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APAS in Action

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Welcome to APAS IN ACTION, bringing you the latest news on how your general farm organization is working on behalf of Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers. If you are receiving this as an APAS Member RM Rep, RM Administrator or Reeve (Member or Non-Member), we encourage you to share this information with your Council at your next scheduled meeting and with ratepayers in your RM whenever possible.

With the retirement of General Manager Nail Kuyek at the end of June and the recent move to Glacier FarmMedia for Communication Manager Aj Thakker, the remaining office staff focused their efforts during much of this month on the resulting transitional issues and planning for the upcoming midterm meeting.

In September, Interim General Manager, Doug Faller and Office Manager, Brenda McBride will be joined by Researcher Donovan Howden and co-General Manager, Mitch Demyen who will be joining the APAS team to co-manage the organization with Doug. Bruce Dodd will continue in his role as Field Representative, traveling the province and working directly with RM Representatives and District Directors to expand the APAS Membership.

APAS Representatives and guests gathered for the 2013 summer mid-term meeting on July 22 and 23 at the Travelodge in Regina. The agenda included presentations on food safety, grain grading and membership development as well as a special announcement for all APAS ratepayers from Chrysler Canada.

Following Monday's afternoon plenary session and presentations, APAS RM Representatives, invited guests and staff retired to Wascana Centre for a casual barbecue supper and short tribute to the valued contributions of Nial and Aj to the organization during the past five years.

On Tuesday afternoon, APAS President Norm Hall announced that Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram dealers across Canada will be offering special fleet pricing to farmers and ranchers in APAS Member Rural Municipalities. Farmers and ranchers who pay taxes in APAS Full Member Municipalities can qualify for special fleet pricing at any Chrysler dealership in Canada by providing their most recent municipal tax notice, GST registration number and photo ID. We regret that we are not able to extend this valuable benefit to Transitional Member RM ratepayers.

APAS Executive and General Manager Doug Faller attended the CFA semi-annual meeting at the end of July to participate in the plenary sessions and to carry APAS policy resolutions to the national assembly of farm groups. A more complete report on that meeting will be included in the next APAS in Action.

APAS Executive, Directors and staff welcome the Reeves, Councils and Ratepayers of the RM of Storthoaks No. 31 and the RM of Norton No. 69 who have recently joined APAS as Transitional Members. We look forward to the participation of their appointed RM Representatives at our committee, district and annual meetings and to providing the ratepayers with a wide range of benefits and services, including the highly successful myRM program.