

# MUNICIPAL Update

January 10, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 11, 2022**

Webinar - Strengthening Municipal Governance: Targeted Sector Support at Work

**April 3-6, 2022**

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).



## Last Chance to Nominate

Do you know of individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding service in the municipal field? Nominate them to be recognized for their contribution to the community with one of these awards, to be handed out during Convention 2022:

- the **Meritorious Service Award** for Saskatchewan urban municipal employees who have served at least 20 years;
- the **Honorary Service Award** for elected officials who have served at least 20 years on council; or

## Support for the Town of White City's Application to Alter Their Boundaries - Letter Template

The Town of White City has applied for boundary alterations to grow their community, proposing land be annexed from the RM of Edenwold. Some of the land includes commercial and residential developments.

The RM of Edenwold has not consented to the annexation, and the application has been referred to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

Saskatchewan's urban municipalities are hubs, providing services to not only local residents, but to those living in the surrounding RMs, often without any acknowledgement or contribution.

It is essential that hometowns grow in the most sensible and efficient way possible, to make best use of tax dollars at all levels. This growth sometimes leaves urban municipalities at odds with surrounding municipalities. However, this should not prevent an urban municipality from pursuing growth where it will be of the greatest benefit and least cost.

SUMA has drafted a letter template that Saskatchewan's hometowns can send to the Town of White City in support of their application, which has larger ramifications for all urban municipalities in Saskatchewan. Feel free to add any information that is important to your municipality. When sending the letter, be sure to cc the Saskatchewan Municipal

- the **Scoop Lewry Award** for elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials, and employees of the Ministry of Government Relations.

Nominations are being accepted until **January 13**.

Board and SUMA.

**Download the letter template**

**Webinar** | **SUMA** | 01.11.22  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Strengthening Municipal Governance:  
Targeted Sector Support at Work**

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## Join SUMA Tomorrow and Learn More About Targeted Sector Support

The Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative provides cost-shared grants to municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on regional co-operation, capacity building, and good governance.

**Tomorrow** from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** join SUMA for the webinar ***Strengthening Municipal Governance: Targeted Sector Support at Work*** to learn more about the initiative, find out how you can use the funding in your community, and discover what makes a strong application.

This webinar is being offered free of charge to all SUMA and SARM members, as well as any groups partnering with a municipality to access TSS funding.

**Register for the webinar**

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## Applications Being Accepted for the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant

Improve road safety in your community with a **Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant**.

The program provides up to \$100,000 (per location) to municipalities and Indigenous lands or territories. The goal of the fund is to stimulate and support local, collaborative action that will increase traffic safety awareness. Local traffic initiatives will help reduce collisions, traffic injuries, and fatalities. **Learn more.**

### **New PSE Locations**

To curb speeding in your community, apply for photo speed enforcement (PSE) technology. New PSE technology locations will be recommended by the PSE Committee. Locations that may be eligible include high-risk, high-collision, and high-volume pedestrian areas. More information is available on SGI's website at **www.sgi.sk.ca/photo-speed-enforcement**.

If you have questions about either program, or to request an application form, contact the PSE Program Administrator at **PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca** or call 1-844-TLK-2SGI (1-844- 855-2744) extension 6042.

The application deadline for both programs is at the end of March.

**Municipal Revenue Sharing**  
Declaration of Eligibility

**Declaration Process**

**November 15**  
Receive Declaration of Eligibility via email

**January 31**  
Deadline to submit the declaration

**Eligibility Requirements**

- #1 - AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
- #2 - WATERWORKS REPORTING (if applicable)
- #3 - EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX - IN GOOD STANDING\*
- #4 - COUNCIL PROCEDURES BYLAW
- #5 - EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT
- #6 - PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS\*

**Declaration Results**

**Full compliance with all eligibility requirements**  
Your municipality will receive its Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant, unless otherwise notified.

**Incomplete declarations or not meeting all eligibility requirements**  
There may be a disruption to your Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant payment. Please work to become compliant on all requirements.

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## Submit Your MRS Declaration of Eligibility by January 31

To receive Municipal Revenue Sharing for 2022-23, municipalities are required to submit a Declaration of Eligibility to the ministry and ensure their municipality meets all eligibility requirements.

The Ministry of Government Relations emailed municipalities their unique link and password for the online Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) Grant Declaration of Eligibility. The deadline for submission of the Declaration of Eligibility is **January 31**.

If your municipality did not receive the email and it is not in your spam/junk folder, email the ministry at [grcompliance@gov.sk.ca](mailto:grcompliance@gov.sk.ca).

A completed declaration requires a resolution from council confirming the eligibility requirements the municipality meets.

[Learn more](#) about the requirements.



## Tourism Saskatchewan Accepting Applications for Diversification and New Market Program

The Tourism Saskatchewan program, which helps established operators diversify and expand product offerings and be more resilient during challenging times, is accepting applications until **February 9**.

Three streams of funding are available through the Diversification and New Market Program:

- New Market(s) – attracts new markets for currently operating tourism business infrastructure.
- Seasonal Usage Expansion – assists businesses with expanding seasonal usage of both current and new tourism infrastructure.
- New Experiential Product Development – assists in the creation of new experiential product(s) for established tourism businesses.

Find out more by visiting [Business.TourismSaskatchewan.com](http://Business.TourismSaskatchewan.com).



## JSGS Winter Workshop - Making Cent\$ of Cybersecurity: The Role of Governance

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## Private Board of Revision and Development Appeals Provider Not Offering Services in 2022

A private board of revision and development appeals board provider will

remain under constant scrutiny. Decision-makers must account for every penny spent. While decision makers have gained mastery of financial principles, the same cannot be said for data management practices.

In the workshop ***Making Cent\$ of Cybersecurity: The Role of Governance*** presented by the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) participants will:

- learn the basic principles of cybersecurity: confidentiality, integrity, and availability, otherwise known as the “CIA” triad.
- explore the technical and physical components of today’s most common attack practices.
- take part in an exercise to demonstrate quick wins to help thwart threat actors.

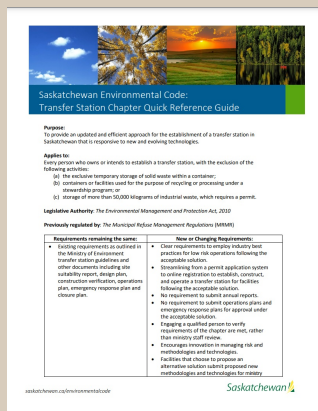
**Learn more** and **register**. The cost of this workshop is \$250.

not be offering its services in 2022.

While the Ministry of Government Relations continues to work with the municipal sector on its board of revision renewal initiative, changes to board of revision remain on target to be in place for the 2023 property tax year.

Municipalities remain responsible for establishing assessment appeal and development appeal boards as the first level of appeal.

A **guide for board of revision members** is available for download from Publications Saskatchewan. **Development appeals board information** can also be found on the provincial website.



## Virtual Engagement Session on the Ministry of Environment's Transfer Station Chapter

In 2020, the Ministry of Environment released the Solid Waste Management Strategy with a goal of modernizing regulations. It includes a commitment to develop a Transfer Station chapter for inclusion in the Saskatchewan Environmental Code. The chapter has been drafted, and the ministry is seeking feedback.

On **January 13**, the ministry is hosting a virtual engagement session from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Written comments on the chapter are being accepted until **February 5**. To register for the event, email [waste.management@gov.sk.ca](mailto:waste.management@gov.sk.ca).

A **quick reference guide** on the Transfer



## Volunteer to be an Assessor and Help Select Saskatchewan's Future Medical Students

The University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine is looking for health professionals and members from the community to volunteer to be an assessor at their 2022 virtual multiple mini interview.

What they need:

- One-full day (approximately eight hours) commitment of assessing candidates for personal qualities important for the medical profession on either **March 5** or **March 6**.
- Participation in a two-hour training session (multiple dates TBD).

What volunteers can expect:

- Assessor training including orientation to the interview platform and pre-interview system check.
- Pre-interview and interview technical support.

To volunteer, complete the **online volunteer form** **2022 MMI Assessor**



## CONVENTION 2022

### Registration for Convention 2022 Opening This Month

The 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is happening **April 3-6** in **Regina**, and we're excited to say that registration for the event is opening this month! We will be sending out an email tomorrow with more information, including what day registration will open, so be sure to watch your inbox.

In preparation for registration opening, we encourage you to add the email address [registration@sumaconvention.com](mailto:registration@sumaconvention.com) to your safe senders list. Not sure how to add that email to your safe senders list? Find instructions for:

- [Outlook](#)
- [SaskTel](#)

## ADVOCACY UPDATE



### Province in Support of Federal Government Absolving Costs of Retroactive RCMP Salaries

Last year, as part of a SUMA advocacy campaign on RCMP retroactive pay increases, we asked you to send a letter to the federal minister of public safety requesting the federal government cover the retroactive salary costs.

We also advocated the province, asking the Honourable Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, to support our position. In November, Minister Tell sent a letter to the Ministry of Public Safety requesting that the Government of Canada absorb the entire financial impact of the retroactive wage compensation for 2017-2021.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### 140 Million More Rapid Tests Heading to Provinces, Territories

On January 5, the Government of Canada announced that an additional 140 million rapid tests will be delivered to provinces and territories this month.

The tests are being allocated on a per-capita basis.

## SHA Town Hall January 18

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is hosting their first Town Hall Information Session of 2022 on **January 18** at **3:00 p.m.**

During the town hall, leaders from the SHA will :

- discuss the current state of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan;
- provide an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the health system; and
- provide an update on Saskatchewan's vaccine strategy.

[Register](#) for this event.

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

## Fourth Doses Recommended for Designated Immuno-Compromised Residents

Those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and have had three doses for their primary COVID-19 vaccination series are eligible to receive a booster/fourth dose at least three months after their third dose.

These individuals include those who had received a letter of eligibility from the Ministry of Health, including people receiving chemo and immuno-suppressive therapies, those with HIV, or who have had organ transplants. Those groups now eligible are listed at [saskatchewan.ca/covid-19](https://saskatchewan.ca/covid-19).

## Update Your QR Code After Your Booster

If you generated your COVID-19 vaccination record QR code following your second dose of vaccine, you will need to generate a new QR code after your booster dose if you want to show you have received the booster.

Once generated, QR codes are static and need to be updated when your vaccination status changes. You can access your [MySaskHealthRecord account](#) and generate a new QR code after receiving any COVID-19 vaccine, to ensure your record is up-to-date.

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Wynyard: *Director of*



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure

*Leisure Services (January 14)*

- Resort Village of Tobin Lake: *Administrator (When filled)*
- Village of Young: *Administrative Assistant (When filled)*
- Town of Lampman: *Administrator (When filled)*
- Town of Lampman: *Administrative Assistant (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 [classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

*Program Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream - Shovel Ready Projects (January 11)*

- *Community Rink Affordability Grant (January 15)*
- *Targeted Sector Support Initiative (February 1)*
- *SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement Planning Grant (February 15)*
- *SGI Community Grant Program (February 28)*
- *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream (May 10)*
- *Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)*

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

