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Federal Election...Don't forget to ask!

CARBON TAX AND OFFSETS

Saskatchewan producers feed the nation and the world and the last several months have illustrated the importance of a local, reliable food supply. To continue to provide a reliable source of high-quality food, producers must remain competitive. The introduction of carbon pricing in Saskatchewan has increased costs for agriculture and is threatening that competitiveness. Agriculture producers have been early adopters of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions so making sure that the federal carbon offset system that is being developed recognizes these past and ongoing efforts is critical to offsetting the impacts of the federal carbon tax.

What are your federal election candidates going to do to ensure agriculture producers are recognized for their past and ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Are they going to design a federal offset system that recognizes them for these efforts?

To read more about SARM's Federal Election Priorities please see our website:

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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:

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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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Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste (ISRW) Roundtable & Technical Workshops

In the fall of 2020, The Minister of Natural Resources Canada tasked the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) with leading an engagement process with Canadians and Indigenous peoples to inform the development of an integrated long-term management strategy for all of Canada's radioactive waste, in particular low- and intermediate-level waste (radwasteplanning.ca). This work is distinct from the work that the NWMO is leading on the Deep Geological Repository for used nuclear fuel which will continue as planned.

In 2021, they began engaging with Canadians and Indigenous peoples, conducting public opinion research, hosting a **Summit** to hear from

diverse voices, and listening to citizens in a series of engagement sessions in communities where waste is stored today, and hosting Roundtable sessions with interested groups. They continue to engage in various ways with Canadians and Indigenous peoples, and these Technical Workshops are one more way to gather the contributions of diverse voices.

If you missed one of the NWMO's specific Roundtable sessions, they would like to invite you to attend one of two additional "Open" (mixed group) Roundtable Sessions. Please register below:

Open Roundtable Session Dates:

- ***Tuesday, September 14th, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT***
- ***Wednesday, September 22nd, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm EDT***

The NWMO would also like to invite you to attend one or more of their upcoming Technical Workshops focused on Low Level Waste (LLW) or Intermediate Level Waste (ILW). These sessions are open to all and will serve as an opportunity for you to provide your input on Canada's strategy for low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste. The input collected in these workshops will not be attributed to any individual in our summary report. Additional information is available [here](#).

In preparation for your participation, please consult a Report of Technical Options available [here](#).

The NWMO are hosting virtual Technical Workshops on the following days; they invite you to register on their [website](#) by clicking on a date below that best suits your interest and level of knowledge (layperson or expert). Note that all sessions will be bilingual, offered in English with simultaneous French translation.

Technical Workshops for Laypeople:

- Intermediate Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Laypeople – Tuesday, September 21st, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***
- Low Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Laypeople – Tuesday, October 5th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***

Technical Workshops for Experts – Low Level Waste:

- Low Level Waste – Technical Workshops for Experts – ***Monday, September 27th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***
- Low Level Waste – Technical Workshops for Experts – ***Wednesday, October 6th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm EDT***

Technical Workshops for Experts – Intermediate Level Waste:

- Intermediate Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Experts – Tuesday, September 28th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***
- Intermediate Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Experts – Monday, October 4th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm EDT***

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Details for the Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative.
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INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR RURAL

Rural roads and bridges are vital for the sustainability of rural communities. Industries and people living and working in rural areas depend on access to reliable, well-designed infrastructure as they continue to assume a growing responsibility for exporting key commodities from the energy, agriculture, and manufacturing sectors. Municipal governments do not have the resources to fund essential infrastructure projects on their own. We need a federal government that is going to ensure a pool of funding that is truly dedicated to rural and small communities.

What are your federal election candidates going to do to ensure there is a pool of federal funding that is truly dedicated to rural and small communities; not just funding for mass-transit and urban sized projects?

BETTER AG SAFETY NETS

Governments are spending hundreds of millions less on risk management programs than they were a decade ago, despite unprecedented risks from trade barriers and drought.

In developing the next Agriculture Policy Framework slated for 2023, the federal government must work with farmers to develop new, effective risk management tools that increase coverage, use innovative delivery models, and that deliver meaningful support when farmers need it most. SARM has pledged to work with senior levels of government and we have requested to be included on the National Safety Net Advisory committee.

What are your federal election candidates going to do to develop effective risk management tools? Are they going to have groups like SARM participating on the National Safety Net Advisory Committee?

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Our board and members recognize the direct and indirect benefits of the livestock sector in rural areas including the creation of local job opportunities, spin-off and support businesses and resulting economic opportunities for local producers to contribute feed and provide access to land for activities like manure spreading and livestock grazing.

RMs also need livestock developers to realize their responsibility in ensuring successful development which includes open, regular communication and engagement with both RMs and the public. That includes not only promoting the industry but ensuring the needs of the local community are met by offering to help pay for required infrastructure, allowing local ratepayers and businesses to access spin-off opportunities, and agreeing to provide investment in maintenance such as dust control where applicable. We want to state how important it is for developers to engage with the RM council and ratepayers early in the site selection process; long before they make land purchases. If the developer explains their plan, not only for development but for potential future growth, RMs can assist them in finding the best location before they purchase land.

In an effort to both support growth in the livestock sector in Saskatchewan and maintain strong local autonomy of RM's, please provide your RM's input by completing the survey below. **Deadline to submit is end of day September 24, 2021.**

[Take Survey](#)

Information

Don't Forget to Vote

If you are looking for information about where and how to vote in the Federal Election on September 20th, please click here:

[Learn More](#)

Amendments to The Statement of Provincial Interests Regulations

Amendments to The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations came into effect on January 1, 2021. The *Changes Guide for Amendments to the SPI* outlines these recent amendments; the updated *Statements of Provincial Interest Handbook* provides guidance to municipalities, developers and professional planners.

[View Update from GR](#)

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Results will be shared with SARM, RMAA, and Ministry of Agriculture for the purposes of gaining sector feedback on the Intensive Livestock Operations and regulations.

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Rail Safety Week

September 20-26, 2021



**OPERATION
LIFESAVER**
A PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC-RAIL SAFETY

Rail Safety Week is an important opportunity to highlight how to be safe around tracks and trains. CP Police Service will be working with the public to educate them about the dangers of unsafe behaviour around the railway. Train incidents are preventable and rail safety must be an on-going priority each and every day.

**"Together, we can build safer communities,"
said Al Sauve, Chief of CP Police Service.**

The strong commitment of municipalities continues to have a significant impact on community awareness, helping to reduce avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions between trains and vehicles or pedestrians. Together with other communities, railways and members of the public, your support this year will go a long way towards making Canada's rail network even safer.

[Learn More - Municipal Toolkit](#)

Resources

Find current/upcoming COVID19 immunization clinics - both booked and pop-up clinics. Information is regularly updated, so check to ensure a clinic is still active before travelling.



[COVID 19 Vaccine Clinics](#)

THE PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANT

provides funding to communities for traffic safety projects aimed at making roads safer.



Help us spread the word and encourage your community leaders to apply for funding today!

To apply or learn more, simply email the program administrator at PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca to request program guideline.

Applicants must represent an Indigenous land or territory or urban or rural municipality.



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