JUNE 15 APAS UPDATE – Bill C-234 passed second reading, APAS hotel discount, APAS Chrysler/Dodge discount, APAS Mark's discount, Starlink discount, Free AgExpert Premium, RM Council updates

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Good afternoon, APAS members – below are seven update items for you this week.

- 1. Bill C-234 has passed second reading in the Senate: On June 13, Bill C-234 passed second reading in the Senate and was referred to the Senate Agriculture and Finance Committees. Bill C-234 will expand the definition of qualifying farm activities and heating fuels under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Act to include propane and natural gas used for grain drying and barn heating. This is very important legislation for Saskatchewan's agricultural producers, and APAS Directors have been calling Senators to help push this important legislation over the finish line before their summer break. APAS also recently sent out a joint news release with Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture (AFA) that called on the Senate to keep Bill C-234 moving forward as quickly as possible, so you can read that news release by clicking here.
- 2. Hotel discounts for APAS members: Since people are planning summer trips, remember that APAS members receive hotel discounts at the Atlas Hotel (Regina), the Saskatoon Inn (Saskatoon), Days Inn (various locations), and Home Inn & Suites (various locations). The room discounts are very good, so click here to get more information about these hotel deals.
- 3. Chrysler/Dodge discount for APAS members: Chrysler Canada offers special fleet pricing for APAS members on new Chrysler and Dodge vehicles. Click here to read the requirements for getting the discount, and click here to see the 2023 vehicle discounts.
- 4. Mark's 10% discount for APAS members: Mark's offers a 10% discount for APAS members on regular price items in their stores. Click here to read the discount details, and make sure to take your APAS membership card to the store.
- <u>5. Discount on Starlink internet for APAS members</u>: The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) has partnered with Starlink to get discounted Starlink hardware and internet service for CFA members. Since APAS is a member of CFA, that means you can get the deal too. The Starlink hardware is only \$199 through this offer (it's usually \$759), plus you'll get a month of free Residential, Business, or Roam service worth

\$140-\$320. Read more details about the offer by <u>clicking here</u>, or you can go directly to the offer page on the Starlink website by <u>clicking here</u>.

- 6. Free year of FCC's AgExpert Premium for APAS members: Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is offering APAS members a free year of FCC's AgExpert Premium (Accounting Online, Field, or Bundle), which can save you \$499. Visit www.AgExpert.ca to sign up or sign in, select "Update Plan," and then use discount code APAS23 to get this offer. If you have any questions, just call FCC's AgExpert team at 1-800-667-7893.
- 7. Update materials for RM Council meetings: Let me know if you need APAS update materials for your RM Council meeting, or if you'd like APAS staff or a Director to come discuss our projects and advocacy work.

You'll get the next APAS Update on June 22 – just call or email if you have any questions in the meantime.

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