SARM, through its Act of Incorporation, is mandated to work on files of importance to rural municipalities (RM) and agriculture producers.

There are currently four primary ways such files originate:

- membership resolution
- RM request
- board direction
- Federal and/ or Provincial Government influence.



## Getting to know SARM

## Policy & Research



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At the direction of the SARM Board, the Policy & Research team meets and speaks with members and outside agencies on issues important to RMs, including bringing concerns forth at the provincial and federal levels.

The policy and research team are responsible for the oversight of all research, analysis, and development and preparation of related documents and proposals. They evaluate the effectiveness of existing government policies and programs and draft policy related correspondence. This team also attends SARM board and committee meetings as required in support of the board and executive director.

## **Internal Committees:**

- AG/Economy committee
- Municipal Oversight Committee
- Indigenous Relations Committee
- **Resolutions Committee**

## **Major Projects**

- Ottawa lobby trip
- Federal budget submissions
- Provincial budget submissions
- Numerous consultations requests from various levels of government
- Rural Crime Watch Committee
- Crime Stoppers Committee
- Stakeholder meetings for various organizations