

# JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT'S NEW

The RM of Leroy No. 339 has been approved for two bridge to culvert replacement projects under the Government of Saskatchewan Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) along the LeRoy Access Road to Highway 6 located at NNE 09-35-19 W2 and NNE 11-35-19 W2.

Road grinding with the RMs new L1151 Fendt tractor and FAE Asphalt Shredder will begin July 10th on 10 miles of Rge Rd 2214 (St Gertrude Grid) from Twp Rd 354 to Twp Rd 370. The RM has contracted the Ministry of Highways to do line painting on approximately 30.5 miles (49 km) of pavement in the RM before winter.

2023 equipment upgrades included a 2022 GMC Sierra ½ Ton Truck, 2023 Western Star Semi, a 2022 CAT 150 Grader, L-1151 Fendt Tractor with scraper tracks, TW3000 Side Dump and TW2500 Side Dump Gravel Trailers as well as a Schulte Flex Arm and XH1500 Rotary Cutter. The RM has on order for 2024 trade/delivery of a CAT 150 Grader and a second set of Side Dump Gravel Trailers.

A new Norseman Coverall building replaced the old structure to house the salt to service the paved roads in the Municipality.

## FOR SALE

2016 Southland Pup Gravel Trailer—contact the Office if interested

## PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Property taxes are due on or before Dec 31st. Arrears remaining unpaid after this will be charged 1% penalty per month. When remitting your taxes, please ensure you are paying the appropriate discounted amount (if applicable) and quote your customer number/numbers on your cheques. This number can be found on the top right hand corner of the tax notice following your name.

Please ensure the municipality has your correct mailing address, email address and cell phone number. All information is confidential and is used only to correspond with property owners.

Property tax payments can be made by cheque, cash or electronically. For electronic details please contact your financial institution and contact the RM office for your tax account identification number.

## PEST, WEED AND NUISANCE CONTROL

Tenie Schoettler is appointed Pest Control Officer for the municipality under the authority of *The Pest Control Act*, and will be making annual inspections in due course. Ratepayers are requested to be diligent in inspection and baiting. Please contact the RM office if Pest Control Services are required.

Tenie is asking that anyone who has received Weather Block in pails, to keep the empty pails and notify her for pick up.

Bryce Moore is appointed Weed Inspector for the municipality under the authority of *The Weed Control Act*. Please refer concerns about noxious weeds to the RM office for inspection.

In 2022, The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture notified the RM of LeRoy that the clubroot pathogen was detected using DNA-based testing in one or more fields in our RM. Symptoms of clubroot were not observed in these field(s).

To work towards the common goal of minimizing the impact of clubroot in Saskatchewan, the Ministry encourages RMs to take a farmer-driven approach to clubroot management.

More information about clubroot and clubroot management can be found at [www.clubroot.ca](http://www.clubroot.ca).

Keep spores **low**

Keep spores **local**

## SASKATCHEWAN CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers is a successful example of community-based policing. The police, media and local residents can work together to report and resolve crimes while ensuring anonymity and offering cash rewards.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers was founded in 1987 with the objective of providing this program to all Rural Municipalities, Cities, Towns and Villages not previously benefiting from a Crime Stoppers program. The residents of these areas are the beneficiaries of the Crime Stoppers program by making their communities safer places to live. This is being accomplished through an increased percentage of crimes solved and stolen property recovered. The program also sends a strong preventative message that we, the residents of Saskatchewan, are not willing to turn a blind eye on crime.

Submit a tip by visiting [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com) or call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)



## DRIVING SAFETY—PILOT VEHICLES

When moving agricultural equipment on a highway, you will need to know the type of equipment covered, as well as situations requiring a permit. You will also need to know the restrictions, when escort vehicles are required and which highways are designated for travel. There may be times when you do not require a permit to haul farm machinery. This depends on the type of equipment being moved, the time of day and the highway you're using. This information can be obtained by contacting the SGI permit office at 306-775-6969 or 800-665-7575.

Permits and escort vehicles are not required when farm equipment is being transported on a municipal road, being towed behind a vehicle or if self-propelled. Although escort vehicles are not a requirement they provide a greater level of visibility so the motoring traffic can prepare and slow down, follow or pass farm equipment. Over-dimension signs, slow moving vehicle signs and flashing beacons are highly recommended by the RM when moving any type of farm machinery on municipal roads and especially after dark.



*Visible Up To 1000 Feet Away*

## APPROACH INSTALLATION/REMOVAL

The RM would like to remind landowners that they or their agent shall not remove or install an approach within right-of-ways under the administration and control of the RM of LeRoy, No. 339, without first obtaining permission of the municipality.

## HAY SALVAGE—MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

Hay is once again available to producers for salvage at no cost in provincial highway ditches during spring and summer months.

### Key Dates

**June 7 - July 15:** Mowing includes a four-metre shoulder cut adjacent to the road. Highways 1, 7, 11, 16 and 39, along with portions of Highways 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. Some highway intersections may receive a full ditch cut to ensure good sightlines.

**July 8:** Prior to and including this date, a landowner or lessee nearest to a highway ditch has the first option to cut or bale hay. After this date, anyone may cut and bale hay or grass in a highway ditch without getting the permission of the adjacent landowner.

**July 15 - Oct. 15:** Contractors begin mowing the width of ditches along all four-lane highways. Heavily travelled two-lane highways will receive a twelve-metre cut. Secondary highways will receive an eight-metre cut. All other highways get a four-metre cut adjacent to the highway shoulder.

**August 8:** All hay bales must be removed from ditches or they may be removed and disposed of at the Ministry's discretion.

## GOPHER CONTROL PROGRAM

SARM is administering the Gopher Control Program on behalf of the province. Funding for the program is provided by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Government of Canada under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) in the amount of \$200,000 for this program year (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024).

The program will provide a cost-shared payment to producers and other applicants that are active in their gopher control efforts and who follow the minimum level of service determined by the 2023-24 Gopher Control Program. Program funding will be prorated among all eligible claimants.

The program will rebate:

- ◇ Up to 50 per cent of registered gopher control product expenses (less any taxes with verified invoices);
- ◇ As part of a non-chemical means to increase predation in the vicinity of gopher infestations, the use of raptor platforms and nest boxes are eligible for:
  - Raptor platform materials installed this program year at 50 per cent of eligible cost (less any taxes with verified invoices) to a maximum rebate of a \$125.

To be considered for the Gopher Control Program rebate copies of invoices for all expenses claimed must be included. Taxes (GST and PST) are not eligible for rebate.

Eligible rebate payments for applicants will flow back through the RM office they were claimed through. **Applicants claiming through their RM office must complete and sign claim forms.**

**Invoices for each registered gopher control product must accompany each claim form.** Raptor platforms and nest boxes used near gopher colonies offer a cost-effective, long-term, sustainable management approach to increase predation where suitable nesting sites may be limited in the vicinity of gopher infestations.

Applicants claiming for the purchase of materials for each raptor platform and nest box installed in the program year, must include validating invoices with the claim form. Legal land descriptions or GPS coordinates to three digits must be provided for Agricultural locations where each raptor platform and nest box being claimed for is installed.

Deadline to submit application and supporting invoices is July 31st, 2023. (Rebates will be determined once all claims are received by SARM from the RMs following the claim deadline.)

Registration Number	Registrant Name	Product Name	Registration Status
10948	BAKER HUGHES CANADA COMPANY**	MAGNACIDE H HERBICIDE	REGISTERED
11669	NEOGEN CORPORATION	RAMIK GREEN RODENTICIDE	REGISTERED
13729	LIPHATECH INC.**	ROZOL PARAFFINIZED PELLETS	REGISTERED
14240	BELL LABORATORIES INC.**	ZP RODENT BAIT	REGISTERED
16122	NEOGEN CORPORATION	RODENT BAIT	REGISTERED
16351	DEGESCH AMERICA INC.**	DEGESCH PHOSTOXIN ROUND TABLETS RODENTICIDE	REGISTERED
20239	LIPHATECH INC.**	GROUND FORCE PARAFFINIZED PELLETS RODENTICIDE	REGISTERED
21838	NEOGEN CORPORATION	RODENT PELLETS	REGISTERED
22608	POULIN'S PEST CONTROL**	POULIN'S GOPHER DOOM	REGISTERED
23842	BEQUISA INDUSTRIA QUIMICA DO BRASIL LTDA.	GASTOXIN ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS GROUNDHOGS	REGISTERED
24795	NEOGEN CORPORATION	BURROW OAT BAIT	REGISTERED
26271	SYNGENTA CANADA INC.**	REWARD AQUATIC HERBICIDE	REGISTERED
27400	RODENT CONTROL INC**	ROCON CONCENTRATE RODENTICIDE	REGISTERED
29030	BELL LABORATORIES INC.**	ZP RODENT OAT BAIT AG	REGISTERED
29305	RODENT CONTROL INC**	ROCON ISP	REGISTERED
29545	LIPHATECH INC.**	ROZOL RTU FIELD RODENT BAIT	REGISTERED
32295	NEOGEN CORPORATION	RAMIK GROUND SQUIRREL BAIT	REGISTERED

For registered gopher control product options (see above table printed from Health Canada) or contact James Tansey, Provincial Specialist, Insect/Vertebrate Pest Management at 306-787-4669 or [james.tansey@gov.sk.ca](mailto:james.tansey@gov.sk.ca).

For a complete guide to the program and claim forms go to <https://sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership/invasive-plant-control-program/>



## INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM

SARM is administering the Invasive Plant Control Program on behalf of the Province of Saskatchewan. Funding is provided through the Sask. Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) agreement. The cost-share funding for this program year (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024) is in the amount of \$856,000.

The program will provide a rebate towards the following expenses:

◇ Herbicide rebates: All costs to control any prohibited weeds designated under *The Weed Control Act*, as well as rebates toward eligible herbicides used to control designated noxious weeds designated under *The Weed Control Act*. See the 2023 Appendix A ([https://sarm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Appendix\\_A-IPCP\\_Generic\\_2023-1.pdf](https://sarm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Appendix_A-IPCP_Generic_2023-1.pdf)) for a list of eligible weed species and pre-approved herbicides for this program year.

The program will rebate Agricultural Producers & Private land-owners (includes individual renters of rural reserve lands and provincial crown lands, lands under lease to individual farmers, grazing co-ops and ranchers:

◇ For all weeds designated as **prohibited weeds** under *The Weed Control Act*:

○ 50% of the cost of pre-approved eligible herbicides and required adjuvants/surfactants as shown in Appendix A, or where eligible herbicides are not listed for the prohibited weed of interest, the herbicide indicated by the Provincial Specialist for Weed Control (see rules regarding Prohibited weeds below) (less any taxes).

*Note: verified invoices and herbicide application records are required; and*

◇ 50% of the cost of application of those pre-approved eligible herbicides by a licensed applicator (with verified invoices).

*Note: Agriculture producers applying herbicides on their own land are exempt from requiring a pesticide applicator license if applying to their own land (owned or rented).*

◇ For **noxious weeds** approved under the current program see Appendix A:

○ Up to 50% of the cost of pre-approved eligible herbicides and required adjuvants/surfactants applied as shown on Appendix A (less any taxes). (With verified invoices and herbicide application records).



### Rules for Herbicides Rebates:

◇ RMs must appoint an individual as Weed Inspector as per *The Weed Control Act* before incurring any expenses eligible under this program. The RM of LeRoy, No. 339 has appointed Bryce Moore.

◇ Only eligible herbicides (Appendix A) and application rates determined on each product label will be deemed acceptable for rebate under the Invasive Plant Control Program. Herbicide applications made contrary to the eligible herbicides in Appendix A and rates applied according to the product label **will not** be funded. Always read and follow herbicide labels.

◇ **Prohibited Weeds** – Prohibited Weeds are either not currently in Saskatchewan or are only recently introduced and very rare. For this reason, prohibited weeds may not have herbicide control options registered in Canada yet. **Herbicide applicators (including producers or other applicants) must, under the supervision of the weed inspector, apply only eligible herbicide options listed in the 2023-2024 Invasive Plant Control Program Appendix A to Prohibited Weed species.** If a herbicide option is not listed in Appendix A for use on a specific Prohibited Weed species of interest, the applicator **MUST CONSULT** with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture Provincial Specialist for Weed Control for possible options registered or recommended in other jurisdictions that may be adaptable to Saskatchewan. Failure to consult with the provincial specialist before applying an ineligible herbicide will risk the claim being ineligible for rebate.

*NOTE: applicants will be required to submit a copy of the email sent by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture provincial specialist for weed control as confirmation of consultation on prohibited weeds and recommendation of the alternative herbicide used.*

◇ Claims reviewed under the Invasive Plant Control Program will be granted an allowable percentage variance of **up to 10 per cent higher** than the application rates according to label. In this case, only the rate published in the label will be rebated. Any rates above the 10 per cent variance will be deemed ineligible due to negative environmental impact.

◇ **Adjuvants/surfactants**, must be used when required by the product label, and are an allowable expense if:

- On a separate line on the claim form; and
- In the Herbicide Application Records; and
- On an invoice attached; or
- Represented on the invoice (at no cost) when included with the cost of the herbicide.

## TOWN CENTENNIAL DONATION

The RM of LeRoy graciously donated a bench to the Town of LeRoy to commemorate the Town's Centennial last year. The bench proudly sits in front of the Administration Building.



## TICK SURVEILLANCE

Tick surveillance programs rely on the participation of the public to collect information on ticks. These programs allow researchers to provide members of the public with information about their tick bite and the risk of exposure to tick-borne diseases. Collecting tick bite information also provides tick biologists with data that can be used to study this public health issue.

The online passive surveillance program works as follows:

- Take a photo of the tick that bit you or your pet and submit these digital images using the online eTick system at [www.etick.ca](http://www.etick.ca)
- Please keep your tick in case you are asked to submit it by mail.
- As part of the submission process, give relevant information such as where in Saskatchewan you encountered the tick.
- Once USask researchers receive your online submission, a team member will let you know the tick species that bit you.
- For purpose of quality control or if the tick species is one of medical concern (e.g. blacklegged tick), you will be asked to submit the tick by mail to confirm its species identity.



◇ **Freight Costs** (less any taxes) for Prohibited and Noxious weed species: the cost of freight on original invoices listed above relative to the herbicide/service used in this program year; proportional to the amount used (i.e., when calculating the price per unit of herbicide, add cost of freight and then divide by the total volume of herbicide shipped).

Applicants' must complete and sign claim forms for each weed species they are claiming in the 2023-2024 Invasive Plant Control Program and deposit with the RM office for the Administrator to sign and submit to SARM. Eligible rebate payments will flow back through the RM they were claimed through.

**Submit a Claim for Herbicide Rebates (Deadline: October 31, 2023)** by completing and signing an application form and depositing it with the RM Administrator.

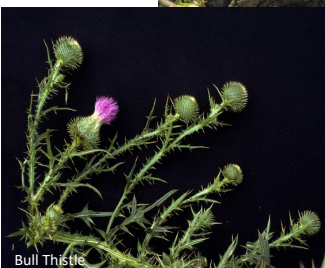
- ◇ Claim Forms: one for each weed species (Noxious and/or Prohibited) being claimed.
- ◇ Copy of Herbicide Application Records for each claim form.
- ◇ Copy of invoices for the purchase of pre-approved herbicides used in this program year. (see Appendix A for pre-approved herbicides)
- ◇ **For Prohibited Weeds only:** A copy of an email from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture Weed Control Specialists supporting the use of an herbicide not listed in the Invasive Plant Control Program Appendix A for the control of that prohibited weed where applicable.

For control options for Prohibited Weeds or assistance in confirming identification, please contact the Provincial Specialist for Weed Control at: (306) 787-4673 or [clark.brenzil@gov.sk.ca](mailto:clark.brenzil@gov.sk.ca)

For a complete guide to the program and claim forms go to <https://sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership/invasive-plant-control-program/>



Scentless Chamomile



Bull Thistle



Fox Tail

## LCDBWA

Lanigan Creek Dellwood Brook Watershed Association (LCDBWA) has requested Council to include with the 2023 Newsletter notice to *Landowners that LCDBWA will be cleaning out Lanigan Creek and that anyone that dumps rocks, etc. into the Creek will be charged with removal of the debris at the discretion of the LCDBWA Board.*

For more information contact:

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## CARBON MONOXIDE & SMOKE ALARMS

The Building Code Regulations (2022) has the following requirements for placement of carbon monoxide and smoke alarms in residential buildings, regardless of the date the building was constructed:

1. Smoke alarms are to be installed inside each bedroom, in the bedroom corridor, and in each storey without a bedroom. These smoke alarms are permitted to be battery operated.
2. Carbon monoxide alarms are to be installed inside each bedroom OR within 5 m (16') of each bedroom door. These carbon monoxide alarms are permitted to be battery operated.

The municipality and building officials, are not required to enter every property to ensure that these alarms are installed. If your residence is missing smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms in the locations listed above, then as the owner it is your responsibility to install the missing alarms.

However, when a building official does enter the building for other reasons (building permit related), then they will verify installation has been completed.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odourless, poisonous gas that is most often produced when fuel-burning appliances – like furnaces, boilers, fireplaces, stoves, clothes dryers and water heaters – malfunction. CO is also present in car exhaust.

Concentrations of CO can build up in homes, apartments or other residential buildings without you knowing it. Working CO alarms will alert you to its presence, allowing you time enough to leave the building and call 911. Without CO alarms, continued exposure to CO can lead to confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness, brain damage and death.

Between 2018 and 2020, an average of 1,200 CO incidents were reported annually to SaskEnergy.

The Saskatchewan Coroners Service recorded 16 deaths from accidental CO poisoning between 2015 and 2019.

Smoke from residential fires spreads quickly. Since a residential fire can become life-threatening in less than two minutes, working smoke alarms can alert you and your family so you have time to escape and call 911.

Of the fires reported to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), 44 or 36 per cent of fires impacted residential structures.

Between 2016 and 2021, the five-year average of civilian fatalities caused by fires (excluding wildfires) is just over 10 deaths a year.

An example house, that meets the new requirements for CO alarms and smoke alarms, is shown below.

