

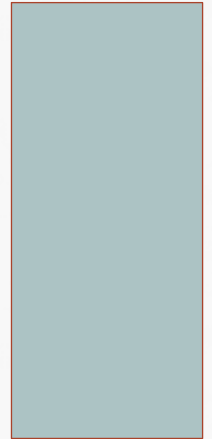


**SARM**

Saskatchewan Association  
of Rural Municipalities

# **SARM POLICY UPDATE**

**NOVEMBER 2015**



# **SARM POLICY DEPT.**

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# AGENDA

- **Agriculture**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Resource and Economic Development**
- **Environment**
- **Other Issues**

# AGRICULTURE

- **SARM Ag Committee:**
  - **Ray Orb, President**
  - **Carmen Sterling, Director Division 1**
  - **Norm Nordgulen, Director Division 2**
  - **Larry Grant, Director Division 3**
  - **Ben Chursinoff, Sr. Policy Analyst**
  - **Libbey Morin, Policy Analyst**

# GRAIN BAGS

- **Resolution 8-15A requested a Grain Bag Policy**
- **Ministry of Environment Regulations**
  - **Research & Consultation Phase**
  - **Industry Participation**
- **SARM consulting with Municipal Associations**

# *FARMLAND SECURITY ACT*

- **Farmland ownership legislation & regulations to further restrict foreign ownership**
- **Includes pension funds**
- **SARM supportive of amendments**
- **Support Canadian owned farming**

# FORAGE INSURANCE REVIEW

- **Targeting short term fixes - implementation for 2016**
- **Stakeholders include:**
  - **SARM**
  - **Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association**
  - **Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association**

# INFRASTRUCTURE

- **SARM Infrastructure Committee:**
  - **Carmen Sterling, Director Division 1**
  - **Larry Grant, Director Division 3**
  - **Rod Wiens, Director Division 6**
  - **Wendy Gowda, Ex-Officio**
  - **Shelley Kilbride, Director of Policy and Research**



# **ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- **Federation of Canadian Municipalities & Municipal Associations Working Group**
- **Gas Tax Fund Asset Management Sub-Committee**
- **SARM to Target Education for RMs**

# **RESOURCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **SARM Resource & Economic Development Committee:**
  - **Ray Orb, President**
  - **Carmen Sterling, Director Division 1**
  - **Rod Wiens, Director Division 6**
  - **Libbey Morin, Policy Analyst**
  - **Shelley Kilbride, Director of Policy & Research**

# ROAD MAINTENANCE FEES

- **Resolution 18-15A: Road Maintenance Fees**
- **Strengthen legislation**
- **Continued use of road maintenance agreements**
- **There is a need to develop:**
  - 1. Principles**
  - 2. Data**
  - 3. Consistency**
  - 4. Transparency**

# GOT GRAVEL 2?

- **CPP Environmental**
- **Oversight Committee**
- **Sub-Committee**
- **Outcomes:**
  - **Policy limitations**
  - **Best practices**
  - **Alternatives**
  - **Recommendations**

# **PUBLIC-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

- **KPMG**
- **Program Outcomes:**
  - **Address funding gaps**
  - **Funding from RM, Industry, Provincial and Federal Gov't**
  - **Rural road projects**

# ENVIRONMENT

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# WILD BOARS

- ***The Wildlife Regulations, 1981***
- ***The Stray Animal Regulations, 1999***
- **To allow year round hunting**
- **No license needed**



# DRAINAGE

- **New Ag Drainage Regulations**
  - **Allows landowner agreements as evidence of land control**
  - **Simplified streamlined application approvals**
  - **Pre 1981 works no longer exempted from approval**
  - **Use of qualified persons in designs**
- **Good first step**
- **SARM hopes next phase in place for spring 2016**



# MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

- **Issues:**
  - **Community Safety Officer Program**
  - **Conflict of Interest**
  - **Civic Addressing**

# **COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM**

- **Minister Tell and Minister Wyant met with SARM Board of Directors**
- **SARM and SUMA working on fine revenues piece**
- **Municipalities should receive 75%**
- **Province should receive 25%**

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- **Legislation was introduced in October 2015**
- **SARM worked with SUMA & Ministry of Government Relations**
- **Addresses Justice Ronald Barclay's inquiry**
- **Provincial Ombudsman**

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- **Provincial Ombudsman**
- **Code of Ethics**
- **Procedural Bylaws**
- **Disclosure Statements**
- **Employee Code of Conduct**

# CIVIC ADDRESSING

- **Voluntary program**
- **Primary Benefit – Public Safety:**
  - **Navigation for emergency personnel and the public**
- **Civic Address Registry RM Overview PDF Maps –**  
[caradmin@ppsc.ca](mailto:caradmin@ppsc.ca)
- **Signage Update**

# OTHER ISSUES

- **Issues:**
  - **Alternative Model for Building Standards**
  - **Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP)**
  - **New Federal Government**

# **ALTERNATIVE MODEL - BUILDING STANDARDS**

- **Consultation with Provincial Government**
- **Alternative approach for compliance**
- **SARM meeting with stakeholders**
- **Board decision yet to be made**
- **Information gathering & review**

# MMRP

- **Launching January 1, 2016**
- **Cost-shared Initiative for collection of recyclable household materials**
- **Servicing Agreements due by December 31, 2015**
- **Webinar – November 9, 2015**



# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Liberal Majority in Ottawa**
- **SARM to build new relationship**
- **Lobby trip 2016**

# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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