

# MUNICIPAL Update

December 4, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 16**  
SUMA Virtual Sector Meeting

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# SUMA Sector Meetings

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## Last Chance to Register!

There is still time to register to join us online tomorrow, **Tuesday January 16** from **9:00 a.m.** to **3:45 p.m.**, for the **SUMA Sector Meetings**.

[Register here!](#)

We will spend the morning together to hear a brief update on SUMA's advocacy work, updates from SUMA partners, and a keynote presentation from Laura Lawrence, a Saskatchewan author and educator. For the afternoon, we will break out into our sectors – cities, towns, and villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities – to share your successes during hometown proud, take in an education session specifically designed for your sector, and discuss sector relevant issues in an open forum. Discussions at sector meetings are driven by members. We encourage you to bring topics for discussion during the open forum.

The Sector Meeting is open to representatives from all SUMA member municipalities. The cost to attend is **\$40 per person**.

[View the Agenda](#)

*Please note: There has been an adjustment to the agenda, please click the "View the Agenda" button to view the final version.*

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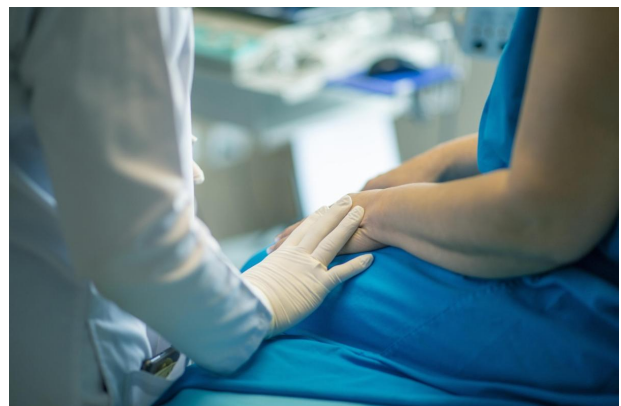


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## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Steps Forward for Mental Health and Addictions Treatment

In recent announcements, the Government of Saskatchewan promised **14 new addictions treatment spaces at the Possibilities Recovery Center in Saskatoon**. The new addictions treatment spaces include ten for adults and four for youth, building on the 18 spaces that were announced in November of 2023. Also, earlier this month, the government announced a **new in-**



patient treatment facility consisting of 60 beds to be established at the former Living Skies Retreat & Conference Centre, which will be the largest in Saskatchewan to date. The facility will be located 20 minutes outside of Regina, near Lumsden.

The new facilities bring the total number of addictions treatment spaces that have been announced under Saskatchewan's Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions to 168, working toward the government's new promise of 500 treatment spaces across the province.

**These recent announcements are a direct result of SUMA's ongoing mental health and addictions advocacy efforts.** As you know, SUMA has been asking for these very changes for some time, and while there is certainly more work to be done in addressing the breadth of MHA issues across the province, these developments are promising. We look forward to continuing our work with the government and seeing further progress in this area of advocacy.

Read the Government of Saskatchewan news releases discussing the new treatment spaces [here](#).

## CONVENTION 2024



### Convention Registration Now Open!

**The registration and hotel booking systems for Convention 2024 are now open!**

The main contact for each municipality should have received an email with the link and password to register. If your municipality did not receive your invitation to register, please check your junk mail. Not there? Email [registration@suma.org](mailto:registration@suma.org).



Delegates are responsible for arranging their own hotel accommodations. To book your room(s) for Convention 2024, simply click [HERE](#) to access our hotel booking system.

Convention 2024 promises to be a busy four days, from excursions and education sessions, to the Bear Pit. See the [agenda](#) for a list of times and sessions. For more detailed information, check out the [2024 Convention Brochure](#). Click the image below for a message from the Convention MC.



## Free Tradeshow Access for Municipal Employees

Municipal employees have **free access** to the **2023 Municipal Marketplace** presented by Kinetic GPO at the annual SUMA Convention.

Municipalities can register their observers for the tradeshow at the same time they register their other convention delegates. The tradeshow is taking place **April 15 and 16**. The Early Access Reception is being held on April 14 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Tour booths in

advance of the tradeshow's official opening and enjoy light appetizers.

## Announcing the Recipients of the 2024 Small Community Support

To help smaller communities attend convention, SUMA introduced the **Small Community Support Initiative**. Through the initiative, communities with populations of less than 150 people have the chance to win complimentary registration to our annual convention.

Applications for the 2024 Small Community Support Initiative closed January 9 and a draw of eligible applicants was held January 10.

We are pleased to announce the three communities that are recipients of two complimentary 2023 Convention registrations:

- Village of Broderick;
- Village of Calder; and
- Resort Village of Wee Too Beach.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention!

*Convention sponsors now have the opportunity to sponsor complimentary registrations for small communities and additional municipalities may be selected at a later date.*

## Resolution Deadline is January 31

As the 2024 Convention and Tradeshow approaches, we encourage members to submit their resolutions.

**The deadline to submit resolutions is January 31.**



Resolutions are a way to get municipal issues in front of provincial decision makers and the media, and help shape SUMA's advocacy. Before getting started, review the [Resolutions Policy](#), and see [past resolutions](#).

For more details and a template you can use as a guide, look at the [Call for Resolutions 2024](#) or login to the [member portal](#) for the same information.



## Election Supplies and Ballots

Since the 1997 election, SUMA has been offering **election forms, supplies and ballot printing** to our members. It provides a one-stop shop for all SUMA members with the assurance that supplies will be up-to-date, and a staff member available to answer questions or refer them to the appropriate contacts at Government Relations.

For ballots, SUMA members must ensure orders are placed a **minimum of 15 business days prior to advance poll date; this will allow ballots to arrive in time**. Please note **SARM members are only able to order supplies from SUMA, not ballots**.

### Member Advantages

- Substantial cost savings, based on bulk purchasing of supplies and bulk processing of ballots
- Election forms as prescribed by *The Local Government Election Act* accurately reproduced ready for use on election day
- Forms and supplies shipped using the most cost effective method for each individual municipality (within one to two business days of order receipt)
- When the order is received by the SUMA office within 15 business days prior to the advance poll date, guaranteed processing of ballot orders to meet the limited turn-around time between close of nominations, advance poll, and election dates. Orders received less than 15 business days prior to the advance poll date cannot be guaranteed.

### Member Order Forms:

- [Election supplies](#) (PDF document)
- [Ballots](#) (PDF document)
- **SARM Members only:** [Election supplies](#) (PDF document)

**Election Scheduling Tool:** Visit [Publications Saskatchewan](#) for an interactive Election-Byelection Scheduling Tool

## Shipping Label Price Increase

Effective Jan 15, 2024, **there will be an increase in shipping label costs** (due to fuel surcharge increases).

Below are the new prices:

**1.36kg** will increase to **\$456.25** per pack (currently \$436.69)

**5kg** will increase to **\$542.00** per pack (currently \$488.78)

Note each pack contains 25 labels. GST is in addition to these prices.



## Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Needs Your Support

**Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers (SCS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting safety and reducing crime in our province.**

The organization is funded by contributions from urban and rural municipalities, individuals, small businesses, major corporations, community service clubs as well as civic, social, and professional organizations. **The organization's program does not receive federal or provincial funding, and they are asking the public to make donations.**

Your contribution, no matter the size, will directly support SCS's efforts to combat crime and create a safer environment for all residents.

To support Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, make a donation or read their letter, click [here](#).

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Battleford: Finance and Utility Clerk (Feb 6)
- Town of Battleford: Community Planner (Feb 7)
- Town of Battleford: Director of Corporate Services (Feb 7)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Community Rink Affordability Program (Jan 16)

For a full listing of grants, check the **Grants** section of our website under the Resources tab.

- SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal: Administrative Assistant (Feb 7)
- City of Weyburn: City Clerk (Feb 12)
- City of Weyburn: Planning and Development Coordinator (Feb 12)
- City of Weyburn: Communications Coordinator (Feb 12)
- City of Weyburn: Deputy Fire Chief (Feb 12)
- City of Weyburn: Facility Maintenance Coordinator (Feb 12)
- Town of St. Walburg: Administrative Officer (Feb 13)
- Town of Grenfell: Grader Up for Tender (Feb 14)

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.

