



The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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Reminders

Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010 – Red Tape Review

Ministry of Highways is looking to consult with Rural Municipalities regarding the proposed recommendations resulting from the Ministry of Highways *Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010 – Red Tape Review*.

They seek feedback on the attached document and are looking for feedback on the following:

1. Whether or not there are specific incidents or concerns that rural municipalities would like to share about commercial trucking in the province?
2. Whether or not rural municipalities are supportive of the proposed recommendations and/or they have any advice to strengthen?
3. Whether or not there are any questions or concerns about the findings or recommendations?

The Ministry of Highways would request that RMs provide their input or contact them with any questions about this review through Zaki Hussain, Manager of Transportation Policy at zaki.hussain@gov.sk.ca by **May 18th, 2022**.

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Protect Your Flock

Prevent Avian Influenza

Monitor and Isolate



saskatchewan.ca/avian-influenza-poultry

Clean and Disinfect



Limit Visitors



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High Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) have been confirmed in Saskatchewan backyard flocks and commercial poultry flocks.

On April 14, 2022, Saskatchewan's Chief Veterinary Officer put in place an animal health control area order to limit the co-mingling of poultry due to the risk of HPAI. The order, in place until May 14, 2022, prohibits the movement to and participation of birds in shows, auctions and agricultural fairs, as well as any other events where birds would be brought together from multiple locations.

Producers are reminded that biosecurity remains the best tool for poultry producers and small

Protocols include keeping wild birds away from poultry flocks and their food and water supply, limiting visitors and monitoring bird health. Small flock owners are encouraged to confine their birds indoors, if possible, during wild bird migration. Producers should contact their veterinarian immediately if they have concerns about the health status of their flocks. If avian influenza is suspected, producers should also contact their local Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) office. CFIA-confirmed findings of HPAI in domestic poultry are posted on the [CFIA website](#).

Producers can also access information on the disease on the Government of Saskatchewan

flock owners to protect their birds from avian influenza.

avian influenza in poultry [webpage](#).

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Canadian Sport Policy Renewal

The Canadian Sport Policy (CSP) is set to be renewed in February 2023. The renewed sport policy will help to identify Canadian sport priorities and provide guidance to Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FP/T) governments in advancing sport for the next 10 years (2023-2033).

To ensure the new policy reflects the sport Canadians want, it's important that we hear from valued and diverse stakeholders from across the country. Sports Information Resource Centre (SIRC) is working together with the FP/T and CSP Renewal Work Groups to hold virtual consultation and engagement sessions from April to June 2022. To complement and further inform the process, all Canadians are invited to complete the survey. **The**

Key documents to review:

- [*Toward the Next-Generation Canadian Sport Policy \(2023-2033\)*](#)
- [*CSP 2012 Evaluation Summary Report*](#)
- [*CSP Renewal – Environmental Scan*](#)
- [*CSP 2012: Full report*](#)
- [*CSP 2012: Summary Sheet*](#)
- [*A Common Vision for increasing physical activity and reducing sedentary living in Canada: Let's Get Moving*](#)
- [*Framework for Recreation in Canada*](#)

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survey is open until the end of June, 2022.

Information

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week runs May 1 to 7, and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) reminds residents to be ready for anything. During the week, the SPSA will perform a test of the provincial emergency public alerting system, SaskAlert.

This EP Week, consider the following activities to better prepare for emergencies:

- Build an emergency kit with a collection of basic items around your household.
- Make an emergency plan.
- Research and understand the risks in your area. Knowing what to do and how to prepare for different situations is a crucial step in being ready to face any emergency.
- Take quick, simple steps to protect your home today so you're prepared if a flood happens.
- Protect your home from wildfire by looking for, and removing, fire hazards in and around your home, such as dried out branches, leaves, and debris.
- Take time to change passwords on your private accounts to keep your private information from being compromised.

To learn more about emergency preparedness at home, visit [Emergency Preparedness at Home | SPSA \(saskpublicsafety.ca\)](#) or [getprepared.ca](#).

SaskAlert System Testing

SaskAlert provides critical information on emergencies in real time, so you can take action to protect yourself and your community. The SPSA will conduct a test of the SaskAlert system at approximately 1:55 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

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2022 SPCOA Annual Convention



It's been a long two years and the Saskatchewan Pest Control Officers Association is excited to welcome all Pest Control Officers back to our in-person seminar **June 7th and 8th at the Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw.**

Administrators, please share to ensure your PCO has the opportunity to attend the 2022 annual Saskatchewan Pest Control Officer seminar June 7 & 8, 2022. [Click here](#) to review the registration, agenda and hotel information.

Register early and don't miss this great educational and networking opportunity.

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2022 Big Game Draw Opens Online May 1

Saskatchewan's Big Game Draw opens on May 1. Hunters have until May 25 to submit their online applications.

The Big Game Draw is used to allocate a limited number of hunting licences to Saskatchewan residents in a transparent and equitable manner. This year's draw includes licences for elk, moose, pronghorn, either-sex mule deer and antlerless mule deer.

The draw is administered through the Saskatchewan Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system.



Draw results will be available through your HAL account in June, with the exception of pronghorn, which will be available in mid-July. Although Big Game Draw applicants are sent a notification of their draw results, hunters are responsible for looking up their results through their HAL account.

Hunters can submit, review and update their applications, check pool status history and purchase a draw licence through their HAL accounts.

Hunters should review the 2022 Big Game Draw Supplement for information on quotas for draw species prior to submitting their draw application. The supplement also informs hunters of any changes to this fall's Big Game Draw seasons. The supplement can be found at saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

Applications for the Big Game Draw can be submitted until May 25 at 11:59 p.m. Hunters are encouraged to apply early and to use the online residency verification tool to avoid complications.

Successful applicants will be able to purchase licences through their HAL accounts beginning August 1.

For information on your HAL account or assistance with completing a draw application, please visit saskatchewanhal.ca or call 1-888-773-8450.

If you have questions about your pool status or hunting in Saskatchewan, contact the Ministry of Environment's Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224 or centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

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Saskatchewan Extending Public Engagement on Virtual Care

The Government of Saskatchewan is seeking feedback from additional patients and health care providers on their experiences with virtual care by extending the survey two more weeks until May 15, 2022.

The Virtual Care Engagement has had more than 2,161 survey participants and over 754 poll participants. Currently, 84 per cent of the participants rated their overall quality of experience with virtual care as good or excellent. While 73 per cent of health care providers indicate that they can provide quality care to their patients using virtual care.

The information gathered will be one of many tools used to develop a long-term provincial strategy around virtual care. The province is also seeking input from health system partners and other affected

organizations on their experience using virtual care over the past two years.

Make your voice heard. Visit virtualcare.saskatchewan.ca to join the conversation, which is quick and confidential.

Participation is not limited to residents with mobile devices or online access. The public can participate over the phone by calling 306-787-6750. The phone line will be available for calls from Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm. To receive the survey via email, send your request to virtualcare@health.gov.sk.ca.

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Wild Pigs' Prolific Reproductive Capacity Fuels Expansion of Population and Range

A researcher with the University of Saskatchewan says the prolific reproductive capacity of wild pigs has fuelled a massive expansion of their range and numbers. Wild pigs destroy crops, reduce water quality, eat anything from an adult white tail deer to small mammals, birds and frogs and they can harbour disease and parasites.



Dr. Ryan Brook, an Associate Professor in the Department of Agriculture and Bioresources with the University of Saskatchewan, told those on hand earlier this month for Manitoba Pork's 2022 Annual General Meeting, when it comes to reproductive capacity, wild pigs are in a category of their own, typically producing six young per litter and multiple litters per year.

Dr. Ryan Brook-University of Saskatchewan:

Wild pigs currently occupy about one million square kilometers of Canada. The overwhelming majority of those are on the Canadian Prairie provinces of Alberta,

Saskatchewan and Manitoba and within each province there's one or two major hot spots. In Alberta it's west of Edmonton, there's a major stronghold and most of the pigs are there.

In Saskatchewan, a bit in the Battleford area but mainly near the Manitoba border in that Melfort, Saskatchewan country and there are more wild pigs in that area than the rest of Canada combined so, to be really clear, that is the hot spot in the country.

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Take Precautions for Ticks Outdoors



Saskatchewan residents are being reminded to watch for ticks as they venture outdoors this spring.

Ticks are most often found in tall grass, brush, or wooded areas. They cannot jump or fly but will grasp onto people or pets who brush up against them.

To prevent tick bites:

- Wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be easily seen.
- Wear pants, long-sleeved shirts, and shoes that do not expose your bare feet.
- Pull socks over your pant legs to prevent ticks from crawling up your legs.
- Use insect repellents that contain DEET or Icaridin. Apply repellent to clothes as well as your skin. Always read and follow the directions on the label. Some repellents may have age restrictions.
- In Canada, clothing that has been treated with the insecticide permethrin has been approved for use by people over the age of 16.
- Shower or bathe as soon as possible after being outside to wash off loose ticks and inspect for attached ticks.

If you find a tick attached to your skin or on your pet:

- Carefully remove it with fine-tipped tweezers and grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull slowly upward and out with firm, steady pressure.
- Be careful not to squeeze, crush or puncture the body after removal.
- Do not put Vaseline, gasoline, or other harmful substances on an attached tick.
- Submit photos of the tick using the eTick system, and please keep ticks in a secure container until you receive the identification results. Ticks can be euthanized by placing them in a bag and storing it in the freezer 24 hours.

Saskatchewanians can submit photographs of ticks found on humans or animals using the eTick online system at www.etic.ca.

For more information on ticks and Lyme disease, including how to submit a tick for identification and testing, visit saskatchewan.ca/lyme or <https://research-groups.usask.ca/ticks/#Passivesurveillance>.

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Government of Saskatchewan Extends 4r Nutrient Stewardship Agreement with Fertilizer Canada

Saskatchewan accounts for nearly half (46 per cent) of all 4R-designated acres in western Canada.

More information on 4R Nutrient Stewardship and sustainable farming in Saskatchewan is available at <https://fertilizercanada.ca/nutrient-stewardship/4rs-across-canada/saskatchewan/>



The Government of Saskatchewan has re-signed a 2016 Memorandum of Co-operation (MOC) with Fertilizer Canada to support continued

education, training and expansion regarding 4R Nutrient Stewardship in the province for an additional three years.

Adoption of a fertilizer management strategy that incorporates the Right fertilizer source at the Right rate, at the Right time, and in the Right place (4Rs) enhances environmental sustainability for producer operations by reducing greenhouse gas emissions while increasing crop production. A made-in-Canada program, 4R Nutrient Stewardship promotes such environmental stewardship through best practices in science-based nutrient management.

The 4R Nutrient Stewardship Advisory Committee - established by the Ministry of Agriculture with Fertilizer Canada, industry stakeholders, and the scientific community - provides guidance on awareness and adoption of the 4R practices. Saskatchewan also encouraged adoption of 4R practices through 20 Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT) projects being carried out at Applied Research Management (Agri-ARM) field sites across the province, co-funded under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) and with co-funding from Fertilizer Canada for select projects that are related to 4R. The ministry has also offered CAP funding under the Farm Stewardship Program for a variable rate mapping beneficial management practice, and held four virtual 4R workshops in January 2021.

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FCM: Launch of Funding for Inclusive Communities

On April 25, 2022, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced that CanWILL launched its second round of applications for Inclusive Community Initiatives (ICI). This is an opportunity for 10 to 12 communities to receive up to \$10,000 each for initiatives that support women's participation in local leadership.

Activities must be implemented by local governments or an association in partnership with local community groups, between September 2022 and August 2023. The deadline to apply is June 10, 2022. Those interested can [consult the CanWILL webpage](#) to learn more and apply.

Local governments, in partnership with women's or community groups, from all regions of the country are invited to submit project ideas that support inclusive women's participation in local leadership. Note that FCM will prioritize initiatives intended to serve underrepresented women, including Indigenous, Black and other racialized women, as well as youth and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Small and rural communities are encouraged to apply. Priority will also be given to regions that were not supported in Round 1.

FCM will be hosting a virtual information session on **Tuesday, May 10th, from 2-3pm EDT** for those interested in applying. This interactive session will be an opportunity learn more about the CanWILL project, the ICI grant program and ask questions to the CanWILL team. FCM encourages individuals to attend.

[Register for Virtual Session](#)

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Assistance for Livestock Producers Impacted by Severe Spring Storms

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is available to support eligible livestock producers who have experienced significant financial losses due to recent extreme weather in Saskatchewan.

PDAP provides financial assistance to producers in eligible areas which have experienced substantial losses or damages to

Compensation for livestock losses will be calculated using the rates under the Wildlife Damage Compensation and Livestock Predation Program administered by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation.

Livestock losses have been reported in several rural municipalities in southeast Saskatchewan because of recent

uninsurable property as a result of natural disasters, such as the recent record-breaking blizzards in southeast Saskatchewan. Local authorities, such as municipalities, must request designation through the PDAP office to initiate assistance for residents following an extreme weather event.

Producers whose local authorities have been designated as eligible for assistance can make claims for livestock loss, provided no coverage for losses is already available through existing insurance or other programs.

spring storms that included periods of heavy snowfall, high winds and blizzard conditions. Livestock producers are encouraged to take photos/videos and document all livestock losses due to these extreme weather events.

For more information, please contact PDAP at 1-866-632-4033 or [visit the website](#).

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Board of Revision Renewal Project Updates

The Ministry of Government Relations is currently seeking inputs from municipalities and municipal associations on the training program, certification of boards of revision process, and the centralized board of revision.

SARM was advised that the invitation to participate was sent to all municipalities on May 2, 2022.

We encourage all municipalities to participate in input by completing the survey.

Please note that the survey will close on **May 31, 2022**.

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Feedback

**Tackling Red Tape in the Environmentally
Impacted Sites Environmental Code Chapters**

The Government of Saskatchewan is looking for ways to reduce red tape within *The Environmental Protection and Management (Saskatchewan Environmental Code Adoption) Regulations*.

The Government of Saskatchewan would appreciate participation from the rural municipalities of Saskatchewan in a short survey on red tape reduction as it relates to the environmentally impacted sites chapters of the Environmental Code.

The survey can be found on the Government of Saskatchewan's Public Engagement page.

SARM encourages its members to complete the survey by **May 26, 2022**.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact kim.davis@gov.sk.ca.

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More Highway Safety Improvements West of Prince Albert

Construction is underway on a \$21.4 million twinning project on Highway 3, west of Prince Albert.

The Highway 3 twinning project will cover almost eight kilometres and will run from the junction of Highway 2 to the Shell River bridge. The design includes a four-lane highway with a concrete median barrier in the centre of the road, four protected T-intersections, as well as new lighting throughout the corridor.

The Highway 3 safety improvements are in addition to new passing lanes which opened last

The Government of Saskatchewan is keeping its 10-year Growth Plan commitment to build and improve 10,000 km of provincial roads and highways.

Planned delivery over the first three years is more than 3,500 km, well ahead of the

fall between Shellbrook and the Shell River Bridge.

pace needed to meet our target.

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Animal Health Control Area Order Extended Due to Avian Influenza Risk

An animal health control area order limiting the co-mingling of poultry has been extended to **June 14, 2022**, due to the continued risk of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

The order from Saskatchewan's Chief Veterinary Officer prohibits the movement to and participation of birds in shows, auctions and agricultural fairs, as well as any other events where birds would be brought together from multiple locations. The order, originally implemented on April 14, 2022, had been due to expire on May 14, 2022.

Since the initial confirmation avian influenza in a Saskatchewan poultry flock in mid-April, Saskatchewan has continued to see outbreaks in commercial and backyard flocks. As a federally reportable disease, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is leading the HPAI response in Saskatchewan and other affected provinces, supported by provincial governments and the poultry industry.

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Update from SPSA President & Fire Commissioner: Marlo Pritchard

The last SPSA meeting was held on April 28, 2022. SPSA has asked that we circulate a copy of the meeting minutes for review by the rural municipalities of Saskatchewan.

The next meeting is scheduled to held on May 26, 2022. If your RM has any questions that they would like addressed during the next meeting, please contact Ms. Deanna Nichols, Policy

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Administrator at (306) 761-3947
or Mrs. Alicia Bay, Policy Analyst
at (306) 761-3742.

Government Supports Irrigation Expansion in Saskatchewan

The Ministry of Agriculture is providing additional support for irrigation development in the province with a \$2.5 million investment to help producers finance irrigation infrastructure.



The \$2.5 million included in the 2022-23 Budget will allow producers to continue to access up to \$500,000 under the Irrigation Development Program, from the previous maximum payment of \$300,000. The Irrigation Development Program supports the installation of irrigation infrastructure, such as pumps and pipelines, to create a secure water supply to the edge of irrigable parcels of land.

The Government of Saskatchewan also recognizes that irrigators need additional time to complete projects within the current program timelines. In response to these challenges, the program deadline for Irrigation Development pre-approval applications has been extended from January 15, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The program deadline for Irrigation Environmental Efficiency pre-approval applications has been extended from August 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. Extending the deadline will allow irrigators additional flexibility to complete their projects.

Applicants will have up to 18 months from written project approval to submit a claim under the program.

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Notice to Municipalities: Fire Service Minimum Standard Guidelines

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is excited to announce the launch of the Provincial Fire Service Minimum Standards Guide, which is now available

at saskpublicsafety.ca.

The Guide outlines a range of minimum standards that fire departments can choose from to meet the needs of their residents.

Comprehensive training guidelines ensure firefighters have the skills needed for safer and more efficient response. The guidelines also enhance coordination between elected officials and the fire department by providing an opportunity:

- For coordination and fiscal planning to ensure firefighters have the training and type of equipment they need for their service level; and
- To provide guidance on equipment maintenance.

All Fire Chiefs will be asked to review the Minimum Standards Guide and declare a service level based on those guidelines. This declaration of service would also determine the minimum associated training standards for your local fire department based on that service level, as well as the appropriate equipment required to meet your community's needs.

Please note that information regarding this launch has also been provided to Saskatchewan fire chiefs.

These **non-mandatory** guidelines could not have been developed without the strong collaborative efforts of the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs (SAFC), the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (SVFFA) and the Provincial Training Standards Committee. The Agency appreciates the high level of engagement and feedback these groups have provided over the past two years as these guidelines were developed.

Assessing and Declaring a Service Level

The assessment and declaration phase is now open and runs until October 31, 2023. During this time, fire departments should review the guidelines and declare a service level based on those guidelines. To assist Fire Chiefs during this phase, a set of questions and answers are also available on the [SPSA website](#).

There are five steps involved in declaring a service level, which are listed below. Appendix A of the Fire Service Minimum Standards Guide provides more information on this process and outlines the action items associated with each of these steps.

- Step 1:** Fire Chief reviews the Minimum Standards Guide
- Step 2:** Fire Chief and council meet to discuss proposed service level
- Step 3:** Checklist is completed by the Fire Chief
- Step 4:** Fire Chief and council complete and approve the Declaration of Service Form
- Step 5:** The Declaration of Service Form is submitted to the SPSA

Once the declaration phase ends on **October 31, 2023**, the SPSA will provide council with a letter confirming the service level identified.

If you wish to participate in the program but require assistance with the process, we would be pleased to assist. Unless we hear from you, the SPSA's records will show that your community has decided not to participate in the program.

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Health Renewal Funding Projects Benefit Patients

Patients, families, and health care staff across the province are benefitting from a \$100 million investment in health renewal projects. This is part of the government's \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate the province's economic recovery.

As of March 31, 2022, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has expended more than \$82 million in stimulus funding on completed

projects, including commitments to several projects currently underway or in the planning stages.

Over 400 projects have been completed to date with more than 120 others currently in progress or planning, including:

- an \$8 million investment in roof replacement and repairs to address potential future interior damage that could impact access to patient rooms at six facilities in Saskatoon, including Parkridge Centre, Royal University Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, Social and Brief Detox, Kinsmen Children's Centre, and the Nurses Alumni Wing at Saskatoon City Hospital;
- boiler replacements at facilities across the North to improve the reliability and energy efficiency of heating equipment, and the installation of Oxygen concentrators to enhance nursing services and remove the risk of injury due to lifting and moving high-pressure tanks;
- changes to the aesthetic appearance of the Battleford Union Hospital's front entrance to enhance facility access with auto door openers and improve traffic flow and replacement of the aged Prince Albert Victoria Hospital elevator to ensure access to safe, reliable elevators for patients and staff

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Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications Network: Radio Refresh Program

Note that the monthly access fee, \$40.00 per radio, as well as the \$41.00 annual federal licence fee, will remain the responsibility of the user for all assigned radios.

This replacement program involves approximately 2,000 fire radios and will require technicians to travel to

The Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications Network (PPSTN) began operation in 2010. At that time, radios were provided to firefighting agencies by the provincial government at that time at no charge beyond a monthly system access fee. Those radios are aging, and a four-year replacement program is now underway.

New radios will be supplied to all existing fire clients at no charge. This includes replacement of radios purchased by fire departments in excess of their initial allotment.

hundreds of locations across Saskatchewan. Priority will be given to the larger, busier departments and smaller departments will be accommodated where practical. Clients will be contacted before SPSA technicians are scheduled to be in your area.

For more information, please contact the PPSTN Help Desk at 1-888-953-3693

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AgriStability Program

Is AgriStability an affordable program?

Glad you asked...

AgriStability is a low-cost business risk management program. In Saskatchewan, the average cost to participate in the AgriStability Program is \$0.67 per acre or \$1.16 per head.

Apply early. The last day to enrol is extended to June 30, 2022

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Feedback

SARM Survey - Municipal Local Election Dates

In response to the Ministry of Government Relations' expressed preference for consistent dates for rural and urban municipal local election dates, SARM has prepared a short survey for SARM members' to advise if they agree or disagree, as well as provide feedback with respect to the same.

We ask that your rural municipality review and complete the survey **no later than end of day May 31, 2022.**

To participate in the survey, click the link below:

[Take the Survey](#)

Red Tape Review - Trip Inspection and Security of Load Regulations Consultation Survey

On May 18, 2022 SARM received a letter from the Ministry of Highways pertaining to its red tape review. To view a copy of the letter received [click here](#).

The Ministry of Highways is currently reviewing *The Trip Inspection Regulations and The Security of Loads Regulations, 2013*. To assist with the review the government is asking for the public to review and identify red tape and regulatory barriers with the aforementioned regulations.

The links to the regulations currently under review can be found here:

[***The Trip Inspection Regulations***](#), H-3.01 Reg 11

[***The Security of Load Regulations, 2013***](#), H-3.01 Reg 6

The Ministry of Highways asks that the public participate in *The Trip Inspection Regulations and The Security of Loads Regulations - Red Tape Review* survey. **The survey is open until June 20, 2022.** Information collected in this survey will only be used for the purposes identified and responses are confidential.

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Nuclear Waste Management Organization (“NWMO”) outlined its plans and priorities for the next five years to help shape the implementation of Canada’s plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel in the below document:

Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026:

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NWMO Survey for 5 Year Nuclear Waste Strategic Plan

NWMO has asked that the public review *Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026* and provide feedback to NWMO to assist and guide their work as they implement Canada’s plan. NWMO will provide any resulting changes or clarifications, along with a summary of responses received in its next year’s implementation plan. The implementation plan is planned to be released in 2023.

The survey, based on our five-year implementation plan, provides an opportunity for the public, including those who are new to Canada’s plan, to get involved, learn more and help shape NWMO’s work.

The **survey is open until June 10, 2022** and all responses will be kept confidential.

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Multi Sector Network on Cyber Threats and Mitigation Measures for Canadian Industry

On April 26, 2022, Critical Infrastructure Partnership had a meeting on the Multi Sector Network meeting on Cyber Threats and Mitigation Measures for Canadian Industry. A copy of the April meeting summary can be [read here](#).

[Let’s Talk Critical Infrastructure](#) consultation is open for responses from the public until **June 1, 2022**. [Click here](#) to participate.

The consultation is an opportunity for the public and the critical infrastructure community to provide feedback and help shape Canada's approach to critical infrastructure resilience for years to come.

[Participate in Consultation](#)

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Building a Zero-Plastic Waste Strategy for Agriculture



Throughout the 2020/2021 winter Cleanfarms commissioned grower research to better understand farmers' attitudes and behaviours around ag plastics recycling. The quantitative research primarily targeted growers in regions where pilots are operating (British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and the Maritime provinces). The information collected provides important baseline data that helped inform pilot development and will help assess pilot performance. Summaries, organized by region, are [available here](#).

Some key findings across the regions are:

- When recycling programs are made available, farmers will overwhelmingly use them over other means.
- Overall, farmers are more satisfied when they can recycle an ag plastic versus other disposal methods like landfilling.
- Disposal habits generally reflect the availability and maturity of recycling programs in a region.
- There is a strong appetite amongst farmers to participate in pilots for recycling ag plastics.
- There is concern about potential costs associated with more permanent, long term recycling programs.

Pilots allow program operators to test out various aspects of program design such as storage techniques (e.g., collection bags or bins), collection scheduling (e.g., blitz style vs. collection days) and processing options.

When pilots begin, Cleanfarms works with its project partners to develop customized communications materials that focus on how to prepare ag plastics (on the farm) for optimal recycling.


PILOT PROJECT:
RECYCLING AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS

Keep it clean!

Clean and separately bag twine, bale wrap and silage plastic



Tightly fold, roll and secure silage plastic



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Pick up collection bags, fill, and bring to the

McBride Regional Transfer Station

500 NW Frontage Rd., McBride, BC

Winter (November 1 – March 31)

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9 am – 4 pm; Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm;
Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Summer (April 1 – October 31)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 am – 5 pm;
Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 4 pm; Closed Wednesday



Find out more!

For more information contact
Cleanfarms at **1-877-622-4460**
or visit Cleanfarms.ca

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Help Young Wild Animals by Leaving Them Alone

The Ministry of Environment has a simple message for well-meaning people who want to rescue what appear to be

There can be hazards for humans, too. Wildlife can carry infectious diseases that can be transmitted to people, including

orphaned young animals: please don't touch them.

Many animals leave their young alone for long periods while they forage for food, or to protect them from predators.

While "saving" the animal may seem like the right thing to do, contact with humans can significantly decrease a young animal's chances for survival.



rabies and West Nile virus. It's also illegal to take wild animals home. Only recognized wildlife rehabilitators are licensed to care for orphaned and injured animals, as they have the expertise to provide appropriate care.

A young animal should only be picked up if the parent is found dead nearby, or if the animal is found in an unnatural situation, such as a baby bird on a doorstep.

For instance, before concluding that a deer fawn is abandoned, ask yourself:

- Has it been lying in the same position for more than 10 hours?
- Is it vocal?
- Is it covered in insects?
- Is it wet, possibly covered by the morning dew?

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Saskatchewan Releases Latest Oil and Gas Emissions Report

[On May 18, 2022], the Ministry of Energy and Resources published its second Oil and Gas Emissions Management Regulations (OGEMR) Annual Emissions Report.

In 2021, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from vented and flared gas at upstream oil facilities in Saskatchewan totalled 4.4 million tonnes (Mt) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

This represents a 6.5 Mt CO₂e, or 60 per cent, reduction from 2015 levels and a 0.8 Mt or 15 per cent reduction from 2020 levels.

Multiple factors contributed to the provincial emissions reduction in 2021- primarily, the Saskatchewan oil and gas sector's investments in new equipment and/or infrastructure at key locations, which resulted in reducing company-level emissions.

Emission reductions outlined in Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy have been achieved and will likely be exceeded in 2025.

OGEMR is part of an equivalency agreement on methane emissions signed in 2020 with the federal government. The agreement established a five-year timeframe and expires on December 31, 2024.

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Government of Saskatchewan Continues to Invest in Community Airports

The Government of Saskatchewan will invest \$935,000 through the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program, supporting 11 airports. When combined with local matching dollars, this represents almost \$2 million investment in airport infrastructure.

CAP supports local airports helping to offset the costs of rehabilitation and improvements, with cost-shared grants up to a maximum of \$275,000.

This year's investment will result in improvements to the following airports:

- Big River - \$40,936 - Runway edge light repairs, windsock pole, main runway and aprons rehabilitation
- Carlyle - \$9,090 - Crack fill runway and tarmac
- Estevan - \$34,948 - Crack sealing and line painting

- Kindersley - \$46,614 - Runway lighting upgrade
- La Ronge - \$133,125 - Airport drainage system maintenance
- Melfort - \$256,715 - Replace underground wiring and lighting around runway, taxiway and apron
- RM of Browning (RM 34) - \$35,850 - Add turn pads and pavement marking
- RM of Eldon (RM 471) - \$18,582 - Crack sealing for taxiway and apron
- RM of Moosomin (RM 121) - \$256,715 - Continued work on Phase 3 including new navigation system
- Weyburn - \$97,500 - Taxiway repairs, crack sealing and pavement marking
- Yorkton - \$4,925 - Information broadcast transmitter and friction index equipment

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Get to Know Saskatchewan Safety Council

Since 1955, the Saskatchewan Safety Council has worked on countless injury prevention and safety initiatives covering a wide variety of issues, especially targeted towards those who are statistically at high risk, like children and youth, First Nations and rural populations, new Canadians, and seniors.



A community-based approach that starts with K-12, or before, will result in a shift of mindset. When young people learn about injury prevention because of their involvement in a sport or recreational activity and then have that backed up at school, by the time they get to their first job, hazard assessment and risk mitigation will come naturally. The potential of getting hurt will be more on their radar and being put in high-risk situations just won't be acceptable to them."

From youth activity books and a recently signed memorandum of understanding with the Ministry

Today, injuries are known to cost the Saskatchewan economy approximately \$2.4 million dollars a day.

Regardless of where injuries take place, be that in our homes and yards while driving or taking part in recreational activities, or while at work, many result in chronic pain for which the sufferer potentially seeks out and develops an addiction to drugs or alcohol. That same pain may result in anxiety, depression, or other mental health disorders which, in the community, can lead to increases in crime, homelessness, unemployment, and violence.

"Our approach to injury prevention is to start young and get everyone in the community involved", says Robert Weitzel, Director of Development with the Council. "Our youth are our influencers and the future."

of Education to strengthen the K-12 curriculum to enhance injury prevention information and safety resources in schools, to completely free online industry-approved workplace safety training, and the establishment of a network of community safety champions, the Council truly is engaged in injury prevention initiatives that are of benefit to everyone in Saskatchewan.

Funded through donations, membership contributions, sponsorships, grants, and the distribution of safety programs and materials, the revenues generated by the Safety Council are invested within the province of Saskatchewan to further promote safety.

You can learn additional information about Saskatchewan Safety Council by visiting: www.sasksafety.org

[Learn More](#)

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Changes to PST will Benefit Farmers and Agriculture Industry

Amendments to the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) regulations will provide greater clarity to farmers and help ensure that PST is applied fairly and consistently to farming and agricultural goods and services.

Effective April 1, 2022, new PST exemptions were made through regulation changes. These exemptions include:

- prefabricated wind breaker panels for use in the protection and handling of livestock
- insulators for electrified livestock fences
- certain farm equipment attached to a registered vehicle
- on-farm dugout excavation and for trenching (in specific circumstances related to farming)

Additionally, it was clarified that the following products are also exempt from PST and are retroactive to April 1, 2016:

- water storage tanks used in spraying or irrigating crops
- storage tanks for weed control chemicals, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, liquid fertilizer
- adjuvants that improve their efficacy or application
- portable seed cleaners used on-farm by farmers in preparing their crop for storage or market (farmers in the business of seed cleaning must pay PST on their seed cleaning equipment)
- farm tractors

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Event details:

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Lecture: Smart, Co-operative Action for a Better Future

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm
(CST)

This free lecture will be delivered by Zoom. [Register online](#) and the Zoom connection details will be sent by email.

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) is hosting the 2022 Tansley Lecture, entitled:

Smart, co-operative action for a better future:
Economic growth for Canadians will depend on our ability to set, and reach, productive and equitable goals

Presented by:

The Honourable Anne McLellan, P.C., O.C., A.O.E., Canadian and International Strategic Planning Advisor, Bennett Jones LLP; Co-chair, Coalition for a Better Future, &

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., Vice-Chair, Global Investment Banking, CIBC Capital Markets; Co-chair, Coalition for a Better Future

JSGS's speakers believe that it is time to reimagine what Canada is capable of achieving, and to embrace an ambitious vision for inclusive, sustainable economic growth and opportunity for all. For a complete event description, please click the link below:

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Reminder

LAST CHANCE - Municipal Local Election Dates Survey

In response to the Ministry of Government Relations' expressed preference for consistent dates for rural and urban municipal local election dates, SARM has prepared a short survey for SARM members' to advise if they agree or disagree, as well as provide feedback with respect to the same.

We ask that your rural municipality review and complete the survey **no later than end of day May 31, 2022.**

To participate in the survey, click the link below:

[Take the Survey](#)

Red Tape Review - Trip Inspection and Security of Load Regulations Consultation Survey

On May 18, 2022 SARM received a letter from the Ministry of Highways pertaining to its red tape review. To view a copy of the letter received [click here](#).

The Ministry of Highways is currently reviewing *The Trip Inspection Regulations* and *The Security of Loads Regulations, 2013*. To assist with the review the

government is asking for the public to review and identify red tape and regulatory barriers with the aforementioned regulations.

The links to the regulations currently under review can be found here:

[**The Trip Inspection Regulations**](#), H-3.01 Reg 11

[**The Security of Load Regulations, 2013**](#), H-3.01 Reg 6

The Ministry of Highways asks that the public participate in *The Trip Inspection Regulations and The Security of Loads Regulations - Red Tape Review* survey. **The survey is open until June 20, 2022.** Information collected in this survey will only be used for the purposes identified and responses are confidential.

[Take the Survey](#)

Multi Sector Network on Cyber Threats and Mitigation Measures for Canadian Industry

On April 26, 2022, Critical Infrastructure Partnership had a meeting on the Multi Sector Network meeting on Cyber Threats and Mitigation Measures for Canadian Industry. A copy of the April meeting summary can be [read here](#).

[**Let's Talk Critical Infrastructure**](#) consultation is open for responses from the public until **June 1, 2022**. [Click here](#) to participate.

The consultation is an opportunity for the public and the critical infrastructure community to provide feedback and help shape Canada's approach to critical infrastructure resilience for years to come.

[Participate in Consultation](#)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization (“NWMO”) outlined its plans and priorities for the next five years to help shape the implementation of Canada’s plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel in the below document:

Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026:

[View Report](#)

NWMO Survey for 5 Year Nuclear Waste Strategic Plan

NWMO has asked that the public review *Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026* and provide feedback to NWMO to assist and guide their work as they implement Canada’s plan. NWMO will provide any resulting changes or clarifications, along with a summary of responses received in its next year’s implementation plan. The implementation plan is planned to be released in 2023.

The survey, based on our five-year implementation plan, provides an opportunity for the public, including those who are new to Canada’s plan, to get involved, learn more and help shape NWMO’s work.

The **survey is open until June 10, 2022** and all responses will be kept confidential.

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LEAFY SPURGE BEETLE COLLECTION DAYS



BIO-CONTROL Leafy Spurge Beetle **Collection Days, July 4-8, 2022**

SARM Plant Health Officers (PHO) are hosting Leafy Spurge Beetle collection days July 4th to 8th (5 days) | 10am—3pm each day

Anyone interested is welcome to come and collect Leafy Spurge Beetles, at no cost, from Besant Campgrounds (west of Caronport on Highway #1). The PHOs will be present to provide information, and assist in packaging leafy spurge beetles for landowners, and RMs, to take back to their property for release.

Refer to the [Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection 2022](#) document for specific instructions. Please let your PHO know when you plan to attend.

As a reminder, if you are feeling unwell or have tested positive for COVID19 in the week prior to the collection days, please do not attend. Reach out to your PHO to discuss alternatives.

[Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection 2022 \(PDF\)](#)

SUMA's 32nd Annual Gold Tournament



Invitation to RMs

Hosted by the Town of Wakaw and Wheatland Express
at the beautiful *Wakaw Lake Regional Park*

**July 7: Social on the Wheatland
Express Excursion Train– departs from
Wakaw**

Questions:

Email: wakaw2022@wakaw.ca

Call: 306-233-4284

**July 8: Four-person 18 Hole Scramble
at Wakaw Lake Regional Park,
including:**

- Golf cart rental
- Breakfast 8am
- Shotgun start 9am
- Prizes
- Supper & championship celebration

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New and Interactive Fire Ban Map

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency is happy to announce that the new and interactive provincial Fire Ban Map is live at saskpublicsafety.ca.

This new map is more intuitive and visually appealing. It displays fire bans, restrictions and advisories from all authorities and provides improved quality and accuracy of fire ban information for the public. Users can zoom in and out freely, search for a specific location and access contact information. They can also select exactly what information they want to see on the map and view it on either a desktop or mobile device with ease.

To ensure a ban, advisory or restriction is displayed on the fire ban map, **the authorized administrator must call the Control Burn Line at 1-866-404-4911** to advise they have issued a fire ban. The Control Burn Line is answered 24/7, 365 days a year.



Legend

Fire Ban Urban Municipality

- Ban
- Restriction
- Advisory

Fire Ban Rural Municipality

- Ban
- Restriction
- Advisory

Fire Ban Provincial (SPSA)

- Ban
- Restriction
- Advisory

Fire Ban Provincial Park

- Ban
- Restriction
- Advisory

The caller will be asked to provide the following details:

- Their name
- Contact name
- RM, UM or fire department
- The location of the ban (e.g.: town, RM, park, etc.)
- The type of ban (ban/advisory/restriction). If it is a restriction or advisory details about what is included in the advisory or restriction, such as whether fire pits or agricultural burning are allowed, will be requested
- A phone number the public can call for more information

At the conclusion of the ban, advisory or restriction, it is important that the authorized administrator contact the SPSA so that the ban can be removed from the map.

Try out the new map by visiting saskpublicsafety.ca and clicking on [***Fire Ban Map***](#).

An important note: The previous PDF version of the Fire Ban Map remains available on our website in select locations and links to the PDF map will continue to work. However, we recommend updating the link to direct users to the new map when and where possible.

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