

# MUNICIPAL Update

March 8, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 8**

SHA Virtual Town Hall

**March 16**

Webinar - Call the Crossing Guard: Your Guide to Transport Canada 2021 Grade Crossing Regulations

See all [upcoming events](#).

## HELP IMPROVE CONVENTION

If you attended Convention 2021, you're invited to share your feedback and help improve future events by filling out the [2021 Convention Evaluation](#). The survey is open until **Friday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m.**

Thank you to everyone who has already shared their thoughts!



## Shape Saskatchewan's Recycling Program

The Government of Saskatchewan is reviewing *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* and the Multi-Material Recycling Program.

The Ministry of Environment has released a discussion paper and is seeking input on several areas for consideration.

**Learn more and provide your  
feedback by April 30**



## Call the Crossing Guard: Your Guide to Transport Canada 2021 Grade Crossing Regulations



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### Learn About Changes to Grade Crossing Regulations

Road-rail grade public crossings are a shared responsibility between municipalities and the railway. Together, municipalities and the railway manage the safety of the general public and travelling road users, and ensure safe railway operations.

In 2014, Transport Canada developed new **Grade Crossing Regulations** to enhance safety at all federally regulated grade crossings. The regulations require all grade crossings to meet new standards. Existing federally-regulated grade crossings are required to meet the new standards by November 28, 2021.

On **March 16** in the webinar *Call the Crossing Guard: Your Guide to Transport Canada 2021 Grade Crossing Regulations*, hear about the work CN, in collaboration with municipalities, has undertaken to meet the *Grade Crossing Regulations*. Learn about the criteria used to assess the safety of rail crossings and the potential upgrades required, and gain an understanding of the challenges and opportunities for improving rail safety in your community.

[Register for the webinar](#)



### Time is Running Out to Apply for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

Applications for the first phase of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative are being accepted until **tomorrow**.

The initiative is a **\$31 million investment** from the Government of Canada to support communities as they create and adapt public spaces to respond to the new realities of COVID-19. In Saskatchewan, the initiative is providing **\$976,000 in funding**.

Funding is available for projects, programming, and services that help communities:

- create safe and vibrant public spaces,
- improve mobility options, and
- provide innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health.

[Learn more and apply for funding](#)



Asset Management Saskatchewan is offering NAMS Canada training workshops this spring. There will be six live, online, and interactive sessions delivered by NAMS Canada experts.

This course offers one session per week starting **April 13**. Plan your community's infrastructure for a sustainable future.

**Register for asset management training**



## MLDP Courses Happening this Spring

Don't miss out on the upcoming Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) modules designed specifically for Saskatchewan's municipal leaders. Learn about strategic planning, media relations, and more with MLDP.

Session schedule:

- Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace - March 27
- Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals - March 27
- Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities - April 10
- Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities - April 10

The **Community and Land Use Planning module** is now an online course.

Visit [www.mldp.ca](http://www.mldp.ca) for more information.



## Webinars from the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism: Ageism in Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism is offering a free webinar series on ageism in Saskatchewan.

On **March 11** from 1:30-2:30 p.m., explore the realities for older adults who seek medical care in *Does Age Affect your Medical Care?* What is working now? What could make the path smoother?

Then on **March 25** they are hosting *Be Bold! Value Old!*

**Learn more** about the webinars. Pre-register by emailing [ageismwebinars@skseniorsmechanism.ca](mailto:ageismwebinars@skseniorsmechanism.ca).



### Creating Inclusive Communities

Phase One: Accessibility Legislation Engagement is Open

Share your vision for Saskatchewan's accessibility legislation at [accessiblesk.saskatchewan.ca](http://accessiblesk.saskatchewan.ca)

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**Creating Inclusive Communities:**



**Webinar on Municipalities and Zero Emission Vehicles**



## Accessibility Legislation

The Government of Saskatchewan is engaging the public to help create new accessibility legislation for the province and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

The Ministry of Social Services has launched an [online engagement platform](#) that includes surveys, an online discussion forum, and discussion guide.

Phase one of the engagement is running until **March 31**. The initial step in creating legislation is developing an act, or written law that makes up the foundation of the legislation. This is what the first phase of engagement focuses on.

Last year, the Canadian government passed the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act* pledging to deliver the largest emissions reduction in Canadian history and reach net-zero by 2050.

**Tomorrow** the Canadian Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association is hosting a free webinar for Canadian municipalities to learn more about fuel cell electric vehicles, hydrogen infrastructure, and provincial and federal funding opportunities.

[Learn more](#) about the webinar *Seizing the Hydrogen Opportunity - Municipalities and the Future of Zero Emission Vehicles* and [register online](#).

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Saskatchewan Health Authority Virtual Town Hall

**Today at 3:00 p.m.** the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is hosting another COVID-19 virtual town hall designed for stakeholders, including municipal leaders. The SHA will provide updates on topics including:

- Epidemiological trends and projections;
- Pandemic response – offensive and defensive strategies; and
- Vaccination strategy.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

**To join this online event hosted by the SHA:**

1. Go to <https://skhealth.webex.com/skhealth/j.php?MTID=ef7379bca5cfea69b4a46ad6b4b9a61c5>
2. Enter the event password: This event requires registration. After your registration has been approved, you will receive instructions for joining the event.
3. Click "Join Now".
4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen to join the teleconference.



### Save the Date

The SHA has been hosting virtual town hall events weekly on **Mondays at 3:00 p.m.** We encourage you to mark the event in your calendar so you don't miss an update. The link to attend changes weekly. We will continue to send the link out in the Municipal Update, the COVID-19 Update, and other Municipalities of Saskatchewan communications.

[Read the latest update from the SHA](#)

### Province Accelerating COVID-19 Vaccination

With expected deliveries of the vaccine by AstraZeneca in March, Saskatchewan residents **ages 60-64** and phase one priority health care workers will be offered the first 15,500 doses. Administration of the AstraZeneca doses is to begin **March 22**, distributed to six major

hubs throughout the province.

All doses are expected to be fully administered within one week on a by-appointment basis. Health care workers will receive notification of their eligibility directly from the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Members of the public who are eligible will be able to book by phone.

### All Adults to Have Access to First Dose of Vaccine By June

Based on current allocations of COVID-19 vaccines from the federal government and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization updating their recommended interval between doses to four months, the province is anticipating that every adult in Saskatchewan will be able to access their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by the **end of June**.

## CONVENTION 2021

### VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



### Last Chance to Access the Virtual Convention Platform

There are only three days left to access Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention platform. Initially we said the platform would be open until today, but delegates now have access until **11:59 p.m.** on **March 10** to browse the tradeshow and watch recorded sessions.

We encourage you to use this time to visit the exhibitor booths in the Municipal Marketplace and learn about innovative products and services available to Saskatchewan's municipalities. While exhibitors are not available to chat live, you can still connect with them directly using the contact information available in their booth.

If you missed a session during the four days of Convention, or if there was something you want to watch again, now is your chance. All live sessions from Convention 2021 were recorded and are available on the Convention platform. And don't forget about the on-demand section where you will find education sessions designed specifically for Saskatchewan's hometowns. The on-demand sessions, particularly *Governance 101: What I Wish in My First Year on Council* and *Leadership Lessons from Tristen Durocher's 44 Day Fast*, have already received rave reviews in Municipalities of Saskatchewan 2021 Convention Evaluation.

All education sessions will be available in the member portal on the Municipalities of Saskatchewan website, [www.munisask.ca](http://www.munisask.ca), later this spring.

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



## Classifieds

### Positions Available:

- Town of Craik: *Administrator* (March 11)
- Resort Village of Coteau Beach: *Urban Administrator* (March 12)
- Town of Assiniboia: *Chief Administrative Officer* (March 17)
- Town of Asquith: *Public Works Employee* (March 18)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)

### For Sale:

- *Well Pumps and Check Valve*
- *Speed Reader Sign*

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

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



## Grants

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Government of Canada *Canada Healthy Communities Initiative* (March 9)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (March 12)
- Government of Canada *Universal Broadband Fund* (March 15)
- SGI *Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (March 31)
- Community Initiative Funds *Community Grant Program* (April 1)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year round)

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

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## JSGS Municipal Sector Governance Program

**Date:** April 2021

**Location:** Online

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is offering a Municipal Sector Governance Program designed to give elected officials and municipal administration the insights, knowledge, and understanding needed to govern a municipality with confidence.

This online program is being delivered through a combination of online study, including videos and interactive activities that can be worked through at your own pace, and live webinar sessions that connect you with experienced facilitators and peers.

**Learn more and register online.**

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