

MUNICIPAL Update

April 6, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12-15

2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

April 29

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May 14

Webinar: Navigating Conflict

June 2

Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

June 9 - 25

Regional Roadshow

July 17

36th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament - Hosted by the Town of Midale

See all [upcoming events](#).

Get Ready for Convention!

Pack your bags and hit the road to Regina! The **2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow** begins next week, **April 12-15** at the **REAL District**. This is the premier event for Saskatchewan's urban municipalities, bringing together leaders, innovators, and industry experts to strengthen our communities.

We're looking forward to having you join us for four days of education, connection, and advocacy.

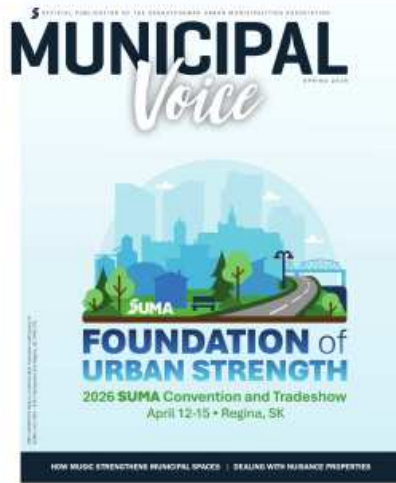
[Learn More About Convention Here](#)



Municipal Voice: Spring 2026 Issue Now Available

The Spring 2026 issue of SUMA's magazine **Municipal Voice** is hot off the press! Print copies should be in our members' mailboxes, or you can read the [digital version](#).

This issue covers all things Convention and features articles on urban municipal budgeting practices, managing nuisance properties, music licensing for municipalities, and more! Plus, read an article by our partner the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) highlighting the link between urban and agricultural economies and why our advocacy is stronger together.



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!

[Sign Up for Email Updates from SUMA](#)

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 for assistance.

[Visit the SUMA Member Portal](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Advocacy Outlook: Provincial Budget, Meetings with Ministers, and Convention

It's nearly Convention, but that hasn't stopped SUMA's advocacy. Over the past two weeks, we've had a chance to go through the **2026-2027 provincial budget** in depth, and we've also had the opportunity to complete our post-Cabinet-shuffle advocacy by meeting with **Minister Beaudry of Energy and Resources** and **Minister Weger of Community Safety**. For Minister Beaudry, we focused on resource development and supporting local infrastructure, while our discussions with Minister Weger included rewriting *The Police Act*, the removal of Justices of the Peace from northern Saskatchewan, and the need for tri-party (federal/provincial/municipal) public safety training and cost sharing, similar to what used to be covered by the Joint Emergency Preparedness

Program and the Canadian Emergency Management College. In both cases, we also discussed SUMA's cornerstone issue, mental health and addictions, and the effect that these social issues are having on our communities.

Having had some time to review the budget and compare it to our asks of the various provincial ministries, we certainly have more advocacy work to do! Unsurprisingly, the provincial government wasn't able to deliver us a new **tri-party infrastructure program**, given that they need the federal government to make the first move, nor did they implement a **Saskatchewan-focused infrastructure program** of any kind. We did, however, see them follow through with their commitment to **Municipal Revenue Sharing**, continuing to give municipalities 0.75 of a percent of the PST. That funding is essential to enable municipalities to carry out their operations in a way that's beneficial to all Saskatchewan residents.

We saw no responses to our calls for **climate adaptation funding** through our **Municipal Eco-Action Centre**, nor did we see direct financial commitments toward amending *The Police Act* or implementing the **E-Justice** system, though both of these could potentially be captured in operational funding for their ministries. We also didn't see an increase to the cap for capital funding for the **Transit for People with Disabilities Program**, or the reinstatement of **regional economic development funding**.

There was some good news and takeaways, however. The change from municipalities funding 20% of a new health care facility down to **10%** is welcome, though SUMA still maintains that these facilities should be fully funded by the province, as healthcare is a provincial responsibility. We also saw some minor increases to **income support programs** that will maintain buying power against inflation -- though we know the average recipient is still more than \$300 shy of the basic cost of living in the province, fueling both poverty (and all the negative social issues that accompany it) and homelessness. The government implemented a **loan program** to assist those in arrears with utility providers with paying their debts and potentially accessing the rental market, as well.

We also saw some additional investment in **training seats for healthcare practitioners**, and **allowances for nurse practitioners to bill the government directly**, increasing access to primary healthcare providers--both of which are excellent moves. We encourage the government to dig deeper into the issues of retention, as well, to ensure that our healthcare professionals are staying in the province after their training or recruitment.

We look forward to SUMA's annual Convention, coming up from April 12-15, and the opportunity that it presents to hold our provincial elected officials accountable. We encourage you, our members, to bring forward your questions around the budget and what you're seeing in your communities to our **Dialogue and Bearpit sessions**, where our Premier and his Cabinet will be available to hear (and perhaps respond to) your concerns.

Resolutions at Convention

The SUMA Board of Directors approved 11 resolutions to debate at Convention on **April 13 from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** See the [resolutions package](#) for details on this year's resolutions.

To ensure that councils have an opportunity to discuss all resolutions before voting at Convention, SUMA strictly adheres to our Resolutions Policy regarding the addition of resolutions submitted after the resolution deadline. Only those resolutions that are **absolutely critical and could not possibly have been included in the Convention package** will be brought forward after the January 31 resolution deadline, and only then with justification for why it is both urgent and emergent. Any other late resolutions will be considered by the SUMA Board after Convention.

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.

Please read the governing policy [here](#).

[Complete the Nomination Form](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



MuniCast S10:E02 Now Available!

In ***S10:E02 Advocacy on the Convention Floor***, we're joined by Gerald Aalbers, Mayor of the City of Lloydminster, and Tara Muntain, Councillor for the City of Melfort, as they discuss the value of advocacy at the SUMA Convention and why Convention is such an important opportunity for municipalities to have a direct voice, ensuring local priorities are heard.

Gerald and Tara reflect on how engaging face-to-face with fellow municipal leaders, SUMA, and provincial representatives helps shape conversations around key issues affecting communities across Saskatchewan. They highlight Convention as a critical space for collaboration, relationship-building, and meaningful advocacy that offers municipalities the chance to influence policy, strengthen their collective voice, and connect directly with the provincial government on the issues that matter most at the local level.

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.

Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators



Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

On **Tuesday, June 2** from **8:30 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.**, join us in **Saskatoon** at the **Remai Modern** for the **Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators**.

Start your time in Saskatoon ahead of the UMAAS Convention with a dynamic, full-day workshop designed to sharpen your procurement skills! Open to all administrators from urban municipalities, this session dives deep into the essentials—from proven best practices to critical requirements, policies, and cooperative buying groups. If procurement plays any role in your work, this workshop is not to be missed.

Whether you're brand new or a returning participant from previous Procurement Bootcamps, **we're offering a completely refreshed, brand new program** led by LouAnne Birkett, CSCMP, FSCMP. With 35+ years of public sector experience—including her tenure as Purchasing Manager for the Regional Municipality of Durham—LouAnne brings unmatched expertise in strategic procurement, leadership, and supply chain education. Awarded the prestigious National Fellowship designation by SCMA, she continues to shape procurement practices across Canada as a Senior Supply Chain Advisor – Contracts with Kinetic GPO.

This is the final year this program will be offered. If you've been thinking about joining, now is the time! Don't miss your chance to learn, connect, and strengthen your municipality's procurement practices. This event is exclusively for administration from SUMA member municipalities. There is no cost to attend but space is limited to 60 participants.

[Register Here](#)

SUMA REGIONAL ROADSHOW



Regional Roadshow: Registration Opens on April 9!

SUMA is hitting the road this June to meet with members in their regions. Open to all SUMA members, the **SUMA Regional Roadshow** is your opportunity to connect with the other members in your region to network, hear updates from SUMA, and learn. Dates and locations for each Regional Meeting have now been decided. **Registration opens on April 9!**

June 9 - West Central Region

Location: Town of Outlook

June 22 - Northern Region

Location: Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse

June 10 - Southwest Region

Location: Town of Assiniboia

June 23 - Northeast Region

Location: City of Prince Albert

June 15 - East Central Region

Location: City of Yorkton

June 24 - Northwest Region

Location: Town of Rosthern

June 16 - Southeast Region

Location: Town of Rocanville

June 25 - Central Region

Location: City of Moose Jaw

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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.

Convention App Now Live!

For the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow, we will once again be using the **SUMA Convention App**, sponsored by SaskTel. Everything you need to know about the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is now available at your fingertips!

You can **use the app** to make a customized schedule, view documents like Resolutions and the AGM package, participate in live polls during sessions, share your photos and see what others are saying about Convention, and view the sponsors and exhibitors in the Municipal Marketplace. There are also interactive maps available to help you find each of your sessions.

The app is also where you can play our **Convention game**, which includes fun challenges you can complete during Convention. When you do, you'll find a code to enter into the app game for points. Those with the highest points have a chance to win a great prize! Feeling competitive? There are a few challenges that are only available before Convention starts -- play now!

To **access the free SUMA Convention App**, visit your device's app store and search "SUMA Convention." Once you have downloaded the app, enter the same email address that was used to register you for Convention.

Use your password from last year's app or use the "forgot my password" button to reset your password if you don't remember it or are a new user. Alternatively, you can log in with a One-Time Code. Click this button and a code will be sent to the same email address that you can enter in the app to log in.

Navigate through the app by clicking the buttons on the homepage that provide shortcuts to the most commonly used pages: agenda, documents, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and socials. For more information, click the three lines on the upper left corner to open the side bar where you will find more details about Convention 2026. To edit your profile and find your customized agenda, notes, and more click the profile icon in the upper right corner.

Need a hand? Before Convention, please email our Manager of Communications, Roxanne Korpan, at communications@suma.org. During Convention, head to the Registration desk and SUMA staff will be happy to help.



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Social Events

There are plenty of people to meet and new opportunities to network at Convention 2026. Celebrate urban strength as you connect with colleagues, peers, and SUMA Board and staff members during **Kickstart Convention**, the **Welcome and Wander Reception**, our **Hospitality Night**, **Sector Lunches**, and the **President's Gala**.

Kickstart Convention

Sunday, April 12, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Kickstart Convention is designed to help you make the most out of your time at Convention. Tune in for updates and tips on what to expect from advocacy opportunities, social events, and the Tradeshow.

New this year, this session includes an **alcohol-free networking reception**, creating a welcoming, inclusive space for attendees to connect in a relaxed, low-pressure environment.

Welcome and Wander Reception

Sunday, April 12, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Our traditional Welcome Reception and Early Access Reception are evolving into the **Welcome and Wander Reception** on Sunday afternoon, designed to get you moving, mingling, and making connections right away.

To make you network, interactive games will be set up throughout the Tradeshow, as well as conversation-starter prompt cards to help you connect with ease before the Tradeshow's official opening on Monday.

Hospitality Night: Champions of the Community

Monday, April 13, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SportsCage Lounge (formerly Harvard Lounge), Mosaic Stadium, 1700 Elphinstone Street.

New this year, we're excited to introduce a **Hospitality Night** to the Convention agenda! This is an all-new opportunity to relax, connect, and continue the conversation beyond the Convention floor. This special evening is hosted by a sponsoring organization and is designed to create a welcoming, informal space where meaningful networking happens naturally.

We're proud to share that **Saskatchewan Community Foundation** and **SUMAINvest** are the host sponsors of the very first **Hospitality Night: Champions of the Community** at Convention 2026. Hosted steps away from Convention at Mosaic Stadium in partnership with the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation, Champions of the Community will encourage meaningful connection and celebrate community impact

Sector Lunches

Tuesday, April 14, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join your colleagues for **Sector Lunches** before your scheduled sector meetings, a new addition to the Convention agenda designed to enhance the sector meetings attendees are familiar with. These lunches create dedicated time to connect, network, and exchange ideas with peers who share your challenges and priorities in a relaxed, informal setting.

President's Gala

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Don your formal attire for the **President's Gala**, an evening of top-notch entertainment, recognition, and a delicious buffet dinner. Following dinner, awards will be presented recognizing the contributions of fellow long-serving elected officials and municipal employees who have dedicated themselves to their communities. **MC Shauna Foster** will lead us through the evening with her bright, upbeat presence to keep the night moving and the energy high.

Following dinner, attendees are in for a special treat as the **Regina Symphony Chamber Players** take the stage, featuring a custom arranged Broadway selection crafted exclusively for this event. The performance is designed to bring the heart, drama, and unforgettable melodies of Broadway and beyond directly to the gala. With rich arrangements, the RSO's signature artistry, and the powerful vocals of **Kaitlyn Semple**, the program will deliver a vibrant and dynamic finale to the evening. Expect an energetic and memorable performance that blends sophistication with pure entertainment, leaving everyone ending the night on a high note.

Have Your Voice Heard at Convention

Visit Chris Brown to Share Your Thoughts on Convention

We want to hear from you! Whether you're a long-term Convention attendee or this is your first year, we encourage you to visit *MuniCast* host Chris Brown at Convention to share your opinions on what makes Convention great!

Chris will be set up in the **Queensbury Convention Centre Hall A Office** (directly outside the main hall) during specific times throughout the week. Drop by and answer a few questions about your Convention experience, and help SUMA create promotional materials for future years!

Schedule

Monday, April 13:

9:15 - 10:25 a.m.

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14:

10 - 11 a.m.

Wednesday April 15

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

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 keynote 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 municipalities, 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 Wander Reception – 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 – 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14 – 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.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. Tear 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 Wander 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 startups. Plenary sessions will feature theatre-style seating, creating an accessible space where everyone can focus together on what's happening on stage.

Looking for conversation? 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 Wander Reception on Sunday's mainstage, featuring entertainment, appetizers, and drinks. On Tuesday, join your colleagues for Sector Luncheons, with time to network and meet within your sector. Put your feet up in the Tradeshow lounges or at the tables and chairs in Hall 5, 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 tables in the TTC 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.**

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 delegate
 - Non-voting delegate
 - Municipal employee
 - 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.

2026 MEMBER REGISTRATION FAQ 2026_01_16

[Convention Brochure](#)

[Registration FAQs for Members](#)

OTHER UPDATES

Notice: SUMA Group Benefits Document Hub to be Decommissioned April 15, 2026

Due to issues beyond our control, the SUMA Group Benefits Document Hub will be decommissioned from the current website effective April 15, 2026

The SUMA Group Benefits team is actively working toward a solution to ensure that all content currently available on the Document Hub will continue to be accessible to GBI subscribers. Please watch for future communications with further details and next steps.

Questions? Email gjs@suma.org.

Risk Management Bulletin: Roof Collapse and Ice Damming

With two recent roof collapses in recreational facilities in urban municipalities in Saskatchewan, SUMAssure is sharing the Risk Management Bulletin "[Roof Collapse and Ice Damming: A Public Safety Hazard.](#)"

Please read the bulletin for information about risk factors that can lead to building collapses and tips for effective snow removal plans to help mitigate risk.

If you have questions or need help with risk-mitigation strategies, please contact your SUMAssure representative.

Our thoughts are with the Village of Smeaton and the Village of Goodsoil as you recover from these incidents in your communities.

2026 NASCO Continental Reunion

The **2026 NASCO Continental Reunion** will be held on **May 5-7, 2026** in **Regina, Saskatchewan**—continuing NASCO's tradition of collaboration across borders and strengthening the ties that unite our North American community.

The NASCO Continental Reunion is a one-of-a-kind event that rotates annually among Canada, the United States, and Mexico, bringing together senior government officials, business executives, and industry experts from all three nations. Each year, the Reunion sparks candid discussions, fresh insights, and actionable ideas that drive North America's economic future.

This year's program will feature dynamic discussions and expert insights spotlighting North America's strengths in natural resources, critical minerals, energy, agriculture, and beyond.

For more details and to register, click [here](#).

At the Source: Strengthening Saskatchewan's Drinking Water Systems Together

You're invited to ***At the Source: Strengthening Saskatchewan's Drinking Water Systems Together*** - a collaborative forum to bring municipal leaders and system partners together to share experiences and explore practical ways to support safe, reliable, and sustainable drinking water across the province.

When: June 2, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM (lunch provided)

Where: TCU Place - Gallery C & D

Registration: Free (register using the QR code/online form)

Deadline to register: May 15, 2026

Who should attend: Municipal administrators and leaders managing water systems, navigating operational and financial challenges, and interested in shaping the future of water service delivery.

More information about the forum and the registration link can be found in the attached [information sheet](#) and [invitation](#).

Climate Insight Skills Lab: Support for Housing and Infrastructure Projects

Join a Climate Insight Skills Lab for a practical way to discover free tools to support your housing and infrastructure projects.

ICLEI Canada is bringing their unique Skills Lab format to the Prairies on **April 8** at 10:00 am MDT (11:00 am CT). **Join this online interactive "lab" to work through real housing and infrastructure projects, exploring how you can use free resources to make your work easier.** Submit your infrastructure or housing project when you register to receive specific guidance and tips from ICLEI Canada's experts. To keep the session impactful and collaborative, space in the Skills Lab is limited, and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Register soon to secure your spot!

Register [here](#).

Register Now: Free Ice Rink Retrofit Workshop & Expert Guidance

Are you planning an upgrade or retrofit for your local ice rink? Attend this free, one-day workshop at the **SPRA Spring Training Symposium** in **Humboldt, Saskatchewan**. Offered by the **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS)** funded by the Government of Canada, this session brings

participants on a crash course on optimizing ice rink retrofits, drawing on real world examples from projects in Saskatchewan. **Each participant will also receive a follow up energy study on their project completed by a CRIS Roster Expert at no cost.**



Open to communities with populations of 30,000 or less in Saskatchewan that have an ice rink or arena retrofit planned or in progress.

When: April 29, 2026, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Uniplex Sports Complex, Humboldt, SK

[Learn More and Register](#)

National 2SLGBTQIA+ Politicians Forum 2026

The International Day of Pink is proud to announce the return of the national **2SLGBTQIA+ Politicians Forum**. This unique, non-partisan gathering brings together 2SLGBTQIA+ elected officials, community leaders, and dedicated allies from every level of government—from school boards and municipalities to provincial, territorial, federal offices, and Indigenous Governments.

In an era of shifting global and domestic challenges, this forum serves as a vital space for our leaders to connect, share strategies, and build the solidarity needed to champion equity across Canada.

Who Should Attend?

- Elected Officials: Current and former 2SLGBTQIA+ officials and their staff.
- Allies & Community Leaders: Straight and cisgender colleagues, diplomats, and advocates committed to 2SLGBTQIA+ equity.
- Policy Makers: Those looking to build solidarity and share strategies for a more inclusive Canada.

Date: July 28, 2026

Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Winnipeg, MB

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Followed by a closed-door evening reception)

Learn more and register [here](#).

2026 Dig Safe Awareness Breakfasts

The **Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance (SCGA)** invites you to register for a **Dig Safe Awareness Breakfast** coming to a community near you in April.

These free Breakfasts are sponsored by over 20 industry members in partnership with the SCGA. For those attending in Lloydminster, SCGA is jointly hosting with Utility Safety Partners.

We encourage local fire and police departments, volunteer fire fighters, EMS personnel, safety officers and urban or rural councillors to attend.

The event runs from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., approximately (unless otherwise indicated on the registration).

Regina - April 1
Assiniboia - April 2
North Battleford - April 7

Estevan - April 14
Humboldt - April 15
Maple Creek - April 15

Carlyle - April 22
Moose Jaw - April 22
Weyburn - April 23

Yorkton - April 8
Preeceville - April 9
Warman - April 9
Prince Albert - April 14

Lloydminster - April 16
Melfort - April 16
Saskatoon - April 21

Moosomin - April 28
Swift Current - April 29
Kindersley - April 30

Register [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

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

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

Email: hello@privacyworks.ca

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Classifieds

Positions Available:

- [Town of White City](#): Development Officer (April 15)
- [Town of Craik](#): Public Works Foreman (April 16)
- [Statistics Canada](#): Census Team Employees (June 9)
- [Town of Eston](#): Public Works Foreman (until filled)
- [Town of Osler](#): Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- [Town of Maidstone](#): Administrator (until filled)
- [Town of Lemberg](#): Public Works Foreman (until filled)
- [RM of Redburn No. 130](#): Administrator (until filled)
- [Village of Avonlea](#): Water Treatment & Distribution Operator (until filled)

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- CMHC: *Seed Funding* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Affordable Rental Innovation Fund* (Year-round)

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