

URBAN Update

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Hometowns Deserve Share of Cannabis Excise Tax

At Convention 2019, SUMA members passed a resolution advocating for the provincial government to immediately develop and implement a cannabis excise tax agreement.

Last week, SUMA started a campaign advocating for a cannabis excise tax agreement. On Wednesday, President Barnhart released an editorial, calling on the province to share 33 per cent of the total cannabis excise tax revenue collected in the province with Saskatchewan's hometowns. [Read the editorial here.](#)

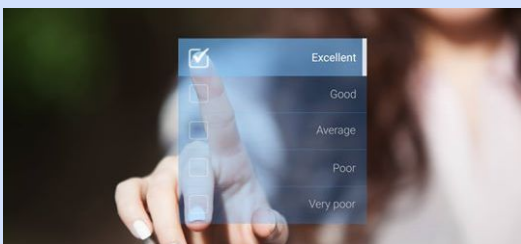
Help Send the Message

Your municipality can help SUMA advocate for an agreement by sending a letter to Saskatchewan's Minister of Finance. Saskatchewan hometowns value a respectful, government-to-government relationship between provincial and local government. Sharing cannabis excise tax revenues honours that relationship.

**Template - Cannabis
Excise Tax Letter**

Watch your email and SUMA's social media for updates on the cannabis excise tax campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact Sean McKenzie, SUMA's Manager of Advocacy Services, by email or at 306-525-4388. And if you are sending a letter, don't forget to also send a copy to SUMA.



Don't Forget to Share Your Feedback Through the SUMA Legislation Survey

SUMA wants to hear from your municipality! Take the SUMA Municipal Legislation Survey to share your feedback on the potential changes to the legislation that governs Saskatchewan's hometowns.

A survey invitation was sent to the main contact for each municipality on April 16. If your municipality did not receive the survey, please contact communications@suma.org.

Thank you to all municipalities who have already responded. We encourage all our municipalities to share their thoughts on potential amendments by taking the survey before **May 15**.

You can learn more about the potential changes by registering for a **recording** of the free SUMA webinar *Changes to Municipal Legislation*. The webinar is full, but you can still take in this educational opportunity by having a recording of the webinar sent right to your inbox. See the [event listing](#) for more information and to register.



Gather to Golf

Get ready for the golf season and take the opportunity to visit with fellow SUMA members by participating in the 31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament. The Town of Spiritwood will be hosting the 2019 golf tournament on **July 4 and 5** at the Spiritwood Golf Club.

Registration is open until **June 14**. See the [registration form](#) for more information, including an event schedule and accommodation information.



Energy Efficiency Requirements for Existing Buildings

The Government of Saskatchewan has clarified the application of **energy efficiency requirements for existing buildings**.

Effective immediately, Section 9.36 of the National Building Code and the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings (NECB) do not apply to the renovation, repair, alteration, or relocation of any building to which building standards apply and for which construction began before January 1 of this year. Buildings that began construction after January 1, 2019, which are renovated, repaired, altered, or relocated are expected to maintain the energy efficiency standard that existed when they were first constructed.

For example:

- If a building constructed in the summer of 2011 undergoes a renovation in the summer of 2019, the building and any renovations are not required to conform with either 9.36 or the NECB.
- If a building constructed in the summer of 2011 has an addition added in the summer of 2019, the addition would be required to conform with 9.36 or the NECB, but the remainder of the building would not be required to be renovated in order to conform with both codes.
- If a building began construction in February 2019, it is required to conform with either 9.36 or the NECB, whichever code is applicable.
- If a building began construction in February 2019 and is then renovated in the fall of 2020, it would be expected that all renovations continue to comply with 9.36 or the NECB that is applicable to that building and which was in force at the time of initial construction.

The changes don't impact the application of any other section of either code.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Standards and Licensing Branch at building_standards@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-4113.

Drinking Water Guidelines - Share Your Thoughts



The Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water has prepared potential revisions to its drinking water quality [guideline on cadmium in drinking water](#). The Water Security Agency (WSA) relies on these Canadian guidelines to form provincial standards.

Cadmium may enter drinking water sources naturally (leaching from soil), as a result of human activities (as a by-product of refining or from its use in technological applications) or through leaching from some pipes and well components. Primary sources of cadmium in both distribution and household plumbing systems include the deterioration of galvanized iron pipes and leaching from brass materials and cement-mortar linings. Galvanized pipes may leach cadmium, which may result in higher concentrations at the consumer's tap than at the treatment plant or in the distribution system. Corrosivity of the water, the amount of cadmium in the plumbing system components, the water usage pattern, and the sampling protocol, all impact cadmium levels in drinking water. The water quality factors that have the greatest effect on cadmium corrosion are pH and alkalinity. A maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of 0.005 mg/L (5 µg/L) is proposed for total cadmium in drinking water.

The Water Security Agency supports the proposed concentration. A review of the provincial water quality database found 3337 treated water/and or distribution samples submitted for cadmium analysis over the 2009 to 2019 time period, and revealed that levels at regulated waterworks across the province are well below the proposed MAC of 0.005 mg/L.

If the cadmium guideline is adopted as a drinking water standard in the province, the Water Security Agency will propose a monitoring schedule for cadmium in drinking water.

Share your feedback on these potential revisions by emailing your comments to water-eau.SC@canada.ca before **May 21**.

New Promotion and Education Resources for MMSW Collectors

New resources are available for Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) collectors!

You can download these resources for free and use them for your waste packaging and paper recycling program promotion and education initiatives.

There are two different resources which come in a variety of sizes. The first resource focuses on wrong items versus right items in residents' recycling containers, and the second resource focuses on encouraging residents to recycle to keep Saskatchewan beautiful.

Recent MMSW consumer research showed that 50 per cent of residents

Survey: Community Airport Partnership Program

If your hometown has a regional airport, share your feedback on the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) Program.

CAP was established by the Saskatchewan government to help rehabilitate and upgrade regional airports.

When federal funding is available, the applicant contributes at least 33 per cent of the entire project cost. If no federal funding is available, applicants must be willing to fund on an equal, cost-shared basis with the Government of Saskatchewan to a maximum of \$275,000. The maximum provincial contribution under CAP is \$275,000 per year.

Provide feedback on the CAP

want more information on how to make recycling easier and around what items are not accepted in their recycling program.

[Download the resources](#)

Program by taking this short, **four question survey**.

[Take the survey](#)

Sector Meeting and Workshop This Week

This **Wednesday** and **Thursday, May 8** and **9**, SUMA will be hosting the Town, Village and Northern Sector Meeting and Building the Best Workplaces Workshop in Prince Albert. The [itinerary and agenda](#) is now available.

If your hometown is interested in introducing topics for discussion at the sector meeting, please contact our Advocacy Services Manager, [Sean McKenzie](#).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Last Chance to Submit your Convention Themes

Have a great theme idea for Convention 2020? We want to hear from you!

If you have a Convention theme idea, please email it to events@suma.org. Everyone who submits an idea will be entered to win a prize.

Submit your theme idea today!

[Submit your theme idea](#)

Events



Upcoming Events

SUMA Workshop - Building the Best Workplaces
May 8

Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting
May 9

Recording of the SUMA Webinar - Changes to Municipal Legislation
May 14

31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament
July 4-5

Classifieds and Grants



[Classifieds](#)



[Grants](#)

Positions Available:

- RM of Dundurn No. 314: *Administrator* (May 9)
- City of Lloydminster: *Planner 1* (May 10)
- Town of High River: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 10)
- Woodlands County: *Director of Corporate Services* (May 17)
- Town of Duck Lake: *Public Works Assistant* (May 24)
- Town of Duck Lake: *Facilities Attendant/Public Works Laborer* (May 24)
- Town of Outlook: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Wadena: *Director of Public Works and Utilities* (When filled)
- Town of La Ronge: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

Find the latest listings by visiting the [SUMA Classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SARCAN *Public Space Recycling Grant* (June 30)
- TD Bank *Friends of the Environment Fund* (July 15)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program - Annual Grant* (October 1)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year-round)
- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor *First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities *Green Municipal Fund* (Deadlines vary)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Northern Capital Grants Program* (Year-round)

For a full listing of grants, check the [Grants](#) section of our website under the Resources tab.

Thank you for reading this week's Urban Update. We welcome your comments.

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