

## RM253

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**Cc:** Darryl Sande  
**Subject:** Forsite Consultants Ltd. (prince Albert) summary of services

Good afternoon Michelle,

Thanks for your time on the phone this afternoon.

As discussed, here is a quick summary of some of the services that we offer that may be of interest to the RM of Willner. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

### Community Wildfire Resilience

Communities must prepare and manage for the event of wildfires at various levels and engage with homeowners, government, First Nations and industry for effective wildfire mitigation activities. Forsite's team of wildfire and forestry experts can assist through all levels and stages of fire risk mitigation.

- Community Level Planning
- Fuel Management and Prescribed Burning
- Wildfire Operations and Support
- Emergency Management
- Ecological Restoration
- Training and Safety Fire Suppression Courses

With our proprietary software package, **Fuel ID**, we can refine wildfire fuel mapping to help identify fuel risks for mitigation. **Fuel ID** is designed to enable users without remote sensing analysis expertise to quickly produce vegetation fuel attribute mapping products, including Fire Behaviour Prediction (FBP) System fuel type classes and FBP-Next Generation (FBP-NG) fuel attribute maps, from remote sensing data at spatial resolutions as low as 1 m2. Learn more about Fuel ID here: <https://forsite.ca/wildfire-fuels-mapping/>.

### GIS and Mapping

Effective spatial data management, mapping and analysis can provide meaningful support to your organizations' goals. Forsite has Saskatchewan based staff that are focused on the use of spatial data mapping and analysis tools to support our clients' success. From effective maps to complex spatial analysis routines and custom software, our expertise can help you get at the information you need to be successful.

### **Drones (UAV)**

Forsite operates a variety of drones in Saskatchewan for collecting aerial images, videos, and thermal imaging. We can use drone captured imagery and specialized software to generate accurate and cost-effective volumes of gravel stockpiles. All of our pilots maintain a valid Transport Canada basic or advanced flight operations licence. Our drone operations are fully insured under flight operations coverage.

### **Environmental Services**

Our Saskatchewan based biologists and wildlife technicians can complete a variety of surveys including rare or invasive plants, species at risk, and migratory song birds. We can also monitor surface water quality and identify potential sources of contamination.

### **Civic Address Registry**

The Civic Address Registry is a Saskatchewan province-wide standardized system of identifying and locating properties, by establishing unique access point locations for use during emergency situations. Forsite supports communities with Road Naming / Civic address calculations and entry into the voluntary program to assist emergency responders such as police, fire and emergency medical services to quickly locate Saskatchewan residents in need. Urban and rural addressing systems are based on an access point on a road network. For urban addressing, an address is typically created from the street and avenue road network. A rural address can be identified by the range road and township road network.

Thanks again,

Jaidan Phillippi

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**Subject:** CAPTC Minutes, Reports, Next Meeting  
**Attachments:** 2024.10.23 Minutes.docx; 2024.12.04 EWC Reports.pdf

Good day:

Attached please find the following:

- Approved minutes of the October 23, 2024 Regular Meeting of the CATPC. They were both approved at the December 4, 2024 meeting of the CATPC.
- Executive Reports from the December 4th meeting.

**The next regular meeting of the CATPC will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Allan at the Municipal Council Chambers, 224 Main St, Allan, SK.**

***Iv-Lee Kane***

*Executive Administrator,*



**Central Area Transportation Planning Committee**

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**Central Area Transportation Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Elbow Community Centre, Elbow, SK**

**October 23, 2024**

**Call to order**

The October 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee was called to order at 10:12 am., and Darin welcomed guest David Squires, Councilor for the Resort Village of Thode.

**Present**

Darin Pedersen, Larry Sommerfeld, Brian Ford, Alan Thomarat, Grant Berger, Grant McIntosh, Iv-Lee Kane, Alan Lindsay, MoH, and Bryan Matheson, SUMA, and guest David Squires, Resort Village of Thode.

**Regrets:** Rick Loeppky, Blair Cummins

**Adoption of the meeting agenda:**

**2024-046:** **Grant Berger** moved that the agenda, for the October 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee be approved. **Seconded** Brian Ford.

**CARRIED.**

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest: None**

**Delegations**

**Bryan Matheson SUMA**, - Bryan provided an electronic version of his report which is attached to the filed minutes.

**Blair Cummins SARM**, - Blair emailed an electronic version of his report which is attached to the filed minutes.

**Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**

**2024-047** **Alan Thomarat** moved that the minutes of the July 23, 2024 regular meeting of the CATPC be approved. **Seconded** Grant McIntosh

**CARRIED.**

**2024-048 Alan Thomarat** moved that the minutes of the September 9, 2024 special ZOOM meeting of the CATPC be approved. **Seconded** Grant McInthosh

**CARRIED.**

**Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting:**

**New Business:**

- a) Village of Thode – Appointment of New Representative and request for information. Discussion was held regarding the process for maintaining a seat on the Executive Working Committee when a person chooses not remain on a Municipal Council by not running in the Municipal Election. Alan Lindsay clarified the requirements for holding a Committee Seat. Alan Thomarat will remain on the Committee until the seat for Subdivision B Urban comes up for election. The Resort Village of Thode may write a letter of support for Alan to remain, unless they object to his continued position on the Committee. David Squires agreed to bring the discussion points back to the Resort Village of Thode’s next meeting.

**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 December. Iv-Lee will email the Committee at the beginning of December.
- d) Semi Annual Plan Review – updating of the Transportation Plan
- e) **Annual Network Corridor evaluation, WHY Document.** 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. Iv-Lee will send out the next meeting.
- f) **Joni Mack** – Workshop Ideas. Discussion was held. More discussion was needed, so will be tabled to December meeting. Iv-Lee will write to Joni Mack to update her.

**Consent Agenda Approval:**

**2024-049:** Alan Thomarar moved that the Consent Agenda for the October 23, 2024 regular meeting of the CATPC be approved. **Seconded** Brian Ford

**CARRIED.**

*Correspondence:*

- a) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highways Construction Update for week of July 26, 2024
  - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.07.29
- b) Larry Sommerfeld – Road Tour Summary
  - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.07.26
  - b. Replies: Darin, Alan T, Grant B, Brian F, Grant M – Great Job, Successful Road Tour, Well Summarized
- c) Grant Berger – Outlook Bypass Proposal and Chamberlain #2 and 11 Intersection
  - a. Brian Ford – In agreement
  - b. Grant Mcintosh – In agreement
- d) Darin Pedersen – Invitation -Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11:00 am - St Denis Community Centre
- e) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highways Construction Update for week of August 2, 2024
  - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.08.14
- f) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highways Construction Update for week of August 9, 2024
  - a. Emailed to EWC 2024.08.15
- g) Alan Lindsay – request for current EWC Contact information
  - a. Emailed to EWC – Aug 15, 2024

- h) Alan Lindsay – Weekly Highway Construction Updates – Link to updates for easy access
  - a. Forwarded to EWC 2024.08.19
- i) Village of Eyebrow – Invitation to Don Linton’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - a. Forwarded to EWC 2024.08.20
- j) Alan Lindsay – Fall 2024 Tender Plan
  - a. Email to EWC 2024.09.04
- k) Brian Ford – Highway repairs at Outlook
- l) Iv-Lee Kane – Zoom Meeting notification for Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am and Deliverables information
- m) Iv-Lee Kane – ZOOM Meeting Clarification
- n) Joni Mack – Workshop Ideas
- o) Resort Village of Thode – Krystal Staniewski – CATPC Representative Appointment
- p) Alan Lindsay – Area Transportation Planning Program Deliverables –
  - a. Forwarded to EWC 2024.10.15
- q) Iv-Lee Kane – Request for reports and Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting notification

*Financial Reports:*

Iv-Lee Kane provided the Bank Reconciliations and Statements of Receipts and Expenditures for the months ending July 31, 2024, August 31, 2024, and September 30, 2024.

**2024-050:** Alan Thomarat moved that we accept the Bank Reconciliations and Statements of Receipts and Expenditures for the months ending July 31, 2024, August 31, 2024, and September 30, 2024. **Seconded:** Grant McIntosh.

**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.

**Ministry of Highways:** **Alan Lindsay** discussed with the group their work on the Strategic Investment Forms at the Zoom Meeting in September. He noted that his input into the process would have been helpful for the group and that he would be able to provide clarity in the areas of the process that the group may not have insight into. The Ministry works to identify areas in need by working with each of the 11 Area Transportation Planning Groups. He noted each ATPC gets five Strategic Investments. The Ministry will report back on submissions made prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> in April. In filling out the forms he said you need to assume you will never speak to the decision maker, and thus you need to be very specific and very clear. Three key components are: What is the need? What are you trying to solve? What is your recommendation? When asked if there are any potential partners, “No” is not a good answer; “Unknown” is a better answer. Alan also spoke to the group about the Ministry’s decision to move future Convention funding to the provision of educational seminars instead. He added that this provides greater benefit and a more direct line to the membership

**Next Meeting:**

**2024-051:** **Alan Thomarat** moved that the next meeting of the CATPC will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at in Thode Community Centre. Lunch will be at the Big Murs Restaurant in Dundurn. Alan Thomarat will take care of the arrangements. **Seconded:** Brian Ford.  
**CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**2024-052:** **Grant Berger** moved that the October 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED.**



CATPC  
Meeting Reports  
December 4, 2024

- Darin Pedersen
- Larry Sommerfeld
- Brian Ford
- Grant McIntosh

Good day to all. Obviously, the weather has changed with a punch the last couple weeks. Road crews have done a fantastic job getting the roads cleared.

BHP/ CN rail update. The weather has shutdown the project for the season with about a quarter mile left to finish with laying ties and rail. The spring will bring ballast and the last of the crossings to be tidied up. The crossing on Hwy 16 proved to cause some issues with school buses and stopping due to the crossing bucks been put up thus creating an uncontrolled crossing which mandates school buses to stop which created unsafe situations. The ministry approved the removal of the signage so the buses don't have to stop now.

I did a segment request this summer on the 667 between St. Gregor and Leisureland Regional Park. The work was completed to bring the surface up to a safer standard and have had many compliments and thank you's directed towards the CATPC and Alan Lindsay for the prompt response.

Hwy 20 from the Hwy 16 junction south to Lockwood has had a facelift.

Hwy 20 south of Buylea got a new surface upgrade and from Craven north to the Silton intersection has had been reconstructed also.

I'm presuming that there shouldn't be much construction left to do on the Hwy15 project come spring other than shaping on ditch's.

Gravel truck traffic has slowed somewhat heading east from Guernsey towards BHP but there is still large numbers heading west from Guernsey to the Aspen power project.

That is my report. See you all next week.

Darin Pedersen

Reeve, RM #309 Prairie Rose

Chair, Central Area Transportation Planning Committee

## DEC/24- CATPC REPORT

I did see some earth moving equipment working on a site in the Corman South Industrial Park just SE of the city on Highway #16. I have not heard what might be going in there but that park is getting more businesses set up in there. Sometime I would like to get a list of who all is in there and whether there are more applying. Currently I would guess about 10 businesses are working in there, some of them covering a pretty large foot print. One is 4D Transport so they have quite a few transports moving in and out. All this to say that that highway access is getting busier all the time.

I also see on the Acadia sites north of Cargill, at Clavet, there has been a fenced area of 3-5 acres set up and they are collecting tires and storing them there. RM of Blucher wouldn't tell me what is happening but it does look like probably they are being stored to haul away later. I can not imagine a plant is going up with Shercom north of the city. That is another fiasco for our Provincial Government.

I have not been on highway #2 recently but believe they are completely passed Meachem, working south from #5 toward #16. I will probably get a chance to go that way sometime during this hockey season.

Other than all the problems the snow has created that's it for my report. LS

My report for Wed. December 4, 2024

I have driven H15 from H11 to Outlook. The small breaks near Broderick have been repaired. There appears to be business activity from the new Monette facility.

The grid road from H15 to Hanley appears to have a good gravel coat the whole way which should be sufficient and makes driving and conditions better. The railway crossing is much improved.

Residents using H19 from Loreburn north to H15 remain concerned about the surface quality in places. They patiently await any news about any projected long-term improvements.

The street light at the intersection of H19 and H15 has been replaced. A few of our residents have been concerned that in the middle of the night it can't be seen from a distance when approaching from east or west. The problem is likely that it is the new led type and points down rather than spreading out.

H11 is noticeably improved. Thanks to Highways for these changes.

Looking forward to our next meeting at Thode.

Thanks,  
Brian

Report for CATPC Dec.4, 2024

Things have slowed down here. Monette Farms has finished their building.  
I have a funeral to attend so I will not be at the meeting. Thanks

Grant McIntosh

**Health Professional Building  
2024 Financial Statement**

**Revenue:**

Rent	<u>11,400.00</u>
	11,400.00

**Expenses:**

Janitorial	4,910.62
Sewer pumping	5,760.00
Janitorial supplies, toilet paper, etc.	178.93
Grounds maintenance - n/c	0.00
Fire Extinguisher inspection/service	217.30
Natural Gas	2,108.80
Power	2,344.19
Water	446.16
Insurance	<u>987.19</u>
	16,953.19

**Operating Surplus (Deficit)** -5,553.19

-925.53 1/6 - RM of Arm River  
-925.53 1/6 - RM of Willner  
-3,702.13 2/3 - Town of Davidson  
-5,553.19

## News Release

*For immediate release*

**February 26, 2025**

### **SARM Calls for the Reintroduction of Strychnine to Control Richardson's Ground Squirrels (RGS)**

Saskatchewan landowners have spent the last year struggling to combat the growing population of Richardson's Ground Squirrels ("gophers") after the federal ban on strychnine in March of 2024. Strychnine is a crucial tool used by farmers to control growing gopher populations in rural municipalities (RMs).

Many areas in the province have widespread damage from RGS infestations in crops and pasturelands, and now farmers are left vulnerable, with another season approaching, without an effective tool like strychnine. RGSs are notorious for disturbing crops and burrowing holes that injure livestock, ultimately having a negative effect on agricultural productivity. The financial consequences of overpopulated RGS populations, compounded by rising operational costs and an unpredictable economic climate, pose a significant threat to rural livelihoods. These financial consequences are not only affecting producers but also crop insurance programs through increased payouts for damage caused year after year.

SARM continues to receive resolutions from its membership, advocating for the reinstatement of strychnine to manage the growing RGS problem. The federal government's decision to impose a three-year phase-out period leading to the complete ban of strychnine has exacerbated frustrations in rural Saskatchewan. Alternative pest control methods remain ineffective or too costly for farmers, and this decision has not adequately addressed the unique agricultural needs of our province.

"It has been a year since the ban came into full effect and our farmers are struggling to find a practical and effective method to control the Richardson's ground squirrel populations. SARM is asking the provincial government to use *The Saskatchewan First Act* to reintroduce the use of strychnine specifically for gopher control," says Bill Huber, SARM President.

Strychnine baiting, when applied according to label instructions and integrated pest management practices, is an effective and low-risk method for controlling RGS, and the non-target risk is low. Reinstating its use, alongside robust education and compliance programs, could provide a valuable tool for rural municipalities in managing this persistent agricultural pest.

"Richardson's ground squirrels are native to the prairies and consume a variety of plant species, nuts, grains, seeds, and insects. Although RGS burrowing can have positive effects on nutrient cycling and plant species diversity, and they are important prey to many birds and animals, large populations can be very damaging to crop, forage, and livestock production. RGS has historically been one of Western Canada's most damaging agricultural pests. To counter effects of damaging RGS populations, the Gopher Control Program administered by SARM and funded under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership between the federal and provincial governments was initiated. This program includes rebates for gopher control products and non-chemical control methods like raptor platforms," says Dr. James Tansey, PhD Provincial Specialist, Insect/Pest Management, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.

SARM urges the provincial government to utilize the powers of *The Saskatchewan First Act* to reinstate the use of strychnine for controlling gophers. The Act provides an opportunity for the province to assert jurisdiction over pest control measures that directly affect our agricultural sector. This reintroduction could be regulated under provincial oversight to ensure responsible use while addressing the pressing needs of farmers across Saskatchewan.

Further information on this topic will be presented at the SARM Annual Convention at 3pm on Tuesday, March 11.

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**Background:** SARM is the independent association representing rural municipalities in Saskatchewan, serving as the primary advocate for its members before senior governments.

Since 1905, SARM has been working to address the concerns of rural municipalities and ensure that their voices are heard by senior levels of government. We provide support to our members in dealing with the provincial and federal governments. We advocate on behalf of our members and help ensure their compliance with legislation and regulations.

SARM also has been mandated and plays an important role in the advocacy of Saskatchewan's agricultural sector. SARM believes that Agriculture is more than just an industry — it is the very foundation of our rural communities.

In compliance with the Act of Incorporation, SARM directly and lawfully engages in activities that tend to advance the interests of agriculture, including the handling, transportation, processing, and marketing of grain and grain products. Furthermore, the Act instructs that SARM be an actively engaged participant and member of the Canada Grains Council, as well as other organizations, associations, councils, congresses, and bodies advancing the interests of those who produce agricultural products.

SARM invites provincial news agencies to join us at convention as representatives from rural Saskatchewan municipalities converge to discuss and debate timely topics, elect officials, and hear the critical issues of Saskatchewan's rural members. For more information on the convention (including an agenda and registration link), visit [sarm.ca/events/annual-convention-and-trade-show/](http://sarm.ca/events/annual-convention-and-trade-show/).

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# Rural Dart



**March 4, 2025**

**Note:** certain email platforms distort the Rural Dart formatting. It is viewed best as a webpage through your internet browser.

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## Next Week's Rural Dart

Due to the 2025 SARM Annual Convention and Trade Show, next week's Rural Dart email will be postponed until March 18th.



## Saskatchewan Blue Cross Cards and EFAP Coverage for SARM Members

Effective today, Blue Cross will be making enhancements to our Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP). The Saskatchewan Blue Cross group benefits plan for SARM members now includes enhanced support through Homewood Health and Cleveland Clinic Canada, giving you and your family access to tailored, on-demand support for your mental and physical health.

Homewood Health's EFAP program connects you to confidential, professional mental health and wellness services. Whether it's counselling for anxiety, stress, or grief or coaching for work-life balance, parenting, or financial planning, Homewood is here to help. Their Enhanced Mental Health Care program even offers longer-term support for more complex needs, including up to 20 specialized counselling sessions. Register at [homeweb.ca](http://homeweb.ca) to access these resources today.

Cleveland Clinic Canada's Express Care Online (ECO) service offers on-demand virtual medical consultations for your physical health. Available 24/7 across Canada, ECO lets you connect with a nurse practitioner for diagnoses, prescriptions, specialist referrals, and

more—all from the comfort of your home. Simply download the Cleveland Clinic Express Care Online app to get started! ([Apple](#) | [Android](#))

With these changes, there will be new ID cards mailed out with new ID numbers on them. Here are the things that will be required once your cards are received:

1. Effective March 4, 2025, update your pharmacy and your dentist with your new ID number.
2. Download the new app “SK Blue Cross: Group” and re-register. ([Apple](#) | [Android](#))
3. If you use the online portal, visit [www.sk.bluecross.ca/portal](http://www.sk.bluecross.ca/portal), click register, and follow the prompts.
4. Save your new digital ID card to your Apple or Google Wallet.

Linked below is more information on the enhancements that are being made. Please share this information with all employees. **The code to register online is now listed in the EFAP & Virtual Care Registration Guide linked below.**

EFAP  
Counselling  
Overview

EFAP &  
Virtual Care  
Registration  
Guide

EFAP &  
Virtual Care  
Brochure

## Deadlines



### SGI Public Grants Announcement

SARM has been in contact with SGI regarding the availability of grants to improve traffic safety within RMs. SGI offers a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund

Grant program. Its goal is to stimulate and support local, collaborative action that will increase traffic safety awareness.

The deadline for submissions for the spring intake is **March 31, 2025**.

If you are interested in additional information regarding the grant, please [click here](#) for an outline of the grant guidelines and additional information on how to apply for the grant.

SARM encourages its members to look at the program. In 2024, 28 RMs took advantage of the program with \$310,828 in grants being provided. This program is a great initiative by SGI to try and reduce traffic accidents and make our roadways safer.

If you have any questions, please contact Colin Warnecke, Manager of Risk Management, at [cwarnecke@sarm.ca](mailto:cwarnecke@sarm.ca).

[Learn More / Apply](#)

## Information & Resources



### Free Crisis Support for Canadian Farmers

#### National Farmer Crisis Line

24/7, Confidential Help When You Need It Most

Farming doesn't come with days off—it's a job that requires everything you've got. When stress piles up and the weight feels too heavy, you don't have to carry it alone. The National Farmer Crisis Line (1-866-FARMS01) offers free, immediate, and ag-informed crisis support for farmers, farm families, and agricultural workers across Canada.

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Canadian farmers, farm families (relatives of farmers - living on or off farm), farm employees (staff who are employed on farms), and spouses and dependents of all farm employees.
- **PRIVACY:** All information received through counselling sessions is confidential and in accordance with the Personal Health Information Protection Act (2004).
- **COST:** It's free! no fees, no limits, just support when you need it.
- **ACCESSIBILITY:** Operated by TELUS Health, you can call 1-866-327-6701, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Available in both English and French.

 **Call 1-866-FARMS01 anytime — 24/7, 365 days a year.**

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### Call Before You Dig

#### Sask 1st Call

Monday through Friday (except holidays) -  
Emergency requests are available 24/7 by calling 1-866-828-4888.

For assistance with online requests, call 1-866-828-4888 during regular operating hours.

Sask 1st Call is a service for anyone planning to dig or excavate. The service provides underground facility screening and notification for safe excavation. The Sask 1st Call team is dedicated to the prevention of unnecessary damage, injury or death due to unsafe digging practices. We look forward to serving you for your own safety, and that of our communities.



[Submit Online Request](#)



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# Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association

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## SCRWA Membership Registration for 2025

The Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association is a grass roots non-profit association, that has been incorporated since November of 2020. The goal of the Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA) is to advocate on behalf of our members and promote the creation of local crime watch groups in Saskatchewan. We provide support services and are striving to build a network across the province.

Local rural crime watch groups are volunteers who serve as the 'Eyes and Ears' of their communities and it's about neighbours looking out for neighbours. They support law enforcement by reporting suspicious activity which aids in crime reduction and prevention.

Please join us, in our effort to make Saskatchewan communities safer by becoming a member of the SRCWA, in one of two ways:

### Full Memberships

- Any local crime watch group/association with similar objectives to the SRCWA.
- Eligible to sit on the SRCWA Board, can nominate members to the board of directors, and vote in elections.
- Can submit resolutions and vote on resolutions at the annual general meeting.
- Must confirm that their Executive has had criminal record checks within the last six months prior to joining.

### Associate Membership

- person or entity other than a Local Crime Watch Association (Examples: municipalities, non-government organizations)
- subject to restrictions and approval by the SRCWA Board

Both memberships provide access to communications from the SRCWA and access to signage that can be used in your community to help deter criminal activity. Members are also eligible to attend the AGM and receive additional communications from the SRCWA.

The SRCWA kindly asks for your support by becoming a member. The annual membership fee is \$50.00. Cheques can be mailed to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities at 2301 Windsor Park Road, Regina, SK, S4V 3A4. Please click the link below to access the membership form. Fill out the form and submit it with your cheque.

Your support will assist us in the growth, development and sustainability of Rural Crime Watch Groups throughout the province. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Brodt via email at [tim.brodt@edenwold-sk.ca](mailto:tim.brodt@edenwold-sk.ca) or via phone at 306-539-9117.

**Membership Registration  
Form**

**SARM****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 Wilton No. 472**, Municipal Clerk, Mar 4 - Close  
**RM of White Valley No. 49**, Grader Operator, Mar 4 - Close  
**RM of Maple Bush No. 224**, Grader Operator/Maintenance Worker, Mar 5 - Close  
**RM of Mayfield No. 406**, Operator, Mar 6 - Close  
**RM of Viscount No. 341**, Equipment Operator, Mar 7 - Close  
**RM of Pipestone No. 161**, Chief Administrative Officer, Mar 10 - Close  
**RM of South Qu'Appelle No. 157**, Foreman, Mar 11 - Close  
**RM of Montmartre No. 126**, Equipment Operator, Mar 12 - Close  
**RM of Marquis No. 191**, Gravel Truck & Trailer Driver, Mar 12 - Close  
**RM of Calder No. 241**, Mower Operator, Mar 14 - Close  
**RM of Monet No. 257**, Equipment Operator (2), Mar 14 - Close  
**RM of Kindersley No. 290**, Administrator, Mar 15 - Close  
**RM of Lakeview No. 337**, Administrator, Mar 15 - Close  
**RM of Langenburg No. 181**, Seasonal Operator, Mar 15 - Close  
**Town of Shellbrook**, Chief Administrative Officer, Mar 15 - Close  
**RM of Sarnia No. 221**, Administrator, Mar 18 - Close  
**RM of Meadow Lake No. 588**, Manager Public Works, Mar 21 - Close  
**RM of LeRoy No. 339**, Equipment Operators, Mar 25 - Close  
**RM of Sarnia No. 221**, Maintenance/Equipment Operator, Mar 28 - Close  
**RM of Whiska Creek No. 106**, Administrator, Mar 28 - Close  
**RM of Livingston No 331**, Administrator, Mar 31 - Close  
**RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501**, Chief Administrative Officer, Mar 31 - Close  
**Prince Albert Rural Water Utility**, General Manager, Mar 31 - Close

### Looking to Buy/Sell:

**RM of Maryfield No. 91**, 2017 Midland Crossgate Trailer, Mar 18 - Close  
**RM of Mervin No. 499**, 2022 Mandako Hitch, Mar 25 - Close  
**RM of Mervin No. 499**, Tenco Sander, Mar 25 - Close  
**RM of Enfield No. 194**, 2013 John Deere Tractor with Loader, Mar 31 - Close

**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**



### March Proclaimed as Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan

Agriculture Literacy Month has been proclaimed in Saskatchewan, providing an opportunity for students in schools around the province to connect with agriculture through various presentations led by industry volunteers.

[Learn More](#)

### Saskatchewan Announces Measures to Protect Communities Against Fentanyl and Methamphetamine

The Government of Saskatchewan announced further measures to protect communities from illicit fentanyl and methamphetamine production, transportation, trafficking, and street use in the province.

[Learn More](#)

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Safer roads,  
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Apply for a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant\* to help your community fund important traffic safety projects such as crosswalks, speeding signs and school zone signs.

March 31 deadline – apply now!

\*Grants are fully funded from the proceeds of photo speed enforcement.

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## Can you smell the bacon?

April is National "Dig Safe" Month, a great time to remind everyone of the importance of safe digging practices. Before starting any digging project, it's crucial to know where pipelines and utility lines are buried.

The SCGA invites you to register for a free Dig Safe Awareness Breakfast this April at one of 23 locations across Saskatchewan.

The SCGA has tailored these events to a wide range of industry professionals, including:

- Excavators, contractors, and landowners
- Farmers and agricultural industry representatives
- Oil and gas, water and sewer, telecom, and trenchless industry representatives
- Municipal and public works departments
- One Call Center members, owners, and operators
- Utility locate service providers and administrators
- Engineers, safety officers, and risk management professionals
- Insurance claims and loss prevention specialists
- Environmental consultants and compliance officers
- Local fire/police departments, EMS personnel, safety officers, and counselors



REGISTER FOR A FREE DIG SAFE AWARENESS BREAKFAST

Coming to a community near you in April 2025  
7:30-8:30am

GO TO WWW.SCGA.CA & REGISTER TO ATTEND

<b>Moose Jaw</b> April 1 (New Venue)	<b>Tisdale</b> April 3 (New Location)	 SCAN ME	<b>Yorkton</b> April 16
<b>North Battleford</b> April 1	<b>Regina</b> April 8		<b>Carievale</b> April 23
<b>Prince Albert</b> April 2	<b>Esterhazy</b> April 9		<b>Lloydminster</b> April 23
<b>Maple Creek</b> April 2	<b>Fort Qu'Appelle (File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council)</b> April 10 - *9 am start (New Location)		<b>Watson</b> April 23
<b>Humboldt</b> April 3	<b>Estevan</b> April 16		<b>Preeceville</b> April 24
<b>Swift Current</b> April 3			<b>Saskatoon</b> April 24

<b>Weyburn</b> April 24	<b>Assiniboia</b> April 29
<b>Grenfell</b> April 29	<b>Carlyle</b> April 30
<b>Moosomin</b> April 30	<b>Rosetown</b> April 30

Thanks to our industry sponsors for supporting this event!

Register Now

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As you may be aware, today, Premier Scott Moe announced a number of measures to respond to the imposition of tariffs by the United States (US). As a part of these measures, goods and services procured by the Government of Saskatchewan must prioritize Canadian suppliers, with the goal of reducing or eliminating US procurement.

With the goal of reducing or eliminating US procurement, any future capital projects have been paused and for those projects in process contractors will be asked to report on American product and reduce where able.

The Government of Saskatchewan will always stand up for Saskatchewan to protect our jobs, our economy, and our residents. As such, it is our expectation that municipalities will follow this direction by adopting similar procurement policies that prioritize Canadian goods and services.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation as we navigate these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Schmalz', written in a cursive style.

Eric Schmalz

Minister of Government Relations  
Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs  
Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission

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1 March 2025

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Dear customer:

**Re: Business Recognition assessment, effective May 1, 2025**

Business Recognition is an incentive program for safe driving, offering Saskatchewan businesses basic insurance discounts of up to 15 per cent. The discount will apply to every qualifying vehicle your business registers. However, if your business has claims for which you or your drivers are considered responsible, you may receive a lesser discount or pay a surcharge.

For the one-year period beginning May 1, 2025, based on your business's claims history a **discount of 15 per cent** on basic insurance premiums will apply to eligible vehicles registered to the above customer number. Congratulations on achieving this reward!

Claims used to determine this assessment are listed on the following page(s). If there are claims you believe should be disregarded because of extenuating circumstances, you may appeal them to the Highway Traffic Board. To do so, please contact your local motor licence issuer to purchase an appeal receipt.

If you have questions about this assessment, please contact our Customer Service Centre in Regina at 306-751-1200 or toll free at 1-800-667-9868 or email [ipa@sgi.sk.ca](mailto:ipa@sgi.sk.ca).

From everyone at SGI, take care out there!

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5 year total
Premiums Earned (\$)	4,480.56	5,595.91	5,846.56	7,828.88	8,452.19	32,204.10
Claims Amt Paid (\$)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loss Ratio (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capped Claims Amt (\$)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capped Loss Ratio (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
# of Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

## News Release

*For immediate release*

**March 7, 2025**

### **SARM's 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Trade Show Begins Next Week at Prairieland Park**

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), with their member RMs, will welcome 2,000+ delegates, exhibitors, and guests from across the province to convene from Tuesday, March 11 to Thursday, March 13, 2025, for the Annual Convention & Trade Show. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, interact with the provincial and federal government, vote on and debate resolutions, and discuss current issues affecting rural Saskatchewan.

**SARM invites the media to join. Below are items of interest:**

#### **Tuesday, March 11 | Opening Ceremonies / Addresses / Fireside Chat with SARM Board of Directors**

Opening Ceremonies start at 1:30pm, followed by addresses, notably from the Honourable Eric Schmalz, Minister of Government Relations, and Bill Huber, SARM President. A Fireside Chat with the SARM Board of Directors will take place at 3:30pm. A media scrum with SARM President begins at 4:30pm in Meeting Room 3/4, Hall C.

#### **Wednesday, March 12 | Premier's Address / Bear Pit / Leader of the Opposition**

The Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan, will address the delegates at 9am. Immediately following is the Bear Pit with the provincial cabinet. At 1pm Carla Beck, Leader of the Opposition, will address the delegates. Media scrums with the Premier and SARM President (11:30am) and the Leader of the Opposition and SARM President (1:30pm) will take place in Meeting Room 3/4, Hall C.

#### **Thursday, March 15**

A media scrum with the SARM President, to wrap up the convention and hear the highlights, begins at 10:45am in Meeting Room 3/4, Hall C.

Below is additional information included on SARM's current news releases. A convention agenda and resolutions list can be found at [sarm.ca/events/annual-convention-and-trade-show/](http://sarm.ca/events/annual-convention-and-trade-show/).

If you wish to attend the convention, please register onsite when you arrive to receive your media credentials.

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#### **For interview requests please contact:**

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**Background:** SARM is the independent association representing rural municipalities in Saskatchewan, serving as the primary advocate for its members before senior governments.

Since 1905, SARM has been working to address the concerns of rural municipalities and ensure that their voices are heard by senior levels of government. We provide support to our members in dealing with the provincial and federal governments. We advocate on behalf of our members and help ensure their compliance with legislation and regulations.

SARM also has been mandated and plays an important role in the advocacy of Saskatchewan's agricultural sector. SARM believes that Agriculture is more than just an industry — it is the very foundation of our rural communities.

In compliance with the Act of Incorporation, SARM directly and lawfully engages in activities that tend to advance the interests of agriculture, including the handling, transportation, processing, and marketing of grain and grain products. Furthermore, the Act instructs that SARM be an actively engaged participant and member of the Canada Grains Council, as well as other organizations, associations, councils, congresses, and bodies advancing the interests of those who produce agricultural products.

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SARM invites provincial news agencies to join us at convention as representatives from rural Saskatchewan municipalities converge to discuss and debate timely topics, elect officials, and hear the critical issues of Saskatchewan's rural members. For more information on the convention (including an agenda and registration link), visit [sarm.ca/events/annual-convention-and-trade-show/](https://sarm.ca/events/annual-convention-and-trade-show/).

- **SARM's New Executive Director Makes History | News Release:** [sarm.ca/2025/02/12/sarms-new-executive-director-makes-history/](https://sarm.ca/2025/02/12/sarms-new-executive-director-makes-history/)
- **SARM Calls for Funding for Cleanup of Abandoned or Derelict Buildings and Yard Sites | News Release:** [sarm.ca/2025/02/19/sarm-calls-for-funding-for-cleanup-of-abandoned-or-derelict-buildings-and-yard-sites/](https://sarm.ca/2025/02/19/sarm-calls-for-funding-for-cleanup-of-abandoned-or-derelict-buildings-and-yard-sites/)
- **SARM Calls for the Reintroduction of Strychnine to Control Richardson's Ground Squirrel | News Release:** [sarm.ca/2025/02/26/sarm-calls-for-the-reintroduction-of-strychnine-to-control-richardsons-ground-squirrels-rgs/](https://sarm.ca/2025/02/26/sarm-calls-for-the-reintroduction-of-strychnine-to-control-richardsons-ground-squirrels-rgs/)

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