

## Challenges of Wet Harvest Sparks More Interest in Natural Gas

The early snowfall in October presented wet conditions for harvesting crops still out in the field. There was an unprecedented 30,648 acres left unharvested in the 6 municipalities of the South Central Natural Gas (SCNG) Project area. That's an estimated \$10 million required payout for MB Crop insurance for loss of crop revenue.

This also sparked more interest in the Project as GPSG members were hearing from more producers "when is natural gas on its way?" With propane costing 3 times as much as natural gas it wasn't economical for some producers to go out and harvest their crop knowing the costs required to dry it. Harold Purkness from the RM of Victoria said "There are guys who spent \$100,000 on propane last year and others who just couldn't afford that upfront cost. But also there were delays in getting propane because it was in such high demand."

Abnormal weather events can be rare but they are a good reminder of the need to be prepared. Having access to natural gas is a risk management option for producers that would have alleviated some of the costs. Being able to go get your crop early and drying is a tactic used to for time management as well.

In emergency situations natural gas heating systems are more affordable to run with back up generators vs the generator capacity required for heating with electric systems. These are considerations for producers dealing with hog and poultry livestock but also for individual homeowners.

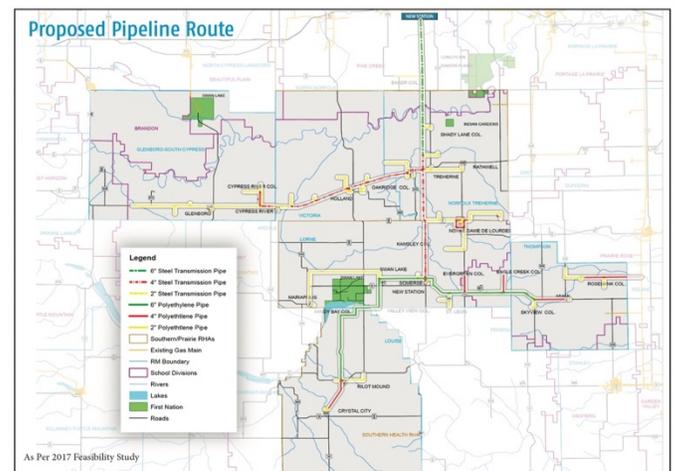
## Sign the Online Support Petition

Community members in the SCNG Project area have taken it upon themselves to start collecting

signatures in support of the Project to share with local MLA's and MP's. The online petition has been posted on the [www.southcentralnaturalgas.com](http://www.southcentralnaturalgas.com) website and we would appreciate you taking the time to sign up before March 2020.

## Proposed Pipeline Route

Below is the most recent proposed route, this was developed to connect towns and rural customers in the most efficient way possible. A feasibility analysis was conducted on this Project scope and a contribution in aid of construction was calculated. Keep in mind there still may be changes that arise from changes in customer numbers or requirements, environmental review, geo-technical review, or public input. After we hear back from the Province and Federal governments regarding funding a marketing campaign would be conducted to ensure customer sign ups.



## We Want to Hear From You

The GPSG meets on a regular basis, if you would like to attend a meeting to discuss or learn more about the Project, please contact [manager.gpsg@gmail.com](mailto:manager.gpsg@gmail.com)

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