

## **Appendix A**

### **Red Tape Awareness Week Highlights From Across Government**

Red Tape Awareness Week provides the Government of Saskatchewan an opportunity to highlight examples of what ministries, crowns and agencies have done to reduce regulatory barriers and foster greater co-operation and service delivery for businesses and citizens in the province during the past 12 months.

#### **The Ministry of the Economy – simplifying and streamlining processes**

- Introduced a gas and oil levy requested by business that:
  - eliminates 10 existing fees and simplifies application processes for industry and in doing so eliminates over 20,000 financial transactions each year;
  - streamlines the licensing and reporting functions, while enhancing regulation and monitoring processes; and,
  - will recover 90 per cent of the costs associated with the regulation and monitoring of oil and gas development.
- Companies now pay one annual fee instead of several fees throughout the year.
- Processing times for standard licence approvals have been significantly reduced.

#### **The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety – reducing paperwork burdens and expansion of online tools for Occupational Health and Safety**

- Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHS) Minutes:
  - Over 6,100 occupational health committees (OHCs) across the province are now benefiting by the changes to *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996* which permitted businesses to cease the submission of duplicate committee minutes to the OHS within the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.
  - With this change, OHS eliminated an estimated 24,000 duplicate paper copies of minutes and by doing so OHS Officers who managed these submissions are now able to commit their full attention to enforcement activities.
  - Committees are still required to continue with scheduled committee meetings and duties, including taking minutes, but are required to make them available to OHS Officers upon their request.
- OHS new Safety Information Management System (SIMS):
  - In the past, mail and telephone were the primary modes of communication between the OHS Division and employers, which limited the number of people who could be reached in a timely fashion. OHS developed a cutting-edge web-based SIMS to improve efficiency and capacity.
  - Through SIMS, employers can register their companies, view their OHS safety data, update their OHC co-chairs and submit incident notifications and progress reports for Notices of Contravention. In addition, OHS can communicate important information, such as hazard alerts to stakeholders instantaneously, giving the potential to reach over 50,000 Saskatchewan employers in a timely manner.

## **The Ministry of Environment - stakeholder consultation resulting in standardization and removal of burdensome regulations**

- The Ministry of the Environment conducted a complete review of sport hunting and fishing regulations. Over 3,000 submissions were received from stakeholders showed that they want to be heard.
- The Wildlife Management Zones boundaries were standardized and simplified to readily identifiable landmarks such as numbered highways, municipal roads or water bodies.
- During the Red Tape Review some of the other issues identified that resulted in regulatory reform included:
  - Hunters can now wear a suitably coloured vest or other garment that meet standards for high visibility safety apparel;
  - Regulations have been harmonized to allow the use of ATVs across the forest, and all-day use of ATVs;
  - Clarifying the holder of a Canadian resident white-tailed deer licence obtained through the computer draw will have the choice to hunt with any Saskatchewan outfitter who is endorsed to guide for white-tailed deer;
  - Wolves have been added to the definition of a “big game animal” allowing for additional control of the animal in localized areas of significant livestock predation;
  - A one day angling licence for all residents is available as a convenience to occasional anglers; and,
  - Increased enforcement provisions to protect our valuable wildlife and fisheries resources.

## **The Ministry of Government Relations - fee and efficiency improvements**

### **Gas and Electrical**

- Removed unnecessary variation between different licence types and aligned timeframes with code cycles to encourage practitioners to remain current with technology and industry standards.
- Implemented fee changes to bring fees closer to those charged in other jurisdictions, including Alberta and British Columbia, while remaining one of the most inexpensive licensing systems in Canada.

### **Subdivisions**

- Amended *The Subdivision Regulations* to ensure the regulations align with *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, and *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations*.
- Improved the timeliness of subdivision applications reviews
- Completed efficiency improvements including:
  - clarifying the definition of applicants and what constitutes a complete and final application; and,
  - alignment with standards used by other agencies and ministries such as *The Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations, 2012*.
- Provided authority to allow for on-line application submissions and a phased-in fee schedule that works toward achieving cost recovery.