

MUNICIPAL Update

February 26, 2024

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2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

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 **SUMA Virtual event**

03.26.24

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Governance Review Open Forum

On **Tuesday March 26** from **2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** join us for an open forum discussion on the potential changes to SUMA's governance structure.

We will discuss options for different board and committee structures, and how this restructuring will affect the responsibilities and duties of board and committee members. Bring your questions about the proposed changes and how things will work during the AGM at Convention 2024.

This session is open to SUMA members and associate members only.

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In **Episode 6** we speak with **Cadmus Delorme** and **Thomas Benjoe** from the **OneHoop** about economic reconciliation, building relationships, and engaging with indigenous owned businesses.

OneHoop is a groundbreaking consulting firm that proudly embraces its Indigenous heritage. OneHoop aims to advance Canadians’ understanding of economic reconciliation and support meaningful relationship-building between the corporate sector, governments, and the Indigenous community. Founded by Cadmus Delorme, former Chief of Cowessess First Nation, OneHoop’s unique perspective guides their approach to the firm’s three core pillars:

- Indigenous consulting
- Management consulting and;
- Government relations.

Their experts have been instrumental in the development of recognized Indigenous engagement strategies and frameworks, Indigenous procurement policies, and diversity, equity and inclusion practices. In tandem with Indigenous consulting, they offer conventional management consulting, business development, and government relations services. [Learn more about OneHoop here.](#)

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Webinar
SUMA
02.28.24
10:00-11:00 a.m.



What the Greater Sudbury Supreme Court Decision Means for your Municipality

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On **Wednesday February 28** at **10:00 a.m.** join us for the webinar ***What the Greater Sudbury Supreme Court Case Decision Means for your Municipality***. This webinar will discuss the recent Supreme Court ruling that involved a construction company hired by the City of Sudbury, where a

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case involving a pedestrian fatality caused by construction equipment found the city liable along with the construction company. Learn how this ruling changes the responsibilities and relationships between municipalities and contractors, how the ruling will affect Saskatchewan municipalities going forward, and best practices to reduce liability.

Register Now!

Sponsored by SUMAssure, this webinar is free to all SUMA members. The cost for non-members to attend is \$45 + GST.

Portal

Starting in 2024 recordings of SUMA webinars will no longer be emailed to all registrants, but don't worry, all webinars will still be available for you to access at any time on the SUMA member portal!

To access webinar recordings visit www.suma.org/member-login and select 'Webinars' under Member Resources.

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ADVOCACY UPDATE

Municipal Collaboration

February has been a month of collaboration. We continued making headway on our cornerstone advocacy issue, mental health and addictions, and housing. The Government of Saskatchewan announced **20 supportive housing units in Regina**, and **SUMA staff met with the federal housing advocate to discuss affordable housing across Saskatchewan**.

We also met with the **Minister of Social Services, Gene Makowsky and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Tim McLeod** to discuss issues around SIS and SAID, homelessness, and mental health and addictions, including harm reduction measures.

Today, the Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee, co-chaired by **SUMA and SARM, met with the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation, Dustin Duncan, to discuss broadband rollout across the province**. You can read the key recommendations from the committee [here](#).

Tomorrow, SUMA will be attending the **Waterwolf Planning Forum** hosted by Waterwolf Planning Inc., a District Planning Commission, whose aim is **municipal cooperation through the pooling of resources, investments, and mutually compatible decisions**. Waterwolf's vision of municipalities with shared high infrastructure standards fits with SUMA's goal of seeing stronger hometowns.

Looking at what lies ahead in 2024, earlier this month, **SUMA CEO, Jean-Marc Nadeau, interviewed with Municipal World. He talked about municipal challenges** such as infrastructure gaps and the effects of changing weather, and the work that SUMA staff have been doing. You can read the interview [here](#).

As we move further into the year, SUMA looks forward to collaborating with all organizations that share our vision and advocacy goals.

CONVENTION 2024



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2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow April 14 -17 • Regina, SK

Convention Registration Early Bird Deadline - February 28, 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.



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](#).

MLDP Sessions on Saturday April 13



Municipal Leadership
Development Program

Modules offered:

- Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities
- Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals
- Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace
- Strategic Communications for Municipalities

Prior to the SUMA Convention, Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) sessions will be held at the University of Regina, College Campus. Mayors, reeves, councillors, and municipal staff are able to benefit from this program designed to strengthen local government leadership.

The cost for each module is \$145 + GST.

For more information or to see other program dates, please visit www.mldp.ca.

[Click here to register](#)

Intermediate First Aid Refresher for Municipal Staff

Take advantage of SUMA's Municipal Marketplace presented by Kinetic GPO while you recertify your First Aid and CPR C. This

First Aid re-certification is open to municipal staff and allows students as much practical exercise as is possible, including hands-on learning opportunities.



Note: You must have a current, non-expired certificate. The original First Aid certificate must accompany you on your day of training.

The cost for each module is \$145 + GST.

Cost: \$225

Date: Monday April 15th

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: REAL District, Queensbury Convention Centre (QCC)

Registration deadline: April 5th

How to register: Call 1-866-999-7372 or email registration@southeastcollege.org

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund is the first federal fund to target the development of transit solutions in rural and remote communities. It supports the development of locally-driven transit solutions, helping people who live in these communities. A minimum of 10% of the total fund amount is allocated to projects that benefit Indigenous populations and communities.

Under the Planning and Design Projects stream, **eligible applicants can seek a grant of up to \$50,000 to support communities' projects to plan and design new or expanded transit solutions for their communities** (e.g., public engagement, needs assessments, feasibility or viability studies, surveys and assessments of routes or modes of travel).

Applicants can submit their application through Infrastructure Canada's **[Applicant Portal](#)**. More information on application steps, guides, and Infrastructure Canada webinars can be found **[here](#)**.

Canada's Road to INC-4: Plastic Action

As part of Canada's efforts to demonstrate domestic leadership in tackling plastic pollution, **Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) will host a Plastic Action Zone (PAZ) on the margins of INC-4 at the National Arts Centre.**

At the PAZ, key partners and stakeholders can convene, network, and host events to demonstrate domestic action, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government, with Indigenous peoples, industry, non-government organizations, youth, international organizations, and researchers to end plastic waste and pollution.

ECCC is **now accepting applications for events that will make up the PAZ program**. The application intake process will be open until **March 8, 2024, at 11:59 EST**. Only applications submitted through the online form may be considered.

You can **[access the Application Intake Form here](#)**. If you have any questions about the PAZ or the application intake process, please refer to the additional information below and to the **[Frequently Asked Questions](#)**.

Annual Reporting Requirement for Building Officials Appointed, Cancelled or Suspended

The Construction Codes Act, which came into effect January 1, 2022, requires local authorities to advise the Chief Codes Administrator of the status of their building official appointments on an annual basis.


Within 60 days after the end of a local authority's fiscal year (by the end of February), the local authority must provide the Chief Codes Administrator with the name and licence number of every building official who, in the previous fiscal year:

- Was appointed;
- Had their appointment cancelled; or
- Had their appointment suspended.

There is no need to provide reports every time the local authority changes building officials – only the fiscal-year-end report is required.

You can submit your report to the Chief Codes Administrator by emailing btstandards@gov.sk.ca

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Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Lafleche: Administrative Assistant (Mar 2)
- Town of Delisle: Administrator (Mar 2)
- RM of Kindersley No. 290: Administrator (Mar 6)
- Town of Preeceville: Town Foreman (Mar 7)
- Town of Pilot Butte: Director of Parks, Culture, Recreation (Mar 9)
- Town of St. Walburg: Assistant CAO (Mar 9)

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

Rural Transit Solutions Fund: The Rural Transit Solutions is making \$250 million in federal funding available over five years to support the development of locally-driven transit solutions that will help people living in these communities get to work, school and appointments, and visit loved ones.

[Apply here](#)

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

