

MUNICIPAL Update

January 24, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25, 2022

Webinar - Governance and Leadership:
Know Thyself

February 9, 2022

Virtual Town, Village, and Northern Sector
Meeting

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

Convention Registration Now Open

It's official! Registration for the 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is now open!

The link to register was sent by email to the main contact for each municipality. If your municipality did not receive your invitation to register, be sure to check your junk mail folder. Not there? Email registration@suma.org.

To see everything happening at the 2022 SUMA Convention, from education sessions to keynote address, check out the Convention brochure.



Submit Your Application for Targeted Sector Support Funding Before February 1

There is only one week left to submit your application for the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative.

The TSS Initiative provides cost-shared grants for projects undertaken by two or more Saskatchewan communities which lead to:

- improved inter-community relationships and co-operation
- enhanced governance
- increased administrative capacity
- assistance for municipal transitions

TSS funding is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing used to encourage intercommunity collaboration and good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The initiative is open to all municipal governments established by or under a provincial statute.

See the [TSS application guide](#) for more information. On January 11, SUMA also



Register by **February 28** to receive early-bird pricing. Municipalities who register before the early-bird deadline are entered to win a complimentary Convention registration.

held a webinar on the TSS Initiative. Watch the recording.



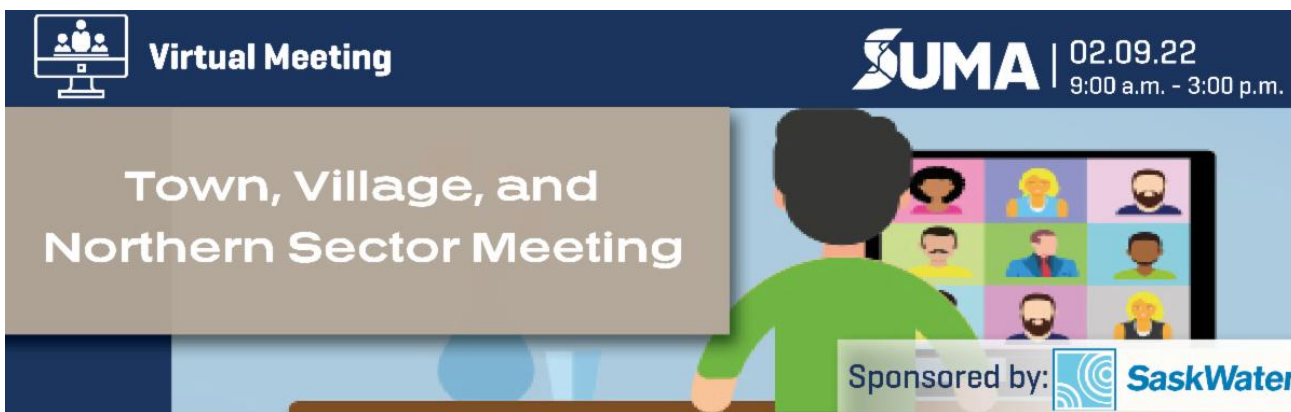
[Apply for funding](#)



Don't Miss SUMA's First Governance Webinar of the Year

Self-awareness is foundational in the development of strong governance and leadership. From **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** on **January 25**, join us for the webinar **Governance and Leadership: Know Thyself** to learn how building self-awareness helps you excel both personally and professionally. By being self-aware, you can identify when to ask for help, connect with the people in your municipality better, and come to respect differences in others.

[Register for the webinar](#)



Virtual Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting this February

Though SUMA is gearing up for Convention in April, we didn't want to miss an opportunity for the town, village, and northern sectors to gather for discussions on topics that matter to your hometowns.

That's why, on **February 9**, SUMA is hosting a **Virtual Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting**. Mayors, councillors, and administrators from Saskatchewan's towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities are invited to attend and discuss current issues, receive updates on the work SUMA is doing, hear a keynote address, and take in an education session.

Discussions during the meeting will be driven by members. If your municipality is interested in introducing topics for discussion, be sure to include them in the "Questions and Comments" section when registering.

[Register for the sector meeting](#)



Boards of Revision Training and Certification

SUMA continues to work with the Ministry of Government Relations on the Board of Revision Renewal Initiative to strengthen and support Saskatchewan's property assessment appeal system.

The provincial government recently amended three municipal regulations to establish the Registrar and require all boards of revision to be certified to hear property assessment appeals for the 2023 taxation year.

For a board of revision to be certified, all its members and secretaries must successfully complete the developed online training program, which is now open for registration. A 50 per cent discount is being provided to the first 150 registrants using the code BOR2022 when registering. When the spots are filled, the code will expire.

To learn more about the training program and register, visit the JSGS [Board of Revision \(BoR\) Training Program](#) page.



Four-Part Webinar Series on Heritage for Economic and Community Development

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport is hosting a four-part webinar series entitled ***Heritage for Economic and Community Development***.

The webinars will showcase several Saskatchewan projects that demonstrate the diverse economic, social, and cultural benefits of conserving and engaging with historic places. Hear stories of projects from people who helped make them happen and learn about the many benefits that have resulted.

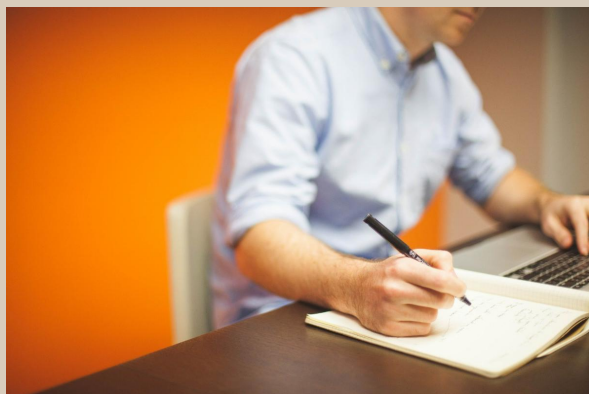
The webinars will be presented each day from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- March 1 - Heritage Tourism
- March 3 - Historic Buildings as Business Assets
- March 8 - Heritage and Community
- March 10 - Archaeological Heritage Projects

Registration is free, but pre-registration is required. [Register](#) by February 23.

More information about the webinars is available on the [Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport Webinar webpage](#).

For more information, visit the Saskatchewan.ca section on [Property Assessment Appeals](#).



Climate Leadership Course for Elected Officials

Are you an elected official looking to advance your climate change knowledge and skills? The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' wants to help you continue to develop as a climate leader.

Apply to participate in their free online Climate Leadership Course for Elected Officials in one of the following three specializations:

- Municipal roles, pathways, governance, and strategies to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions
- Building the case for integrated climate action
- Moving from planning to implementation

This course starts February 2022 and you are invited to select your specialization based on your municipality's stage of climate action. Hear from experts, discover lessons learned, and find out which tools can help you achieve your community's sustainability objectives.

[Learn more and apply by January 26.](#)



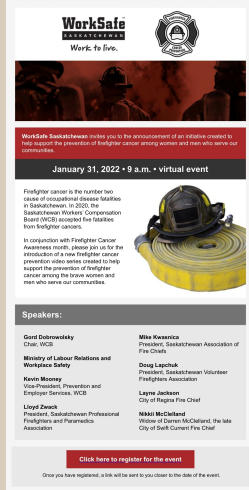
CIF Summer Grant Deadline: February 1

Grant applications for the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) Summer Grant Program are being accepted until **February 1.**

The Summer Grant Program supports standalone summer programs for children and youth participants under 18 years of age.

Types of programs typically supported include summer camps and day programs offering positive recreation, arts, culture and learning opportunities for children and youth. Summer grants are not intended to support school-related programs; summer fairs or events; adult or all-age programs that occur during the summer; or the summer portion of year-round programming. Summer programs must be held between June 1 and August 31.

For full program details and assistance with completing an application, see the [Summer Grant Program Guidelines](#) and [Applicant Resources](#).



You're Invited to the Launch of a New Initiative to Support the Prevention of Firefighter Cancer

Firefighter cancer is the number two cause of occupational disease fatalities in Saskatchewan. In 2020, the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) accepted five fatalities from firefighter cancers.

WorkSafe Saskatchewan is inviting you to the announcement of an initiative created to help support the prevention of firefighter cancer among women and men who serve Saskatchewan's communities.

See the invitation. It includes information on how to register for the event.



Take Environment and Climate Change Canada's Survey on a Database for Municipal Organic Waste

Environment and Climate Change Canada has engaged Giroux Environmental Consulting to undertake an assessment of the merits and feasibility of a new national database for municipal organic waste management in Canada. As part of this assessment, they are gathering input on the level of interest among selected municipal governments and associations in Canada for a new national source of organic waste diversion information.

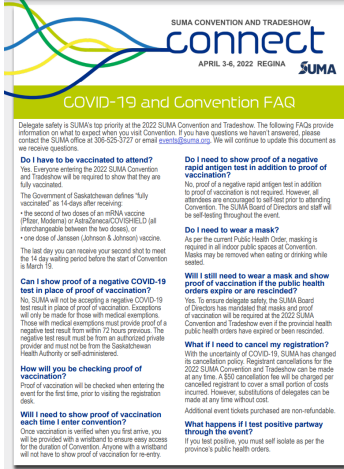
Municipalities are invited to complete a short survey (10 questions) to provide insight on this subject. The survey is active until **January 31**.

Take the survey.

Keeping Delegates Safe at Convention 2022

Delegate safety is SUMA's top priority. At Convention 2022, to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, we are introducing a number of safety measures. This includes **mandatory masking** and **proof of vaccinations**; a negative COVID-19 test will not be accepted in place of proof of vaccination.

We have also changed our cancellation policy for Convention



2022. Registration cancellations will be made at any time with a \$50 cancellation fee charged per cancelled registrant to cover a small portion of costs incurred. Substitutions of delegates can be made at any time without cost.

Our goal with all of the precautions we will be taking is to make Convention a zero-spread event. [Read our COVID-19 and Convention FAQ](#) to learn more.

Deadline to Apply for the Small Community Support Initiative is Friday

SUMA is offering three municipalities with populations of less than 150 people the chance to send two representatives with complimentary registration to the [2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow](#) April 3-6 in Regina.

The annual SUMA convention provides municipalities of all sizes with educational opportunities, access to other government officials - both municipal and provincial - and the chance for collaboration. Unfortunately, not all municipalities have the chance to attend due to financial barriers. To address those barriers, SUMA launched the Small Community Support Initiative to support smaller communities by providing the opportunity to win [complimentary registration to the annual convention](#).

If your municipality is interested, apply by [January 28](#).

[Apply now](#)



Last Call for Resolutions

Do you have a policy issue you think SUMA should take on? You still have time to send in your resolutions for Convention 2022. The deadline for resolutions is [January 31](#). To get started with resolutions, review the full [Call for Resolutions document](#), including a template you can use

as a guide when creating your resolution. You may also want to review [past resolutions](#) on our online database. If you have any questions on the resolutions process, contact [Bukola Afolabi](#).

ADVOCACY UPDATE

More Information: SUMA Letter in Support of the Town of White City

In the last Municipal Update, SUMA provided a letter template that municipalities can send in support of the Town of White City and their application for boundary alternation currently before the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

The Town of White City has kindly provided more detailed information on their application and the current situation, which is precedent setting for other hometowns in Saskatchewan. Click below to learn more and then download the SUMA letter template.

See information from the Town of
White City

Download the SUMA letter
template

COVID-19 UPDATE

Expanding Treatment Options for COVID-19

On January 17, Health Canada approved the use of Paxlovid, a new antiviral drug made by Pfizer. Paxlovid is an oral antiviral (pill) for COVID-19, recommended for people who test positive and are at high risk of severe outcomes including hospitalization or death.

Paxlovid is taken twice a day for five days by those with COVID-19. It stops the virus from multiplying, to help people overcome the infection and potentially recover faster.

Saskatchewan expected to receive a shipment of Paxlovid last week. Quantities are expected to be limited at first and increase throughout the year. Details on eligibility criteria and how to access this medication will be provided in the coming days.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Fort Qu'Appelle: *Manager of Finance* (January 28)
- Town of Wynyard: *Office Clerk* (January 31)
- Town of La Ronge: *Public Works and Utilities Manager* (February 18)
- Village of MacNutt: *Administrator* (When filled)
- RM of Tecumseh No. 65: *Acting Administrator* (When filled)
- Resort Village of Tobin Lake: *Administrator* (When filled)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (February 1)
- *Community Initiatives Fund Summer Grant Program* (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*

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.

Decommissioning (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

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

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