

Road Maintenance Agreements SARM Divisional Meetings

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What are Road Maintenance Agreements?

- RMAs are meant for heavy haul road users who cause damage to municipal roads
- Intended to address the incremental costs
- NOT intended to cover full cost of maintenance, construction, repair



SaskToday, Government releases highway traffic volume map, <https://www.sasktoday.ca/southeast/local-news/government-releases-highway-traffic-volume-map-4113308>.

Status Quo



Ministry
calculates the
regional RMA rates
based on specific
factors



RMA is based
on bulk hauls,
which are
clearly
defined



RMs are
primarily
responsible for
maintaining
roads



RMA must
include the
dispute
resolution
process

Bulk Haul

- Bulk Haul means **any single or repeated** transportation of goods over a defined route that:
 - Weigh more than 2 tonnes; and
 - Municipal council believe the hauls:
 - a) Are significant in nature
 - b) May cause significant damage to roads



Portable Water Services, <https://jdk.shopsask.ca/>

RMA Regional Rates Factors



Annual transportation services expenditures (A)



Road damage caused by truck travel on municipal roads (B)



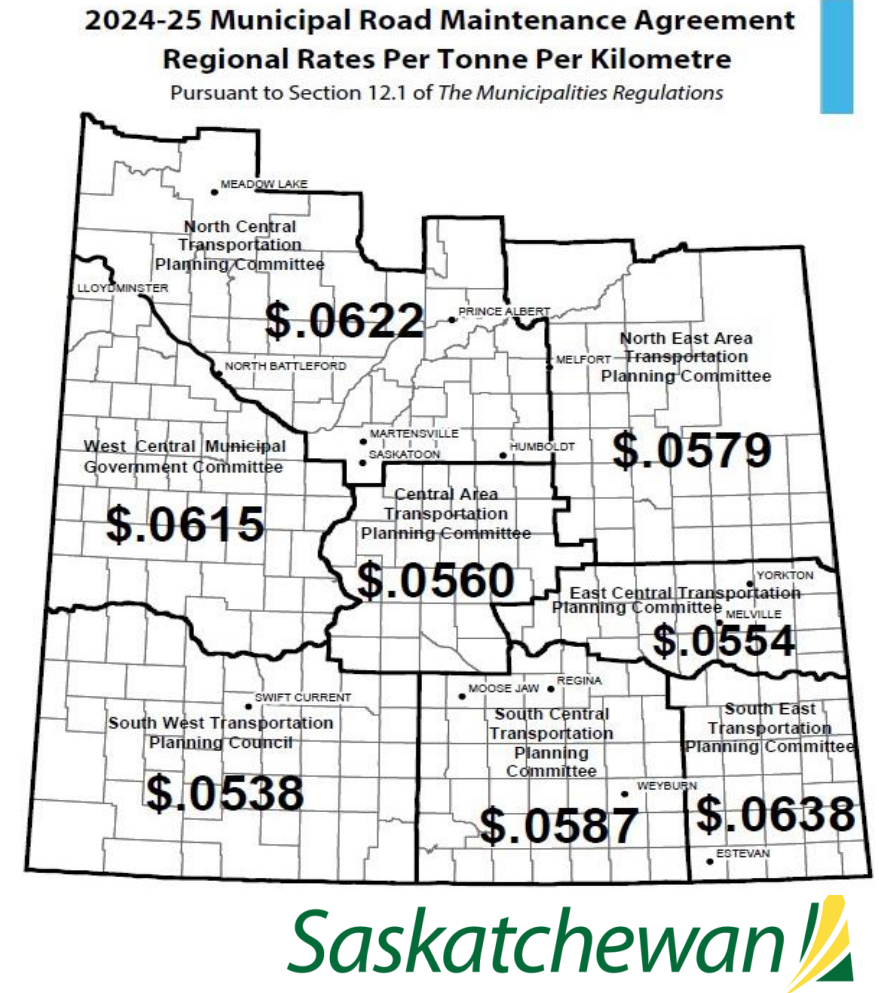
Annual truck vehicle-kilometres (C)



Average truck payload weight (D)

RMA Regional Rate Calculation

- **RMA Regional Rate:** $\left(\frac{A \times B}{C}\right) \times D$
- The RMA regional rate will be updated for 2026 and 2027



RMA Compensation Formula

$$\text{Compensation} = \text{Regional Rate} \times \text{Quantity Hauled} \times \text{Distance} \times \# \text{ of Times}$$

RMAs Outside the Regulations

- If a municipality and a hauler decide to forgo the regulated rate, they can negotiate a separate agreement under subsection 22(1.2) of *The Municipalities Act* (the Act) with a different schedule of charges or fees if:
 - The schedule of charges or fees is applied consistently within the municipality
 - It includes provisions regarding dispute resolution
 - The parties to the agreement cannot apply to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board (SMB) for a decision on any dispute

RMs Can Use a Different RMA Rate – An Example

An RM uses the following compensation formula for their separate RMA:

Compensation = number of tonnes of fluid hauled over the road X distance hauled X Own RMA compensation rate

RMA Dispute Resolution



Follow the dispute resolution process set out in the RMA



If the RMA is with the prescribed fees and dispute resolution is unsuccessful, either party may apply to the SMB for a decision



If the RMA is for an alternative schedule of fees and dispute resolution is unsuccessful, the council should follow the next step outlined in the RMA

What if they refuse an RMA?



Serve notice on the person that an RMA is required



Apply for a court order compelling the person to comply with the notice



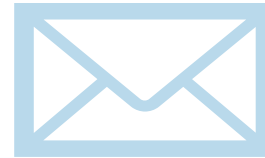
May apply to SMB to determine whether an agreement is required

Appeal Process Through SMB



Appeal Matters:

1. Whether an agreement is required
2. Any clauses within an existing agreement



Process: Either party can submit a hearing application to the RMA committee through email or by mail

Example Calculation

- RM in the Southwest Transportation Planning Council region
- Helium facility located 4.7 kilometres from provincial highway
- Hauling:
 - 50 loads per day
 - 7 days a week
 - 5 tonnes per load
- Winter haul Nov. 15 - March 15; summer haul March 16 – Nov. 14
- Use prescribed rates

Example Calculation

The compensation formula prescribed in the Regulations is: where **C** is the amount of compensation: **C = R x D x T x N**

R is the regional rate per tonne per kilometre	\$0.0538 Regional Rate according to the 2024 - 2025 Road Maintenance Agreement Rates
T is the tonnes transported	5 tonnes
D is the Distance hauled	4.7 kilometres
N is the number of times the bulk haul is carried out	50 trucks per day all year 50 x 244 = 12,200 trips in summer haul period 50 x 121 = 6,050 trips in winter haul period

Example Calculation

Summer Compensation Calculation

R	X	D	X	T	X	N	=	C
\$0.0538	x	4.7KM	x	5 tonnes	x	12,200 trips	=	\$15,424.46

Winter Compensation Calculation

50% for the winter haul period

R	X	D	X	T	X	N	=	C
\$0.0269	X	4.7km	x	5 tonnes	x	6,050 trips	=	\$3,824.51

Questions?

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