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Public Works Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
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INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Carryforward Action List – CURRENT

Yellow is Current Update

Date/Source	Date Action Item/Request	Status
January 13, 2026 – Councillor Germes	Inquiry regarding whether there was grant funding available for rebuilding grid roads that were compromised due to weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We looked and didn't find any new grants that we are not already aware of and/or already utilizing.
January 13, 2026- Councillors Vaandrager/ Trask	Discussion on how to speed up worn sign replacement & possible summer student. PW to review the installation of the signage so that it is viewed properly from different angles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW will utilize the general labourer position this summer to help with speeding up sign replacements. • PW reviewed the specific post and the post where the signage is installed has twisted so the signs were not facing straight on when driving. Will need to wait until spring to replace post to correct.

REPORT TO COUNCIL



**Public Works
2/10/2026
Public Works Committee Meeting
Information Item
Priority 2. Infrastructure Renewal**

PWC-26-005

Subject

2026 In-House Construction Projects

Recommendation

THAT the Public Works Committee receive this report as information.

Report Summary

Infrastructure and Public Works has identified a series of in-house construction projects for the 2026 construction season based on observed road conditions, operational needs, safety considerations, and opportunities to improve long-term maintenance efficiency. The proposed program is intended to be completed using internal resources, subject to weather, spring runoff, and equipment availability.

Background / Discussion

The Infrastructure and Public Works in-house construction crew completes construction projects each year, typically resulting in upgrades to existing gravel roads. Based on input from Public Works supervisors, equipment operators and ratepayers, projects are identified annually for delivery using internal resources. For the 2026 season, projects were selected based on observed road conditions, operational needs, safety considerations, and opportunities to improve long-term maintenance efficiency. The order and timing of project completion will be dependant on weather conditions and spring runoff. Additionally, unforeseen factors such as adverse weather or equipment breakdowns may result in some projects not being completed within the 2026 construction season.

Public Works has also identified additional projects for the 2027 construction planning horizon. These projects are provided for contingency and sequencing purposes; to allow flexibility should conditions affect the 2026 program.

Range Road 3070 from Township 350 to 352 – Division 4

Current Condition:

- Inconsistent surface conditions, with localized areas of soft, sandy material interspersed with sections in generally good condition.
- Ditching along the roadway is inconsistent, with some segments lacking defined ditches.
- At the north end of the road, near the intersection with the paved Vanscoy road segment, inadequate ditching contributes to reduced sightlines due to snow windrows and water pooling during spring runoff and rainfall events.

Work Required:

Range Road 3073 (Langham Grid) from Township Road 380 to 382 – Division 8

Current Condition:

- Exhibits significant clay cap deterioration with some sections worn away, exposing bare subgrade.
- Surface condition is inconsistent, with visible areas of erosion and diminished stability, especially under wet conditions.
- Sections lack adequate ditching, limiting snow storage and drainage capacity.

Work Required:

Clay cap upgrade and ditch regrading for 2 miles.

- Strip topsoil and recover suitable clay from ditch cuts for reuse in the clay cap; source additional clay from borrowed sources as required.
- Sub cut and stabilize identified soft spots.
- Install new six-inch clay cap, re-establish crown and compact the surface.
- Inspect existing culverts and replace as required.
- Reconstruct and regrade ditches to improve drainage capacity and enhance snow storage.
- Apply gravel
- Estimated duration 10 weeks.

Benefits:

- Improved surface stability and longevity with enhanced drainage and runoff control.
- Reconstructed ditches will improve snow storage and winter maintenance.
- Reduce gravelling frequency and grader upkeep while improving public traffic safety.

Cost Estimate:

- \$480,000 which includes labour (operators and mechanics), gravel, fuel, culverts, equipment depreciation and maintenance, and any necessary engineering fees.
- A comparable private contractor cost is estimated to be in the range of \$520,000*.

Clay cap and ditch construction for 2 miles.

- Strip and manage topsoil and excavated material.
- Reuse suitable clay from ditch to address deficiencies; source additional clay if required.
- Sub cut and rebuild soft or sandy areas as required.
- Re-establish proper crown and ensure positive drainage from the roadway.
- Inspect existing culverts and replace as required.
- Temporarily remove and reinstall pasture fencing as required to facilitate construction,
- Compact and apply gravel to road surface.
- Estimated duration 10 weeks.

Benefits:

- Enhanced drainage and runoff control, reducing moisture retention and surface softening during spring melt and rainfall events. Improved road stability and surface consistency.
- Improvements near north intersection approach will enhance sightlines, improved winter safety and improved operational efficiency.

- Support safer, more reliable year-round access while reducing ongoing maintenance demands.

Cost Estimate:

- \$495,000 which includes labour (operators and mechanics), gravel, fuel, culverts, equipment depreciation and maintenance, and any necessary engineering fees.
- A comparable private contractor cost is estimated to be in the range of \$520,000*.

Range Road 3043 from Township Road 393 to 394 – Division 5

Current Condition

- Operational challenges due to the absence of proper ditches, resulting in minimal snow storage capacity.
- Required to deploy equipment to push snow back from the road.
- During spring melt conditions surface runoff is unable to drain away, causing moisture to remain on the road surface leading to softening and surface erosion.

The existing road surface is generally in good condition, and the majority of this project focuses on ditch improvements.

Work Required:

Construct and grade proper ditches on both sides of the road for one mile.

- Strip and manage topsoil and excavated material as required.
- Shape and clean ditch lines to ensure positive drainage away from the roadway.
- Inspect and replace existing culverts as necessary.
- Minor surface repairs and regrading will be completed as required to restore the road surface following ditch work.
- Estimated Duration 6 weeks.

Benefits

- Improved drainage and runoff control will reduce moisture retention on the road surface, limiting softening and erosion during spring melt conditions.
- Enhanced ditch capacity will provide improved snow storage, reducing the need for repeated snow push-back operations and improving winter maintenance efficiency.
- More reliable year-round access while reducing ongoing operational demands and creating a safer road.

Cost Estimate:

- \$240,000 which includes labour (operators and mechanics), gravel, fuel, culverts, equipment depreciation and maintenance, and any necessary engineering fees.
- A comparable private contractor cost is estimated to be in the range of \$250,000*

**Private Contractor Estimates calculated through discussions with Ministry of Highways.*

2027 Construction Planning Horizon

- **Range Road 3084** - Township Road 370 to Township Road 372
 - *2 miles of potential clay cap renewal*
- **Township Road 390** – Warman City Limits to Range Road 3052
 - *1 mile of full rebuild with ditch improvements*
- **Township Road 384** – Highway #16 to Range Road 3070
 - *1 mile of clay cap and ditch improvements*
- **Township Road 384** – Range Road 3084 to Range Road 3085
 - *1 mile of profile improvements to reduce sharp crests and dips*

Implications

Strategic:	Improvements to existing roads will improve road condition, public safety, flow of traffic, drainage and snow storage as well as improving operational efficiencies.
	2025 to 2029 R.M. of Corman Park Strategic Plan, Key Priorities: Infrastructure Renewal and Service Delivery.
Financial:	These projects will be completed using the in-house construction crew. Costs related to these projects has been accounted for in the 2026 operations budget.
Policy / Legal	N/A.
Communication	Impacted landowners will be communicated with to advise them of the projects and associated timelines.

Attachment(s) - Appendix A – Project Maps

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Approved for the Agenda: Kerry Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer

Township Rd 382 (Lutheran Rd)

Range Rd 3074

Range Rd 3073 (Langham Grid)

Range Rd 3072

Township Rd 380

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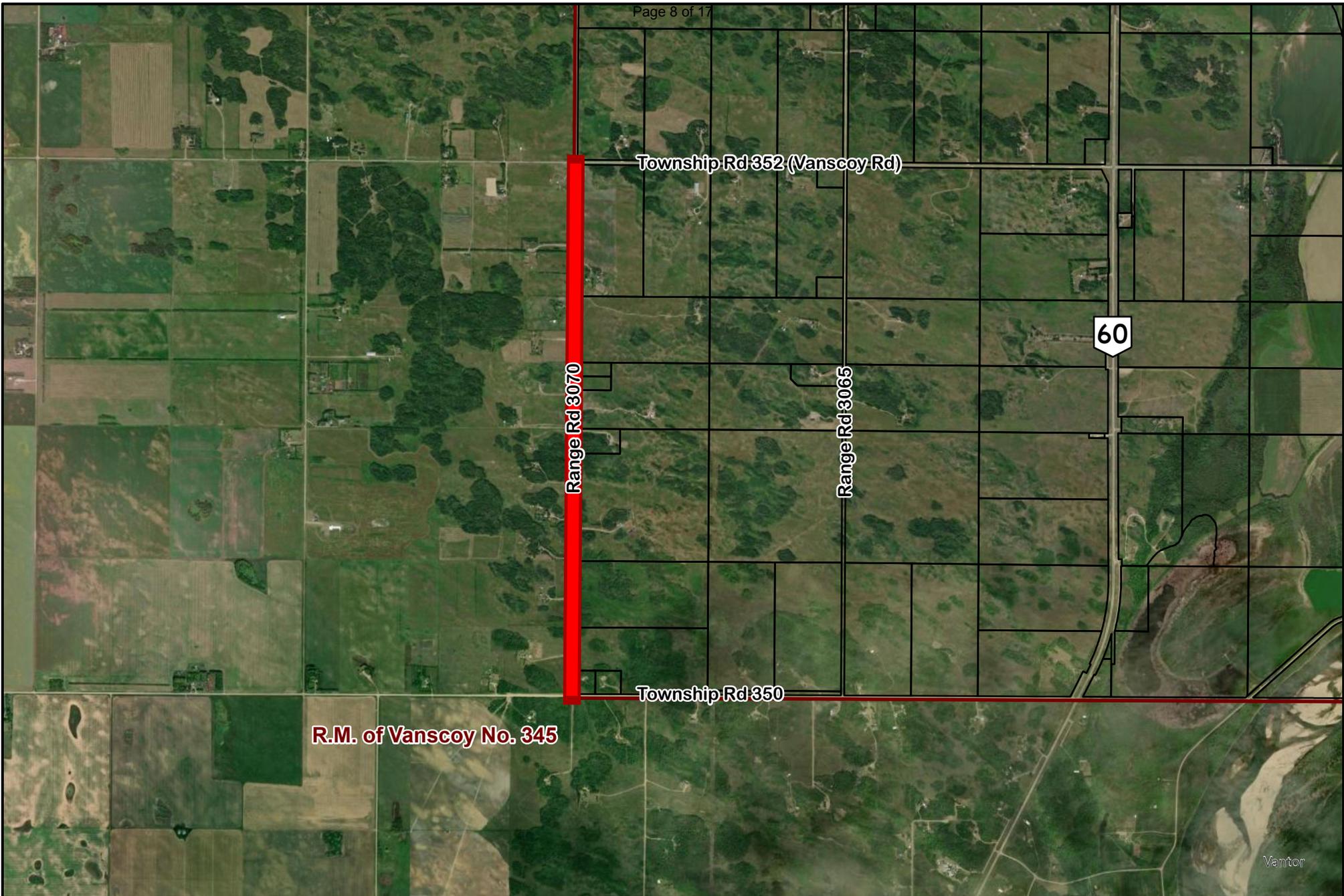
 Proposed Project

PROJECT LENGTH
2.0 mi / 3.2 km

2026 Potential In-House Road Projects

PROJECT

Range Rd 3073 from Township Rd 380 to Township Rd 382



R.M. of Vanscoy No. 345

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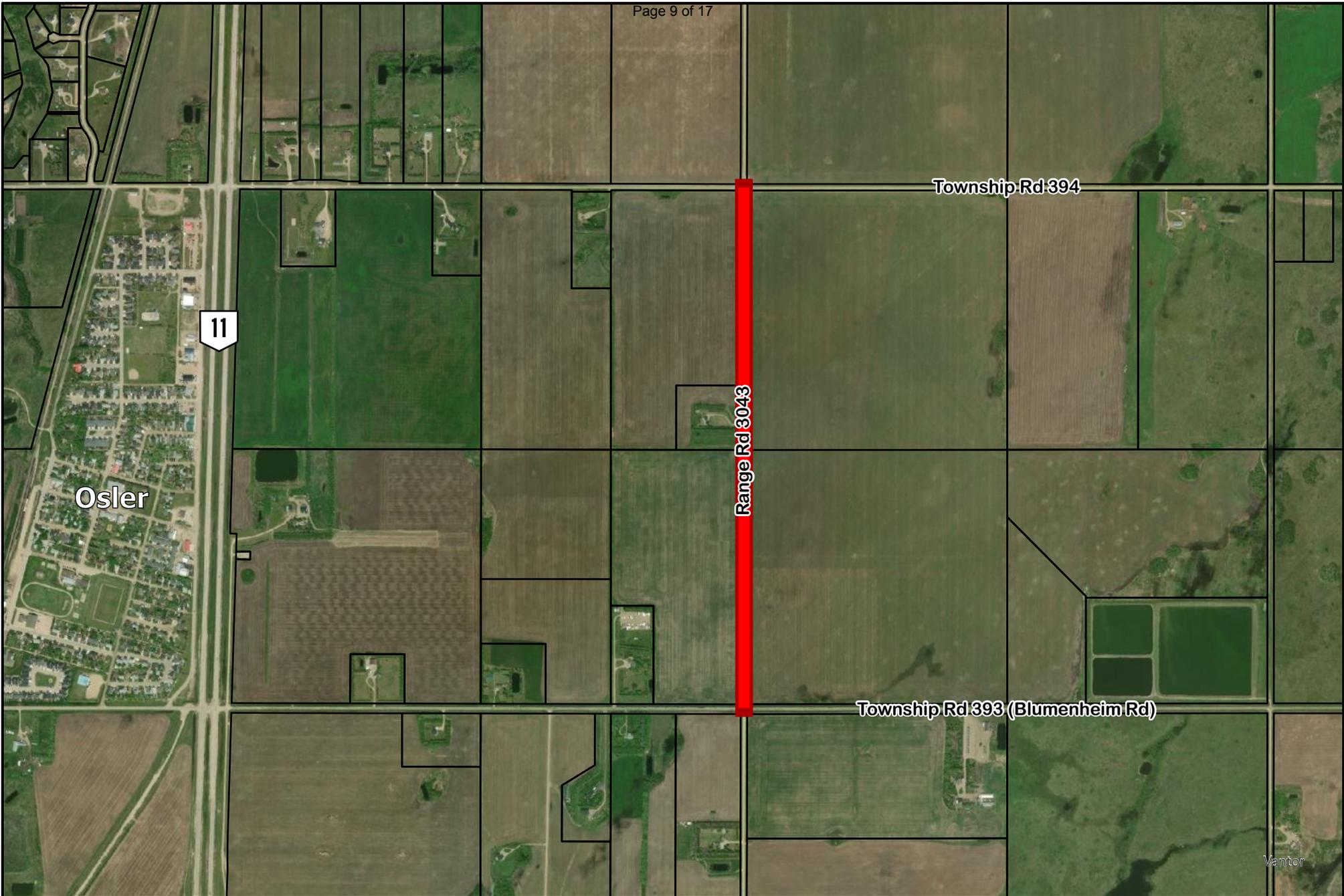
- Proposed Project
- Corman Park Boundary

PROJECT LENGTH
 2.0 mi / 3.2 km

2026 Potential In-House Road Projects

PROJECT

Range Rd 3070 from Township Rd 350 to Township Rd 352



Township Rd 394

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Range Rd 3043

Township Rd 393 (Blumenheim Rd)

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 Proposed Project

2026 Potential In-House Road Projects

PROJECT

Range Rd 3043 from Township Rd 393 to Township Rd 394

PROJECT LENGTH

1.0 mi / 1.6 km

REPORT TO COUNCIL



Public Works
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Decision Item
Priority 1. Financial Accountability

PWC-26-006

Subject

Beaver Policy Removal

Recommendation

THAT the Public Works Committee recommends to Council to rescind Beaver Control Policy EP-003; and,

THAT the R.M. directly align its beaver control with SARM's Beaver Control Program.

Background / Discussion

In 2013, Council approved Beaver Control Policy EP-003 (Appendix A) to provide for the removal of nuisance beavers and beaver dams within the R.M. Under the current Policy, landowners may request the removal of nuisance beavers or beaver dams on private property at the cost of the R.M. The Policy also provides for a bounty to be paid for each beaver tail in accordance with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) Beaver Control Program.

SARM no longer provides financial support for the beaver bounty component of the program. As a result, continuation of Policy EP-003 would require the R.M. to fully fund the bounty.

Administration is proposing:

- where a beaver dam located on private property is directly impacting the landowner's property, the cost of nuisance beaver removal be the responsibility of the individual landowners.
- where a beaver dam located on private property is directly causing damage to R.M. owned property or infrastructure, the R.M. will work with the landowner to have the beaver dam removed at the R.M.'s cost.

The current Beaver Control Program that is administered by SARM provides funding up to a maximum of 50 percent of the cost to remove an adult nuisance beaver and up to 50 percent of cost to \$500 maximum rebate for beaver deceivers and pond levelers. A copy of the SARM Beaver Control Program is included as Appendix B. Landowners in the R.M. can still take part in the program as long as all the program requirements are followed. The Beaver Control Program guidelines and funding levels are determined annually by SARM.

With the proposed repeal of the Beaver Control Policy, the R.M. would no longer administer or fund beaver removal or bounties on private property and will rely on the SARM Beaver Control Program.

Administration is recommending the repeal of Beaver Control Policy EP-003, and directly align with SARM Beaver Control Program.

Implications

Strategic	The removal of Beaver Control Policy EP-003 will remove irrelevant information and will reduce costs to the R.M.
Financial	Landowners requesting beaver and beaver dam removal will no longer be at the R.M.'s cost. This will limit the R.M.'s financial exposure related to beaver dam removal.
Policy / Legal	Under the existing policy there is liability exposure to the R.M. as it holds the R.M. responsible for all costs with beaver dam removals.
Communication	Beaver Control Policy EP-003 will be removed from the R.M. website.

Attachment(s) Appendix A – Beaver Control Policy EP-003

Appendix B – SARM Beaver Control Program

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Approved for the Agenda: Kerry Hilts, Chief Administrative Officer



Rural Municipality of Corman Park No. 344 Policy

Policy # EP-003

Policy Title: Beaver Control

Policy Objective:

To provide for the removal of nuisance beavers and dams.

Authority: (Bylaw#, Resolution date/#)

Bylaw 27/13 To Open Hunting of Beaver, Bylaw approved July 15, 2013
Policy approved July 15, 2013, Resolution #71

Policy:

Removal of Nuisance Beaver Dams

Any resident/land-owner of the RM may contact Public Works to request the removal of a nuisance beaver dam; in addition the RM may initiate the removal of a nuisance beaver dam on municipal property, or on private property with the consent of the landowner.

The RM will arrange for the removal of the dam and will provide this service at no cost to the resident/land-owner. The RM will notify nearby land-owners prior to blasting.

In addition to dam removal, the RM will seek to remove the nuisance beaver to prevent future issues with rebuilt dams.

Removal of Nuisance Beaver

Any resident may contact Public Works to request the removal of nuisance beaver; in addition the RM may initiate the removal of nuisance beaver on municipal property, or on private property with the consent of the landowner.

The RM will arrange for a certified trapper to remove the nuisance beaver and will provide this service at no cost to the resident/land-owner.

Beaver Control Program

The RM will pay a bounty of \$30 per beaver tail for any beaver removed from a legal land location within the RM. Bounty shall be paid by cheque upon the presentation of a beaver tail and signed declaration providing the legal land location where the beaver was removed.

Policy # EP-003

Policy Title: Control of Nuisance Beavers & Dams

Date Issued: July 15, 2013

Updated Date: 30/07/2013 9:14 AM

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Financial assistance to support the payment of bounties is provided to the RM by SARM's Beaver Control Program; the bounty program shall be immediately terminated if this grant program is discontinued.

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Beaver Control Program

Program Guidelines

2025-2026

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)



PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Beaver Control Program is to provide financial assistance to rural municipalities (RM) and First Nation communities, south of the Northern Administrative District, to control the adult nuisance beaver population in their respective jurisdictions.

BACKGROUND

Adult nuisance beavers and the structures that they create can cause many issues in all agricultural sectors, leading to flooding of property and roads that become a public safety concern. The dams can cause negative financial impact by the flooding of crop and pasture lands. Beavers can also block culverts causing the obstruction of waterways further leading to some negative impacts on ecologically sensitive areas, infrastructure and the economy. The adult nuisance beavers creating this sort of damage are defined as nuisance beavers.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET

SARM is administering the Beaver Control Program on behalf of the province. The program is designed to achieve maximum results and accountability, while keeping administrative requirements for RMs and First Nations to a minimum. Funding for the program is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government under *Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership* (Sustainable CAP) agreement in the amount of \$450,000 for this program year (April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026).

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The program will provide a cost-shared payment to RMs and First Nations that operate a humane beaver management program between **February 16, 2025, and February 15, 2026**; and who follow the minimum level of service determined by the 2025-26 Beaver Control Program. Program funding will be prorated among all eligible claimants to a maximum of 50 per cent paid per adult nuisance beaver and up to \$500 per pond leveler and/or beaver deceiver, but not exceeding 50 per cent of total expenses reported for the claim.

- The program will rebate:
 - Up to 50 per cent of the cost to remove per adult nuisance beaver removed by licensed fur trappers or authorized First Nation community members with a status card number on reserve land.
 - As part of a long-term humane management plan, the use of pond levelers and/or beaver deceivers, when installed correctly, are eligible for:
 - Up to 50 per cent of cost to \$500 maximum rebate for pond leveler materials and installation (less any taxes with verified invoices); and
 - Up to 50 per cent of cost to \$500 maximum rebate for beaver deceiver materials and installation (less any taxes with verified invoices).

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- **Trapping:**
 - RMs and First Nations, located south of the Northern Administrative District, will be eligible to claim under the 2025-26 Beaver Control Program.
 - Eligible RMs must have passed a bylaw allowing beavers to be hunted in the municipality and

filed a certified copy of the bylaw with the Ministry of Environment, as per section 4 of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*. To determine if this was already done by your RM, please refer to the document entitled “Rural Municipalities Where Beavers May Be Hunted” found on the SARM website at www.sarm.ca.

- **Note:** *This bylaw is not a requirement of First Nations communities.*
- RMs and First Nations must authorize or contract individuals with valid fur trapping licence(s) issued by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, to remove adult nuisance beavers. For First Nation Communities, an authorized First Nation with a status card number can remove adult nuisance beavers on reserve land.
- RMs and First Nations must determine and define the verification method they choose to use when compensating licensed trappers for adult nuisance beaver removal on the Beaver Control Program claim form.
 - Verification methods are defined for audit purposes and to ensure accountability for RMs and First Nations, as well as authorized trappers.
 - Verification methods are determined by the RM or First Nation as part of an overall humane beaver management program in their own jurisdiction.
 - **Note:** *Provide a brief description of preferred validation method used.*
- **Pond Leveler/Beaver deceiver**

These devices offer a cost-effective, non-lethal and sustainable humane approach to mitigate flooding problems due to adult nuisance beaver populations. They promote ecosystem stewardship and municipalities save on costs of road repair and culvert clearing and help to maintain integrity of at-risk infrastructure. Contact your Plant Health Technical Advisor for more information around ideas to these easy man-made solutions.

 - RMs and First Nations claiming the purchase and installation services of each pond levelers and or beaver deceivers, must include validating invoices with the claim form.
 - Claims for pond leveler and/or beaver deceiver products and services are eligible when purchased and installed in the program year (February 16, 2025, to February 15, 2026).
 - Legal land descriptions or GPS coordinates to three digits must be provided for:
 - Agricultural locations where adult nuisance beavers were removed;
 - Agricultural locations where each pond leveler being claimed for was installed; and
 - Agricultural locations where each beaver deceiver being claimed for was installed.

MAKING A CLAIM - SUBMIT TO SARM BY FEBRUARY 15, 2026

2025-26 Beaver Control Program Claim Form

Submit claim form, trapper verification form, and supporting documents by the above deadline by email to Annette Ellert, Agriculture Program Administrator at aellert@sarm.ca.

Trapper Verification Form:

For each authorized or contracted individual, RMs and First Nations must provide the following information:

- Name of the authorized licensed individual.
- Clearly define the verification method chosen to use when compensating licensed trappers for nuisance beaver removal. *Required for audit purposes.*
- Copy of the valid South Saskatchewan Fur licence for the period that an adult nuisance beaver was removed (includes First Nation trappers when trapping off First Nation lands).

- Trapping on First Nation lands: for trappers with a First Nation Status or free treaty licence, that number must be provided in lieu of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment trapping licence.
 - *Note: each South Saskatchewan Fur licence expires August 31 each year. Trappers must hold a valid and current fur trapping licence number through the Ministry of Environment at the time their service is provided to the RM or First Nation for the purpose of the Beaver Control Program. Copies of each trapper licence must accompany claims.*
- Date and number of removals of adult nuisance beavers for each location listed from February 16, 2025, to February 15, 2026.
- Amount paid per adult nuisance beaver to individual named on Trapper Verification Form.
- Legal land description or GPS coordinates of the agricultural land where adult nuisance beavers were removed.

Rebates will be determined once all claims are received by SARM following the claim deadline. If the deadline to submit a claim form falls on a statutory holiday or weekend, the deadline would move to the next business day.

No other government funding can be received for expenditures related to this program.

Verification, random audits, and specific reporting measures may be required.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- **Plant Health Technical Advisors**

The Plant Health Technical Advisors provide direct support, education, training to RMs, and their municipally appointed officers, as well as First Nations on how best to manage agricultural crop pests as per *The Plant Health Act* and prohibited and noxious weeds as per *The Weed Control Act*.

If you require assistance or more information on the Beaver Control Program, please contact the Plant Health Technical Advisor located in your SARM Division:

- Division 1: Marieve Elliott, 306-495-7476, PHNdivision1@sarm.ca
- Division 2: Joanne Kwasnicki, PAg, 306-541-8437, PHNdivision2@sarm.ca
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- Division 6: Colleen Fennig, PAg, 306-946-9895, PHNdivision6@sarm.ca

- **Visit the [SARM website](#) to download:**

- Program Guidelines
- Claim Form
- Trapper Verification Form

- **More information**

- Visit the SARM website at www.sarm.ca or contact Annette Ellert, Agriculture Program Administrator, at 306-761-3744 or email at aellert@sarm.ca.

As part of the Sustainable CAP funding agreement, all records, information, databases, audit and evaluation reports and other documents relating to this program must be retained by the RM or First Nation until March 31, 2034.