

# Roads and Critters and Weeds, OH MY!

SARM's Grant Programs



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# SARM Grant Programs:

- Municipal Roads for the Economy (MREP)
- Irrigation Structure Repair and Replacement Program
- Provincial Rat Eradication Program (PREP)
- Beaver Control Program
- Invasive Plant Control Program
- Wild Boar Control Program



# Funding for these programs:

- These programs are all funded by the Provincial Government (some Federal Funding) and administered by SARM.
- All programs are funded on an annual basis – nothing official until budget day on March 19th.
- We don't want RMs to miss out!

# Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP)

***MREP provides grants for road construction costs for areas with significant economic activity and high truck traffic***

- Assists with capital construction costs of Heavy Haul/High Volume Roads, Clearing the Path Corridors,
- Incremental Maintenance funding for Clearing the Path corridors
- In 2013, MREP received \$27 million from Ministry of Highways for all funding components.



# Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP)

- **Road projects**
  - RMs with existing roads with significant traffic, especially truck traffic
  - Class 4, 5, 6
  - Grading, clay capping, and surfacing projects
  - 50% of total costs
  - Max \$750,000 annually per RM for Heavy Haul/High Volume Roads
  - Max \$500,000 annually per project for Clearing the Path Construction Upgrades
  - Must apply each year



# Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP)

- **Bridges & Large Diameter Culverts**
  - Municipal Bridge Services
  - Max \$750,000 per RM annually
  - Variable assistance rates
  - Project applications stay in system for 3 years



# Bridge Services regularly turn this:



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# Into this!



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# Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP)

- **Clearing the Path Corridor Annual Incremental Maintenance Grant**
  - Roads designated in the CTP Corridor Network connecting primary weight roads through areas with high economic activity
  - \$1100 per km
  - Applications accepted year-round
  - CTP corridors must meet specific criteria



# Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP)

## Application intakes

**Roads: June 16 – November 30**

**Bridges & CTP Corridors: Year-round**

Approved Projects announced  
in April of each year

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# Irrigation Structure/Bridge Repair and Replacement Program

- This program was available in 2013 (June 28<sup>th</sup>)
- There was \$1 million available to help pay for the repair/replacement of irrigation structures/bridges and it was delivered under the MREP Program.
- RMs located within the boundaries of a provincially recognized irrigation district could apply for 35% of project costs for irrigation structures located over a man-made irrigation canal or on a legal road right of way.

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# Irrigation Structure/Bridge Repair and Replacement Program

This program didn't receive good uptake in 2013 so we talked to RMs about how the program should change in 2014:

- Cost share not affordable for RMs = 90/10?
- Applications need to go out earlier (April) to allow RMs to budget.
- We discussed these with Minister Stewart and hope some changes can be made in 2014.

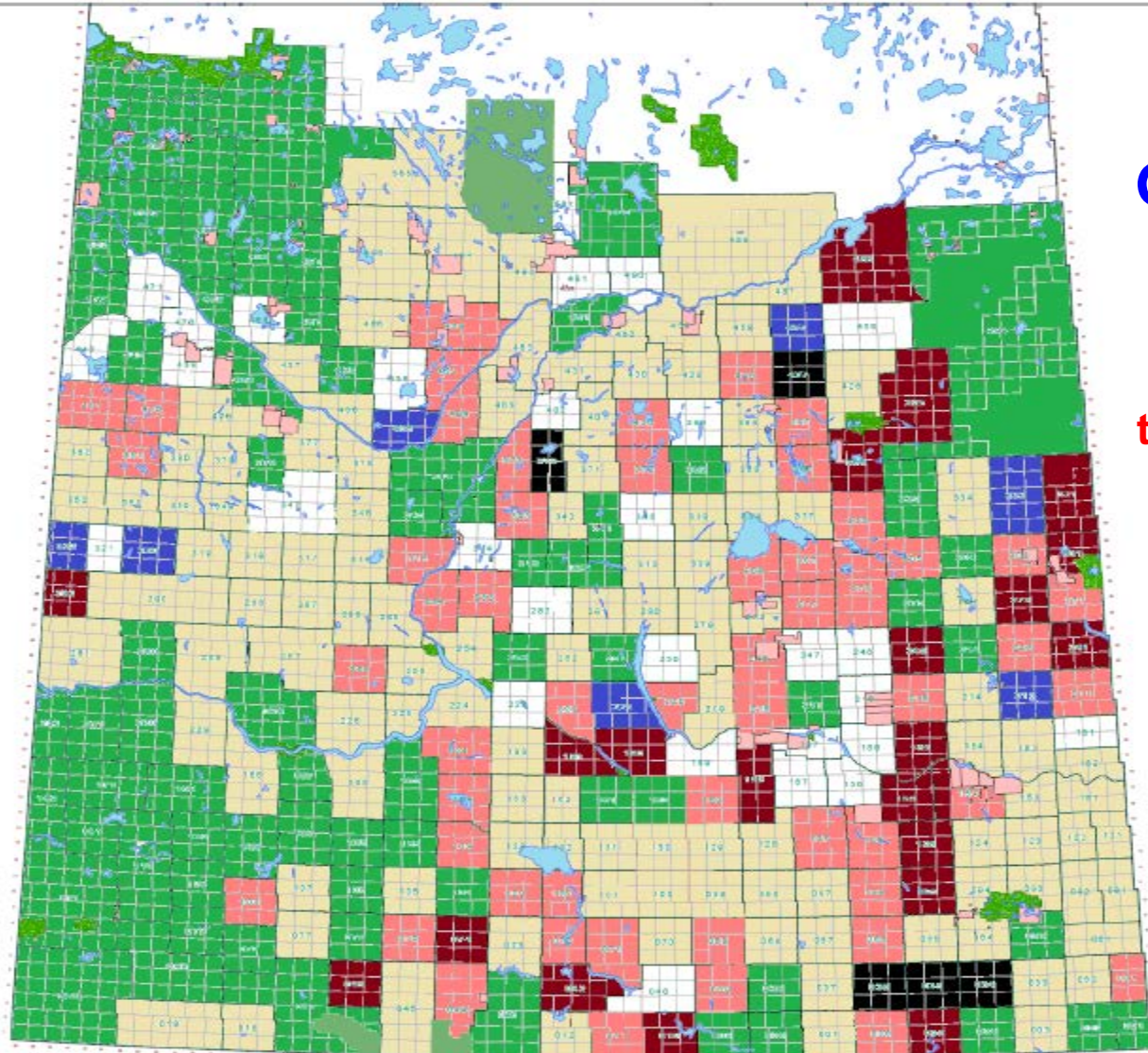


# Provincial Rat Eradication Program (PREP)

- SARM began administering this program in 2009.
- The goal is uniformity and consistency in rat control methods = striving to eradicate rats.
- PREP funding remained at \$1 million in 2013
- Grants are calculated \$8.00 per farm site + \$70.00 per township (based on 1976 or 2006 census data)
- In 2013 - 271 RMs applied and received an average grant per RM of **\$2581**



# PREP 2013-14 PERCENTAGE INFESTATION



**Good work  
RMs!**

**Infestations =  
the lowest in 4  
years!!!!**



# How an RM gets the PREP grant

- Hires a licensed PCO
- Registers their PCO with the Province
- Has their PCO complete site required inspections & reports
- RM submits a Statement of Compliance to SARM by December 31, 2014



# Other things PREP does...

- PREP also offers training workshops for RM PCO's.
- And also contracts the services of PCO Supervisors who can assist local PCO's if needed.
- We also produce brochures, etc. to help educate the public.





# How to Find Us



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Free printed resources available  
through the Trading Department



# Beaver Control Program (BCP)

- The purpose of the Beaver Control Program is to provide financial assistance to RMs and FNBs to control the problem beaver population in their area.
- Funding for the 2013/14 program in the amount of \$500,000 was provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government under *Growing Forward II*.



# BCP and how it works

- In 2013, the program provided cost shared payments to RMs and First Nations bands that apply, paying \$15 per adult beaver removed between March 1, 2013 and February 29, 2014.
- The program requires municipalities/bands to match this grant amount - making the compensation provided to the designated individual a minimum of \$30 for the removal of each problem beaver.



# BCP and how to qualify

- To participate, RMs and eligible First Nations were required to submit an application by July 12, 2013.
- RMs authorize individuals to remove problem beavers.
- SARM calculates a minimum eligible funding based on number of applications received.
- Claims had to be submitted to SARM by the deadline date of March 3, 2014.



# 2013 – 2014 Beaver Control Stats

- In 2013/14, SARM received 140 applications from 133 RMs and 7 First Nation Bands.
- Efforts have been made to target areas with high beaver populations
- At **February 28, 2014**, claims of **\$228,355** have been approved for **87** applicants with a total **20,441** problem beavers being removed.
- SARM has requested for funding to be continued for 2014/15.



# Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP)

- New in 2013, the Invasive Plant Control Program assisted RMs, First Nations Bands (FNBs), producers and other stakeholders with chemical costs to control persistent and problematic invasive plants.
- \$800,000 provided by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government under Growing Forward 2, with SARM administering the program on their behalf.



# Invasive Plant Control in 2013

- Control efforts on public lands = 100% rebate for approved chemicals on approved weed species.
- Control on private lands = 50% rebate for approved chemicals on approved weed species.
- With a late start to the program in October 2013, we saw a total of 51 applicants submitting funding requests of over **\$218,500**. Of those requests, payments of **\$169,500** have been approved to be paid out as of the end of February 2014.



# Invasive Plant Control in 2013

- We know the program was very late in 2013 (Oct. 7) and therefore many RMs weren't prepared to apply.
- Now that we have reviewed applications for the first year we see ways to improve the application process in 2014.
- And we thank those RMs who have taken the time to provide feedback on the program.
- Design of the 2014 program will begin immediately following the budget – launch it in May!



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SARM website for information and forms.

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# Wild Boar Control Program

- SARM also administers the Wild Boar Control Program on behalf of the Province.
- If you see wild boar in your area contact SARM.
- Funding is available for us to send a team of trained hunters to your area to assess the situation and organize a strategic hunt.

Dale Harvey is currently administering this program at SARM – he can be reached at

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# Call SARM if you have questions!



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