



## Call for Submissions for SUMA Convention 2020

*Regina, Saskatchewan*

*Sunday, February 2 – Wednesday, February 5, 2020*

SUMA is inviting proposals for education and breakout sessions at SUMA's 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. We are looking for topics that are current and focused on key aspects of urban government that will be beneficial to elected officials and municipal administrators.

Being a presenter is an outstanding way to share your knowledge and expertise leading to professional visibility, recognition, credibility, and influence in the future of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities.

### ***Who Attends?***

Approximately 1,000 delegates attend the convention, including elected officials, city managers, and chief administration officers from cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities throughout Saskatchewan. Our annual convention is an event where municipal decision makers come to network, share leading practices, and find collaborative partners to support their communities moving forward.

### ***Why Present?***

- Great exposure for you and your organization as professional leaders
- Contribute to elevate the knowledge base of Saskatchewan's municipal leaders
- Excellent networking opportunity
- Build relationships with SUMA, the voice of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities

### ***Session Format***

- Each session is 60 minutes, plus 15 minutes dedicated to questions and discussion.
- We provide two types of sessions during convention:
  1. Education sessions - delegates choose which sessions they would like to attend
  2. Breakout sessions - delegates are divided into three groups:
    - Cities
    - Towns and Villages
    - Northern Municipalities
- We encourage highly interactive methods to facilitate learning, build delegates' confidence, and enhance the transfer of learning in their municipalities.

### ***Session Objectives***

The 2020 theme is *Building Sustainable Hometowns*. The purpose of this theme is to get municipalities thinking about the future of economic development and determine what needs to be done in their hometown to maintain a healthy community.

We are looking for creative, out-of-the-box thinkers to come forward and share their knowledge. We are open to suggestions for topics; however, we have identified the following topics as main concerns to urban municipal government:

- Procurement
- Workplace Safety
- Solid Waste Strategy
- Urban Reserves
- Conflict Resolution
- Media and Public Relations
- Emergency Preparedness
- Reconciliation
- Council Operations
- Fair Decision Making - Code of Ethics
- Regional Economic Development
- Energy Efficiency and Cost Reduction
- Council Succession Planning
- Single Use Plastics
- Organics

### ***Other Information***

We will provide a complimentary one-day registration for the day of the presentation. As a not-for-profit association, SUMA does not typically provide honoraria for session presenters.

Selections will be made by the Convention Planning Committee based on a number of criteria, including topics and benefits to delegates.

Sessions are recorded and made available on YouTube after convention.

### ***How to Apply***

Please email this form to [events@suma.org](mailto:events@suma.org) by September 4, 2019 to be considered for the 2020 SUMA Convention.



# Submission Form for SUMA Convention 2020

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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization:

Contact Person:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

## SESSION TITLE:

Please provide a session title that is creative, concise, and descriptive.

## SESSION OVERVIEW:

Briefly describe the content and how it links to our theme and session objectives. (50-75 word maximum)

## SESSION FORMAT:

Indicate your intended format (education or breakout session) and how you intend to make it interactive.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

List two or three learning outcomes and takeaways for the delegates.

## MONETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Indicate honoraria for session presenters as well as any additional expenses such as travel, hotel, etc. to be covered by SUMA.

If your submission does not fit with Convention 2019, would you be interested in SUMA contacting you regarding other opportunities such as workshops, webinars, or articles in our quarterly publication?

YES

NO

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