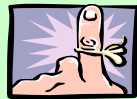




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Have you updated **YOUR** information in the **Municipal Directory On-Line?**



Check it out!

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Electors in RMs going to the polls in November

Elections will be held for the reeves and councilors in odd-numbered divisions. This election marks the final time that elected officials begin their term on January 1 following the date of the election. Successful candidates in these elections will hold office from January 1, 2005 until the first meeting of council following the election to be held in November 2006

The department has resource information to assist municipalities in conducting their elections. *An Election Guide for Rural Municipalities* is a reference to assist election officials in rural municipalities to carry out the duties and responsibilities for holding elections. *The Rural Municipality Election and Voting Regulations, 1990* contain the prescribed forms required during the election process. *The Rural Election Calendar* provides Returning Officers with a one-page summary detailing critical deadlines.

For further information, visit MRD's web site.

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Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal

Individuals who work in the protective services sector are encouraged to submit their nominations for the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal.

The medal was announced in September of 2002 to recognize individuals who have 25 cumulative years of exemplary service protecting the people of Saskatchewan or their property. This can be in either a volunteer or a full-time capacity.

Recipients of the Protective Services Medal include:

- € Fire Services;
- € Police Services;
- € Canada Customs and Revenue Agency;
- € Citizenship and Immigration Canada;
- € Emergency Medical Services;
- € Canadian Forces;
- € Parks Wardens;
- € Highway and Transportation's Transport Compliance Branch; and
- € Federal and Provincial Corrections.

Other agencies may also be included. A complete list of eligible agencies is available from the office of Protocol and Honours.



TODAY's Feature Publications

- € *An Election Guide for Rural Municipalities*
[<http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/pdfs/RuralElectionGuide2000.pdf>]
- € *The Rural Municipality Election and Voting Regulations, 1990*
[<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Regulations/Regulations/R26-1R2.pdf>]
- € *The Rural Election Calendar*
[http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/2004Calendar_Election.shtml]

TODAY's Facts:

The city of Estevan in southeast Saskatchewan is Canada's sunshine capital, averaging 2,540 sunshine-filled hours each year!

Saskatchewan is the site of North America's oldest bird sanctuary, established in 1887 at Last Mountain Lake.

From the Plains Indian word, "kisiskatchewan", meaning "the river that flows swiftly"; a reference to the area's major river.

Saskatchewan's major river systems, North and South Saskatchewan, Assiniboine and Churchill, all empty into Hudson Bay.

Source: Tourism Saskatchewan

Do you know when your municipality was incorporated?

Status information about any incorporated municipality (village, town, city, or RM) can be found on Municipal Relations Division web site.
<http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mrdoverview.shtml#munstat> The dates provided are based on the best available sources of information.

Great Sand Hills Use Report

The final report and recommendations of the Great Sand Hills Land Use Strategy Review Committee was submitted to government on June 9th, 2004.

The Province accepted all the recommendations in principle, added more protected land to the area and commissioned a major independent environmental study of the entire area. The provincial response is intended to establish a template for managing this unique area that balances the need for conservation with the need to use the resources in a reasonable and sustainable manner.

Details on the recommendations submitted and the provincial response, as well as the final report, are available on the [Saskatchewan Environment web site](#). (Ecosystem Management)

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Local Government Election Act (LGEA) Review

A small working committee has been established comprised of GRAA, Learning, the Saskatchewan Association of City Clerks (SACC), the Saskatchewan Association of School Board Officials (SASBO) and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) to undertake this review. One of the primary issues that will be addressed is the changes that may be needed due to the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan.

The LGEA provides the legislative authority for municipalities to conduct local government elections. This Act governs urban, city and school division elections. The Act contains provisions that regulate and control the conduct of local elections in accordance with the democratic principles established in the Canadian Constitution.

Status Report on the Consolidated Municipal Act Process

SUMA, SARM and GRAA have continued to work over the summer to complete a draft consolidated urban and rural Act. It is the intention of the partners to have this work completed by fall 2004.

Completed sections of the Draft Consolidation Proposal continue to be posted on [SUMA](#) and [SARM's](#) web sites for elected and appointed municipal officials to review and provide feedback.



The Planning and Development Act, 1983

Amendments were recently made to *The Planning and Development Act, 1983* (the Act), affecting the registration of oil and gas surface leases, easements and agreements for right of way (instruments) in the Land Title Registry. The

registration of these instruments and related plans is now exempt from the need for subdivision approval under the Act. These amendments require individuals and companies to notify the municipality prior to submitting their registration documents to the Land Titles Registry. The notification process is important to municipalities in that it provides

awareness and an opportunity for the council to identify any municipal concerns. For more information on the amendments to the above Act, please contact:

**Len Kowalko, GRAA
Community Planning
Saskatoon, (306) 933-5382**

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Environmental Considerations in Road Construction Workshops

“What You Need to Know!”

Being aware of the environmental and heritage resource requirements associated with transportation projects in Saskatchewan is a challenge to municipalities and road construction contractors. The complexity of the regulations, the uncertainty of which agency (federal or provincial) to contact, and concerns regarding job completion, combine to create frustration and possible job delays. The Saskatchewan Transportation and Environment Committee* is sponsoring workshops to address these concerns.

Workshop Topics

- *Environmental Issues and Requirements for Road Work, Stream Crossings, Gravel and Borrow Pits*
- *Erosion Control Methods and Technologies*

(The format will allow time for questions and answers after each presentation)

Workshop Locations

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (9:30 a.m. registration)

(Lunch will be provided)

Dec. 1 – Swift Current, Days Inn
Dec. 2 – Moose Jaw, Heritage Inn
Dec. 3 – Estevan, Elks Club

Dec. 8 – North Battleford, Tropical Inn
Dec. 9 – Melfort, Travelodge
Dec. 10 – Yorkton, Travelodge

Who should attend?

RM Administrators, RM Councillors, Contractors, or Urban Municipalities if involved in road construction projects

No cost to attend!

Register online at www.se.gov.sk.ca/environment/assessment/workshops or phone Linda Leader (Saskatchewan Environment) at 306-787-6132 – for a registration form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15TH, 2004

* Workshops sponsored and facilitated by the Saskatchewan Transportation and Environment Committee (STEC). STEC is an association of organizations including, but not limited to, Saskatchewan Environment, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, Provincial Heritage Resources Branch, Environment Canada, Transport Canada, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, PFRA, Consulting Engineers, Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, SARM, SUMA, and Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association of Saskatchewan (RBHCA).

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