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Saskatchewan's towns and rural communities have played a significant role in building the province's flourishing film and television industry. The province's colorful history and ethnic diversity have left a legacy of architectural gems throughout the region. Pristine rivers wind their way through towns surrounded by rolling pasture, lush forest and freshwater lakes. Saskatchewan's rural communities provide the necessary support services and offer all the amenities required for film and television production.

The **Rural Bonus of the SFETC** provides an **additional 5%** rebate of total production expenditures for productions that choose to film in smaller centers and rural communities that are 25 miles or more from Saskatoon and Regina. This program allows local and visiting producers to reduce overall production expenditures and meet the creative needs of their project by taking full advantage of the variety of locations and services found in many towns and rural communities.



Retro roadside diner and gas station (Terry Mialkowsky)

Fort Qu'Appelle

Located 44 miles northeast of Regina, the historic town of Fort Qu'Appelle is found in the heart of the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley and provides direct access to several lakes. Home to canopied tree-lined streets, historic homes and replete with amenities, this town is an experienced production center.



Main street/Dept. Culture, Youth and Recreation (*Calvin Fehr*); Katepwa Beach (*Susan Schaefer*)

Gravelbourg

This historic French settlement showcases a 'touch of Europe' on the prairies. A one hour drive from both Moose Jaw or the United States border, Gravelbourg features stunning heritage architecture. A new period façade on the town's main street serves as a mini-backlot for visiting film and television productions.



Gravelbourg's authentic period façades (*Steve Hearn*); Historic residences (*Lorraine Brecht*)

Indian Head

A mere 40 miles east of Regina, Indian Head contains all the features of a scenic and historic prairie town complete with a main street, support services, historic colonial style architecture and tree-lined residential streets. The town provides direct access to the rolling countryside, the picturesque Qu'Appelle Valley and neighbouring Katepwa Lake complete with beaches, cottages and a range of accommodations.



"The Messengers" on location/Columbia Pictures (*Takashi Seida*); Residence (*Lorraine Brecht*)

Lumsden

Just 16 miles north of Regina, Lumsden provides a charming country village atmosphere with full support services nestled in the rolling hills of the breathtaking Qu'Appelle Valley. An experienced production center, this town is known for its scenic beauty, historic architecture and its proximity to the neighboring communities of Regina Beach and Buena Vista on Last Mountain Lake.



Qu'Appelle Valley (*SaskFilm*); 1950s-style diner in nearby Regina Beach (*SaskFilm*)

Rosthern

Rosthern is nestled in the valley of the converging branches of the North and South Saskatchewan rivers and is located half way between the cities of Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Rosthern is home to a renovated train station, plenty of heritage architecture and is noted for its proximity to several of the province's major historical sites.



A farm near Rosthern (*SaskFilm*); Rosthern's train station (*Terry Mialkowski*)

Wolseley

Named as one of Canada's prettiest towns by *Harrowsmith* magazine, Wolseley is located 60 miles east of Regina on the TransCanada highway and is situated along the side of a small man-made lake with a swinging bridge. The town is renowned for its scenic beauty, abundance of trees and wealth of 19th century homes and architecture - including a fully restored opera house.



Main Street (*Virna Bains*); Opera House/Dept. Culture, Youth and Recreation (*Calvin Fehr*)