

URBAN Update

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ELECTION 2019

Federal Election Municipal Issues Backgrounder



SUMA and the Federal Election

Canadians are headed to the polls this October to elect members of the 43rd Canadian Parliament. Leading up to the federal election date, SUMA is working hard to ensure that the next Government of Canada is working for your municipality.

Check out our [Federal Election Backgrounder](#) to see the key issues and messages we're asking for on behalf of Saskatchewan's hometowns this election.

Later this week, we will be launching our Federal Election Advocacy Hub online. The hub is dedicated to providing you with information on SUMA's advocacy campaign during the 43rd Federal Election. There, you will find information on the key issues, as well as links to tools for you to use at the local level. We are also compiling information on each party's platform and where they stand on our issues.

Stay tuned!



Convention 2020: Submit your Resolutions

Convention resolutions are one way SUMA members can get their issues to the forefront. You can submit resolutions to SUMA anytime during the year, but the deadline for Convention 2020 is **November 1**.

To get started with resolutions, check out the full [Call for Resolutions](#), which includes a template you can use as a guide. You may want to review [past resolutions](#) - they are available online going all the way back to 1997. You can search by year, title, sponsoring municipality, or keyword.

And don't forget to review SUMA's [Resolutions Policy](#).

If you have any questions, please [contact Sean McKenzie](#).



Don't Forget to Register for the SUMA Webinar: Leading with Accountability - Ethics and Conflict of Interest

On **Wednesday at 10 a.m.**, join Steven Dribnenki, Legal Services Advisor for SUMA, and hear what recent, high profile ethic case decisions mean for municipal governance. Recognizing and

addressing conflicts of interest are key to good governance and maintaining the public's trust. Talk conflicts of interest and learn about the importance of honouring ethical duties in the webinar ***Leading with Accountability: Ethics and Conflict of Interest***.

Register today for the webinar!



4th Annual Intelligent Cities Summit October 7-8 in Toronto, ON

Municipal leaders of cities, towns and more from around the world will meet at this unique

two-day conference here in Canada. Will you be there?

Confirmed speakers include:

- Councillor, City of Vancouver (Canada)
- CTO, City of Atlanta (USA)
- Councillor, Manchester City Council (UK)
- Deputy CEO, Open Government of Catalonia Consortium (Spain)
- CAO, City of Mississauga (Canada)
- Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Governor, Jakarta City Government (Indonesia)
- Deputy Mayor, City of Gdynia (Poland)
- Mayor, Ville de Magog (Canada)
- And many more!

For speaker overview and the agenda: [download the conference brochure](#)

*Note: SUMA members get a unique 20 per cent discount on registration with code: **SUMA***

Register now: [CONFERENCE WEBSITE](#)



Register Now for Regionals

President Barnhart and the SUMA staff are almost ready for another tour around Saskatchewan for SUMA's 2019 Regional Meetings.

These meetings are a great chance to learn, network, and share. Get up to date with what

SUMA has been up to, and meet with SUMA executive, staff, and fellow members from your region.

Check out the agenda by clicking on the link for your regional meeting below. While you're there, don't forget to register. See you there!

Central - October 1

Northeast - October 2

Northwest - October 3

West Central - October 4

Southwest - October 7

Southeast - October 8

East Central - October 9

LA FOIP Workshops

The Urban Municipal Administrators' Association and the Rural Municipal Administrators Association are hosting a series of workshops on regulations and administration practices relating to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (LA FOIP) and Information Services Corporation.

These workshops are being conducted in two parts are intended for both urban and rural CAOs, Administrators, and municipal staff.

[Learn more and find a workshop location near you!](#)

Last Chance to be Part of SUMA's Toward Parity Campaign

This October, to celebrate Women's History Month and highlight the importance of parity at the council table, SUMA will be featuring local women in politics on our social media pages.

To be recognized for your contribution to municipal politics and highlight the vital role women have on council, submit this [short form](#) to SUMA before **September 16**.

If you have any questions, please contact communications@suma.org.

Free Climate Change and Asset Management Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to integrate climate considerations into your municipality's asset management activities? Does your municipality have existing asset management practices, an inventory of your assets, and an understanding of climate vulnerabilities? The Federation of Canadian Municipalities can help you plan your next steps.

Attend a workshop to hear from climate change, asset management, and regional experts. You'll learn actions your municipality can take to adapt asset management practices to become more resilient to climate change. These workshops will take place in five regions across Canada and are tailored to the needs of municipal practitioners. The first workshop will be in Saskatoon on **November 26**.

[Register now!](#)

MLDP Sessions This Fall

Dates and times for the fall modules of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) have been set.

Take in these sessions designed specifically for Saskatchewan's municipal leaders:

[Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities](#)

November 26 - Kindersley

[Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals](#)

November 25 - Weyburn

[Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace](#)

November 27 - Swift Current

[Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities](#)

November 26 - Yorkton

Registration closes **November 8**.

Save the Date: Regional Round-Up

Join the Association of Regional Waste Management Authorities of Saskatchewan on **October 25** in Saskatoon for their Regional Roundup.

The roundup is being held at the Courtyard by Marriott, located near the Saskatoon Airport, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hear from industry experts on waste management. [Learn more.](#)

Don't Miss Your Chance to Recognize a Community Leader

Do you know an elected official, administrator, SUMA official, or personnel in provincial government who has demonstrated a higher standard of public engagement? Have they made an outstanding contribution to municipal politics? Nominate them now for a Scoop Lewry Award!

Nominations close **October 2**. [Nominate now!](#)

Photo Speed Enforcement Funding

Applications are being accepted for Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants and new photo speed enforcement locations until **September 30**.

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program is open to individuals representing municipalities and Indigenous lands/territories to undertake traffic safety initiatives. Visit www.sgi.sk.ca/pse-grant to learn more about the types of projects eligible for funding and to apply.

For communities where speeding is an issue, individuals representing municipalities, Indigenous lands/territories, and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure can apply to bring PSE technology to their community. Locations that may be eligible include high risk, high-collision, and high volume pedestrian areas. Learn more at www.sgi.sk.ca/pse.

The guidelines and application forms for both programs have been updated since the first intake, so be sure to request new documents if you plan to apply. If you have any questions about either program, or would like to read over the program guidelines, contact the PSE Program Administrator at PSEprogram@sgi.sk.ca or call 1-844-TLK-2SGI (1-844-855-2744) extension 6042.

Find Ways to Be Energy Efficient with the Energy Manager Program

Natural Resources Canada has launched a new Energy Manager Program to help facilities identify and adopt energy efficiency solutions. The aim is to reduce energy use, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions.

The program is offering funding for:

- **Energy Manager:** Hire an energy manager and receive up to 75 per cent of total project costs (100 per cent for non-profits) to a maximum of \$100,000 per organization.
- **Energy Assessment:** Conduct an energy assessment of a building or industrial facility and receive up to 75 per cent of total project costs (100 per cent non-profit) to a maximum of \$40,000 per assessment and \$200,000 per organization.
- **Fleet Energy Assessment:** Conduct an energy assessment of a fleet (medium class 5,6, or heavy-duty class 7, 8a,8b) and receive up to 50 per cent of total project costs to a maximum of \$10,000 per fleet assessment and \$50,000 per organization.

For more details and how to apply, check out the [Energy Manager Program](#).

The Right to Know: Panel Discussion

Join in the free panel discussion *The Openness of Our Systems* on **September 26** at 5:30 p.m. The discussion is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Saskatoon.

[Learn more](#) and [register](#) today.

Wildland Fire Canada Conference

Wildland Fire Canada 2019 is being held in Ottawa **November 19-21**. Co-organized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Natural Resources Canada, the conference will bring together professionals from all disciplines. [Learn more and register online](#).

Advocacy Update



Changes to Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards

The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act first came into force in 1988, and it has only received minor amendments since. The Ministry of Government Relations is now conducting stakeholder consultations to determine what portions of the act may need major changes.

Help shape SUMA's feedback by taking our short, nine-question survey.

[Share your feedback](#)

Events



Upcoming Events

SUMA Webinar: Leading with Accountability - Ethics and Conflict of Interest
September 11

Regional Meetings
October 1-9

Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns
February 2-5

Classifieds and Grants



[Classifieds](#)



[Grants](#)

Positions Available:

- Town of Whitewood: *WTP Operator* (September 13)
- RM of Hoodoo: *Administrator* (October 1)
- Town of Maidstone: *Administrator* (October 31)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)

For Sale:

- Hockey Rinks (November 4)

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:

- Water Security Agency *Flood Damage Reduction Program* (September 15)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Targeted Sector Support - Expression of Interest* (September 30)
- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund* (September 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program - Annual Grant* (October 1)
- SaskCulture *Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding* (October 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- SaskCulture *Museum Grant Program* (November 30)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (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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