

MUNICIPAL Optimies

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Share Your Thoughts: Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations Survey

Some regulations are necessary to ensure public health, safety, social well-being and environmental protections. However, regulations that go beyond their intended purpose create red tape and burdensome requirements that can affect economic competitiveness.

Finding ways to reduce red tape is one of the most important measures a government can take to help promote and support a vibrant economy. A good regulatory environment helps Saskatchewan businesses innovate, grow, and remain competitive. That's why the Ministry of Environment has created a short online survey about *The Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations* and their impact on your municipality.

Learn more about the survey

Take the survey



Read about Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Executive Committee Candidates

Elections for Municipalities of Saskatchewan's executive committee are set to take place on Monday, February 8 during Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow.

Read the platforms from each of the candidates running for the positions of President, Vice-President of Towns, and Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities.

Applications Now Open – Community Airport Partnership

Applications are now open for the Community Airport Partnership program. This program provides funding for regional, community-owned airports.



Eligible applicants include:

- Rural and urban municipalities.
- Airport authorities that manage community owned airports.

Deadline to apply is February 24.

Visit the Community Airport Partnership webpage for more information.



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.



Survey: Food Promotion in Recreation Facilities

There is still time to complete the food promotion in recreation online survey.

If you are responsible for a recreation building (even if you are not a manager or director) and know about food promotion and sponsorship, visit https://surveys.publichealthontario.ca/ SE/1/M2Keligibility/ by February 19. The survey, funded by Health Canada, will help provide information on the type and extent of food promotion children may see while participating in sport and recreation.

Learn more about the survey.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Rachel Prowse at rachel.prowse@oahpp.ca.

Learn more.



FCM Launches Key Resource on Brownfield Renewal

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a key resource on brownfield renewal -



Online Subdivision and Planning Bylaw Application Program

The Ministry of Government Relations coordinates the subdivision review and approval process for 762 of

2021 Brownfield Roadmaps.

There are tens of thousands of brownfield sites across Canada almost every municipality is home to at least one. From improving the quality of air, soil, and water to increasing property values and reducing health risks and revitalizing neighborhoods, redeveloping these sites is one of the most promising ways to promote the environmental, economic and social health of communities.

Thirteen roadmaps, updated according to current provincial and territorial legislation, provide critical information to municipalities on the process of bringing contaminated or abandoned sites back to productive use.

Each roadmap offers timely, step-bystep guidance in identifying the best solutions for brownfield remediation. They provide an overview of the process, policy and funding considerations for each province and territory. They also break down the typical steps in the process to help avoid potential delays or extra costs; clarify the policy by summarizing provincial and territorial laws and requirements; and outline funding opportunities and how to access them. Saskatchewan's 772 municipalities. The ministry coordinates the review and approval of planning bylaws, such as district plans, official community plans, and zoning bylaws.

The ministry is current implementing an online application program. The solution is intended to improve business practices through online service, payment, and coordination of subdivision and bylaw referrals through a single source.

Municipal representatives are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, **February 25** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** through Microsoft Teams.

This meeting will focus on the submission of planning bylaw applications to the ministry and the referral of subdivision applications from the ministry. The objectives of the meeting are:

- to inform clients of the project scope, benefits, and timelines of an online application program;
- to provide an overview and high-level demonstration of the online application program;
- to understand the change management needs of clients; and
- to obtain feedback from clients on potential business improvements.

See the agenda. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Jenna Schroeder at 306-787-2649 or jenna.schroeder@gov.sk.ca by February 23.

COVID-19 Update

Virtual Town Hall with the Saskatchewan Health Authority

On **Monday, February 8 at 3:00 p.m.,** the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is hosting a COVID-19 virtual town hall designed for stakeholders, including municipal leaders. The SHA will provide updates on topics including:

- Epidemiological trends and projections;
- Pandemic response Offensive and Defensive Strategies; and
- Vaccination Strategy.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

To join this online event hosted by the SHA:

1. Go to https://skhealth.webex.com/skhealth/j.php? MTID=ece0c3afe620c7551baad3133ea2d15a5

2. Enter the event password: This event requires registration. After your registration has been approved, you will receive instructions for joining the event.

- 3. Click "Join Now".
- 4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen to join the teleconference.

Missed the town hall event on February 1 or want to see the presentation again? Review their presentation slides. If you were able to attend the last virtual town hall on February 1, the SHA is asking for feedback. Fill out their Town Hall Evaluation.

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Events

Upcoming Events

Virtual Convention and Tradeshow February 7-10

Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities Virtual Workshop March 2

VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



Convention 2021

Make Sure You Receive Your Convention Access

Our 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow starts Sunday! At **10:00 a.m.** on **February 7** an email will be sent directly to all registered Convention delegates with a unique link to access the virtual platform.

To ensure you receive your email, we encourage you to add **munisask-noreply@streampoint.com** to your safe senders list.

If you are an elected official registered for convention (voting and non-voting), you should also have received an email on **February 3** from **vote@simplyvoting.com** with your unique information to access the voting platform. Both voting and non-voting delegates require access to the voting platform as all elected officials are eligible to vote in the presidential election. If you're from a town, village, resort village, or northern municipality, you will also use your link to vote in the election of your sector representative. Voting delegates will access the same link to vote in Resolutions and the AGM (if required). If you are an elected official registered to attend Convention and you didn't receive your email, we encourage you to check your junk mail/spam folders. Can't find the email? Email **credentials@dataonthespot.com**.

The unique link to access Convention, as well as the link for elected officials to access the voting platform, is being sent directly to each registered Convention delegate. Be sure that the email address you are checking for your access information is the email address that was provided in your Convention registration.

Know Before You Join

Will you be joining us for Convention? There's lots happening **February 7-10**, so here are some tips to help you make the most of your 2021 Convention experience.

Access Convention before sessions start

At **10:00** a.m. on February 7, an email will be sent directly to all registered Convention delegates with a **unique link to access the Convention platform**. Log in early to browse the Municipal Marketplace, watch on-demand sessions, network with other convention attendees, or just explore the platform itself. At 3:00 p.m., join us for our first live session, Introduction to Convention and Trivia Prize Giveaway, where you will learn about the virtual convention platform, how voting in elections and resolutions will work, and more. Then participate in a Saskatchewan themed trivia game with a chance to win a great prize! At 4:15 p.m. go backstage and interact with our keynotes or MC.

Engage for your chance to win

The more you participate in sessions and engage with exhibitors, the more chances you have to win one of the great prizes available at Convention! There are no ballots required this year, entries will be based on analytics. Participate in the trivia game, attend one of the Backstage Pass sessions on **Sunday**, and engage with exhibitors on **Monday** and **Tuesday** to be entered. Just remember that you need to be in attendance during the prize draws to claim your prize! Check out our Prize Information Sheet to learn more about the prizes and how you can win.

Prepare to vote in the Executive Elections, AGM (if necessary), and Resolutions

During Convention, all elected officials will be eligible to vote in the executive elections and all Voting Delegates will have access to vote in the AGM (if necessary) and Resolutions. Voting is happening electronically at Convention 2021. The unique link to the voting platform was sent directly to all elected officials who are registered to attend Convention 2021 on **February 3**. The link included a test vote - we encourage you to participate. A second test vote will be held during Convention on February 8.

Plan your schedule ahead of time and be as present as you can when attending live

For the best virtual Convention experience, we recommend attending sessions live. Plan ahead by looking at the agenda to determine which sessions would best benefit you and mark them in your calendar. Do your best to eliminate distractions so you can take it all in! By attending live, you have the opportunity to:

- Engage in a conversation with one of our keynotes or the MC during our Backstage Pass sessions on Sunday.
- Participate in a question and answer with keynote Kendal Netmaker on Monday morning.
- Ask our panelists questions during the education session *Having a Strong Suit in Law and in Local Projects.*
- Vote in the presidential election on Monday morning if you are an elected official from a member municipality.
- Attend the AGM to ask our Board and staff questions about the organization.
- Vote for your sector representative if you're an elected official from the town, village, resort village or northern sector during sector meetings. Sector meetings are a chance for all municipal representatives to discuss issues important to their sector.
- Engage via chat with keynote Doug Griffiths on Tuesday morning.
- Ask cabinet questions important to your hometown during the Dialogue with Minister sessions.

We know it won't always be easy to focus on the virtual Convention. That's why all sessions are being recorded and will be available on the platform for **30 days** after the

event. So if you miss anything because the phone rang, the dog needed to go outside, or life just happened, you can go back and watch it later.

Help will be there when you need it

As we've said before, whether this is your first convention or eighth, Convention 2021 is guaranteed to be a new experience. To help you enjoy this new experience, we've done our best to ensure that help is available if you have any questions or need any technical support. There will be a technical support desk, staffed by Streampoint LIVE representatives, who will be able to help you with any technical issues. There is also a Municipalities of Saskatchewan Help Desk where you can speak directly with our staff about your registration, the schedule, or other convention related topics. For general information about Municipalities of Saskatchewan, visit our tradeshow booth.

Network, network, network

At the virtual Convention, there will be no shortage of opportunities to engage with other delegates or exhibitors in the tradeshow. Using the attendee directory, you will have the ability to send direct messages to all other attendees or request live meetings where you can connect by video. You can also engage with tradeshow exhibitors live in their booths on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can also join the Conversation by liking Municipalities of Saskatchewan on Facebook and following us on Twitter @munisask. If you're posting about Convention, be sure to use the hashtag **#munisask2021** and your post will appear on the Social Wall in the Convention platform.

Don't forget to borrow great ideas

No need to reinvent the wheel. Learn best practices from your fellow municipalities. That's what being a part of an association is all about...sharing. We're stronger together.

Don't Miss Sunday's Social Event

For Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow, we're excited to bring you not one but two keynotes, along with an acclaimed MC. Danny Hooper will MC the entire Convention and you can catch Kendal Netmaker's keynote address on February 8 and Doug Griffiths' keynote address on February 9. You can also meet with them directly during Backstage Pass: Behind the Scenes with the Keynotes and MC on February 7.

Have full access to the keynotes and MC during this interactive social event where you can pick a topic that interests you and join the conversation being led by one of our exciting speakers.



Powerful Community Fundraising: A Conversation with MC Danny Hooper



Solid Succession Planning: A Conversation with Keynote Doug Griffiths



Inclusive Communities: A Conversation with Keynote Kendal Netmaker

Start Your Experience Off with the Introduction to Convention and Trivia Prize Giveaway Sunday, February 7

Introduction to Convention

Trivia and Prize Giveaway

Whether this is your first time at convention or your eighth, Convention 2021 is a new experience. Join us for an Introduction to Convention and learn about the virtual convention platform, how voting in elections and resolutions will work, and more. Take part in a trivia game and test your knowledge about Saskatchewan. The winner will walk away with a \$2,000 CAA gift card and \$500 in spending money to use when we can travel again. There is no expiry on this prize.

The Introduction to Convention and Trivia Prize Giveaway are sponsored by Aon Risk Services and Aviva.

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Assiniboia: Chief Administrative Officer (February 8)
- Resort Village of Kannata Valley: Administrator (February 28)
- Village of Leask: Administrator (February 15)
- Resort Villages of Shields and Thode: *Chief Administrative Officer* (February 15)
- Town of Stoughton: Chief Administrative Officer (February 15)
- Town of Oxbow: *Community Development Officer* (February 16)
- Town of Craik: Operational Public Works Foreman (February 19)
- Town of La Ronge: *Economic Development Coordinator* (When filled)
- Village of Lang: Acting Administrator (When filled)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Government of Canada Universal Broadband Fund (February 15)
- SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant (February 16)
- SGI Community Grant Program (February 28)
- Government of Saskatchewan Targeted Sector Support Initiative (March 5)
- Government of Saskatchewan Community Rink Affordability Grant (March 12)
- SGI *Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (March 31)
- Community Initiative Funds *Community Grant Program* (April 1)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)
- Richardson International Ltd.

For Sale:

• Well Pumps and Check Valve

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.

Community Donations (Year round)

For a full listing of grants, check the **Grants** section of our website under the Resources tab.

Municipal Update Advertisement



Book a virtual meeting with SUMAssure during the Municipalities of Saskatchewan Convention and Tradeshow for the chance to win!

SUMAssure is your trusted insurance partner, providing the best property and liability coverage to Saskatchewan municipalities.

We are a proud sponsor of the Municipalities of Saskatchewan Convention and Tradeshow and will have a virtual tradeshow booth during the event. For a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate from a local business of your choice in your community, book a meeting with us. This will be an opportunity to learn about who we are, the insurance products we offer, or if you are a current subscriber discuss your current policy and questions you may have.

Book a meeting on February 8 or 9. We look forward to meeting with you!

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