

# **RM Single Window Concept**

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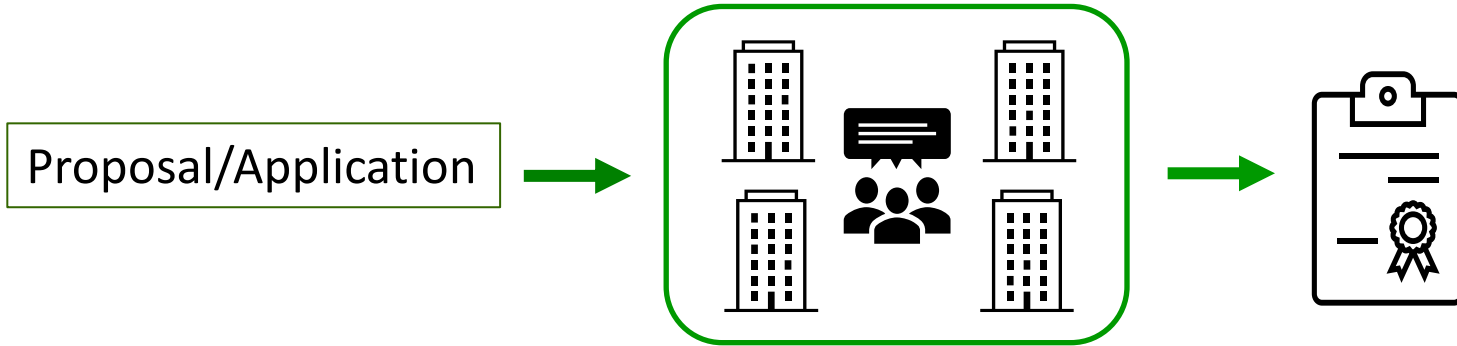
## THE PLAN FOR GROWTH TO 2030:

### **Improving Competitiveness Across Saskatchewan's Natural Resource Sectors**

*“Creating a single-window application for all resource development activities requiring permitting or invoicing from municipalities. A standardized online interface will drive efficiency and reduce administrative burdens and costs for municipalities and industry.”*

# What is a Single Window?

- A single point of entry for multiple transactions related to a line of business.



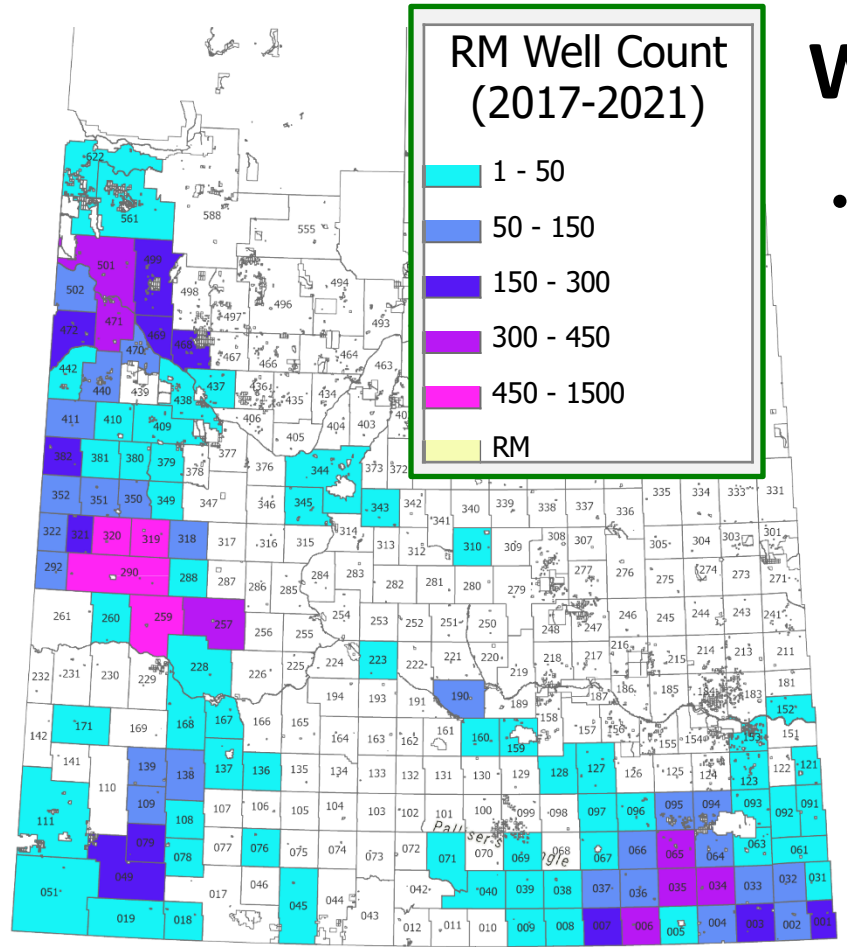
# What is a Single Window for RMs in Saskatchewan?

An online platform where:

- industry can interact with multiple RMs and access all necessary permits, approvals and charges.
- RMs can manage applications, invoicing and communications with resource companies acting in their jurisdiction.

# Where is the Current Focus?

- The volume of transactions related to oil and gas development in Saskatchewan make it a sector where the largest gains can be made.



- Annual average from 2017 – 2021:**
- Over 2000 oil and gas well licenses issued for various activities
  - 40 – 50 licensees/operators
  - More than 100 active RMs

# Why an RM Single Window?

## What has been heard:

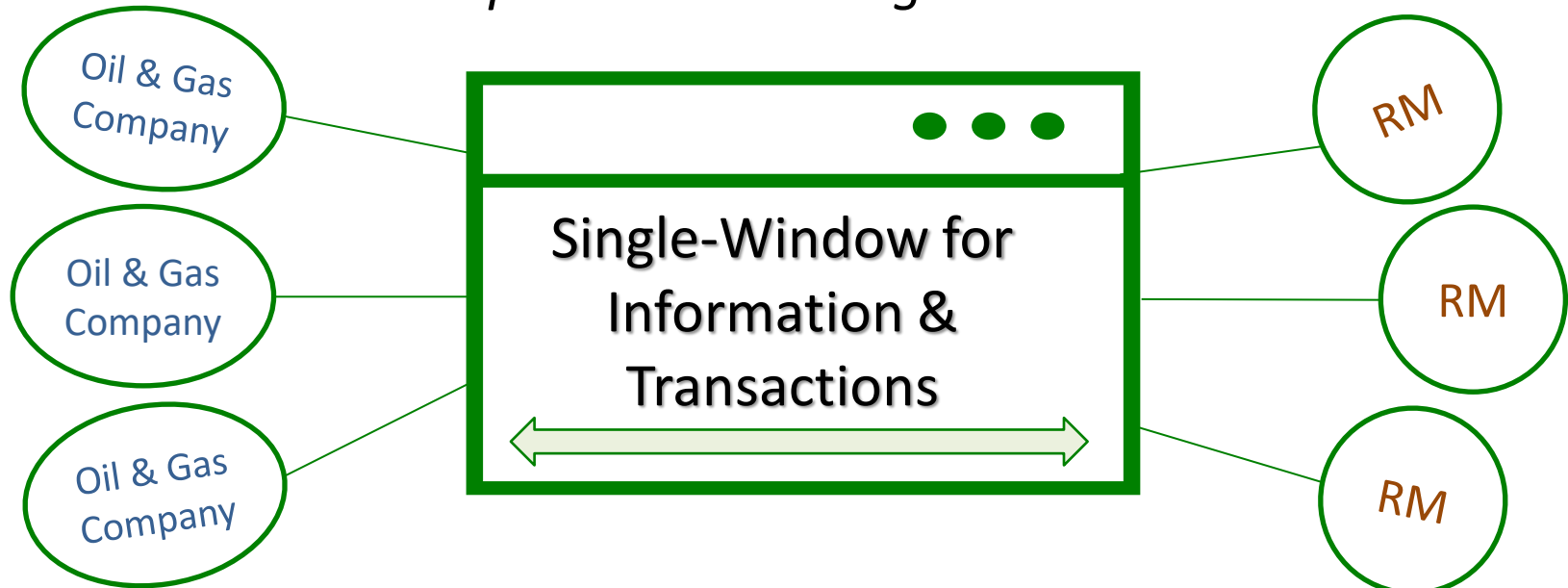
**For Industry** – *difficulty navigating various RM bylaws, policies and fees as well as different administrative/business structures.*

**For RMs** – *difficulty managing multiple companies and efficiently tracking industry activities and administrative requirements.*

- A single-window is an opportunity to improve communications and streamline business interactions for RMs and Industry.

# What is the RM Single Window Concept?

*A one-stop shop for RM information and transactions related to upstream oil and gas activities.*



# RM Single Window Project Plan

## Phase 1 (Timeline 2022 & 2023)

Stakeholder engagement and developing the RM Single Window Concept.

## \*Potential Phase 2 (Timeline TBD)

Development and implementation of IT infrastructure.

*\* Commitment and direction for phase 2 will be dependent on the outcomes of phase 1*



# Where do we Start?

- Phase 1 objective will be to build a more detailed RM Single Window concept:
  - Understanding the current state of interactions between RMs and oil and gas industry
  - Establishing key functionalities that will provide value for both RMs and industry
  - Determining feasibility of potential pathways to develop and implement an RM Single Window

# What Progress has been made?

- ✓ Steering Committee formed in January of 2022.

## ***RM Single Window Steering Committee:***

- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
- Ministry of Government Relations

- ✓ Steering Committee developed a Request for Service to hire a third-party consulting firm to lead a large-scale stakeholder engagement and a study.
- ✓ Holterman Waller Strategy has been identified as the successful firm and work is underway to contract their services.

# Engagement with RMs and Industry

## What to expect?

- Engagement to include SARM, councilors & administrators (approx. 100 RMs), RMAA, various oil and gas industry associations, and individual oil and gas companies.
- Facilitated meetings with small groups of RMs either in-person or online.
- Surveys or other written material requesting feedback.
- Larger group meeting possibly including both industry and RMs and coordinated around SARM convention.

## What not to expect?

- Discussions of municipal autonomy or property tax Policy.

# What to Expect & When

| What  | When                  |
|---|-----------------------|
| Email invitation to impacted RMs for first round of engagement            | Late November         |
| Small group in-person and virtual sessions                                | December & January    |
| Survey issued and open for Feedback                                       | January               |
| Second round of engagement through small group sessions with impacted RMs | Late February & March |
| Joint RM and Industry engagement session at SARM Convention               | March 13 – 16 (TBD)   |
| Follow up engagement and summary findings                                 | April – May           |

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