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Saskatchewan Introduces Amendments To Trespass Legislation

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Government of Saskatchewan introduced legislation today to better balance the rights of rural land owners and members of the public. The legislation will make amendments to *The Trespass to Property Act*, *The Snowmobile Act*, and *The Wildlife Act, 1998*.

This legislation will clarify and ensure consistency in the rules regarding trespassing, and will move the onus of responsibility from rural land owners to individuals seeking to access their property.

“There have been concerns raised over the years that the current legislation unfairly places the onus on rural land owners to post their land to legally deny access,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. “This legislation shifts that responsibility to those wishing to access the land, by requiring them to obtain prior permission from the land owner or occupier.”

This requirement for improved communication will help ensure that land owners and occupiers are aware of the presence of others on their property. The legislation provides legal protection to land owners and occupiers against property damage and the risk of agricultural diseases, and limits any liability that may arise from a trespasser’s presence on their property.

Government gathered opinions on this issue through an online questionnaire from August 9 to October 2. The results of that questionnaire indicated that a large majority (65 per cent) of respondents were in favour of requiring those who wish to access rural land to gain prior permission beforehand.



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Trespass Changes Welcomed by SARM

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) is pleased with the province's amendments to the trespass legislation. SARM members have passed multiple resolutions related to trespassing over the years and the association has advocated that individuals need to receive express permission from a landowner before they access private land.

"Trespassing presents a threat not only to feelings of personal safety, but also to the livelihood of farmers and ranchers," stated SARM President Ray Orb. "We believe that tightening rural trespass laws will help rural landowners and farmers protect their livestock and crops while increasing the sense of security and safety for their families."

By ensuring that private property is deemed as "no trespassing" until permission is obtained from the landowner and/or tenant, we are affording rural landowners the same right as urban landowners.

SARM continues to be the voice of rural municipalities and champions the value of rural Saskatchewan.

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