

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities



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being Chapter 01 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1986-87-88 (effective September 25, 1987) as amended by the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1996, c.04; 2001, c.04; and 2002, c.02.



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WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities has by Petition prayed for an Act to empower the corporation to provide, under a plan to be established and administered by the corporation, a fund of money to be available to participating municipalities for payment of claims for liability imposed by law against participating municipalities and for payment of claims arising with respect to the fidelity of employees of participating municipalities;



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History

- The beginning of municipal government in Saskatchewan.



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History

- Association leadership, conventions and meeting structure.





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SARM Services

- Over the years, SARM has grown from a staff of one to a staff of 25, as we follow the direction of our members and provide services accordingly. Some services include advocacy, representation of rural interests on boards and committees, legislation review, general municipal support, communication services, legal services, employee benefits programs, municipal insurance programs, policy research, the Trading Department, retaining a federal lobbyist, municipal fund management, etc.



SARM Board

Elected (2 year terms):

- President
- Vice President
- Six Division Directors

Other members:

- President of the RMAA
- Executive Director



President



Ray Orb

RM of Cupar No. 218



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Vice President



Harvey Malanowich

**RM of Sliding Hills
No. 273**



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Director – Division 1



Carmen Sterling

RM of Weyburn No. 67



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Director – Division 2



Norm Nordgulen

**RM of Lake of the Rivers
No. 72**



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Director – Division 3



Larry Grant

**RM of Val Marie
No. 17**



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Director – Division 4

Currently vacant



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Director – Division 5



Judy Harwood

**RM of Corman Park
No. 344**



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Director – Division 6



Rod Wiens

**RM of Mountain View
No. 318**



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Director Ex-Officio



Wendy Gowda

RM of Leroy No. 339



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Executive Director



Jay Meyer

Regina



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Legal



Mike
Morris



Andrew
Svenson



Teresa
Edwards



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SARM's Vision

By being the rural voice, SARM will effectively lead autonomous municipalities in creating a vibrant, diverse economy resulting in a strong, sustainable Saskatchewan.



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SARM's Mission

SARM delivers timely, dependable programs and services to meet the needs of its members while influencing government policy and facilitating municipalities to work together to foster rural development and build strong, sustainable communities.



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Core Values

- We act with integrity and ethics.
- We take our direction from our members.
- We exist to meet the needs of all our members, regardless of their size.
- We undertake our role in a responsible and professional manner,
- We strive for accountability and transparency with our members.
- We educate and inform our members.
- We represent the interests of rural governments.
- We play a leadership role for rural Saskatchewan while respecting local autonomy.
- We strive for innovation in the products and services provided to our members.



Programs & Services

- Advocacy
- Representation
- Legislation Review
- Policy Research
- General Municipal Support
- Communication Services



Programs & Services

- Legal Services
- Community Planning Services
- Fund Management
- Trading Department
- SARM Fuel Supply Program
- Employee Benefit Programs



Programs & Services

- Municipal Insurance Programs
- Conventions
- Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP)
- Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP)



Programs & Services

- Promoting the Profession Committee
- Municipal Administrator Internship Program (MAIP)
- Rural Municipal Administration Scholarship Program
- Beaver Control Program



Programs & Services

- Provincial Rat Eradication Program (PREP)
- Invasive Plant Management Program
- Invasive Plant Control Program
- Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP)



Programs & Services

- Irrigation Structures Program



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Council Code of Ethics

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As a Member of the Rural Municipal Council:

1. I will be motivated primarily by an earnest desire to serve my municipality and the people of my community to the best of my ability.
2. I will endeavor to attend all council meetings.
3. I will recognize that the expenditure of municipal funds is a public trust, and I will endeavor to see that all such funds shall be expended efficiently, economically and in the best interest of the municipality.
4. I will not use the municipality or any municipal program for my own personal advantage or for the advantage of my friends.
5. I will do everything possible to maintain the integrity, confidence and dignity of the office of a rural municipal council member.
6. I will listen to what other council members, individuals or groups may have to say before making final decisions.
7. I will endeavor to avoid hostility and bitterness, to observe proper decorum and behaviour, to encourage full and open discussions in all matters and not to withhold or conceal from my fellow council members any information or matter in which they should be concerned.
8. I will make no disparaging remarks, in or out of a council meeting, about other members of the council or their opinions, but I reserve the right to make honest and respectful criticism.
9. I will consider it unethical to pursue any procedure calculated to embarrass a fellow member of the council, a member of the municipal staff or another local government body.
10. I will treat my fellow council members, the municipal staff and the public I serve with respect and consideration.
11. I will recognize that authority rests with the council in legal session, and not with individual members of the council.
12. I will abide by majority decisions of the council once they are made.
13. I will not discuss confidential business of council outside of council and committee meetings.
14. I will endeavour to keep informed on all local, provincial and national municipal developments of significance.
15. I will earnestly try to interpret the peoples' needs of the entire municipality and do my best to implement action to meet those needs, keeping in mind budget limitations of the municipality.

The logo for SARM (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) features the word "SARM" in a bold, brown, serif font. Above the letters, there is a stylized, curved line that suggests a horizon or a path, rendered in a light gray color.

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