

MUNICIPAL Update

February 7, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9, 2022

Virtual Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

Did You Know?

Municipal employees have **free access** to the **Municipal Marketplace at the [annual SUMA Convention](#)** as tradeshow observers.

Municipalities can register their tradeshow observers for the Municipal Marketplace happening **April 4-5** in Regina at the same time they register their other convention delegates.



CIF Community Grant Program: Apply By April 1

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is accepting applications for the Community Grant Program until April 1. The Community Grant Program supports programs under three funding themes: the healthy growth and development of children and youth; individual and community wellbeing; and nonprofit and community leadership.

Programs must begin no sooner than two months after the application deadline and must be no more than 12 months in length.

[Learn more](#)



Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting



Sponsored by:  **SaskWater**

Virtual Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting Wednesday

On **Wednesday**, 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.

Register for the sector meeting



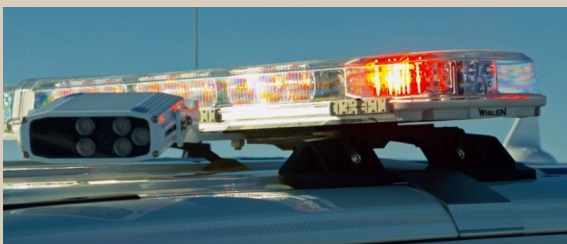
Updated Procurement Thresholds

Saskatchewan is a party to a number of trade agreements, including the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA), the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), and the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Each of these agreements contain procurement provisions to which municipalities are subject. Unlike the fixed thresholds of the NWPTA, the CFTA and CETA procurement thresholds are adjusted for inflation

every two years.

See the updated thresholds for 2022-23, which came into effect on January 1.

Updated procurement thresholds



Nominate Long Serving Members for a Protective Services Medal

The annual deadline for the **Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal** nominations is **March 31**. Nominations are accepted for members with 25 years of exemplary service as of March 31, 2022.



Four-Part Heritage Webinar Series Starting March 1

Join the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport for the four-part webinar series **Heritage for Economic and Community Development** starting **March 1**.

- Nominations must be received within one year of retirement or departure from an eligible position.
- Nominations must be signed by the heads of eligible agencies or by the chair of government approved agency selection committee.
- For nominations of heads of eligible agencies (Fire Chief, Chief of Police), your mayor, town administrator, or reeve must sign the nomination form.
- For uniformed government workers, the nomination form must be signed by the Deputy Minister.

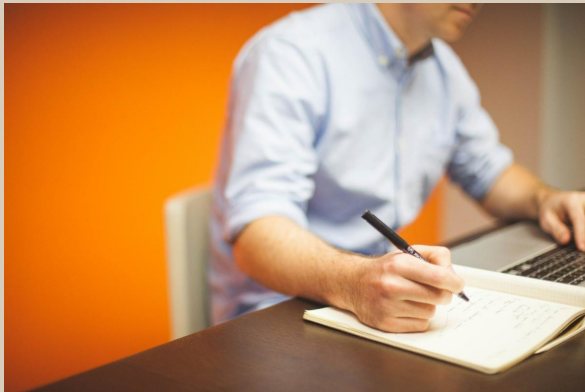
Have questions? Email honours@gov.sk.ca or call 1-877-427-5505 or 306-787-8965.

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](#).



New 2022 Accessible Canada Calls for Proposals

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has launched two calls for proposals (CFPs) for the next cycle of Accessible Canada grants and contributions funding under the Social Development Partnerships Program (SDPP) - Disability component. The CFPs will remain open from **February 4** to **March 25**.

The funding will support projects that increase awareness of accessibility and inclusion to support the culture change objectives of the Accessible Canada Act; build capacity within the disability community to continue to engage on the implementation of the Act and its regulations; and, foster multi-sectoral and diverse partnerships to support innovation in accessibility.

Additional information can be found by



WorkSafe Saskatchewan Announces New Video Training to Help Support the Prevention of Firefighter Cancer

Firefighter cancer is the second leading cause of work-related occupational disease deaths in Saskatchewan. From 2010 to 2018, 23 per cent of work-related occupational disease fatalities in Saskatchewan were from firefighter cancers and in 2020, five firefighters lost their lives to cancer. To help address this, WorkSafe Saskatchewan has announced a new video resource series to help firefighters better protect themselves from incidents and exposures on the job.

The 31 videos in the series are based on best practices that were recommended for Saskatchewan fire departments to adopt after an audit of several professional and volunteer fire departments in 2019.

visiting:

- [National AccessAbility Week](#)
- [Accessible Canada Partnerships](#)

To view the safe work practices video series and for more information on firefighter cancer prevention, please visit worksafesask.ca/firefighter-cancer-prevention.



February 6-12 is Annual Archives Week

The Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) is celebrating the 17th annual Archives Week from **February 6 to 12**.

The SCAA has planned a virtual event, whereby institutions and individuals have submitted short videos showcasing their successes and achievements of the past year; and also display the hard work and dedication of archivists in preserving the vibrant history of the province. The videos are being featured online each day during Archives Week. They include virtual tours and celebrations from members such as the Craik Oral History Archives, Indian Head Museum, Melfort and District Museum, Metis Nation Registry Saskatchewan, and MusicH2.

Join them on their [YouTube channel](#) through February 11 to indulge in Saskatchewan's rich past.

For full details of the events and other locations of Archives Week celebrations throughout the province, visit www.scaa.sk.ca/public-awareness/archives-week/.



WCB Extending Cost Relief for Work-Related COVID-19 Claims

The Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) has extended cost relief for injury claims that occur on or prior to June 30, 2022 for employers to cover costs for accepted work-related COVID-19 claims.

The WCB is continuing to accept [eligible workplace COVID-19 claims](#).

For claims that occurred in 2020 and 2021, the WCB has provided more than \$5.6 million in cost relief for COVID-19 injury claims. The cost relief is funded through the WCB's occupational disease reserve as a temporary measure to aid Saskatchewan employers.

This cost relief extension is set to wrap up at the end of June. The WCB will continue to assess the impact of the pandemic to employers and workers, and will communicate next steps prior to June 30. [Learn more about the WCB's cost relief extension](#).



CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW

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CONVENTION 2022



2022 Convention Agenda

The 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow promises to be a busy four days, from new SUMA dialogue sessions to presidential election, and of course, Bear Pit. [See the agenda-at-a-glance](#) for a list of times and sessions. For more detailed information, check out the [2022 Convention Brochure](#).

Meet the Keynote and MC



Keynote - Don Iveson

As the City of Edmonton's 35th mayor, Don Iveson served with a guiding leadership principle to make things better for the next generation. This principle is now encoded in Edmonton's City Plan, council's Energy Transition Strategy and Carbon Budget, and the ongoing work of [End Poverty Edmonton](#).

He is former chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Big City Mayors' Caucus, and his advocacy helped shape the National Housing Strategy and influence the federal government to commit to ending chronic homelessness nationwide. Don also worked to



MC - Danny Hooper

Last year, 96 per cent of respondents to the 2021 Convention Survey rated MC Danny Hooper as excellent or good. So we're excited to bring Danny back as our host and MC for the 2022 Convention and Tradeshow.

Danny continues to enjoy an enviable career as a songwriter, country music recording artist, fundraising auctioneer, comedian, and professional Master of Ceremonies.

He has hosted Canada's largest outdoor country music festival, the Big Valley Jamboree, for 26 years and during his tenure has introduced 486

continually bridge the urban/rural divide, both nationally and locally.

In his keynote address, Don will use his own experiences to share the importance of regional collaboration. Though a former city mayor, Don's messages are for municipalities of all sizes.

of the biggest stars in country music.

Known for his off-beat sense of humour, razor sharp wit, and outrageous stories, Danny promises to keep this year's Convention, to say the very least, lively and entertaining.

Register By February 28 to Save on Convention Registration

Planning to attend Convention 2022? Why not register before February 28 to take advantage of early-bird pricing? Plus, you'll be entered to win a free registration. All of the registration details were sent to the main email contact for each SUMA member municipality and affiliate organization.

If you haven't received an email about registering for Convention 2022, please check your junk, spam, or blocked email for the registration invitation. To make sure you receive future communications regarding convention, be sure to add registration@sumaconvention.com to your safe sender list.

If you are unable to locate the registration invitation, please contact the SUMA office by phone at [306-525-3727](tel:306-525-3727), or by email at registration@suma.org.

For more information on Convention 2022, visit the [SUMA website](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE

PCR Testing Focusing on Populations at Elevated Risk

Saskatchewan Health Authority PCR testing will now focus on populations at elevated risk for severe outcomes.

All residents should be self-monitoring, self-testing, and self managing to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. For more information on self-testing visit <http://saskatchewan.ca/.../testing-information/rapid-testing>.

Updated COVID-19 Self-Isolation, Close Contact Protocols

On January 28, the [protocols for self-isolation and close contacts changed](#). Residents who receive a positive test result on a PCR or rapid antigen test are now required to self-isolate for five days, regardless of vaccination status. Previously, unvaccinated residents who had tested positive were required to self-isolate for 10 days.

Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases are no longer required to self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status. If you are a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case, you should self-monitor for symptoms and continue to use publicly-available rapid antigen tests for asymptomatic surveillance.

Parents and caregivers are also no longer required to notify schools about positive test results for the purposes of close contact notification. Those who test positive are required to self-isolate and will be absent from school and activities for the duration of the self-isolation period.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Wapella: *Public Works Foreman* (February 10)
- Town of Grand Coulee: *Chief Administrative Officer* (February 11)
- Town of La Ronge: *Public Works and Utilities Manager* (February 18)
- Town of Nipawin: *Chief Administrative Officer* (February 23)
- City of Melfort: *Director of Community Services* (March 3)
- District of Katepwa: *Public Works Supervisor* (April 7)
- Village of MacNutt: *Administrator* (When filled)
- RM of Tecumseh No. 65: *Acting Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Wilkie: *Public Works Manager* (When filled)
- RM of Sherwood No. 159: *Manager of Finance* (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.



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SaskCulture *Community Cultural Engagement Planning Grant* (February 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program* (April 1)
- 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.