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Subject: CATPC Minutes and Reports
Attachments: 2024.07.23 Minutes.docx; 2024.09.09 Minutes ZOOM.docx; 2024.10.23 Reports.pdf

Good day:

Attached please find the following:

- Approved minutes of the July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting of the CATPC. And the September 9, 2024 Special ZOOM Meeting. They were both approved at the October 23, 2024 meeting of the CATPC.
- Executive Reports from the October 23, 2024 meeting.

The next regular meeting of the CATPC will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Thode at the Thode Community Centre, 60 Summerfeldt Drive, Thode, S.k

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Central Area Transportation Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Manitou Springs Hotel, Manitou Beach, Sk.

July 23, 2024

Call to order

The July 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee was called to order at 8:25 p.m.. at the Manitou Springs Hotel, in Manitou Beach.

Present

Darin Pedersen, Larry Sommerfeld, Brian Ford, Alan Thomarat, Grant Berger, Iv-Lee Kane, Blair Cummins, SARM and Alan Lindsay, Ministry of Highways

Regrets: Grant McIntosh, Rick Loeppky, and Bryan Matheson, SUMA

Adoption of the meeting agenda:

2024-033: Alan Thomarat moved that the agenda, for the July 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee be approved. Seconded Grant Berger.

CARRIED.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

Delegations

Bryan Matheson SUMA, - Not in attendance

Blair Cummins SARM, - Blair gave the Committee a brief update on his position with SARM as a Director for Division 5. He reported to the Committee on the Outlook Irrigation Project, noting the tripling of traffic causing issues. SARM and the province will be getting SAMA to assess pivots. This will be one of the big issues for the Fall SARM Convention. Also, the RM of Dundurn which is 82% residential may be a breakout session. The RM of Dundurn wants to meet with others in similar situations.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

2024-034: Grant Berger moved that the minutes of the June 26, 2024 regular meeting of the CATPC be approved. Seconded Larry Sommerfeld

CARRIED.

Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

New Business:

- a) Recorded Vote for Strategic Investment Form
Discussion was held regarding the Strategic Investment Form. It was decided that the Committee would finish out the Road Tour to look at further road conditions and possibly resolve the Strategic Investment choices with a Zoom call.
- b) Membership and Funding Agreements with Ministry

2024-035: Grant Berger moved that we sign the Membership Agreement for 2024 – 2029 with the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded** Larry Sommerfeld

CARRIED.

2024-036: Grant Berger moved that we sign the Funding Agreement for 2024 – 2025 with the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded** Brian Ford.

CARRIED.

Old Business:

- a) Strategic Investment Form. Requires Consensus and motion with a recorded vote.
- b) Call for Segment Improvements – Any Segment Improvements may be sent directly to Alan Lindsay.
- c) **Quarterly Scan** – The next quarterly scan from the Committee will be due before the end of September. Iv-Lee will email the Committee at the beginning of Sept.
- d) Semi Annual Plan Review – updating of the Transportation Plan
- e) Annual Network Corridor evaluation. Ten most important corridors to the user of the transportation network within the ATPC including an assessment of what each of those corridors provides for the region.

Consent Agenda Approval:

2024-037: Alan Thomarat moved that the Consent Agenda for the July 23, 2024 regular meeting of the CATPC be approved. **Seconded** Brian Ford

CARRIED.

Correspondence:

- a) Alan Lindsay – Strategic Investment Form
 - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.06.28
- b) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highways Construction Update for week of June 28, 2024
 - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.06.28
- c) Iv-Lee Kane – Firster Quarterly Scan Submission
 - a. Alan Lindsay – Confirmation of receipt of first Quarterly Scan 2024-2025
- d) Larry Sommerfeld - Response to RV of Shields regarding road belonging to Municipality
- e) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highway Construction Update – Week of July 5, 2024
 - a. Emailed to ECW 2024.07.15
- f) Alan Lindsay – 2023 Annual Average Daily Traffic Map
 - a. Emailed to EWC by Darin
- g) Larry Sommerfeld – Time-change for Road Tour July 23, 2024 & New Schedule
- h) Penny Saxinger, BHP – Training modules deadline – July 17, 2024
- i) Tori Longmuir, BHP – Tour Information for Jansen Project
- j) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highway Construction Update – Week of July 12, 2024
 - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.07.16

Financial Reports:

Iv-Lee Kane provided the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the month ending June 30, 2024

2024-038: Grant Berger moved that we accept the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for June 30, 2024. **Seconded:** Brian Ford.

CARRIED.

Approval of Current Expenditures Report for June 26, 2024:

2024-039: **Larry Sommerfeld** moved that the Administrator issue cheques for the current expenses from June 26, 2024 – July 23, 2024. **Seconded** Brian Ford
CARRIED.

Reports:

Chairman's Report: **Darin Pedersen** provided an electronic version of his report – attached to the filed minutes.

Regional Reports: **Larry Sommerfeld, Grant McIntosh, Brian Ford,** each submitted electronic reports, copies of which are attached to the filed minutes.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the CATPC will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at in Elbow at the Elbow Community Centre. Lunch will be at the Golf Course Restaurant. Brian will take care of the arrangements.

Adjournment:

2024-040 **Larry Sommerfeld** moved that the July 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee be adjourned. Time: 11:02 p.m.

CARRIED.

Central Area Transportation Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
ZOOM Meeting
September 9, 2024

Call to order

The September 9, 2024 special meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee was called to order at 7:30 a.m. via ZOOM.

Present

Darin Pedersen, Larry Sommerfeld, Brian Ford, Alan Thomarat, Grant Berger, Grant McIntosh, and Iv-Lee Kane,

Regrets: Rick Loepky

New Business:

- a) Recorded Vote for Strategic Investment Form

? would Davidson's mess apply to this?

Darin led the group through the process for sending in Strategic Investment forms. The group reviewed several projects, and the group set forth five nominations for submissions of Strategic Investment forms with the following result:

2024-040: Larry Sommerfeld moved that we submit a Strategic Investment form for the Highway 11 & Highway 2 intersection at Chamberlain and further that Grant Berger and Brian Ford work on the Strategic Investment Form for submission to the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded Grant Berger**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY By 6 of 6 members present

2024-041: Alan Thomarat moved that we submit a Strategic Investment form for the Town of Outlook Bypass and further that Grant Berger and Brian Ford work on the Strategic Investment Form for submission to the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded Grant McIntosh**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY By 6 of 6 members present

2024-042: Brian Ford moved that we submit a Strategic Investment form for the Turning Lanes at Broderick on the Outlook – Broderick Safety Corridor and further that Grant Berger and Brian Ford work on the Strategic Investment Form for submission to the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded Alan Thomarar**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY By 6 of 6 members present

2024-043: Grant Berger moved that we submit a Strategic Investment form for the Upgrade of Highway 19 to primary from the junction of Highways 19 and 42 to the junction of Highways 15 and 19, and further that Grant Berger and Brian Ford work on the Strategic Investment Form for submission to the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded Brian Ford**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY By 6 of 6 members present

2024-044: Alan Thomarar moved that we submit a Strategic Investment form for acceleration lanes North and South from Dundurn and from Highway 211, and further that Larry Sommerfeld and Alan Thomarar work on the Strategic Investment Form for submission to the Ministry of Highways. **Seconded Grant McIntosh**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY By 6 of 6 members present

Iv-Lee checked to ensure everyone had

- Strategic Investment forms,
- Quarterly Scan forms,
- A Transportation Plan index for the Semi-Annual Plan Review

Alan Thomarar requested that all forms be email to him.

Adjournment:

2024-045 Larry Sommerfeld moved that the September 9, 2024 special meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee be adjourned. Time: 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

CATPC

Meeting Reports

October 23, 2024

- Darin Pedersen
- Larry Sommerfeld
- Grant Berger
- Brian Ford
- Bryan Matheson – SUMA
- Blair Cummins - SARM

Good day to everyone. Weather is starting to change and leaves are off the trees so guess it's time to get back to tasks at hand. With everything going on with harvest and fall work i have been out and about at all to see what's been taking place on our network. I do know that hwy 20 from the junction of hwy 16 south has a new facelift to Lockwood. The rail crossing on hwy 16 has been completed west of Jansen but I'm not impressed with the finished product for a new crossing. I'm dealing with the issue with AI.

Rail bed construction was completed on October 1 and the rail construction has only 10 miles left. It still wont be completed till mid 2025 from what I'm being told.

I will be with you all for another 2 years as i let my name stand again and no one seems to want my job. See everyone on Wednesday.

Darin Pedersen
Reeve, RM of Prairie Rose #309
Chair, Central Area Transportation Planning Committee

October Report

Short report due to time consumed by harvest. Most done around here a few of us with a couple hundred acres to combine.

I was down Highway #2, north of #16 & #2 junction. A lot of work being done on prepping for the resurfacing of 19 kms north of that junction. The portion completed from #5 south to Meachem is really nice, the widening is a real great improvement to that narrow highway. The resurfacing looks like it may not be till next year.

Trucks lining up a fertilizer distribution centers around Elstow and Clavet, this is normal this time of year. Also, a lot of grain moving through Allan, on the new pavement, heading to highway #16. It's getting a real test.

Not a lot more from my note book.

Larry

October 16, 2024

CATPC Report from Grant Berger

Hello Everyone,

In my area the Helium test well results will be public in November. Testing happened Mid-August north-west of Riverhurst.

Riverhurst ferry has been able to continue operating, which is great for the local area.

Highway 19 and 42 are holding up fairly well in the south. Highway 19 north is having issues with pot holes and weak points going into the winter.

No news on the proposed potash mine start date near Eyebrow. Rumor is potential issue with foreign investor group.

See everyone in Elbow next Tuesday.

Grant Berger

My report for Wed. October 23, 2024

There has been little or no highways activities around Elbow since the last reporting period. H19 from Loreburn north to H15 remains on our radar. I know that Highways is aware of it because a few red, danger signs have been erected at the worst spots.

Our residents always appreciate the mowing along all the highways because we are at the peak of the hunting and rut seasons and this makes it much safer to drive at night especially in those areas where it is difficult to see wild game in advance. Not sure if it is all completed especially on those parts where the farmers have been salvaging hay.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to our Village of Elbow and our HGCC community centre for the meeting.

Thanks,
Brian

Good evening

SUMA Report for October 23, 2024

With municipal elections as well as the provincial election there is a flurry of activity at SUMA Headquarters.

At the September board meeting there was much discussion on the board makeup going into the new year and up to convention 2025. Numerous board members, myself included, are not running for re-election and these spots will need to be filled on a temporary basis.

Additional discussion took place on the duties of a much smaller SUMA provincial board. For example, I have had 5-7 other provincial bodies that I sit on as a representative of SUMA. These responsibilities will need to be allotted to others or disbanded. The makeup of Sector boards and the duties that members will take on will need to be determined. This will be a work in progress and details will need to be worked out. I envision that, among other duties, a Sector board member will become the liaison with the CATPC and other planning committees and hopefully will even bring about better communication "down the road".

SUMA is working hard to advocate for Urban municipalities and much of this actually carries over to our Rural partners. Specifically, reminding the government of the down loading of costs to municipalities, an example would be the PST on construction. SUMA is emphasizing the need for the gas tax dollars and other government programs to remain and be enhanced. There should be increases as the municipalities are needing the infrastructure money and grant dollars for their communities, whether it be water and sewer replacements and upgraded, bridge work needing the same attention and the many other responsibilities that local governments are responsible for.

Other areas are thought of more as 'city issues' like homelessness and addiction centres, etc but the Health Care concerns being raised by SUMA are issues affecting everyone throughout the province, both urban and rural.

Election results will be interesting both locally and provincially.

On a personal note I have enjoyed my short time with your group and have learned much in the area of Area Transportation and the Provincial scope of these issues. All the best to each of you in the future.

Thank you.

Bryan Matheson
Central Region Director. SUMA
Mayor of Lumsden

SARM REPORT October 23

Eleven Board members and Staff will be Ottawa between Oct. 21-25, for 25 meetings with government officials. Details at the next CATPC Meeting.

Westside Irrigation Rehabilitation Project: According to a KPMG study the project will add \$5.9 billion of GDP, 30000 permanent jobs and 9500 construction jobs. As well as \$770 million of value added taxes.

SERM: Ministers Tell and Merit announced a pilot project where 5 RM'S will have extended hunting this fall. The RM's are Livingstone, Hazel Dell Kelvington, Bjorkdale and Leask.

RMAA: SARM endorsed their recommendation for a 3% increase across the board for all levels of Administrators.

RCMP: SARM Board met with Commanding officer Rhonda Blackmore. 15% vacancy rate in Sask. We should have 1047 officers in Sask. We have 860. Funding is now in place for the 1047. We just need to recruit them. Pay scale is similar to other policing agencies.

Sask Trucking Assoc.: Board met with ED Susan Ewert. Informed us SGI has a problem of oversight on 1A Schools. Short Staffed. SGI not planning any major changes to training. STA would like to see a graduated licensing system.

Ag Invest: 2025 all applicants will require an Agri Environmental Risk Assessment or something similar to receive funds.

Blair Cummins Director Div. 5 SARM

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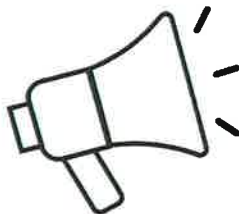
December 10, 2024

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SARM's Holiday Schedule

This holiday season, the SARM office will be closed to the public from December 24th at 3:00pm until January 2nd at 8:30am. A reduced complement of SARM staff will be available on December 27th, December 30th, and December 31st to meet the needs of our members.



Call for Potential Amendments Municipal Legislation

Municipalities are where Saskatchewan people live and work. The decisions and actions of local governments have a profound effect on people's everyday lives, such as how their communities look and function, which services are provided, and how tax revenue pays for services and infrastructure.

The Municipalities Act, The Cities Act and The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010 provide the basic legislative framework for all of the province's municipalities. This legislation provides powers and authority for council decisions, policies and bylaws, and outlines the responsibilities of municipalities.

The Ministry of Government Relations is looking for suggestions from the public on how this legislation could be improved and changed to meet the evolving needs of municipalities.

From now until **December 11, 2024**, the ministry is asking for input on issues that may be considered for potential amendments.

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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 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.



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.

(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 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](#)

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 **Tuesday, January 3, 2025**.

[Submit Expression of Interest](#)

[Resolutions Policy](#)

Deadlines

Rat Control Program

Claim Deadline: December 31, 2024



Sustainable Canadian
Agricultural Partnership

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-agricultural-partnership/rat-control-program/



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

[Learn More](#)



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SCIC Program Deadlines

December 2024

The following are upcoming important deadlines for the SCIC's AgriStability and Crop Insurance programs in the month of December. Please see further details below.

AgriStability

The deadline to submit your AgriStability previous year's program forms without penalty and to pay this year's program fee with penalty is **December 31, 2024**. Learn more through the link below.

[Learn More](#)

Crop Insurance

Claims will not be accepted after **December 31, 2024**. Annual crop post-harvest claims submitted between November 16 and December 31 may have indemnities reduced by 25 per cent up to a maximum of \$1,000.

[Learn More](#)

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 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](#)



An Overview of the New Plant Health Act and Regulations

Join SARM and the Ministry of Agriculture for a webinar on *The Plant Health Act* and *The Plant Health Regulations*.

The Ministry of Agriculture has recently completed a full repeal of *The Pest Control Act* with accompanying regulations and replaced it with *The Plant Health Act* and *The Plant Health Regulations*.

This modernized legislation includes a revised list of declared pests, standardized measures to control pests and more. In this presentation we will explore what this means to rural municipalities and pest control officers who have authority to control declared pests and enforce The Act.

Date: December 12, 2024

Time: 10-11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Tayo Adegeye - Provincial Specialist, Pest Regulatory Crops and Irrigation Branch, Ministry of Agriculture

[Register Now](#)



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Looking to Hire:

- RM of Redburn No. 130**, Foreman, Dec 13 - Close
- RM of Mervin No. 499**, Administrative Assistant, Dec 16 - Close
- RM of Tullymet No. 216**, Road Maintenance Operator, Dec 30 - Close
- RM of Vanscoy No. 345**, Office Assistant, Dec 31 - Close
- RM of Fertile Valley No. 285**, Grader Operator, Dec 31 - Close
- RM of White Valley No. 49**, Grader Operator, Jan 24 - Close

Looking to Buy/Sell:

There are no active buy/sell ads.

SARM Classifieds

SARM Classifieds Submissions

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

[Submit a Classifieds Ad](#)

New This Week



New Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program Cohort Announced

The mentee and mentor pairing for the Saskatchewan Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program Cohort Six was announced in Regina.

This 18-month experience creates leadership development opportunities for mentees and allows them to increase their involvement in decisions affecting the agriculture industry.

[Learn More](#)

Bernadette McIntyre Announced as the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Premier Scott Moe offered his congratulations to Bernadette McIntyre on her appointment as Saskatchewan's 24th Lieutenant Governor.

[Learn More](#)

Government Introduces New Public Spaces Act to Target Street Weapons

The Government of Saskatchewan introduced *The Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act* to improve safety in Saskatchewan communities.

The Act will allow municipalities and First Nations to opt in to new rules that regulate the possession, transportation and storage of items that may be used as street weapons, such as large knives, machetes or bear spray.

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Dear Collectors and Communities:

We are happy to announce that [SK Recycles](#) launched its new household packaging and paper recycling program in Saskatchewan.

As a first step, SK Recycles is expanding recycling opportunities for residents through a new partnership with SARCAN Recycling. For the first time in the province's history, flexible plastics and foam packaging can be returned for recycling province wide. Residents can bring flexible plastics, foam packaging, as well as non-deposit glass bottles and jars to their local [SARCAN depot](#).

Examples of newly accepted materials at SARCAN depots include:

- Flexible Plastics (plastic bags; stand-up and zipper lock pouches; crinkly wrappers and bags; plastic net bags; plastic protective packaging).
- Foam Packaging (foam take-out containers; foam trays for meat, seafood, or vegetables; foam protective packaging for electronics or appliances).
- Glass Bottles and Jars (bottles and jars for olive oil, pickles, jam, etc.).

The partnership reflects our collaborative effort towards achieving efficient and sustainable packaging and paper recycling as the province transitions towards a full extended producer responsibility (EPR) model.

This material will be recycled in Saskatchewan and Western Canada where glass will be made into reflective glass beads for road marking paint and fiberglass insulation. Flexible plastics will be made into plastic pellets for manufacturing of new plastic products such as bins and buckets and foam will be prepared to be made into picture frames and crown molding. SK Recycles is committed to ensuring collected material is managed and recycled responsibly.

This change is a result of the provincial Ministry of Environment's new regulations for the management of household packaging and paper products which call for full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). With EPR, businesses like manufacturers, brand owners, and retailers are responsible for the recycling of packaging and paper that they supply to households.

SK Recycles will manage the full EPR Program on behalf of these producers and will work with local governments, First Nations, Métis communities, private companies and other organizations to create a province-wide recycling program for packaging and paper in Saskatchewan.

SK Recycles has launched a campaign to share the news about the new materials that will be accepted at SARCAN depots. For more information about our program, including producer reporting details, please visit [SKRecycles.ca](#) and connect with us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#).

Thank you,
SK Recycles