

# MUNICIPAL Update

February 9, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 24

Webinar: Planning Canada's  
Next Deep Geological  
Repository: Your Voice Matters

### April 12-15

2026 SUMA Convention and  
Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

## Broadband Committee Bringing National Conference to Saskatchewan for 2026

The **Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee (SBAC)** hopes to start conversations around rural connectivity and digital adoption at the **Canadian Rural and Remote Broadband Community (CRRBC) Conference** this coming fall in Saskatoon.

SUMA's CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau and SARM's CEO Laurel Feltin co-chair the SBAC and are looking forward to the conference. "We aim to ensure every individual and business in every Saskatchewan community, no matter how remote, has the communications infrastructure they need now and in the future," commented Nadeau. "Municipal leaders in Saskatchewan are eager for the opportunity to connect with industry leaders and policymakers to share strategies for expanding rural broadband access."

The SBAC is a cross-sector and community-based group of provincial, local, and Indigenous organizations, networks, and service providers aimed at achieving broadband infrastructure parity for all Saskatchewan residents, regardless of location.

Read the full news release [here](#).

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## Share the News!

Is your entire council receiving *Municipal Update* emails? We encourage mayors, councillors, and administrators to **individually sign up to our newsletter** so our updates make it straight to your inbox. Please share this email with your colleagues and encourage them to sign up today!

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## Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal

The **SUMA Member Portal** hosts valuable resources for members including meeting recordings, webinars, and more.

Each municipality has one shared login for the Member Portal that should be distributed to all staff and members of council. Please contact your Chief Administrative Officer for access. We encourage you to revisit or share previous webinars and other relevant information with other staff or elected officials.

If you are unsure of your login information, please contact [communications2@suma.org](mailto:communications2@suma.org) for assistance.

Visit the SUMA Member Portal

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Announced Closure of Indian Head Research Farm

SUMA attended a meeting on February 6 opposing Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's announced closure of the **Indian Head Research Farm**, which has been in existence since 1887. The research site is one of seven research operations slated to be closed.

SUMA joined elected officials from the Town of Indian Head and RM of Indian Head, staff from the research lab, community members, representatives from SARM, and local MPs Andrew Scheer and Steven Bonk.

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### Solid Waste Management Strategy Renewal

SUMA recently submitted responses to the provincial consultation **Solid Waste Management Strategy** renewal. We are calling on the government to take proactive action on the advocacy areas we have identified. We believe it is critical that the province fully considers SUMA's recommendations across all strategy pillars before moving toward implementation, to ensure the final framework is both practical and sustainable for all municipalities.

Read our recommendations [here](#).

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### Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

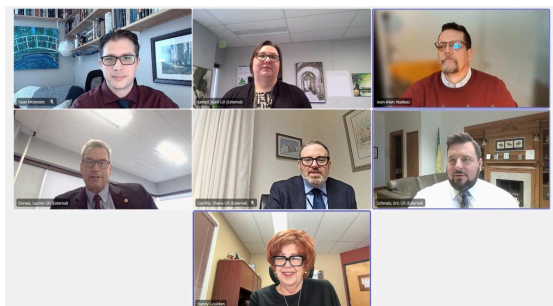
SUMA has formally reached out to **Recycle Saskatchewan** to address the ongoing challenges with the **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) implementation** and seek clarity on behalf of our members. We have submitted a comprehensive list of the issues you've raised, alongside the specific actions we expect to see to ensure this system works for all municipalities. We are currently waiting for a response.

In the meantime, we have attached our [What We Heard](#) document, which captures the diverse concerns shared by our members.

We invite all members to review this document to see the specific advocacy areas we are pushing forward on your behalf. We are currently working on our next steps and will continue to provide updates.

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## Discussing Municipal Needs with Minister of Government Relations



SUMA met last week with the **Honourable Eric Schmalz, Minister of Government Relations**. Topics of our discussion included infrastructure funding, Municipal Revenue Sharing, and municipal collaboration.

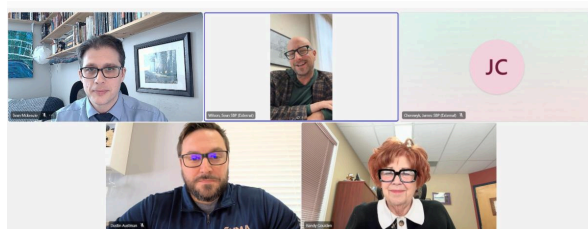
We look forward to continued conversations with GR to help meet the needs of municipalities.

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## Meeting with Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement

Last week, SUMA met with the **Honourable Sean Wilson, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement**.

We discussed the need for a new tri-party infrastructure program and infrastructure cost overrun protections for municipalities, PST on construction, the need for an Indigenous procurement policy, and our concerns around the Building Schools Faster Legislation.



## Call for Village and Resort Village Caucus Representative Nominations: West Central Region

The **Village and Resort Village caucus** is currently seeking nominations for one vacant position: a **West Central** representative.

Unsure which region you're located in? Search for your municipality [here](#).

The core mandate of the Village and Resort Village Caucus is to provide a forum for the management of advocacy topics considered relevant to Saskatchewan villages and resort villages.

The Caucus role includes the following responsibilities:

- Facilitating the meeting of the Caucus
- Identifying and providing advisory input on advocacy topics relevant to member urban municipalities in your sector
- Prioritizing advocacy topics and contributing to the setting of strategies required to advance the advocacy interests of the Caucus
- Providing input on provincial, federal, and/or collective advocacy topics
- Contributing to SUMA's communication efforts with the interest of keeping sector members informed and engaged

The Village and Resort Village Caucus meets virtually for approximately 90 minutes on a quarterly basis. Additional participation in events such as the Regional Roadshow and caucus meetings at Convention are also strongly encouraged.

Nominations can be submitted to [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org).

Complete the Nomination Form

## CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



Webinar



02.24.25  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

### Planning Canada's Next Deep Geological Repository: Your Voice Matters



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#### Webinar: Planning Canada's Next Deep Geological Repository: Your Voice Matters

The **Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)** is beginning the process to identify a site for Canada's second deep geological repository (DGR) for the safe, long-term storage of intermediate- and high-level nuclear waste.

Over the next two years, NWMO will be engaging with Indigenous communities, municipalities, industry and other stakeholders to shape the site selection process. Join us on **Tuesday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.** for the webinar **Planning Canada's Next Deep Geological Repository: Your Voice Matters** to learn more about Canada's second DGR and share your feedback.

Register Now

*SUMA's webinar program is sponsored by SUMAssure. Webinars are free to all SUMA members. There is a fee of \$45 + GST and PST for non-members to attend.*

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#### We Want Your Feedback!

In 2025, we look forward to continuing to work with **People First HR** to deliver information that is important to you. Help us inform their 2026 webinar topics by participating in the poll below.

Which topic would you be most interested in learning more about?

Exploring Team Dysfunction



Building Trust in the Workplace

Communicating Effectively

Navigating Conflict

Your feedback is valuable. Thank you for taking the time to respond to the poll.



## MuniCast Season 10 - Coming Soon!

Are you ready to tune in to new conversations? Season 10 of MuniCast is launching this March, and it's packed with timely, relevant discussions for Saskatchewan's municipal community.

This season, conversations will dive into how municipalities can get the most value from SUMA's offerings—from building meaningful connections through networking, to strengthening capacity through education, advancing local priorities through advocacy, and gaining direct access to government officials.

Whether you're looking for practical insights, new perspectives, or opportunities to stay informed and connected, Season 10 of MuniCast will deliver conversations that support and strengthen your municipal leadership journey.

Episodes of MuniCast are available on all major podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), and [YouTube](#). Keep an eye on member emails or subscribe to MuniCast on your platform of choice to be notified when the latest episodes are released.

## REGIONAL ROADSHOW



Want to see SUMA in your community? Now's your chance to submit a proposal to host a SUMA Regional Meeting!

One municipality will be selected from each region to host their Regional Meeting during the **SUMA Regional Roadshow**. This event takes place annually, and we look forward to hitting the road this June! Municipalities that have already expressed interest will be given priority. If you submitted a proposal in 2025 and would still like to host, we strongly encourage you to apply again.

**The call for venues will close at 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026.**

[Submit Your Proposal](#)

## CONVENTION 2026



## FOUNDATION of URBAN STRENGTH

**2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow**  
April 12-15 • Regina, SK

Saskatchewan's urban municipalities thrive on strong foundations—delivering municipal services, guided by dedicated leadership, and enriched by vibrant communities. **SUMA is a cornerstone of urban strength**, empowering urban municipalities through advocacy, education, and programs and services that drive progress.

Join us at the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow to share solutions, shape policy, and amplify the voice of urban Saskatchewan.

*Strong urban foundations build a stronger Saskatchewan.*

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### Convention Registration Now Open!

Join us at the **2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow** in Regina. Registration for Convention 2026 is open until **April 2 at 4:00 p.m.**

The main contact for each municipality was sent an email with the link to register. This email also included a link to book your hotels (see "Hotel Booking" below for more information).

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).

Convention attendees are responsible for arranging their own hotel accommodations. Access hotel booking through Resiada with the link included in the registration email. **Hotel booking is open until March 9.**

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## Early Bird Reminder

Register by **March 4** to take advantage of early-bird pricing. Everyone who registers by the early-bird deadline will be entered to **win a complimentary registration for Convention 2026**.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact the SUMA office by phone at 306-525-4469, or by email at [registration@suma.org](mailto:registration@suma.org).

We look forward to seeing you!

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## Education Opportunities at Convention 2026

At the **2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow**, we are excited to be hosting seven concurrent education sessions, four sector-specific breakout education sessions, four optional excursions, two main plenary education sessions, a Dialogue with SUMA session, and an updated *Kickstart Convention*. With so many opportunities to learn, this year's event promises to be an informative experience for all attendees. We can't wait to see you there!

### Sunday, April 12

Join us for **Kickstart Convention** for an exclusive look at what's in store at Convention 2026! Plus, connect with other Convention attendees at the **NEW alcohol-free reception** taking place at the end of the session.

The **Dialogue with SUMA** session is an opportunity to share ideas with peers and discuss initiatives you would like to see SUMA champion. Reflecting our governance changes and the dissolution of committees, Dialogue with SUMA will take place on the main stage as one large, open session where all topics are welcome.

SUMA is excited to offer the opportunity to participate in one of four **optional excursions**. Visit **District Brewing Co.** and **Rebellion Brewing Co.**, the **Legislative Building** and **Government House**, the **RCMP Heritage Centre**, or the **Pilot Butte Water Treatment Facility**. Pre-registration is required plus an additional fee of \$50.

We will be offering three concurrent **education sessions** on Sunday: **Foundations for Financial Growth**, **Building it Right: From Plans to Permits**, and **Stronger Together: Building Resilient Regions in Saskatchewan**.

### Monday, April 13

Our plenary panel, **Laying the Groundwork: First Nations and Municipal Relations**, brings together First Nations and municipal leaders to share their stories of government-to-government partnerships grounded in the principles of Truth and Reconciliation. The discussion highlights how advancing Treaty relationships beyond a check-box approach can foster strong and resilient communities.

### Tuesday, April 14

**Municipal Marvels: Student Sustainability Solutions**: Student groups from across the province submitted proposals explaining their sustainable solution to a problem relevant to their own community. The winning projects will be presented during this session.

There are four breakout education sessions on Tuesday: **Reducing Municipal Liability Exposure for Towns and Villages**, **Tourism Frameworks for Strong Cities**, **Age-Friendly Towns and Villages: Cornerstones of Community Life**, and **Designing Resilient Northern Response Plans**.

There are also four concurrent education sessions for you to choose from on Tuesday: **Infrastructure in Action**, **Leveraging Community Strengths: Turning Local Assets into**

## Convention 2026: Keynote Speakers



### Warren Macdonald

In 1997, a climbing accident led to the amputation of both of Warren Macdonald's legs. Ten months later, he scaled Tasmania's Cradle Mountain, and in 2003 became the first double above-knee amputee to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro. He's also conquered El Capitan and Alberta's "Weeping Wall." Warren shares his journey in his bestselling book, *A Test of Will*, and documentary, *The Second Step*, and has been featured worldwide.

A visionary in change management, Warren inspires audiences to rethink challenges and see possibilities. Learn more at [www.warren-macdonald.com](http://www.warren-macdonald.com).



### Jack Lucas, PhD

Jack Lucas is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Calgary and Co-Director of the Canadian Municipal Barometer, which provides data and insights on municipal democracy, elections, and public opinion. His research focuses on local governance, political representation, and citizen engagement, and he works with partners nationwide to make research accessible and practical for municipal leaders.

His book *Ideology in Canadian Municipal Politics* won the 2024 APSA S. M. Lipset Award for Best Book on Canadian Politics.

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## Winners of the 2026 Small Community Support Initiative

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 2026 Small Community Support Initiative were open from September 24 to November 28, and a draw of eligible applicants was held on December 1.

Due to a community being unable to use their complimentary registrations, a redraw has taken place. We are pleased to announce the **Resort Village of Pelican Pointe** as the recipient of two complimentary registrations to Convention 2026.

Sponsors still have the opportunity to support additional communities, and additional municipalities may be selected as winners for this initiative.


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# Free Access to the Tradeshow

Did you know? **All municipal staff and council members can access the Tradeshow only at no cost.** To do so, you must **register as a Tradeshow Observer** in the Convention registration system before the registration deadline.

## Learn More About Convention 2026 Here



### REASONS TO ATTEND

#### SHAPE POLICY

Convention is an opportunity to influence policy, both locally and provincially. Shape SUMA's advocacy through Resolutions, sector meetings, and the Dialogue with SUMA session. Put the issues that matter most to your municipality before the provincial government—and the media—at the annual Bear Pit and Dialogue with Ministers sessions.


#### STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP

Learn from inspiring keynotes and experienced leaders and return home empowered to lead your community forward. Education sessions are tailored to help municipal leaders address the most pressing needs in their communities, from regional collaboration and economic development to infrastructure planning and council governance.

#### BUILD CONNECTIONS

There are plenty of people to meet and many opportunities to network. Share your community's successes and challenges as you connect with colleagues, peers, and SUMA's Board, Caucus representatives, and staff. Network with provincial and federal decision makers during the President's Gala, education sessions, breaks, and sector meetings.

### MUNICIPAL MARKETPLACE presented by KINETIC OPO



- Sunday, April 12, Welcome and Winder Reception – 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 – 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14 – 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

SUMA's Tradeshow features 150+ exhibitors with products and services that municipalities use each day. Browse the booths and connect with exhibitors on April 13 and 14. Tour the booths on Sunday, April 12 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in advance of the official opening during the Welcome and Winder Reception.


### WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

We're excited to share what's new at Convention 2026! On the mainstage, Dialogue with SUMA returns in a new open format where all topics are up for discussion. We're thrilled to once again feature two keynote speakers and the much-loved Municipal Marvels with sustainability solutions from Saskatchewan students. Plenary sessions will feature theatre-style seating, creating an accessible space where everyone can focus together on what's happening on stage.

Looking for convention? Networking opportunities abound, starting with Kickstart! Convention. This session includes a new alcohol-free reception to help new and returning attendees connect. Our traditional Welcome Reception and Early Access Reception are evolving into the Welcome and Winder Reception on Sunday afternoon, featuring entertainment, appetizers, and drinks. On Tuesday, join your colleagues for Sector Lunches, with time to network and meet within your sector. Put your feet up in the Tradeshow lounge or at the tables and chairs in Hall B, where plenary sessions will also be livestreamed.

The SUMA Impact Initiative is a new program designed to foster lasting impact through mutual support, community connection, and educational outreach. Visit the SUMA Impact initiative table in the "C" lobby on Monday for a brief hands-on educational activity relevant to community well-being from St. John Ambulance.

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### REGISTRATION FAQ'S FOR MEMBERS

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

We're using a new registration system this year called **PhreedLoop**. Things will look a little different on the registration page than previous Conventions, so please follow instructions throughout the process to ensure a smooth experience. **We're available for support at [registration@suma.org](mailto:registration@suma.org).**

You'll need to gather details for all attendees from your municipality before you begin the registration process. **IMPORTANT:** You are only able to access the registration system **once**. You can update your registration any time by logging into the **Attendee Portal**.

**Here are the details you'll need to confirm before you start:**

#### THE BASICS

- ❑ Who is in charge of registration? Your municipality will be registered as a group, not as individuals. It is important to assign one person (such as a CAO, administrator, or clerk) to handle the registration process.
- ❑ Who is attending from your municipality? Make sure you have the correct spelling of their names and email addresses. **Note:** Register attendees with an email address they can access during Convention from their phone or laptop—this will be used to log in to the Convention app.
- ❑ How many voting delegates are allotted to your municipality, and which council members will have voting privileges?
- ❑ Which category will each attendee fall under?
  - Voting delegates
  - Non-voting delegates
  - Municipal employees
  - Tradeshow observer – Municipal employees who will attend the Tradeshow only. Municipal employees can attend the Tradeshow for free but must register as a Tradeshow observer in the Convention registration system.
- ❑ Will your council members attend in-person or participate online? Make sure you know the preference of each council member you are registering.
- ❑ Which education, breakout, and dialogue sessions will each of your registrants attend? See the promotional **2026 Convention Brochure** for more details.
- ❑ Are your in-person attendees interested in participating in one of the four optional excursions? See the promotional **2026 Convention Brochure** for more details.
- ❑ Will you need additional President's Gala tickets? One ticket to the President's Gala is included with each Convention registration. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$100 per ticket.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION?

Register to attend Convention on or before March 4, to receive the early bird rate and be entered into a draw for a complimentary registration. **The registration system will close on April 2 at 4:00 p.m.,** and no late registrations will be accepted.

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Convention Brochure

Registration FAQs for Members

## OTHER UPDATES

### Indigenous Storytelling Month

Join the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) this February to recognize Indigenous Storytelling Month.

#### **Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story (Online event)**

On **February 17 and 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**, hear traditional storytellers Louise Halfe, Treaty Commissioner Dr. Kathy Walker, and Simon Bird share creation stories that are relevant to decolonization today. Click [here](#) to pre-register for the online event. Learn more [here](#).

#### **OTC 2026 Speaker Series: Indigenous Storytelling Month (Hybrid event, Saskatoon and online)**

Join the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and the Western Development Museum on **February 26 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** as we celebrate the rich histories and traditions of Indigenous Peoples through storytelling. The in-person event will be held at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. To attend online, email [treatyeducation@otc.ca](mailto:treatyeducation@otc.ca). Learn more [here](#).

Check out the [Events calendar](#) on the OTC's website to learn more about exciting events happening all month!

# The Day-to-Day Job of a Municipal Elected Official: Meet With Us!

The **Canadian Municipal Barometer** and **SUMA** are undertaking research to document the reality, advantages, and challenges faced by municipal elected officials in Saskatchewan.



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We invite **municipal elected officials** to contribute to this research by participating in an interview.

Interviews will be conducted over video call or in-person, as needed.

If you are interested in participating in the research, please contact Stephanie Ortynsky at [s.ortynsky@suma.org](mailto:s.ortynsky@suma.org). The deadline to participate is **April 10**.

Sharing your insights and experience helps ensure Saskatchewan communities are accurately represented in this research. We thank you for your consideration.

For more information on the Canadian Municipal Barometer's research, click [here](#).

## Community Rink Affordability Grant: New Intake of Applications Open

Skating and curling rinks are integral to the creation of vibrant, active, and connected communities in Saskatchewan. Administered by **Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation (SPRA)** on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, the **Community Rink Affordability Grant** is intended to support communities and organizations with the operating costs of indoor ice surfaces.

A grant of **\$5,000** will be available per ice surface to help offset the expenses for eligible indoor skating and curling rinks for the 2025-2026 operating season

Applications for the 2025-2026 season are open now until **February 27**.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

For grant inquiries & support contact [crag@spra.sk.ca](mailto:crag@spra.sk.ca).

## Share Your Thoughts: 2026-2029 Draft Federal Sustainable Development Strategy

Environment and Climate Change Canada is conducting consultations on the **2026-2029 Draft Federal Sustainable Development Strategy** before it is considered by Cabinet and tabled in Parliament in November 2026.

Feedback is sought from:

- individuals
- Indigenous Peoples
- non-governmental organizations
- industry and professional associations
- business and labour organizations
- private sector
- academic experts and thinktanks
- governments (provincial and territorial, municipal)

Click [here](#) for more information and to participate.

## Statistics Canada Hiring in Saskatchewan Communities for 2026 Census

The next **Census of Population** will take place in May 2026. To support this important project, Statistics Canada is hiring for supervisory and non-supervisory positions in Saskatchewan communities.

Census jobs offer flexible, short-term employment and the chance to contribute to data collection activities. Census information is used to plan programs and services that support employment, education, public transportation, and health care. Results from the census help provide high-quality information on key socioeconomic trends and analysis that can support important decisions that affect organizations, businesses, municipalities, governments and Indigenous communities across Canada.

To learn more about what jobs are available and the process to apply, visit [census.gc.ca/jobs](https://census.gc.ca/jobs). Click [here](#) to view a poster with more details.

## Municipal Climate Adaptation Certificate

The **Municipal Climate Adaptation Certificate**, offered by the University of Waterloo's Climate Institute, is an affordable, forward-thinking initiative tailored for municipal staff and elected officials across Canada. Developed in collaboration with leading experts in climate adaptation, this new certificate is delivered online, ensuring broad accessibility regardless of location.

Designed for a range of roles—from accounting and planning to governance, engineering, and community development—this certificate offers practical, expert-led courses available in both English and French. This project is carried out with funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund and the Government of Canada.

**Applications for the June 2026 start are now open!** For more information, click [here](#).

Want to learn more? A 60-minute information session will be held on February 26 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. (EST) to introduce the certificate's structure, highlight key learning outcomes, and feature insights from the Climate Institute team and municipal leaders already engaged in climate-resilience initiatives. Register for the webinar [here](#).

## Public Lecture by JSGS - Transition to the Carney Era: One Year In

Join the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy for an upcoming lecture in the State of Canada Series, **Transition to the Carney Era: One Year In**.

This timely conversation features **Shannon Proudfoot**, Globe and Mail feature writer, in discussion with **Dr. Marc-André Pigeon**, Associate Professor at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. Together, they will explore what Prime Minister Mark Carney's first year in office reveals about leadership, governance, and the policy choices shaping Canada's future — from economic reform and climate action to housing, reconciliation, and democratic trust.

### Event Details:

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

4:30–6:30 p.m. CST

Diefenbaker Building, University of Saskatchewan & Livestream

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

## Nominations Open Until March 31: Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal

The annual deadline for the **Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal** nominations is **March 31** of each year. This year, nominations will be accepted for members of your agency or organization with 25 years of exemplary service as of March 31, 2026 (requiring service prior to April 1, 2001).

Nominations are accepted year-round; nominations received after March 31, 2025, are already in the queue for this year – there is no need to re-send a nomination that has already been submitted. Nominations received after March 31, 2026, will be added to next year's queue.

More information and nomination forms for the medal can be found [here](#).

## Why the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Funding Grant Matters

Municipalities often face resource constraints, administrative hurdles, and governance complexities for starting new or costly initiatives beyond normal operations of the municipality. **Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Grant Funding** directly addresses these issues by reviewing applications to fund **75% of these costs** with the intent to:

- **Encourage Inter-Community Collaboration:** Projects must involve at least one partner municipality or community, fostering regional unity and shared solutions.
- **Enhance Governance and Capacity:** Funding supports training, restructuring, and strategic planning that elevates municipal leadership and administration.
- **Drive Innovation in Service Delivery:** From emergency management plans to regional land use strategies, TSS-funded projects improve efficiency and responsiveness.

Each project can receive up to **75% of eligible costs, capped at \$100,000 maximum funding**, making it a high-impact, low-barrier opportunity for municipalities to innovate and grow.

**TSS** is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million per fiscal year) used to encourage inter-community collaboration, help build capacity and promote good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The funds are used to support projects that help municipalities strengthen their core governance and administration responsibilities

The TSS Steering Committee is now accepting applications for funding under this program. **Applications are accepted at any time of the year and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.**

Please view the [intake guide](#) for details on the TSS initiative, project eligibility, and the application process. The online application portal can be accessed [here](#).

**Learn About How TSS Can Support Your Community**

## Partnership with People First HR Provides Assistance to SUMA Members

Does the thought of HR make your head hurt? We get it.

HR issues can be complex and difficult to navigate. That's why SUMA has partnered with **People First HR** to provide group benefit members with HR On Call support and access to 100s of HR templates.

**Approved callers can get HR On Call support for topics such as:**

- Creating a respectful workplace
- Employee relations
- Managing leaves



- Performance management guidance including employee discipline
- Termination
- Disability management consultation (accommodations, return to work, doctor notes)
- Legislation and best practice
- Requirements for policy development and workplace procedures

### Free up time with access to hundreds of HR templates

From recruitment to performance management, policies to respectful workplace (and so much more), with HR On Call you have access to hundreds of FREE HR templates to make supporting your team easier.



To learn more and access templates you need, email People First at [hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com](mailto:hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com)

## ADVERTISEMENTS



# Kinetic GPO

**Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract RFSO #25-07 for Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations and Services** awarded to [Siemens](#) and [SWTCH](#). Whether you need electric vehicle smart charging infrastructure to support offices, hospitals, airports, universities, public parking garages and parking lots, or schools, our awarded supplier partners have you covered.

Utilizing cooperative contracts simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance, and makes purchasing seamless. **All of the contracts available through [Kinetic GPO](#) offer a variety of innovative, sustainable, and quality solutions for Canadian educators and public sector organizations.**

**Discover how your organization can benefit from exclusive foodservice savings through Kinetic GPO and Foodbuy.**

Kinetic GPO helps members simplify procurement, reduce purchasing costs, and maximize rebate opportunities. Complete this short survey to help us align our industry-leading purchasing programs with the needs of your operations in education, healthcare, daycare, and long-term care facilities. Unlock new possibilities to reduce costs and enhance your food service offerings. Start the survey now.

**Start the Survey Now**

For additional information please contact your Kinetic GPO Vice President of Member Experience and Business Development, **Dana MacDonald** at [dana@kineticgpo.ca](mailto:dana@kineticgpo.ca).

## FOI & Privacy in Practice: Real-World Training for Saskatchewan Professionals

This in-person training is designed for professionals working under **Saskatchewan's FOIP and LA FOIP legislation** who want practical, real-world guidance. Hosted by **PrivacyWorks**, the session

goes beyond theory to focus on managing privacy risks and breaches, handling FOI requests with confidence, and building effective privacy programs. Participants will gain actionable tools, proven strategies, and insights from experienced privacy and FOI specialists, while connecting with peers from across Saskatchewan.

**Date:** April 16th, 2026 (9am-5:30pm CST)

**Location:** Alt Hotel Saskatoon, 480 2 Ave S, Saskatoon, SK S7K 1P4

**Email:** [hello@privacyworks.ca](mailto:hello@privacyworks.ca)

**Training Registration Link:** <https://www.privacyworks.ca/live-in-person-training>

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- [Town of Langenburg](#): Chief Administrative Officer (February 9)
- [Town of Oyen, AB](#): Chief Administrative Officer (February 9)
- [Village of Perdue](#): Public Works Foreman (February 10)
- [Town of Biggar](#): Assistant Public Works Manager (February 13)
- [Town of Biggar](#): Accounting Clerk (February 13)
- [Resort Village of Shields](#): Temporary Chief Administrative Officer (February 18)
- [RM of Corman Park](#): Manager, Development Services (February 20)
- [RM of Corman Park](#): Senior Planner - Development Officer
- [Town of Radisson](#): Administrator (March 10)
- [Town of Battleford](#): Town Hall Administration Executive Assistant (March 14)
- [Statistics Canada](#): Census Team Employees (June 9)
- [Town of Osler](#): Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- [Town of Maidstone](#): Administrator (until filled)
- [Village of Avonlea](#): Water Treatment & Distribution Operator (until filled)



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#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor: *First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Seed Funding* (Year-round)
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