

SAMA AND THE 2025 REVALUATION

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) is the leader and authority on property assessment, and Saskatchewan's service provider of choice. The Agency is responsible for assessment governance of the \$271 Billion property assessment base, and a \$2.33 Billion property tax base. The Agency provides assessment valuation services to 762 urban, northern and rural municipalities. It is directly responsible for the assessed values of approximately 876,000 properties in the province.

SAMA conducts revaluations based on a four-year cycle. 2021 was the year of the last revaluation, and the 2025 Revaluation will see assessed values updated to reflect a new valuation base date of January 1, 2023. The legislated base date means that 2025 values reflect a property's value as of January 1, 2023.

Assessments in Saskatchewan are historical. In other words, the date of valuation for a property is in the past. For 2025 to 2028, property values will reflect the market conditions as of a valuation date of January 1, 2023.

SAMA cannot consider sales from after January 1, 2023, when implementing new values with the 2025 Revaluation. SAMA will consider any sales from after the valuation date for the next revaluation.

The 2025 Revaluation will continue to use the market valuation standard for the assessment of residential and commercial properties. The regulated property assessment valuation standard will continue to be used for the assessment of agricultural land, heavy industrial property, railway roadway, pipelines and resource production equipment (mines and oil and gas wells).

For the 2025 Revaluation, all property types will have their values updated in relation to the **January 1, 2023**, valuation base date, regardless of being subject to a market valuation standard or a regulated property valuation standard.

The 2025 Revaluation continues SAMA's goal of stabilizing the assessment system from a governance perspective by not introducing any major changes to assessment policy.



THREE PROPERTY VALUATION APPROACHES

There are three generally accepted appraisal techniques used to value property under the market valuation standard; the cost approach, the sales comparison approach and the property income (rental) approach.

The **cost approach** estimates the replacement cost of a building, less depreciation, adding land value primarily based on sales. This approach is most useful when there are few comparable sales. The cost approach will continue to be used in smaller municipalities and for specific property types across Saskatchewan.

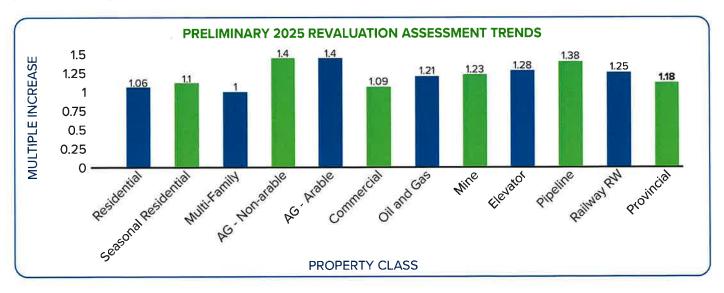
The sales comparison approach is based on the concept of valuing property based on what similar property in the same market area is selling for. This approach is appropriate for determining property assessments for areas and property types with active sales markets such as residential property in medium to large cities.

The property income (rental) approach to value is based on the premise that the value of a property is directly related to the rental income it will generate. The assessment appraiser analyzes the property's ability to produce a future income stream, and then estimates the property's value. The property income (rental) approach provides the most fair, reliable and accurate assessed values for commercial property and rental apartments in areas where there are active lease and rental markets.

To ensure assessed values are as accurate as possible, SAMA's professional assessment appraisers collect and analyze available cost, market and property rental income information and use the valuation approach that provides the best estimates of value for each property type, based on available information.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSED VALUES FOR 2025

The following chart uses provincial averages in SAMA jurisdictions to show preliminary provincial assessment trends for various property types. These are preliminary trends for the entire province. Local property specific taxable assessment trends may vary from the indicated provincial trend depending on how local market conditions compare with the provincial averages used to establish the assessment trends noted below.



REVENUE NEUTRALITY

While a revaluation updates property assessments, the overall impact on property tax is designed to be revenue neutral on a municipal basis.

Provided that a municipality's budget requirements remain the same in a revaluation year as in the previous year, changes in taxable assessments will only result in changes to tax levels if a property's assessment increases or decreases, relative to the average for that jurisdiction.

Based on the current provincial government practice of establishing common provincial education mill rates, education revenue neutrality and potential education tax shifts will be based on how a specific assessment change relates to the overall provincial average increase in assessments for that same category of properties.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The SAMA Board of Directors has approved two new publications for use in preparing 2025 Revaluation assessments:

- 1. Saskatchewan Assessment Manual (2023 Base Year)
- 2. SAMA's 2023 Cost Guide

SAMA also uses the *Market Value Assessment in Saskatchewan Handbook* for valuing properties to meet the market valuation standard.

SAMA's stakeholders, through the Agency's advisory committees, reviewed and contributed to these publications. The *Saskatchewan Assessment Manual* has the force of regulation and must be complied with, while the Cost Guide and Market Value Handbook do not – they are documents within the market valuation standard.

The **Saskatchewan Assessment Manual** is used to value agricultural land, heavy industrial property, railway roadway, pipelines and resource production equipment (mines and oil and gas wells).

SAMA's 2023 Cost Guide is a non-regulated document to be used as a reference for SAMA assessment appraisers and the public regarding the application of the cost approach for the valuation of vacant urban land, residential property and selected commercial property for the 2025 Revaluation.

The *Market Value Assessment in Saskatchewan Handbook* provides guidance for the assessment of market valuation standard properties with a focus to commercial property and the property income (rental) approach.

Like SAMA's 2023 Cost Guide, the handbook is a non-regulated document. It is intended as a reference tool for assessment appraisers and the public in determining assessments for the 2025 Revaluation.

Hard copies of these publications will be provided for a fee that covers the cost to print the documents and any applicable licence fees and will include an update service.

The Market Value Assessment in Saskatchewan Handbook, portions of the Saskatchewan Assessment Manual (2023 Base Year) and SAMA's 2023 Cost Guide for which a licence fee is not payable, are available free of charge on SAMA's website (www.sama.sk.ca).

OTHER COST GUIDES

When applying the cost approach, assessment service providers may refer to publications from Marshall & Swift (Core Logic Inc.), a recognized industry leader in costing of commercial and residential property. SAMA uses the Marshall Valuation Service for the majority of commercial properties valued using the cost approach. *The Residential Cost Handbook* can be used for estimating replacement costs for both single and multi-family residences. SAMA's Cost Guide, the Handbook and Marshall and Swift's Marshall Valuation Service complement each other with the application of the cost approach.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025 - WHAT'S NEXT?

Detailed property specific values were provided to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations by April 1, 2024. Government Relations then uses this information to determine percentages of value and other relevant information. Preliminary 2025 property values were also distributed to municipalities starting in June 2024.

Although local governments already have the authority to mitigate overall/average assessment changes through their annual budget and mill rate processes, all parties will benefit from time to examine the assessment shifts and make tax policy decisions prior to 2025.

SAMA expects government to announce the 2025 percentages of value for each property tax class in fall 2024, communicating them with SAMA and other independent assessment service providers so that we can prepare final assessed values for 2025.

SAMA is targeting to start delivery of final assessed values to municipalities in January 2025. We will work closely with our client municipalities to meet their needs regarding these new values.

SAMA will have 2025 Revaluation information on our website (www.sama.sk.ca) and updated individual property values will be available on our SAMAView service in early 2025.

The Agency will be making use of SAMAView, our tool that allows the general public access to individual property assessments for all SAMA client jurisdictions, to communicate assessed values for the 2025 Revaluation. However, SAMA will not post any final 2025 Revaluation property assessments before they have been seen by municipalities.



QUESTIONS ON THE 2025 REVALUATION?

If you would like more information, please see the Revaluation 2025 section on our website at www.sama.sk.ca.

If you have further questions, comments or suggestions, please contact SAMA directly:

CONTACT INFORMATION

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R.M. of Arm River, No. 252

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Sent:

12/19/2024 1:02 PM

To:

R.M. of Arm River, No. 252

Subject:

SARRC Ecocentre monthly rate changes

Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (SARRC) to inform you that your monthly payment for the operation of the used oil ecocentre will be increasing to \$1,127.50, effective January 1, 2025.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Best regards,

Kris Mihilewicz Program Operations Manager



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December 17, 2024

Attention: Reeves, Councillors, and Administrators

Re: 2025 Membership Fees

Please find enclosed an invoice for the 2025 Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) membership fee which is due no later than February 14, 2025.

Membership fees generate approximately 18% of the general revenues for SARM. This fee is based on the 2025 SARM Budget which was adopted by the board of directors at their December 2024 meeting. The 2025 budget for SARM membership fees is \$1,076,000.

SARM addresses the concerns of rural municipalities and ensures their voice is heard by senior levels of government while advocating on behalf of members and making certain they understand legislation, and regulations, in their dealings with the provincial and federal governments.

SARM also provides members with representation of rural interests on various boards and committees, legislative review, and general municipal support. Additionally, membership allows your municipality to participate and/or access the following:

SARM Programs

- Liability Self-Insurance Plan with access to excess liability insurance
- Property Self-Insurance Program
- Fidelity Bond Self-Insurance Plan
- SARM Benefits Plan, SARM Vision Benefits Plan, the Extended Health and Dental Plan, the Long-Term Disability Plan, and the Group and Optional Life Insurance Plans

SARM Services

- Legal
- Community Planning
- Engineering
- Member Purchasing (products and services tendered on your behalf)

Thank you for helping SARM champion the value of rural Saskatchewan as together we strive to ensure rural municipalities reach their full potential.

Yours truly,

Laurel Feltin

Executive Director

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SARM IS SASKATCHEWAN

Strong communities have always been an important source of connection and sense of belonging.

From when the pioneers first broke ground in Saskatchewan, to when the first roads connected us as a province, coming together with a collective voice, bonded by attitudes, values and common goals has been critical to the success of rural Saskatchewan. Rural Saskatchewan provides unique advantages for business and for life, and from the very beginning, SARM has been there. SARM is rural Saskatchewan.

Together with our members, we foster and build strong, safe, vibrant, communities that serve their citizens, as well as the farms and industries that fuel our economy. SARM is member driven. Backed by the trust and engagement of our membership, earned from over a century of humble enthusiastic service, SARM is your seat at the table with leaders and decision makers at all levels, ensuring your voice is heard and your needs are met. SARM puts members first.

With access to professionals and experts who are approachable, honest and dedicated to the service of our members, we provide relevant, solutions-focused programs, expertise and educational opportunities that are personalized to the needs of our members. SARM is moving communities forward. The power of your collective membership allows us to be your essential source for valuable tools, information, and to elevate how you support those you serve every day.

Since 1905, SARM has been, and will always be, your unified voice in advocacy, education and service towards a stronger rural Saskatchewan. Members First, Member Driven, Moving Communities Forward.





PLANT HEALTH NETWORK

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024

Weeds to Watch For: Common Burdock

Common Burdock is a biennial that grows into large, stout flowering bolts with many branches up to 3 meters tall. Distinct features include the large alternate wavy or toothedshaped leaves that are woolly on the undersides, purple flowers, and clinging burrs. The weed reproduces by seed, producing up to 16,000 seeds per plant. Its prickly seed heads, often called burrs, are designed for seed dispersal by attaching to animals that brush by the plant. These thick-stemmed plants may still be observed in winter standing above the snow allowing for identification year-round.



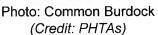




Photo: Common Burdock (Credit: Joanne Kwasnicki, PHTA Division 2)

Common Burdock is designated as a noxious invasive weed under The Weed Control Act in Saskatchewan. It can be a serious issue in areas where the soil has been disturbed – but not cultivated, and in riparian areas. These weeds outcompete other plants by blocking light with their large leaves, leading to dense patches of common burdock.

Burdock can be controlled through cultivation, grazing of sheep/goats, and chemical control. This weed is one of the designated noxious weeds covered under the Invasive Plant Control Program.

Did You Know Your PHTA Can Help Update Your Weed Management Plan?

As we are approaching a new year, Rural Municipalities' weed management plans are due for their yearly update. The Plant Health Technical Advisors are happy to help you update these documents every year. We can provide insight into weeds to watch for, weeds encroaching into the area, and weed control options. A detailed weed management plan will aid in the prevention and effective management of invasive weeds by allowing RMs to track and evaluate invasive weed issues, as well as outline the goals and priorities of the RM.

If your RM does not have a weed management plan but would like to develop one as you intend to utilize the Invasive Plant Control Program in 2025, feel free to reach out to your division's PHTA, and we can help you to put together the weed management plan for the RM.



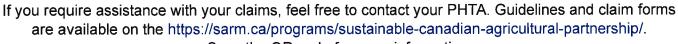






DEADLINE REMINDERS:

- Rat Control Program deadline is December 31, 2024
- Beaver Control Program deadline is February 15, 2025
- 2025 annual appointments of Weed Inspectors & Pest Control Officers
 - Reminder to send signed appointments to crops@gov.sk.ca



Scan the QR code for more information.



SARM and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture have partnered to deliver free webinars and training workshops for Pest Control Officers, Weed Inspectors, and Land Managers in 2025. Do not miss an opportunity to attend the training sessions to gain knowledge and utilize networking opportunities with other appointed officials.

In-person Workshops for Pest Control Officers (watch for registration coming soon): SARM and the Plant Health Technical Advisors invite you to join us for a one-day workshop that will provide continuing education and training to Pest Control Officers.

- February 4th, 2025 Regina, The Atlas Hotel (4177 Albert Street, Regina, SK)
- February 5th, 2025 Saskatoon, Western Development Museum (2610 Lorne Ave. Saskatoon, SK)

Upcoming Events:

- Weed Inspector & Land Manager Webinar: Weed Control Act Enforcement
 - February 19th, 2025 at 12 PM 1 PM
- Pest Control Officer Webinar: Integrated Pest Management
 - February 20th, 2025 at 12 PM 1 PM

Watch your email for more information about these events. Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for licensed pesticide applicators will be applied to Saskatchewan Polytechnic for approval.

Looking for Training Resources?

Past webinars put on by the SARM PHTAs can be found on the Plant Health Network page under Events. Five years of past webinars are available, which are great for training newly appointed officials or providing a refresher.

https://sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership/plant-health-network/

Please contact your SARM Division Plant Health Technical Advisor for more information, to answer any questions, or to suggest content for future newsletters.

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RM253

From: Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities <sarm@sarm.ca>

Sent: 12/31/2024 10:03 AM **To:** rm253@sasktel.net

Subject: Your latest Rural Sheaf update



December 2024

Note: Some email platforms distort the Rural Sheaf (RS) formatting. The RS looks best when viewed as a webpage through your internet browser.

View as Webpage

Notice of Planned Procurement Posting on SaskTenders

Effective January 1, 2025

The Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) requires any municipality interested in participating in a buying group to publish a declaration of its intent to participate in a buying group. Participating in SARM's buying group includes purchases from SARM's Member Purchasing, Canoe Procurement Group of Canada, and Sourcewell.

Effective January 1, 2025, SARM's legal counsel has advised that the provisions of the CFTA requiring a procuring entity to publish a notice of participation with the buying group applies to each of SARM's members individually. The legal advice that we



Notices of planned procurement for 2025 should not be posted on SaskTenders until **January 1, 2025**. Please see below for further details.

To create your municipality's declaration, copy and paste the paragraph below onto a document with your municipality's letterhead and attach to your Notice of Planned Procurement posting on SaskTenders.

received is that the RM is the procuring entity and it is the RM's responsibility to make this annual posting.

SARM is advising its members to individually post a notice of their participation with the SARM buying group on SaskTenders before making purchases from the SARM buying group's offerings. This posting is only required to remain active for two weeks. You will need to repeat this posting annually if purchases are planned for the year.

(Insert Municipality Name) intends to participate in one or more procurements offered through the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), between (insert one year period including month/year). For further information and access to SARM's Request for Proposal (RFP) notices, please review the Government of Saskatchewan website at sasktenders.ca/content/public/Search.aspx

Please contact Amanda Kozak, SARM's Procurement Advisor, if you have any questions at 306.761.3722 or akozak@sarm.ca.

SARM Resolutions Committee

Expression of Interest

Looking for Rural Representatives from SARM Divisions 1, 3, & 5

At the 2019 SARM Annual Convention, delegates passed two resolutions calling for the creation of a Resolutions Committee. As such, the SARM Board of Directors has approved a resolution process, which includes the creation of a Resolutions Committee with representation from each of the six SARM divisions. The SARM Resolutions Committee assists the Board of Directors and staff to carryout and improve the resolution policy and has the authority to:

- Alter the wording, grammar, and format of resolutions to make them clear and distinct
- Combine like resolutions
- Recommend resolutions be withdrawn
- Categorize resolutions
- Amend background information that is deemed inaccurate or irrelevant in nature.

The Resolution Committee also evaluates and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for improvements to the current resolution policies and procedures.

We are contacting all members in Divisions 1, 3, and 5 for interest in a two year term.

The SARM Board will appoint interested members to the committee at their Board of Directors meeting.

If anyone on your council wishes to be on the Resolutions Committee, please submit the online Expression of Interest form linked below by **January 3, 2025**.

Submit Expression of Interest

Resolutions Policy

2025 SARM Annual Resolution Deadline

The deadline to submit resolutions for the upcoming 2025 SARM Annual Convention is **Saturday**, **January 25**, **2025**, end of day.

Resolutions must be received in the SARM office by this date in order to be addressed at the upcoming convention and included in the convention guide. Each resolution must be emailed separately using the fillable submission form.

Please email resolutions to resolutions@sarm.ca.

Refer to the Resolution Writing Tips One Pager and the Resolution Submission Form for details.

Resolution Writing Tips

Resolution Submission Form



SARM Calendar for Outlook

Similar to last year, in conjunction with the **online calendar** on our website, we have created an email calendar through Outlook for SARM members looking for an easier and more efficient way to keep track of important municipal deadlines and reminders. Please note this calendar is only compatible with Outlook.

If you are an Outlook user and wish to gain access to the '2025 SARM Member Calendar', please click the link below to download the file. Once the calendar has finished downloading, double click the file in your Downloads folder to import the contents into your Outlook calendar.

Download Outlook Calendar

Update New Council Member Details on SARM Website RM Directory

Don't forget to update the RM Directory on the SARM website. This will ensure that SARM and the public are kept up to date with current RM council details.

The RM Directory is also where we pull the information for SARM's convention name badges.



To access your RM Directory profile on the SARM website, please **log in here** and click on the "Manage your RM Directory Listing" link that is located under the Administrator's Access for Updates heading on the Members Only homepage.

If you require any assistance, please contact coordinator@sarm.ca.

Awards/Nominations/Scholarships



Awarded to Reeves, Councillors, or Administrators (active or retired) for their lifetime contribution to rural Saskatchewan.

2025 Lieutenant Governor's Award Nomination Period:

NOV 1, 2024 - JAN 31, 2025

The nomination period for the 2025 Lieutenant Governor's Award will open on November 1, 2024. Candidates must be nominated by an RM, with council's approval, and administrator's signoff

The selection committee reviews all nominations and selects one individual who has not yet been formally recognized and includes representatives from:

- Lieutenant's Governor's Office of Saskatchewan
- · Ministry of Government Relations
- Rural Municipal Administrators' Association
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities

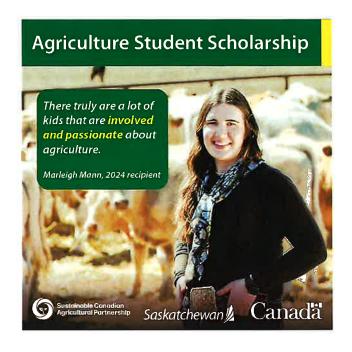
The award will be presented to the successful candidate at the Opening Ceremonies of the SARM Annual Convention. This forum provides an excellent opportunity to publicly recognize the recipient of this prestigious award.

Visit the **SARM website** for more information and to access the nomination form.

For questions or to submit nominations, contact:

Kathleen Israel, Committee Secretary **executivecoordinator@sarm.ca** or 306.761.3731

Learn More



Agriculture Student Scholarship

Applications Now Open

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Agriculture Student Scholarship. There are four awards available: a grand prize scholarship valued at \$6,000 and three runner up scholarships at \$3,000 each.

This year's theme is solutions to challenges in agriculture. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to explore innovative farming practices, new technologies and creative ways industry can communicate with the public. The scholarship encourages

applicants to share their personal perspectives on the future of agriculture in Saskatchewan.

Students are invited to submit a creative three-minute video or 1,000-word essay discussing solutions to challenges in agriculture. Scholarships will be awarded to Saskatchewan students in Grade 12 and/or recent high school/GED graduates entering agriculture-related post-secondary studies in fall 2025.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2025.

Learn More / Apply

Deadlines

Rat Control Program

Claim Deadline: December 31, 2024



Pest Biosecurity Program

Rat Control Program

Claim Deadline is December 31, 2024



RMs and First Nations

are eligible to claim through the cost-share rebate program to control rat populations in Saskatchewan.

Scan the QR code or visit the SARM website at the link below for the RCP Program Guidelines and Claim Form.

> sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agriculturalpartnership/rat-control-program/





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To learn more about the Rat Control Program, scan the QR code or visit the SARM website.

Learn More

Beaver Control Program

Claim Deadline: February 15, 2025



Pest Biosecurity Program Beaver Control Program

Claim Deadline is February 15, 2025



RMs and First Nations

are eligible to claim through the cost-share rebate program to help control adult nuisance beavers in Saskatchewan.

Scan the QR code or visit the SARM website at the link below for the BCP Program Guidelines, Claim Form, and Trapper Verification Form.

> sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agriculturalpartnership/beaver-control-program/





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Civic Address Registry (CAR) Signage Incentive Project

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is pleased to announce the CAR Signage

Incentive Project. The project is a limited time offer to provide assistance with the cost of road name and civic address signage for Saskatchewan.

The Civic Address Registry (CAR) program works with communities to improve identification of property locations for 9-1-1 operators, dispatch services, and emergency responders. Communities that join CAR can participate in free training and access resources that locate properties more quickly and accurately.

The CAR Signage Incentive Project is being launched to encourage communities to participate in the CAR program and to increase the use of physical signage to assist in emergency response. There is no cost to participate in the CAR program or to apply for the incentive.

Further details of the project can be found below:

- This project is open to new and existing CAR community participants.
- The SPSA will subsidize the purchase of a community's civic address signs.
- To qualify for the signage incentive, participating communities must first complete the CAR Level 2 training by March 31, 2025. Training is free through CAR.
 - CAR Level 2 training qualifies participants for road signage.
 - CAR Level 3 training qualifies participants for civic address and road signage.
- During this limited time offer, you can submit only one application per signage type.
- The signage incentive is limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

How to get involved: Encourage community leads to send their name and community name advising their interest in the incentive project to car@gov.sk.ca by December 31, 2024.

For more information on the CAR program, visit: saskpublicsafety.ca/communities/car.

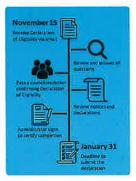
For more information on the CAR Signage Incentive Project, email **car@gov.sk.ca** or contact Lisa Hall at 306.519.2659.

CAR Fact Sheet

CAR FAQs

Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility

Declaration Process



Eligibility Requirements



" See Declaration of Flinib.lets Guide for specific details

Declaration Results



Full compliance with all eligibility requirements
Your municipality will receive its Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant, unless
otherwise notified



Incomplete declarations or not meeting all eligibility requirements
There may be a disruption to your Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant payment
Please work to become compliant on all requirements.

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Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility

Municipalities are required to annually report their compliance with eligibility requirements to receive their Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) grant by completing an online Declaration of Eligibility (declaration). The unique link and password for the online declaration have been emailed to each municipality on November 15, 2024.

If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folder and then contact **grcompliance@gov.sk.ca** requesting the email be re-sent.

To avoid your municipality's MRS grant for the 2025-26 year from being withheld, ensure your municipality submits its declaration, which includes a resolution from council, and that your municipality meets all eligibility requirements.

The deadline for submission of the declaration is **January 31**, **2025**. Please ensure the declaration is submitted by the deadline, even if the municipality does not meet all eligibility requirements.

Learn More

Declaration Process & Eligibility Requirements

Municipal Tax Policy for Agricultural Crown Lands

With municipal taxes coming due
December 31, now is a good time to
become familiar with the Ministry of
Agriculture's Municipal Tax Policy for
agricultural Crown lands. This policy
outlines how the ministry and the Rural
Municipality (RM) can work together to
ensure that any outstanding taxes levied on
leased agricultural Crown land are paid in a
timely fashion.

RMs can request payment for taxes owing on leased agricultural Crown land if there are any unpaid amounts five business days after December 31st of the year in which the taxes were levied. The first step is for Furthermore, if there is vacant agricultural Crown land with agricultural potential in your RM, the ministry will pay a grant in lieu for 2024 municipal taxes. RMs can request a grant in lieu by contacting their district land management specialist. Please be aware the ministry will not pay interest or penalty fees.

The Municipal Tax Policy outlines the categories of land the ministry will pay a grant in lieu for municipal taxes:

- Vacant, titled and has continuing agricultural potential; and
- Vacant, untitled and has continuing agricultural potential.

The ministry does not pay a grant in lieu for municipal taxes for the following categories of land:

the RM to complete and submit the Agreement Cancellation Request Form to Corporate Services. Corporate Services will not be sending out this form, it has been linked below for your convenience. This form needs to be submitted no later than February 5, 2025. Due to the strict payment terms, late applications cannot be processed. If you have questions, please contact Corporate Services at billinginquiryag@gov.sk.ca or 306.787.7191.

Once this form is received by the ministry, a Notice of Cancellation will be sent to the lessee if the amount owing is \$200 or more. If taxes are not paid by the lessee within 21 business days after the issuance of the Notice of Cancellation, the lease will be cancelled. The ministry will only pay up to one year of tax arrears (the 2024 tax year) to the RM directly and the ministry will take the necessary actions to recover the debt from the former lessee. If the RM receives payment for taxes, after the ministry provides a grant in lieu, from the former lessee on a cancelled lease, the RM will refund all taxes paid by the ministry.

- Leased (including former federal and provincial community pastures);
- Vacant, titled and has no continuing agricultural potential;
- Vacant, untitled and has no continuing agricultural potential;
- Permitted (the ministry collects a cheque from the permittee, written to the RM for taxes, when the permit is issued);
- Abandoned rail line lands transferred to the Crown but not incorporated into a Crown land lease; and
- Small acreages (10 acres or less)
 utilized for special purposes such
 as reservoirs, lagoons,
 transmission towers and from which
 no revenue is derived by the
 ministry.

For more information on the municipal tax policy please visit www.saskatchewan.ca.

Agreement Cancellation Request Form

Community Rink Affordability Grant Application Period

Applications for the 2024-25 Community Rink Affordability Grant will open on January 6, 2025.

Communities, First Nations, schools and non-profits are eligible and encouraged to register for the annual grant of \$2,500 per indoor ice surface. The grant helps offset the costs of operating indoor skating and curling rinks in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan government will double the program funding to \$3.2 million starting in 2025-26, increasing the grant to \$5,000 per rink.



The application period will run from **January 6, 2025, until February 28, 2025**, and the grant is set to be paid out by March 2025.

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Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Projects Stream

Call for Applications

The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada, Sean Fraser, announced the launch of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund's Capital Projects stream intake under the Canada Public Transit Fund.

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund supports the development and expansion of locally driven transit solutions, by helping residents of rural, remote, Indigenous and Northern communities conduct their day-to-day activities, like access services, go to work, school, medical appointments, and visit loved ones.

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada recognizes the diversity of Canada's rural and remote communities and their unique transit needs. The Fund supports a range of public transit models including fixed-routes, on demand transit and micromobility services, such as ebikes.

Under the Capital Projects stream, eligible organizations with at least two years of transit experience, including local governments working in partnership with experienced transit organizations, or a completed public transit feasibility study (dated after January 1, 2020) can apply for a federal contribution of up to \$10 million. Organizations with less than two years of experience and no recent feasibility study may still qualify for up to \$250,000 in federal funding. This funding helps cover the cost of capital assets, which includes purchasing vehicles and supporting infrastructure (e.g., bus stops and charging stations) for a transit system.

Applications for the Capital Projects stream will be accepted through the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's **Applicant Portal**. Applications will be accepted from all applicants until **March 4, 2025 (3:00 p.m. EST)**, while applications from Indigenous recipients will be accepted until **April 8, 2025 (3:00 p.m. EST)**.

Any inquiries related to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund may be submitted to: **rtsf-fstcr@infc.gc.ca** via email, or 1.833.699.2280 for the toll-free number.

Application Guides

Learn More

Additionally, over the coming months Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada will be hosting a series of webinars for potential applicants. Dates for english sessions are:

- January 14, 2025, 1-2:00 p.m. (EST)
- January 28, 2025, 1-2:00 p.m. (EST)
- February 13, 2025, 1-2:00 p.m. (EST)

RIRG 2024 Clearing the Path (CTP) Statutory Declaration Reminder

RMs with a CTP Corridor

Reminder to submit your 2024 RIRG Clearing the Path Incremental Maintenance Statutory Declaration by March 30, 2025 using the online Statutory Declaration Form.

This form requires completion annually to confirm that the Road Authority has maintained the Corridor(s) to a safe and suitable level as described in their CTP Incremental Maintenance Funding Agreement.



For all following CTP programs beginning in the 2025-26 program year, the Statutory Declaration shall only be accepted from January 1st to March 30th of each year.

About CTP

CTP Statutory Declartation Form

Targeted Sector Support Initiative



Capacity Building



Regional Co-operation



Municipal Corporate Transition



Relationship Building and Dispute Resolution

The Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative is a cost-shared grant program that uses a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million per fiscal year) to support projects that strengthen municipalities' core operational capabilities through increased regional cooperation.

Projects under this program are intended to assist in supporting more efficient and effective municipal service delivery, and enhanced governance and administrative capacity in Saskatchewan. Partnering municipalities can apply for up to 75 per cent on eligible project costs to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities.

The TSS Steering Committee will be accepting applications for funding until April 30, 2025.

Learn More / Apply

Information & Resources

SARM Interactive Online Calendar - January 2025

View the SARM Interactive Online Calendar to access the full year on the SARM website. This version is updated regularly as new dates of interest and deadlines are identified and should be viewed as the most current.

Deadlines

January 1:

· To start tax enforcement list

January 10:

- To remit and return monthly EPT funds
- To remit taxes to SMHI, Conservation & Development (C&D) and regional parks

January 15:

 For CRA source deductions remittance

January 20:

 To submit statement to organized hamlet board

January 25

To submit annual convention resolutions

January 31

- To submit nominations for Lt. Gov's Award for Outstanding Service in Rural Sask
- To file annual EPT return
- To forward tax liens to ISC (previous year's arrears)

Meetings

- Committee Meeting: January 8
- Committee Meeting: January 14
- Board Meeting: January 15-16

Monthly Reminder(s)

- Submit Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant (MRS): all municipalities must submit an online declaration of eligibility on or before January 31st (a council resolution is required)
- Appoint a weed inspector
- Submit Fidelity Bond coverage to council at first meeting of the year
- Appoint Board of Revision members and secretary
- Appoint District Planning Commission members
- Appoint library board members, if applicable
- Appoint Development Appeals Board members
- Set amount of coverage required under Workers' Compensation by resolution at first council meeting of the year
- MEPP employee and employer contributions through PLANet, as well as submitting payment is due within 15 days from the end of the pay period

Special Days

New Year's Day: January 1

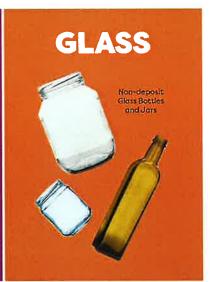
SARM Interactive Online Calendar

Packaging and Paper Recycling in Saskatchewan: A New Era Begins

SK Recycles is the new provincial household packaging and paper recycling program, creating a dynamic recycling network with a common goal.







Recycle more at **SARCAN!**



As of December 1, 2024, the SK Recycles program is accepting flexible plastics, foam packaging, and non-deposit glass bottles and jars for recycling at any SARCAN depot.

For more information on what to recycle, visit SKRecycles.ca/material.

SK Recycles Booklet

What Can I Recycle?

Funding to upgrade multiple buildings at once!

By renovating local facilities in your municipality, you will not only save on energy costs, but also increase resilience, create local jobs and maybe even improve the buildings' services. When Ituna used a combination of a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant and loan to upgrade its 63-year-old arena with a new insulated steel shell, they took the opportunity to make the surface of the ice rink a bit bigger too.

You can maximize your impact by adding multiple community or municipal buildings to your GMF funding application—whether it's for energy upgrades or the construction of new buildings.

With Saskatchewan's cold winters and rising energy demands, now's the time to invest in sustainable, energy-efficient buildings.



Learn More / Apply

Occupational Health & Safety Snow Removal Exemption

The snow removal exemption, including the required agreement, is linked below for your reference and use. As in the past, this only applies to residents contracted by an individual rural municipality to remove snow who meets the conditions of the exemption and who signs an agreement to comply with the conditions set out in the exemption. This exemption is in effect until **November 30, 2025**.



View Exemption Letter



Health Human Resources Action Plan

December Update

A new incentive of up to \$200,000 over five years will be offered to support recruitment of graduates in Emergency Medicine. The incentive includes both specialist Emergency Medicine physicians and Family Medicine physicians who pursue additional training in Emergency Medicine.

Physicians who have completed their final year of Emergency Medicine training since June 2024, and have established minimum practice requirements in the province, are eligible for this practice incentive. This incentive is also open to Emergency Medicine physicians who relocate to Saskatchewan to pursue practice.

Additional HHR Progress Updates Health Human Resources Action Plan
Recruit • Train • Incentivize • Retain

PROGRESS TO DECEMBER 2024

Up to \$200K for Emergency Medicine Physicians





Up to \$60K for Medical Residents in Targeted Specialties

\$15K for health students in Inter-Provincial Agreement seats to return & work in SK





Final Clinical Placement Bursary for health students in the final year

11 Nurse Practitioners hired since June 2024 in rural communities across SK



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Municipal Infrastructure and Finance Updates

Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

Housing, Infrastructure & Communities Canada (HICC) recently announced the launch the Direct Delivery Intake for the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF).

Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure

HICC is implementing an initiative to help communities across Canada build resilient and low-carbon housing and infrastructure. The **Climate Toolkit** is intended for communities to help them adapt their infrastructure to changing climate conditions, and also reduce greenhouse gas emissions during new home and infrastructure constructions.

Municipal Directory System

It is important for municipalities to regularly check that their contact information and email addresses are current in the Municipal Directory System (MDS). This is to ensure municipalities receive important information in a timely manner from the Ministry of Government Relations about grant funding opportunities and other key initiatives such as the Municipal Revenue Sharing program.

To review and update your information, please visit the recently upgraded MDS website.

Submitting Municipal Election Results

Municipalities are reminded to submit their municipal election results to the Ministry of Government Relations as soon as possible. Election results include any council positions elected by acclamation. For further information on submitting election results, please refer to the **Municipal Election Results Reporting Fact Sheet**.

Ministry of Government Relations Municipalities Today - December 2024

- 1. Peer to Peer: Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network
- 2. Save the Date for January 22 Webinar with the Ministry of Education
- 3. Building Bylaw Changes Require Ministerial Approval
- 4. Reminder: Complete the Municipal Survey Concerning the 2024 General Municipal Elections

Municipalities Today is a web-based newsletter published monthly. It lists deadlines, training opportunities, services, and programs that may be of interest to Saskatchewan municipal administrators.

View Current Editions

View Past Editions



The following RMs have requested the information below to be distributed and will be billed for using this service.

Looking to Hire:

RM of Vanscoy No. 345, Office Assistant, Dec 31 - Close

RM of Fertile Valley No. 285, Grader Operator, Dec 31 - Close

RM of Lost River No. 313, Foreman, Jan 10 - Close

RM of Kindersley No. 290, Assistant Foreman, Jan 10 - Close

RM of South Qu'Appelle No. 157, Foreman, Jan 12 - Close

RM of White Valley No. 49, Grader Operator, Jan 24 - Close

RM of Pleasantdale No 398, Chief Administrative Officer, Jan 24 - Close

Looking to Buy/Sell:

RM of Preeceville No. 334, Snowblower, Jan 10 - Close

SARM Classifieds

SARM Classifieds Submissions

Ad postings for the SARM Classifieds can be submitted through our online submission forms. For questions, contact **306.757.3577** or **sarm@sarm.ca**.

Submit a Classifieds Ad



Our Goal



It is Member Purchasing's goal to be municipalities' first stop for all of their purchasing and procurement needs.

Supplier Highlight



Janitorial Supply Program

From essential cleaning supplies and equipment to effective waste management, the Canoe Janitorial Supply Program offers a comprehensive solution for maintaining clean and safe facilities. The program provides everything you need to create a healthy environment for your staff and visitors, giving you access to high-quality products and services at competitive rates.

Learn More





SARM Webinars Library

Future Topics

We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you would like to hear about in the coming year by submitting suggested webinar topics through the following form.

Submit Topics

#RuralMatters

SARM News Releases (NR)

SARM News Archive



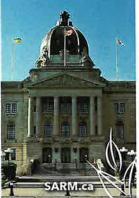
Happy holidays from all of us at SARM!

We encourage you to join us in the spirit of giving by donating to STARS to help support the critical emergency care they provide to rural communities.

Donate to STARS

SARM at the **SK Legislative Building** Meeting with the Official Opposition





SARM had a productive meeting with Sask NDP Official Opposition Leader Carla Beck and MLAs Trent Wotherspoon and Jared Clarke to discuss key issues impacting rural municipalities in Saskatchewan.

Topics included healthcare, agriculture, public safety and policing, Municipal Revenue Sharing, and the need for infrastructure investment.

We appreciate the opportunity to share the priorities of rural communities.

SARM at the SK Legislative BuildingMeeting with Minister Eric Schmalz
& Minister Daryl Harrison







SARM's Acting President,
Acting Vice President, and
Executive Director met with
the Hon. Eric Schmalz,
Minister of Government
Relations, and the Hon. Daryl
Harrison, Minister of
Agriculture, to discuss
common areas of interest.
Topics included The
Municipalities Act, Municipal
Revenue Sharing, the Lake
Diefenbaker Project, pest
control, and more.

Sponsored Content



BEAT THE TAX! Pre-pay your Bulk Farm Fuel for 2025 before **December 31**, **2024**, and receive up to \$2.500 in Co-op gift cards.

BONUS: First 3 customers to pre-pay bulk farm fuel worth \$100,000 will receive a \$5,000 gift card.

Call your Saskatoon Co-op fuel team member today at **306.933.3833**!







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2025 Pest Control Officer Workshops

SARM and the Plant Health Technical Advisors invite you to join us for a one-day workshop in February 2025. Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, and First Aid for Life representatives are joining to share valuable insights and conversations around a variety of topics including:

- The Plant Health Act and The Plant Health Regulations
- Relevant regulations for the control or management of birds and bats in Saskatchewan
- Field Safety refresher around emergency first aid and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Register by January 22, 2025, by selecting the date for the locations you want to attend. The free workshops will run from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm with lunch included.

 February 4, 2025 – Regina, The Atlas Hotel (4177 Albert Street, Regina, SK)

Register Now

February 5, 2025 – Saskatoon,
 Western Development Museum (2610
 Lorne Ave, Saskatoon, SK)

Register Now

For questions about the day or registration please contact Chelsea Neuberger at **phndivision5@sarm.ca** or 306.380.4526.

SARM Plant Health Technical Advisors and Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture have partnered to deliver free webinars once again in 2025.

Weed Inspector & Land Manager Webinar – Enforcement of *The Weed Control Act*

February 19, 2025, at 12:00 pm

The webinar will explore the enforcement processes for Weed Inspectors, including issuing agreements and orders, under *The Weed Control Act*.

Presented by Cory Jacob, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture:

Register Now

Pest Control Officer Webinar – Integrated Pest Management for Rodent Control

February 20, 2025, at 12:00 pm

The presentation will address major issues with small animals, burrowing rodents, mice, and rats with discussions that cover biology, damage, hazards and means to control them.

Presented by James Tansey, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.



Webinar: Become Involved in Regulated Child Care

January 22nd

The Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch, is inviting you to participate in a live one-hour webinar on Municipal Involvement in Regulated Child Care.

The webinar is intended for municipalities to learn about regulated child care in Saskatchewan and gain an understanding of the role municipalities can play.

To learn more about how your municipality can support child care development, visit **Municipal Involvement in Regulated Child Care**.

The live one-hour webinar will be delivered on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The content of the webinar was previously delivered live in July and August 2024. If you participated in the previous webinar and would like a content refresher, you are welcome to attend.

Please register online by visiting **prior to January 16, 2025.** There is no cost to participate.

Participation capacity will be limited to 25 participants. A meeting link will be sent upon registration.

Register Now



SARM Webinars

SARM offers webinars for members. Not only can you participate in these live, but you can also have them as a resource to view again when it's convenient. Past topics have included:

- Tax Enforcement
- Municipal Investment Solutions
- Drainage Products and Solutions
- Saskatchewan's Property Assessment System
- Combating Crime in Saskatchewan
- Pest Control Product Compliance
- Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities
- And more

R.M. of Arm River, No. 252

From: Davidson Childcare <childcaredavidson@gmail.com>

 Sent:
 12/27/2024 10:55 AM

 To:
 Davidson Childcare

Subject: Davidson Child Care - Winter 24/25 Newsletter

Attachments: Davidson Child Care Inc - Winter 24_25 Newsletter .pdf

Dear Donors,

We hope this message finds you well and you had an amazing Holiday Season with family and friends.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of our childcare project. Your generosity and commitment have been instrumental in making this initiative a reality, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Attached is our latest newsletter, which highlights the progress and impact of the project. We hope you enjoy reading about the positive changes your contributions have made possible.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support. Together, we are making a significant difference in the lives of many children and their families.

Warm regards,

Happy New Year!

The Davidson Child Care

DAVIDSON CHILD CARE INC

NEWSLETTER



Community Calendars have arrived!



We've got your 2025 calendars ready to pick-up!

Pick-Up Dates:

Monday, Dec. 23rd | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Monday, Dec. 30th | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Davidson Town Hall - USE ENTRANCE ON THE LEFT! Picking up on these dates helps us track deliveries and gives you a chance to share feedback for next year.

Missed us? Calendars will also be available at the Town Office for pick-up.

Deadline for pick-up at Town Office: Jan. 6th, 2025 >> Closed Jan. 2nd and 3rd <<

Building update!

We are so excited to report that the building has progressed to being enclosed this month.



The 3rd annual HARVEST WIND UP held in early November was a huge success! DCCI hosted this event featuring comedy, live music, auction and games, and food and raised an exciting \$34,199!! Thank you to everyone who attended and we can't wait to see you next year!

DAVIDSON CHILD CARE INC Winter 2024/2025

RECENT LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

DCCI recognizes they have received the generous support of many local businesses throughout our development - as we add this quarterly newsletter release to our regular programming we are excited to feature our current activities. We are tremendously grateful for all businesses that have supported us so far!

Davidson A&W donated the entire late-night burger buffet for our 3rd annual Harvest Wind Up! DCCI is so grateful for the repeated generous support of this business.



Affinity Credit Union awarded DCCI a \$5,000 grant that was presented at Harvest Wind Up. The continued support of this business is so important and appreciated.



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DCCI thanks all the donors to the Harvest Wind Up Auction:

- · Ryan Shaw (Allan Mine)
- C4 Outdoors
- BASF
- Donna Cross
- Matt Arend and Amanda Boehm
- Diamond A Farms
- Kelly Allan
- Shamrock Manufacturing

- Western Sales
- Edwards Cabinetworks
- Monte and Holly LePoudre
- Brayden McNabb
- Josh and Alana Sanden West of Third Ranch
- Northern Strands
- Young's Equipment



DCCI is a whole family affair!

Our Board and Fundraising Committee members gathered with their children to celebrate the beginning of construction in October 2024.

DAVIDSON CHILD CARE INC Winter 2024/2025



In anticipation of a 2025 opening, the DCCI Board has started contacting potential staff for the centre. Anyone who may be interested in employment at the daycare is encouraged to email childcaredavidson@gmail.com



Shingles are on and we are half way done with the roof!

In the New Year, the crew will be working on poly and insulating the walls and ceiling, interior wall framing, followed by electrical, mechanical rough in's, doors and backing for hardware installation. Once rough in's are completed the remaining drywall will be installed and taped.

SEEKING AUCTION ITEMS!! DCCI will be hosting an **ONLINE AUCTION in** March 2025. We are currently actively seeking high-quality item donations. This is an excellent opportunity to have your business promoted through our active social media channels. Please contact childcaredavidsonfundrai sing@gmail.com if you are interested in donation an item!

Financial update:

The total projected cost to bring DCCI to reality is \$2.6 Million. Our fantastic Board and fundraising committee has secured **\$2 Million** as of Fall 2024. We are hoping to fundraise another \$500,000 within the near future in order to minimize our loan requirements.

In addition to supporting our fundraising events listed above, we invite you to be a part of our legacy project by purchasing a "Friends of Davidson Child Care Sponsorship Package'. Information packages were recently sent out by mail and via the Davidson Leader.

Please reach out to childcaredavidson@gmail.com if you missed out and would like a copy of the sponsorship package!