

MSSP Work Plan Initiatives Status Update

Current

Sector Wide

<p>Municipal Operating Grants</p>	<p>MSSP tables have reviewed final draft of accountability framework. Internal government review of draft is occurring. A mock up of the report with performance indicator data is being prepared.</p> <p>The rural Municipal Operating Grant distribution formula will be reviewed in 2009-10 to ensure it reflects the current needs of the rural municipal sector.</p>
<p>Provincial Infrastructure Funding Plan</p>	<p>The MSSP Tables will begin discussions with MA on future program design, application process, and distribution etc. of a provincial infrastructure program.</p>
<p>Growth Management Strategy</p>	<p>Working together on land use and infrastructure planning on a regional basis in collaboration with the sector as proposed by SARM and the City mayors.</p>
<p>Consultation Protocol</p>	<p>A draft set of principles has created and was provided to all of the Tables. The principles have been circulated by Municipal Affairs other ministries for comment.</p>
<p>Affordable Housing</p>	<p>There are numerous items in response to the Task Force on Housing Affordability that Saskatchewan Housing wishes to engage the sector in through the MSSP.</p> <p>They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving coordination between SHC, municipalities, and housing authorities to develop long-term planning and affordable housing units ▪ Discussions about bylaws for secondary suites creation ▪ Developing information tools and statistical resources with Municipalities to identify and forecast needs ▪ Establishing a registry of rental units and encourage shared efficiencies between providers <p>Saskatchewan Housing is still in the process of formulating its response to the Task Force report. MSSP Tables will play an active role in the initiatives that stem from that response.</p>
<p>Regional Emergency Planning</p>	<p>The Public Safety Review Committee with</p>

	<p>representation from CPSP, MA, SUMA, SARM, Saskatchewan Fire Fighters Association and the Municipal Emergency Planners Association has recommended that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CPSP reorganize their branch to provide stronger support to municipalities in emergency response, fire and building safety; ➤ Add resources to the Public Safety Telecommunications Project to address affordability concerns, communications issues and implementation ➤ Developing funding options for greater financial support to municipalities ➤ Bring forward amendments to the Fire Prevention Act
Abandoned Sites	Saskatchewan Environment drafting revised legislation to implement their new environmental management model. Sector will be approached for further consultation. SUMA wishes to work with Environment on enhancing assistance and legislation around the cleanup of abandoned sites.
Regional Waste/Landfill Funding	Saskatchewan Environment drafting revised legislation to implement their new environmental management model. Sector will be approached for further consultation.
Multi Material Recycling	Bridge funding has been provided to municipalities with recycling program. SUMA is administering this program. It is expected that Saskatchewan Environment will have a province wide MMR plan in place by fall of 2010.
Development of a Municipal Internship Program	Municipal Affairs is preparing a budget submission for consideration as part of the 2010. 2011 provincial budget process. The submission is to focus on the introduction of a municipal internship program. The MSSP Tables will provide assistance in developing this proposal.
<u>City Table</u>	
Immigration	AEEL-Immigration has contracted a consultant to review immigration/settlement services currently offered in various Saskatchewan cities. The consultant will present the results of this work to municipal officials for review, before submitting a Final Report to AEEL with recommendations on the approach the province may want to take in moving forward to partner with municipalities in developing municipal immigration portals.
Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Review	Consultant has been engaged and review of the program is ongoing. Recommendations for government on a provincial policy approach to

	Transit for the Disabled planned for November 2009.
<u>Towns and Villages</u>	
Medical Facility and Health Care Personnel Recruitment and Retention	Survey was been sent to small urbans and rural municipalities inquiring inquire about operating issues, capital and recruitment and retention, specifically related to barriers to recruitment and retention. Survey results were tabulated and the information will inform the work of the Physician recruitment strategy, developed by the Ministry of Health. SUMA and SARM will be participating in the working group.
<u>Rural</u>	
Review of Bridge infrastructure	In partnership with Highways and Infrastructure, bridge assessments taking place in 2009.
Road Maintenance Agreements	A review committee including provincial, RM and industry representation has been formed. Research and analysis has been ongoing including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an examination of how other jurisdictions handle issues addressed by road maintenance agreements, • a study of the private and public sectors for effective dispute resolution mechanisms, • a terms of reference document for a study of actual municipal road costs has been prepared. Consultants are being approached for interest in the study and to provide a cost estimate, • a new dispute resolution process is being developed for presentation at the next committee meeting, • agreements from other jurisdictions are being reviewed for examples of how to handle short term hauls versus long term hauls.
Enhancement of Rural Municipal Transportation System	Ministry of Highways has consolidated a number of rural municipal road enhancement programs and has invested \$40 million as part of the Municipal Bridge and Road Strategy. In addition, the Ministry has developed a Rural Highways Strategy with SARM having membership on the advisory board for the strategy.
<u>North</u>	
Economic Development Strategy	FNMR have begun consultations on developing Northern enterprise regions.
Administrative Capacity in Northern Municipalities	The MSSP Table will provide input into the design of a proposed Municipal internship program.
Northern Housing Review	New North and Social Services (Northern Housing)

	have been meeting to discuss northern housing policy.
Status of Existing Water, Waste Water and Solid Waste Facilities, Capital Infrastructure and Site Decommissioning	A study has been undertaken on the feasibility of more regionalization of landfill operations. MA and Environment will be working with New North on implementing recommendations coming out of the northern water and sewer infrastructure study.
Northern Transportation System	The Ministry of Highways has developed a Northern Transportation strategy advisory group including representation from New North.
Increased Municipal Input in Land Use Planning	During consultation on the creation of a new NMA, stakeholders requested a provision in new NMA on consultations on Crown land development in areas around northern communities.
To Be Initiated	
<u>Cities</u>	
Support for Municipal Energy Efficiency Programs	
Improving Social Cohesion in Cities	
<u>Rural</u>	
Development of Consistent Provincial Grants in Lieu Policy	
Possible Additions	
Municipal Succession Planning	
Municipal Infrastructure Financing	