

Davidson Library Meeting Minutes

November 5th, 2024

Present: Megan (Head Librarian), Kalee (Assistant Librarian), Emily, Brittany, Mary, Holly, Shari, Tracey, Sandra, Chioma, Arlene

Regrets: Janice

Recorded by Brittany Schneider

1. Call to Order: 6:51 pm

2. Minutes from October 1st, 2024, meeting was passed and accepted. **Shari/Tracey carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Brittany has prepared and wrapped three Christmas raffle baskets and one table prize basket for the Variety Fair. Megan has secured a lottery license and printed 700 raffle tickets, which will be sold for \$2 each or three for \$5. The draw will take place on December 20th. Brittany and Emily will distribute tickets to local businesses, including Stedmans, Midway Pharmacy, and Home Hardware, for sale, and will collect any unsold tickets before the draw. We ask that Board Members kindly take some tickets to sell as well. Megan will also be posting about the raffle on the Library's Facebook page to help promote sales.

- The Playschool Variety Fair will be held on November 16th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and the Library has a table reserved to sell raffle tickets, used books (50¢), and "Make Your Own Bookmark" kits (\$1). Brittany has gathered three boxes of used books for the event and has also set aside a door prize for the Playschool. Additionally, we will have a basket as a door prize at our table, and people can enter the draw with the purchase of a used book.

Shifts:

- **Shari:** 9:00/9:30 AM (set-up) – 12:00 PM
- **Emily:** 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (take-down)
- **Brittany & Sandra:** will be present throughout the day, floating in and out to assist.

Megan will prepare event posters, and Kalee will bring the cash box and prepare a float.

- The Davidson Branch Strategic Plan has been located and reviewed. We plan to update it during our January Board Meeting. The budget meeting, along with the AGM, is scheduled for February.

4. Correspondence:

- Victoria Martin, the School Librarian, currently uses our LEGO for the combined library/school's LEGO program. She would like to add a family engagement activity in December, which involves purchasing LEGO Christmas ornaments. She has requested a \$115 sponsorship for this purchase. We have sufficient funds in our programming budget, so Megan will prepare a cheque for Victoria.

5. Reports:

a. Librarian Report.

Brittany/Shari carried.

- The *Read & Rhyme* and *Rhyme Time* programs will continue through the end of the year, along with the senior stretching program. The *Friday Playdate* program is held every Friday at 10:30 AM.

- Emily has created a Crochet and Knitting Facebook group to keep patrons informed about the program. Attendance in October was consistent, with an average of 5 participants, though one evening saw up to 13. The program will continue Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

- The Adult Book Club (18+) is hosted by Assistant Librarian, Kalee. Six people attended the first meeting. Kalee also runs a Teen Book Club, which currently has 4 active members who meet every other Wednesday.

- The Historical Society group has dissolved, and former member Karielle Willner generously donated a cheque for \$202.93 to the library. She requested that the funds be designated for our ancestry programming.

- The Ancestry DNA mini fundraiser raised \$195, and Pam Vicente was the winner of the DNA kit.

b. Financial Report.

Mary/Sandra carried.

- Mary presented a review of our budget.

- A request to ensure that our budget/grant for Library Materials is being fully utilized.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Megan and Kalee have confirmed the Library's holiday closure dates. We will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. The building will be open to the public on December 27th and 28th.

- Megan & Emily will be in contact with either Phil or Marlow to see if they can move the Gladys and Elmer Sign to the Non-Fiction Room.

- We are clearing out old storage items from the furnace room, including an unused microwave/stand and a large magazine rack. Megan will list each item for sale on the local buy-and-sell platform for \$20. If they don't sell, they will be posted for free and then donated. Emily will assist with this process. Looking ahead, we plan to install new shelving in the furnace room to store cleaning supplies. Megan will reach out to the Town of Davidson to inquire about potential assistance with this purchase.

7. New Business:

- Brittany presented proposed procedures for Donations and Memorials, as well as Staff Gift Guidelines. Board Members will review these, and further discussion will take place at the January meeting. We aim to vote on a Donation and Memorial Policy during the AGM in February.

- Arlene attended the final 15 minutes of our board meeting. According to Palliser's policy, a board member can only serve for 8 consecutive years, making this Arlene's last meeting. Shari, who was voted in as Vice-Chairperson at our last AGM, will now take on this role.

- Megan provided an update on the "Joan Heaton" hours and "Refresher" hours. According to Megan, we have used all but 3 hours of our allotted 36 hours for 2024. Each substitute has completed their required 6 hours for the year, and Megan will schedule the final shift before the year ends. The "Joan Heaton" hours, which are not guaranteed by Palliser each year, provided us with 24 hours for 2024. These hours are strictly designated for programming, and our staff has utilized all of them this year.

- Janice Lloyd has resigned from her position as Secretary but will remain on the board as a Member at Large. Brittany will serve as interim Secretary until the AGM in February.

- The "Fold Your Corners" fundraiser, hosted by Aimee Cropper, will take place on November 28th at 7:00 PM at the library. Emily is working with Aimee on organizing the event. Megan will create a poster and handle bookings, which will be limited to 15 people. The cost is \$25, and Aimee has generously offered to donate all proceeds to the library. Emily, Brittany, and Aimee will also be gathering books for the event.

- Staff members were excused from this portion of the meeting, as it pertained to Christmas gifts. **A motion was made by Mary to purchase \$300 in Davidson Dollars to be distributed among the Librarian, Assistant, Substitutes, and Volunteer Jennifer Winters. Arlene seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.** Mary will handle the purchase and distribution.

- In lieu of the December board meeting, we will hold a staff/board Christmas supper on November 18th at 6:00 PM. Emily will check on restaurant availability and provide an update. Invitations will also need to be extended to our substitute staff members and volunteer, Jennifer Winters.

- Kalee raised some requests and concerns regarding cleaning. The Town of Davidson has hired a new custodian, who is currently scheduled for 3 hours per week. Kalee has requested that the custodian come in twice a week, ideally on Mondays and Thursdays. Arlene will discuss with the town the possibility of adjusting the cleaning schedule for certain seasons. Kalee and/or Megan will also request a list of cleaning duties from the town to ensure everything is covered. One of the additional tasks we'd like to add is wall washing. Kalee also pointed out that the "Read and Rhyme" pillows need to be cleaned. The board approved Kalee's request to contact Margo Shaw and arrange a schedule for deep cleaning the pillows four times a year.

8. Next Meeting Date: tentative January 7th at 6:30pm.

9. Adjournment: 8:06 pm. **Motion made my Mary.**

Board Members:

1. *Emily McIvor: Chairperson/Regional Rep RM #252 Arm River*
2. *Shari Martin: Vice-Chairperson*
3. *Mary Smillie: Treasurer/Regional Rep RM#253 Willner*
4. *Brittany Schneider: Interim Secretary*
5. *Janice Lloyd: Member at Large*
6. *Holly Andreas: Member at Large*
7. *Tracey Blenkin: Member at Large/Staff*
8. *Sandra Gurr: Member at Large*
9. *Chioma Ejeka: Member at Large*



Please Be Mindful / Did You Know?

Property Taxes – are due by December 31, 2024. We accept the following methods of payment: cash, cheque, credit card, debit, online banking, and post-dated cheques. Consider sending in your payment early to avoid any mail delays! You can also contact your bank to set up monthly payments towards your taxes.

Water Meters – Our Public Works staff have been changing water meters in houses as they have time. To date we have changed over 200 water meters and have approximately another 200 to change.

Garbage & Recycle Carts - Please remove your garbage and recycle carts from the street as soon as possible after pickup. Some people are leaving their carts on the street for days after pickup which can cause issues with traffic and it will soon hinder snow removal.

Tree Pruning - We'd like to remind residents that all trees, shrubs, and hedges are to be regularly pruned so they do not overhang or encroach on any sidewalks or back alleys. Any branches extending over sidewalks should be trimmed to a minimum height of 8 feet. JaT Tree Service will be coming this fall to trim Town trees.



Street Sweeping has been booked for this fall. Please keep any vehicles not being used off the street in preparation for the street sweepers. Watch for website and Facebook posts when we know the dates they will be here.

Back Alleys – Back alleys are not the place to pile your grass clippings, tree trimmings, rocks, broken down vehicles or garbage that should be hauled to the landfill. Grass clippings and garden waste can be hauled to the compost area, trees, rocks and garbage should be hauled to the landfill on a timely basis. All vehicles need to be parked on your property. Having all of this material in the back alleys attracts rodents, and makes it difficult for the Town to maintain in the summer and nearly impossible to get down to clear snow.



Winter is on its way, please remove any motorhomes, trailers, stored vehicles, etc. from streets and back alleys. This will help with more effective snow removal, and avoid snow ridges being piled around them.



Ag Fire Safety Info Night

Davidson Fire Department
is hosting an information night on November 20th at the Davidson Town Hall. There will be a supper by donation following the presentation.
Watch for More Details



2024 Municipal Election

Municipal Elections take place this fall, with Election Day being Wednesday, November 13th from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and an Advance Poll is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th from 4 – 8 p.m. Both polls will be in the Town Hall Auditorium.

REMINDER:

When you come to vote, please bring with you one form of government-issued photo ID, such as your driver's license, OR two pieces of information that show the voter's name and at least one that shows the voter's address.

Davidson Fall Friendship Night


Wednesday, October 16
Davidson Town Hall

The Town of Davidson invites you to celebrate our heritage, our citizens and our diversity!

5:00pm – Entertainment and refreshments
 5:30 to 6:00pm – Supper including pot-luck desserts
 6:00pm – Awards

Community members are encouraged to bring a traditional dessert of your choosing to share.


Come celebrate our community with us!



Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect all the smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.



Learn more at fpw.org

It's not too early to start thinking about your float for the **Christmas Parade**, which will be held in December - stay tuned for more details.

Fire Prevention Week October 6-12

Please change your smoke alarm batteries.

Watch the Town of Davidson Facebook Page for more Fire Prevention Week posts.

Our AGT Centre staff and volunteers have been diligently working to get the rink open to the public on October 18 this year. We look forward to a busy and exciting year at the rink.

Davidson Volunteer Fire Department has again graciously volunteered to help prepare the Outdoor Skating Rink on the site of the old swimming pool. We really appreciate all that the Fire Department does to help get this rink up and running for our residents to use all winter.



The Town of Davidson will be accepting Christmas gifts for the Secret Santa program again this year.

If you know of a family in need, or if your family could use a little extra help this year, please contact Dave in confidence at (306) 567-2908.

If you are looking to make a charitable donation, consider donating local!

The Town of Davidson accepts donations for the following:

★ Davidson Cemetery Fund	★ Davidson Fire Dept
★ Davidson Skatepark Fund	★ Fire Truck Fund
★ Davidson & District Health Foundation	★ Davidson Library
★ Davidson Seniors Trust Fund	★ Communities in Bloom
★ Davidson Recreation Fund (Pool, Rink, etc.)	

Please note that **ALL CHEQUES** are required to be made payable to:
TOWN OF DAVIDSON

DAVIDSON CHILD CARE INC

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

Bottle drive success



Our fantastic local community donated the contents of their recycling bins, and thanks to our volunteer team of collectors and sorters we raised \$3,079.02 during our fall bottle drive!

Recycling donations can be dropped off for DCCI at Davidson Sarcan at any time!

Breaking ground!

The building footprint could be seen staked out in late August, and heavy equipment arrived to start digging September 3rd: construction is officially underway!



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

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 \$1 from all Teen Burgers and offered customers the option to 'round up' over the Labour Day Weekend. This local business raised \$1,421 for DCCI! Thank you for the support and your delicious meals!



Help us celebrate Kinder Surprises TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY while getting set for holiday decorating! From October 1-10th, a purchase of a set of 3 decorative trees (\$147+ tax) will contribute \$10 to DCCI! Thank you Erin and congratulations on 10 years!



DAVIDSON CHILD CARE INC Fall 2024

Community calendar deadline October 1!



Community Calendar Fundraiser \$25

Our Community Calendar is back!
Embrace the nostalgia and stay connected with all things local with our classic community calendar!

include: Here's How to Get Involved!

- BIRTHDAYS!**
- ANNIVERSARIES!**
- SPECIAL EVENTS!**
- ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**

- 1. Find Your Submission Form:**
Delivered directly to your PO box
Google Form: scan the QR code
Pick up from the Town Office
- 2. Submit Your Form:**
Return completed forms to the Town Office
Submit electronically using the Google Form
- 3. Make Your Payment:**
Cheque made out to 'Davidson Child Care Inc.'
E-transfer to davidsoncommunitycalendar@gmail.com

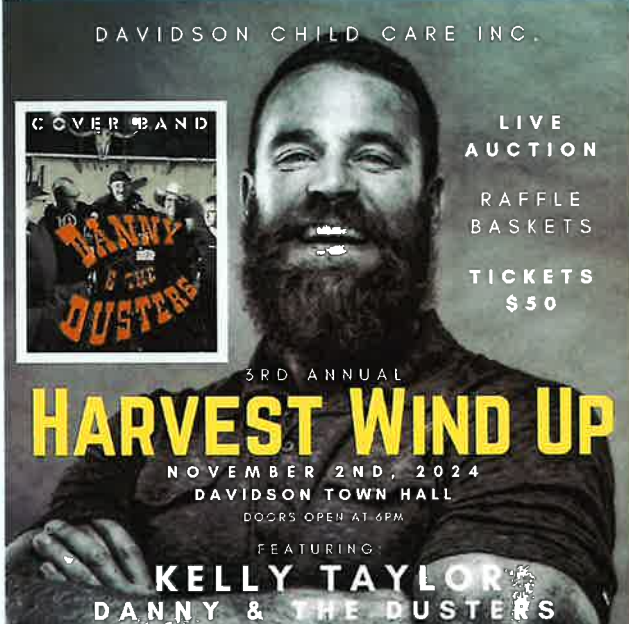
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Promote Your Business & Support a Good Cause! Secure your advertising spot now!

October 1st: All submissions and payments due

For more information:
davidsoncommunitycalendar@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2



DAVIDSON CHILD CARE INC.

COVER BAND
DANNY & THE DUSTERS

LIVE AUCTION
RAFFLE BASKETS
TICKETS \$50

3RD ANNUAL
HARVEST WIND UP
NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024
DAVIDSON TOWN HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
FEATURING
KELLY TAYLOR
DANNY & THE DUSTERS

Stay tuned for details
about our planned
ENCHANTED FOREST in
December, and **ONLINE**
AUCTION in April 2025!

Financial update:

The total projected cost to bring DCCI to reality is \$2.6 Million. Our fantastic Board and fundraising committee has secured \$1.6 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!

From: Brenda McBride <brendamcbride@Apas.ca>
Sent: 11/08/2024 2:22 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: APAS AGM Invitation to Reeve and Council December 3-4th, 2024
Attachments: 2024 APAS AGM Agenda - V3 Public.pdf

Good afternoon Reeve and Council,

On behalf of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), we would like to invite you, or a representative from your organization, to join us as a guest at our upcoming Annual General Meeting.

The APAS AGM will take place at the **Conexus Arts Centre** in **Regina** on **December 3-4, 2024** – a copy of the AGM agenda is attached.

As a guest, you'll be able to watch policy resolutions being debated, plus hear speakers on a variety of important issues impacting Saskatchewan's farm and ranch families.

Key presentations:

1. Senator Robert Black (Senate Agriculture Committee's "Critical Ground" soil health report)
2. Farmland ownership panel
3. Canadian Federation of Agriculture
4. Mr. Jon Friesen, Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Grain Commission (CGC update)

If you'd like to attend our AGM, please **click here** to register by November 26.

Also, if you're not able to attend the AGM, but would still like to attend the APAS President's Reception on the evening of December 3, you can register for just the reception.

We look forward to seeing you at our event in December.

Sincerely,

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS)



APAS Annual General Meeting Agenda

December 3-4, 2024

Conexus Arts Centre, Regina

*** All sessions will take place in the Convention Hall unless otherwise noted. ***

Tuesday, December 3	
9:00 AM	Annual General Meeting registration desk opens (registration will be open all day)
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ O Canada and Land Acknowledgement ▪ Call to Order ▪ Election of AGM Chair ▪ Adoption of AGM Agenda ▪ Adoption of Minutes from December 5-6, 2023 AGM ▪ 2023 Auditor's Report ▪ APAS President's Report ▪ APAS Executive Director's Report
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Mr. Francois Tougas, Partner, McMillan (rail rates)
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch (Convention Hall) (Director nomination forms are due by noon)
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Senator Robert Black (Senate Agriculture Committee's "Critical Ground" soil health report)
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Coffee break (Director elections held during this coffee break)
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Farmland ownership panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Chad Lawley, Professor, University of Manitoba ▪ Mr. Ted Cawkwell, Agriculture Specialist, Cawkwell Group ▪ Dr. Andre Magnan, Professor, University of Regina
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Debate and voting on policy resolutions
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Mr. Scott Ross, Executive Director, Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA update)
5:00 PM	AGM adjourns for the day
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	APAS President's Reception (The Atlas Hotel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food and drinks will be served

Wednesday, December 4	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call to Order ▪ Announcement of APAS Director and APAS Board Executive election results
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Greetings from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Joanna Croissant, Strategic Client Manager, Co-operators ▪ Shannon Weatherall, Senior Vice-President, Farm Credit Canada
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Update on APAS strategic planning and governance review
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Coffee break
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Debate and voting on policy resolutions
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Convention Hall)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Mr. Jon Friesen, Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Grain Commission (CGC update)
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Q&A with APAS Board Executive
3:00 PM	Closing remarks and AGM adjournment

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

November 12, 2024

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Next Week's Rural Dart

Due to the 2024 SARM Midterm Convention, there will be no Rural Dart email next Tuesday, November 19th.



RIRG Program 2024 Intake Call for Applications

The Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Program application intake for road, bridge, and large diameter culvert projects has now opened!

The deadline to apply is **November 15, 2024**. The application forms are linked below.

[Road Construction
Application Form](#)

[Bridge and Large Diameter
Culvert Application Form](#)

For more information, please visit the RIRG website at sarm.ca/programs/rirg/ or scan the QR code.



If you have any further questions or concerns, please email info@rirg.ca.

Your Voice

College of Medicine Multiple Mini Interview Assessor Registration



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The USask College of Medicine is looking for your help to select our province's future medical students! Volunteer to be an Assessor at their virtual Multiple Mini Interview on January 25th or 26th.

Looking for:

- Health professionals and members from the community that will offer a balanced, fair, and diverse perspective to help inform selection decisions.
- Assessors who are comfortable with virtual technology as the Multiple Mini Interviews will be hosted synchronously using an online platform.
 - **Google Chrome: Version 77 or newer (our recommended browser), Firefox: Version 69 or newer, Microsoft Edge (on Chromium): Version 76 or newer, Opera: Version 62 or newer.** Please note that Safari and Internet Explorer (IE) are not supported at this time.

What's needed from you:

- One-full day (approximately eight hours) commitment for assessing and interviewing candidates for personal qualities important for the medical profession.
- Participation in a mandatory training session for the Multiple Mini Interview assessors.

What you can expect:

- Multiple Mini Interview assessor training including orientation to the interview platform and pre-interview system check.
- Pre-Multiple Mini Interview and interview day technical support.

If you would like to volunteer for the Multiple Mini Interview, please complete the online volunteer form 2025 Assessor Registration Form linked below by **December 1, 2024**. It must be understood that this is a **volunteer position**.

Volunteer Registration Form

If you are interested in participating in this year's Panel Interview process, please watch for a separate invitation in early January. You will be contacted with further details regarding assessor selection, scheduling, training, and orientation sessions. If you have questions, please contact the College of Medicine Admissions Office at med.admissions@usask.ca.

Awards/Nominations/Scholarships



Registration

Outstanding Young Farmers' Program

Nomination Deadline: November 15th

Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers' program is an annual competition to recognize farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession and promote the tremendous contribution of agriculture, and rural Canada.

Nominees may be an individual, couple, or managing partner/shareholder of a farm group. To qualify, the nominee must derive a minimum of two-thirds of gross revenue from farming, have an invested interest in the farming operation, and not have reached the age of 40 as of January 1 of this year.

Demonstrating leadership in the agricultural industry, nominees are judged according to the following criteria:

- Progress made in their agriculture career
- Environmental and safety practices
- Crop and livestock production history
- Financial and management practices
- Contributions to the well-being of their community, province, nation

[Nomination Form](#)

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Nominations Open
September 10 - November 26



18th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Nominations Now Open!

Established in 2006, the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs) recognize the innovation and excellence of Saskatchewan's municipal governments by celebrating and sharing these achievements and providing provincial exposure to both the municipality and the initiative.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are awarded for:

- Top municipal led initiative (rural, urban, or cooperative)
- Top rural municipal led initiative
- Top urban municipal led initiative
- Regional cooperation (a joint initiative with at least one rural and one urban municipality working collaboratively to lead the project)

Celebrate a municipally led initiative by submitting a nomination before **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 26, 2024.**

[Learn More / Nominate](#)

Information & Resources

Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) Fall 2024 Modules



This is a series of modules developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. Mayors, reeves, councillors, and municipal staff are able to benefit from this program this is designed to strengthen local government leadership.

Strategic Communications for Municipalities

Formerly known as Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities, this module teaches how to effectively communicate with your ratepayers as well as the media. Learn how to become

Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals

This module helps find answers to key questions about economic development – what is economic development, who are the players, what role can the municipality play and what are the returns? The course objectives will assist participants to develop an

proactive. Special tips will be given on public speaking and techniques used by print, radio, television, and other media.

Date: November 27, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Herbert,
Saskatchewan

understanding of economic development principles & theories; review the context for economic development; discuss concerns and problems common to economic development in Western Canada; and introduce processes and skills applied in economic development.

Date: December 10, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Session

Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities

The 2024 Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities seminar will be held virtually over Microsoft Teams. This webinar will provide information to newly elected officials about their roles and responsibilities as a council member of their local government. The presentations would also serve as a good refresher for existing council members.

Participants will hear about The Municipalities Act, the importance of open and transparent government, conflict of interest, code of ethics, decision making, council procedures, the rights and obligations of elected officials, administrators, and ratepayers, and procurement best practices.

Date: December 5, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Session

Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities

Get to know how Council and staff plan for municipal success. Everything from setting strategic priorities and community engagement to developing action plans and the financial framework to achieve the desired outcomes.

This interactive and engaging session will see participants gaining insight into how to move from Thought to Action with tips and tools to make sure everyone is aligned and committed to common goals. This module will provide attendees with an overview of financial planning – the budget process, with a focus on where the money comes from. Learn about the relationship between assessment and taxation, tax tools, municipal borrowing and investments and an intro to asset management.

Date: December 16 & 17, 2024

Time: December 16: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

December 17: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Session

Community and Land Use Planning

The Community and Land Use Planning module will cover a variety of topics including: the roles and responsibilities of council, administration and the public; the creation, adoption, and amendment process for Official Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws; the subdivision process; servicing agreements; the development permit process; the development appeal board process; enforcing bylaws; the building permit process as well as regional planning.

Date: Always Available - [Learn More](#)

Location: Online

***Dates are subject to change. Spaces are limited – register today!**

[Learn More / Register for Upcoming Modules](#)

FCM Funding for Climate-Ready Plans and Processes

Helping municipalities develop comprehensive climate adaptation strategies



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This program funds projects that enhance long-term climate resilience in communities equitably and inclusively, at any stage of their climate journey—whether they are starting out or need help advancing their plans. This funding is intended to support communities adapt for the impacts of climate change, by developing climate risk assessments and climate adaptation plans, which are critical for safeguarding infrastructure, protecting essential services, and ensuring the well-being of all residents.

Your community can receive funding to develop plans that assess climate risks, integrate adaptation into existing municipal plans and processes, and engage with communities to ensure widespread climate resilience. Your plans should address multiple climate hazards and aim to create a path toward stronger, more adaptable communities.

Climate-Ready Plans and Processes also funds complementary training and capacity-building opportunities to ensure your municipal staff have the skills and knowledge to implement effective climate adaptation measures.

With this funding, your municipality can develop a comprehensive, equitable climate adaptation plan. It empowers local governments to implement equity-informed, low-carbon, and nature-positive initiatives through the creation of climate risk assessments, adaptation plans, and the integration of climate adaptation into existing municipal plans.

The deadline to submit a full application for this funding is **November 29, 2024.**

[Learn More / Apply for Funding](#)

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Classifieds

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

Looking to Hire:

RM of Beaver River No. 622, Administrator, Nov 20 - Close

Looking to Buy/Sell:

RM of Reno No. 51, 1972 Terex TS14 Scraper, Nov 14 - Close

RM of Lipton No 217, Brand New Culvert Extensions, Nov 21 - Close

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

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Subject: FW: SARCAN Household Glass agreement
Attachments: Town of Davidson.pdf

Hi Michelle,

I thought I'd pass this email along.

As of December 1st the glass program through SARCAN transfers to SK Recycles, and we will no longer be responsible for that cost.

The last invoice from them will come in early December, so we should be able to invoice the RM's portion before year end.

Thanks!

Yvonne Jess, RMA
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Sent: November 6, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Yvonne Jess <cao@townofdavidson.com>
Cc: Amy McNeil <amcneil@sarcansk.ca>; Kevin Acton <kacton@sarcansk.ca>; Sean Collins <scollins@sarcansk.ca>; kgoyer@multimaterialsw.ca
Subject: SARCAN Household Glass agreement

******The following email has been sent on behalf of Amy McNeil, SARCAN Executive Director******

SARCAN Recycling is pleased to inform you that effective December 1, 2024 we will be partnering with Sk. Recycles/MMSW to collect household glass across the province of Saskatchewan at all 73 SARCAN depots in the province. This new province-wide initiative will mean that your town, region, or municipality will no longer be responsible for the cost of recycling household glass at your local SARCAN depot. Attached to this email, is a letter that outlines the details related to the transition, reporting, final payments, and information on who to contact if you have further questions.

On behalf of SARCAN Recycling, I would like to extend our thanks to you for partnering with us over the last number of years as we began the process of collecting this household glass for recycling and diverting it from curbside bins and the landfills in Saskatchewan. We look forward to working with Sk. Recycles on this new province-wide initiative.

Sincerely,

Amy McNeil
Executive Director
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November 6, 2024

Dear Valued Partner in Recycling:

SARCAN Recycling is pleased to inform you that effective December 1, 2024, SARCAN Recycling will be partnering with SK Recycles (formerly known as Multi-Material Stewardship Western, or MMSW) to collect non-beverage glass at all 73 SARCAN Recycling depots across Saskatchewan.

About Non-Beverage Glass:

Your community currently has an agreement in place with SARCAN Recycling to collect, consolidate and recycle non-beverage glass. SARCAN Recycling will not be renewing our existing household glass recycling agreement. This new province-wide partnership with SK Recycles means that effective December 1, 2024, your town, region or municipality will no longer be responsible for the cost of recycling household glass at your local SARCAN depot. Instead, the cost of recycling household glass through SARCAN Recycling will be covered by SK Recycles. We do not anticipate any interruption in recycling service to your community as we transition funding for non-beverage glass from your municipality or region to SK Recycles.

To wind down and close our non-beverage glass agreement with your town, region or municipality:

- SARCAN Recycling will send you a final invoice in December for the glass collected during November 2024.
- Following receipt of payment+, you will receive a final report from SARCAN Recycling indicating the tonnes of non-beverage glass that was collected and diverted from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024.

We would like to extend our thanks to you for partnering with us over the last number of years. Together we have successfully diverted tonnes of valuable resources from your landfills and transfer stations and put those materials back into production cycles here in Western Canada.

We hope you find this news as an exciting addition to your municipality's sustainable growth. We look forward to working with SK Recycles on this new province-wide solution for household

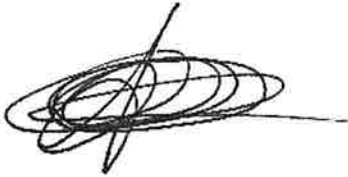
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glass. This partnership will conserve resources and divert even more materials from your local landfills and transfer stations.

This transition will take effect on December 1, 2024. If you have questions regarding this new recycling initiative or any other SARCAN Recycling initiatives, I encourage you to reach out to Kevin Acton, our Director of Operations.

If you have questions regarding coming changes to the recycling of other packaging and paper through blue bin systems in your community, we encourage you to reach out to Kelly Goyer of SK Recycles at kgoyer@multimaterialsw.ca.

Sincerely,



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Sean Collins, Director of Collections, SARCAN Recycling
Kelly Goyer, Director, Field Services, SK Recycles