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SUMA and MCoS Encourage Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Through Toolkit

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) and the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) are encouraging Saskatchewan hometowns to commit to the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities (WIC) | #WelcomeHome150 initiative. To support the initiative, the two organizations are drawing attention to a toolkit designed specifically for Saskatchewan communities.

“Our hometowns are where the people of Saskatchewan come together — to live, work, and play,” said SUMA President Gordon Barnhart. “These hubs of activity are where various groups and types of people can build connections, making their communities stronger and more vibrant. This toolkit helps our hometowns facilitate those connections, making our hometowns beacons of welcome and inclusivity — SUMA encourages all our members to make the most of this resource.”

The [eight-module WIC toolkit](#) is similar to one created for Alberta by their WIC and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), which was hailed across Canada. The Saskatchewan toolkit boasts a local perspective and multiple success stories taken from bigger centres and smaller municipalities in the province. It is supplemented with presentation materials, to ensure it can reach as many people as possible. The toolkit is user-friendly with a concrete action plan embedded in it. It is designed to be workable for all sizes of municipalities, businesses, institutions, and organizations to increase inclusive and creative planning and problem-solving.

“As we recognize Canada’s 150th anniversary of confederation, we can all reflect on our roles in building respectful, engaging communities and in moving multiculturalism forward,” states Rhonda Rosenberg, Executive Director of MCoS. “Creating welcoming and inclusive communities celebrates our cultural diversity and invests in tools, strategies, and human resources to increase the ability of all Saskatchewan residents to contribute to their communities, thus building a stronger Canada.”

The Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Toolkit is [available on the MCoS website](#), and paper copies are available if you email project@mcos.ca.

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