Tips to Completing the Test Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration

All municipalities should have received an email from the Ministry of Government Relations on November 15 that included a Declaration of Eligibility Guide and the link and password to your municipality’s test Declaration of Eligibility for Municipal Revenue Sharing. The deadline to complete the test declaration is January 15.

Tips to completing your declaration:

Accessing your declaration
- Copy and paste the URL link that was emailed to you into your web browser to go to the online declaration.

Saving and submitting your declaration
- The online declaration automatically saves your information.
- You will not be able to submit your online declaration if a required field is left empty.

Obtaining a council resolution
- You need a council resolution to complete the declaration.
- You do not need to send in a certified copy of the resolution passed by council. Simply enter the council resolution number and the date it was passed.

Determining if you need a letter of declaration
- Only submit a letter of declaration (as outlined in Appendix C of the Guide) if your municipality has outstanding eligibility requirements it needs to address after the submission of the online declaration.

Though a test period for the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant Declaration of Eligibility, all municipalities are encouraged to participate to ensure the declaration is easy to use and functional for all municipalities. The test also provides each municipality with an opportunity to confirm they meet each of the eligibility requirements.

Municipal Revenue Sharing payments for 2020 will not be withheld because of the test declaration, unless a municipality has not submitted its Audited Financial Statement.

If your municipality did not receive the declaration email, you are encouraged to check your spam folder. Can't find your municipality's declaration email or have questions?
Apply for Infrastructure Funding Through ICIP

Municipalities and other eligible Saskatchewan recipients have until **March 31** to submit their detailed project applications for two funding streams under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

The two funding streams now accepting detailed applications are:
- The Green Infrastructure Stream for projects that enable greater adaption, resilience, and mitigation to disasters related to climate change; ensure communities can provide clean air and safe drinking water; and decrease the release of pollutants into the environment.
- The Community, Culture, and Recreation Infrastructure Stream for projects that improve access and/or quality of community, culture, and recreation in communities.

Learn more and apply today!

2020 SUMA Membership Due this January

It's been approximately a month since we sent members all the information needed to renew your membership for 2020. Please be sure to have your payment and updated information to us by **Friday, January 31**. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any membership benefits!

Renewing your membership for another year gives you access to group benefits, SUMAssure, and SUMAdvantage to help you save money. It also supports our advocacy and capacity-building work. We appreciate your support all year long.

Don't Miss Municipal Operator Training at Convention

**Municipal operator training**, provided through Southeast College, is available in Regina at the same time as SUMA's 115th Annual Convention.

Build employee skill and capacity, and give operators the chance to attend **SUMA's Tradeshows**.

The three available courses are:
- **Confined Space**
  - Date: Monday, February 3
  - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - Cost: $240 including materials
- **Ground Disturbance for Supervisors and Workers**

Develop Your Leadership with MLDP

Interested in attending a Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) course before the SUMA and SARM conventions? Four of the day-long workshops are being offered the day before the conventions open in Regina:
- **Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities**
- **Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals**
- **Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace**
- **Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities**

This is the perfect chance to work...
Plan for Your Retirement with MEPP

If you are a Municipal Employees’ Pension Plan (MEPP) member interested in staying on top of your financial wellness and playing a part in your retirement, take a workshop from the Your Path to Retirement workshop series which covers each stage of a member’s career - early, mid, late, and retired. Choose from LEARN, BUILD, PREPARE, or ENJOY.

Find a workshop and register today!

MySaskHealthRecord

Track your personal health information online anywhere, anytime, with eHealth’s new online tool MySaskHealthRecord.

Individuals who sign up can have access to lab test results, medical imaging reports, and a record of when they visited emergency rooms and health care facilities. All of this information is accessible to the individual through a secure, personalized login.

Learn more.

Advocacy Update

Boards of Revision

Last year in December we asked you to share your thoughts on local boards of revision as SUMA and SARM were working with the Ministry of Government Relations as they looked to improve local boards and reduce the number of appeals going to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

A new model for property assessment appeals is being designed over the next year - the target date to implement the new model is 2023.

Key components identified for the new model include:
- maintaining standards;
- mandatory training;
- municipal autonomy;
- a provincial board of revision; and
- a provincial registrar as a single point of contact for all property assessment appeals.

A committee, including a SUMA representative, has been formed to advise government on the model’s detailed design and implementation.

We will continue to update you as work is done to develop a new model for property assessment appeals at the local level.
New at the SUMA Tradeshow

The SUMA Tradeshow is held in conjunction with SUMA's annual convention, and is open to convention delegates and municipal employees.

Take in this year's tradeshow Sunday, February 2, and Monday, February 3, at the International Trade Centre. Browse more than 220 booths and hear directly from exhibitors at the new Vendor Showcase. Exhibitors will be sharing information and knowledge on products and services important to Saskatchewan's municipalities starting Sunday morning before education sessions and during dedicated tradeshow viewing times.

While at the tradeshow, be sure to visit the SUMA booth to learn about all the services that we offer including education, group purchasing, group benefits, and so much more!

The tradeshow area will also be home to two education sessions, the site of the registration desk on Sunday, February 2 and Monday, February 3, and breakfast on Monday, February 3.

Meet with President Barnhart

SUMA President Gordon Barnhart will be available during Convention to meet with members to discuss council governance or SUMA issues. To schedule a meeting, please email or call 306-525-3727.

Free Tradeshow Admission for Municipal Employees

Municipal employees have free access to the SUMA Tradeshow - simply register ahead of time as a tradeshow observer. Email registration@suma.org or call 306-525-4385 to register.

Events

Upcoming Events

Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns
February 2-5

Did you know?

Your convention registration now includes one ticket to the Welcome Reception and one ticket to the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Additional tickets are available for purchase if you are looking to bring a plus one to either of the events.
Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Norquay: Water Operator/Maintenance Foreman (January 10)
- City of Regina: Business Systems Analyst (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.

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program (Application intake opens January 1)
- Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program - Summer Grant (February 1)
- SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant (February 18)

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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