



# PRESIDENT'S Update

September 27, 2018

## Notes from the September Board Meeting

The SUMA Board of Directors gathered for a day of discussions September 21, talking about the topics that matter to Saskatchewan's hometowns including revenue sharing and the new long term flood mitigation program.

Starting the morning was a Convention Planning Committee meeting where details continued to come together for Convention 2019.

The committee set rates for registration and tickets. Members who register by the early-bird deadline will pay **\$325 (\$425 after the early-bird deadline)** .

The Welcome Reception will be held at TCU Place on Sunday, February 3 where we will showcase the Hometown Advantage with food, entertainment, and activities.

On February 5, join us for an evening of celebration at the President's Banquet. Expect a busy dance floor as **Dance Saskatchewan** provides three unique performances during dinner and **El Guitaro** , a classic cowboy rockin' country western band will have you dancing all night. The banquet is an opportunity to celebrate the work you do throughout the year as municipal leaders and a chance to recognize long-serving municipal members. Don't forget to [nominate deserving elected officials and municipal employees](#) in your municipality by October 3.

The **agenda for February 3-6 is now set** , including education and breakout session topics. Watch for more details as we approach registration, which is set to open on November 5. We'll keep you updated in [Urban Update](#) and [Urban Voice](#) as well as on the [Convention Page](#) of our website.

The Board meeting had a full agenda, with several highlights.

A topic of discussion was **revenue sharing** as directors were presented with information on **potential options for municipal revenue sharing funding and distribution**.

Keeping with the topic of finances, the Board of Directors approved SUMA's budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Other items on the Board Agenda included the new [Flood Damage Reduction Program](#). SUMA will be sending correspondence to the minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency expressing gratitude for the expansion of the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program to include more preparedness and mitigation work while encouraging future expansion of the program budget.

SUMA is also engaging with the provincial government for the review of *The Municipalities Act* and *The Cities Act*. And we are participating on the **Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Water Council**, with Director Lee Finishen appointed as our representative, and the **Organics Working Group**, led by the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council.

The next meeting of the SUMA Board of Directors will take place on **November 30, 2018** .

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