy at your convenience.

[View Amendments](#)

Virtus Webinar: New Accounting Standards in Agriculture

Are you ready for the new accounting standards in Agriculture? In 2019, new guidance was released to account for agricultural inventories and productive biological assets, these standards will be coming into effect January 1, 2022. The changes to the reporting standards are significant and we want to ensure you are prepared. Join Virtus Ag experts for a one hour webinar while they explain the changes, the timeline, and the additional information is required for reporting.

Date: October 29, 2021

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

[Register Now](#)

SHA's Community Champions Toolkit

COVID-19 continues to impact every community in Saskatchewan. From prevention and safety to testing and vaccination, every resident, business and organization plays a part in helping to manage and move past the pandemic. You are the “Community Champions” of our province.

In order to assist communities, businesses and organizations with managing the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has designed a “Community Champions Toolkit”. The toolkit contains self-service tools for addressing common communications needs related to COVID-19 vaccines and immunization. These resources will help provide valuable information and guidance necessary for managing COVID-19 at the local level. It is our hope that by providing a centralized set of resources we can help mitigate misinformation and assist communities to implement consistent practices and communication.

Please note that the materials in this toolkit will be periodically revised and updated as additional information, processes and tools are developed. Please bookmark this link to check regularly for updates.

View the toolkit and find additional resources below as well as a link to the current Provincial Public Health Orders for reference.

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SGI is looking to gather feedback from municipalities surrounding the operation of e-scooters in your jurisdiction and would appreciate a response to the attached survey by **October 20, 2021**.

Please send any questions to autofundpartnershipsupport@sgi.sk.ca.

[Print the Survey](#)

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Saskatchewan Drought Risk Review Survey

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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.

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Agriculture Month

October has been recognized by the Government of Saskatchewan as Agricultural Month. Although this year has posed many challenges for farmers and ranchers, the Agriculture sector has proven to be incredibly resilient, strong, innovative and adaptive. That alone is truly worth celebrating.

This October we ask that you take action and show your support for all the hard working farmers and ranchers of Saskatchewan. The Government of Saskatchewan and Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan have asked that Saskatchewan join them in the #CelebrateAg campaign.

Visit the Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan website ([Agriculture Month - Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan \(farmfoodcaresk.org\)](http://farmfoodcaresk.org)) to learn about the Agriculture Month Photo Contest, Bumper Sticker Campaign, Events, Resources and how you can get involved in Agriculture Month.

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FCM-RAC Proximity Guidelines Questionnaire

SARM Directors and staff recently met with representatives from the Railway Association of Canada (RAC). The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) represents *close to 60 freight and passenger railway companies*. SARM's discussion with RAC focused on Proximity Guidelines.

The RAC in partnership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), established Proximity Guidelines to build common approaches for the prevention and resolution of issues that arise when people live and work near railway operations. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) promote the Guidelines through the Proximity Initiative.

The FCM-RAC Proximity Guidelines are intended for use by municipalities and provincial governments, municipal staff, railways, developers, and property owners when new developments in proximity to railway operations are proposed.

The Proximity Initiative is led by a committee of municipal elected officials and senior railway representatives from across Canada, who work together to develop strategies to reduce misunderstanding, increase safety, and avoid unnecessary conflict arising from railway-community proximity. We are also working closely with the federal government through Transport Canada, as well as provincial and local governments to help address public safety and livability issues in proximity to rail corridors.

As the Proximity Guidelines have been available for municipalities to use for nearly 20 years, we are reaching out to our communities across the country to gather important data that will highlight areas we need to emphasize as we prepare to update the Guidelines by 2023.

In support of RAC's Proximity Guidelines initiative SARM encourages our members to complete a 7 question survey.

[Take the Survey](#)

To find out more about the FCM-RAC Proximity Initiative, please contact:

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Saskatchewan Private Well Users Survey

This study is being conducted in partnership between the University of Saskatchewan and McMaster University. The research is funded through Global Water Futures, a Canada First Research Excellence Fund program hosted by the University of Saskatchewan.

The purpose of this research is: (1) To capture the knowledge, perceptions, and values of private well users; and, (2) to understand how the management and monitoring of private wells in rural areas affect health of people and livestock consuming groundwater. It is intended that this study will benefit the private well user community by understanding your concerns about drinking water for improved drinking water solutions. The findings of the study will be shared back through an infographic, peer-reviewed papers, and written reports.

For more information about this study, or if you have any questions concerning your involvement in this study, please refer to the contacts below before taking part in this study:

Principal Investigators/Supervisors: Corinne Schuster-Wallace, Associate Professor, Geography and Planning, University of Saskatchewan, Canada (e-mail: cschuster.wallace@usask.ca; tel: +1-306-966-2103)

Sarah Dickson-Anderson, Professor, Civil Engineering, McMaster University, Canada (e-mail: sdickso@mcmaster.ca; tel: +1-905-525-9140 x. 24914)

Take Part in a Survey of Private Well Users in Saskatchewan

Do you live in Saskatchewan?
Are you over the age of 18?
Does your water come from a private well?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Take 15-20 minutes to add your voice to a province-wide survey about your well water experiences.

Feel free to share the survey link with others!
For more information contact Corinne Schuster-Wallace:
(CSchuster.Wallace@USask.ca)

This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance by, the University of Saskatchewan Behavioural Research Ethics Board and the McMaster Research Ethics Board.



<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SaskWells>



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SaskPower' New Look Up Tool

We all know how important it is to Look Up and Live when digging into the ground. Saskatchewan’s Crown Corporation SaskPower has a new online tool to

help you be aware of overhead power line hazards on your journey to your work location and to remind you of what may be overhead while you're working in the ground.

It's called the **Look Up and Live** application:

- **Zoom into your work site** to see all overhead lines in Saskatchewan.
- **Turn on location services** to see where you are in real time while travelling to the work site.
- **Plan ahead** and know where overhead lines are before transporting high loads to a work site.
- **Access the application *by clicking here.***

For more information about working around overhead power lines in Saskatchewan go to <https://www.saskpower.com/lookupandlive> or contact: Jason Matity, Consultant, Safety Awareness & Promotion for SaskPower at jmatity@saskpower.com.

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Pest Control Sign-up - Ministry of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture is looking to gain access to Saskatchewan producer's lands to assist in monitoring pests and contributing to the health of the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan. The Ministry of Agriculture is looking to produce pest forecasts, direct its research and detect emerging pest related problems.

If you are interested in allowing the Ministry of Agriculture to access your land(s) to gather information on the above, please use the below link to sign-up:

[Sign Up](#)

RCMP Unionization Costs

Given the economic increases/market adjustments in the collective agreement, pay increases total more than 23 per cent over the six-year period, retroactive to 2017. As this agreement was negotiated between the federal government and National Police Federation, municipalities were not involved in the collective bargaining negotiations, despite being a paying contract partner.

Many local governments—especially rural communities who are disproportionately impacted by this change—are very concerned about how to pay for these significant, unbudgeted costs.

Municipalities were not consulted at any stage—prior to or during the negotiations process—despite the outcome of these negotiations having a direct and significant impact on municipal operations. This is particularly concerning given that where municipalities were advised to prepare, estimates of 2.5% per year increases turned out to be far lower than those articulated in the final agreement. Local governments continue to pay a rapidly growing share of policing costs, but have no ability to run deficits, and the revenue generation tools at their disposal are limited and inflexible.

In this context, as the new RCMP labour relations framework is implemented, SARM, and our partner associations representing municipalities are calling on the federal government to:

- (1) absorb all retroactive costs associated with the implementation of the new RCMP labour relations regime; and
- (2) commit to ensuring municipalities are properly consulted prior to implementation of measures that impact local fiscal sustainability and ability to maintain effective levels of police services in communities.

Without support from other orders of government, a significant increase in pay and unbudgeted retroactive payments for RCMP officers will result in financial pressures on local governments that may force them to make very difficult choices at a time when their primary focus needs to be on economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021 Midterm Resolutions

The SARM Resolutions Committee met virtually over the last number of weeks to review the resolutions submitted to this Midterm Convention and to provide guidance to make improvements to the resolution process.

The committee consists of the following individuals that represent each Division in the SARM membership:

Resolution Committee Members

Chair	VP Bill Huber	RM of Lipton No. 217
Division 1	Aaron Keisig	RM of Tullymet No. 216
Division 2	Cody Jordison	RM of Lumsden No. 189
Division 3	Darren Steinley	RM of Excelsior No. 166
Division 4	Norm Hall	RM of Elfros No. 307
Division 5	Wendy Trask	RM of Corman Park No. 344
Division 6	Rod Wiens	RM of Mountain View No. 318

This year, 2021, was the first year we have required resolution sponsors to provide background when submitting resolutions.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **The submitted background is what each sponsor has provided.**
2. **Please share with your council prior to the convention.**

The resolutions for convention will also be available to delegates on our website, convention app, and in future convention update emails.

[Resolutions Submitted](#)

[Resolutions & Background](#)

Resources

AgH2Onward Workshops

AgH2Onward has developed a free two-day (approx. two hours per day) online workshop with a focus of providing the agriculture industry with an introduction to innovative agricultural water management solutions that will strengthen their farm and ranch operations.

The AgH2Onward workshop will consist of five modules that aims to introduce you to:

- The Agricultural Water Management Strategy in Saskatchewan
- Effective agricultural water management tools and techniques
- The benefits of getting your drainage projects approved
- The impacts of agricultural drainage
- How incorporating mitigation strategies can help you adapt to a changing climate
- Considerations and regulatory requirements for drainage approvals
- Using a Qualified Person to assist you through the approval process

If you are interested in participating in the FREE AgH2Onward workshop and increase your knowledge about implementing adaptive agricultural water management practices in Saskatchewan, please visit [AgH2Onward](#) to register for the remaining 2021 dates.

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