

RM 220 Administrator

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Good afternoon APAS members – visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXyqiY8jzY4> to watch this week's 90-second APAS Update video.

1. APAS federal election proposals: A federal election was recently called and APAS released its federal election proposals – we're sending the document to all federal political parties and candidates. Our proposals include improving BRM programs, fixing rural connectivity, investing in trade infrastructure, and getting more carbon tax exemptions for producers, plus others. You can read the document at <https://bit.ly/3mg3eB8>.

2. \$500 million in new AgriRecovery funding: On August 15 the federal government announced \$500 million in new AgriRecovery funding for producers that have been hard-hit by the drought. We're currently watching for more details on how that money will be distributed, but any extra support for producers is appreciated. The federal government's media release is at <https://bit.ly/37UiFH0>.

3. APAS District Meetings completed: We just finished holding our six APAS District Meetings around the province – thanks to everyone that attended, even though you were busy with harvest. We'll do another round of District Meetings later this year before the APAS Policy Conference.

4. CFA Agriculture Leaders Debate: The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) will be hosting an Agriculture Leaders Debate on September 9, which will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. This event will bring together the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agriculture Critics from each federal party to debate how their parties would fix the top issues facing agricultural producers.

5. APAS updates for RM Council meetings: Let me know if you need APAS update materials for an upcoming RM Council meeting, or if you'd like APAS staff or Directors to come discuss our projects and advocacy work.

You'll receive the next APAS Update on August 26 – just call or email if you have any questions in the meantime.

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