

MUNICIPAL Update

February 22, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2

Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities Virtual Workshop

See all [upcoming events](#).

EXECUTIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Elections for three positions on Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Executive Committee were held at Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow on February 8.

[Meet the new Executive members.](#)



Join Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Advocacy Committees

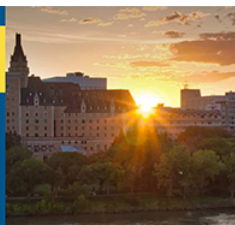
Municipalities of Saskatchewan operates internal committees to ensure membership priorities and initiatives are met.

To **better engage** with Municipalities of Saskatchewan members and **increase transparency**, elected officials are invited to join one of our **four internal advocacy committees**.

Read more

Municipal Revenue Sharing Program

- >> \$275 million in 2021-22
- >> Second-highest amount ever
- >> Unconditional provincial funding provides municipalities flexibility
- >> Communities can invest in local priorities during COVID-19



\$275 Million in Municipal Revenue Sharing for 2021-22

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced that more than \$275 million is being provided to municipalities in 2021-22 under the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program.

The amount of funding is based on three quarters of one

point of the provincial sales tax (PST) revenue collected from two years prior. From the total funding, \$1.5 million will be invested in the [Targeted Sector Support Initiative](#). The initiative supports municipal projects that advance priority areas such as good governance, regional planning, and inter-community collaboration.

[Read the provincial announcement about Municipal Revenue Sharing](#)



[See the list of projects](#)

[Learn more about the infrastructure funding](#)

Infrastructure Funding for 15 Hometown Projects

On February 9, the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan announced more than \$13.6 million in joint funding for 30 infrastructure projects in Saskatchewan - 15 of the projects are located in Saskatchewan cities, towns, villages, and resort villages.

The hometown projects receiving funding focus on upgrading water and wastewater systems to position communities for the future, decommissioning landfills to help protect the environment, and improving recreation facilities for various sports and other activities.

Funding is through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan. The Government of Canada is investing more than \$6.7 million and the Government of Saskatchewan is contributing more than \$6.9 million.

A blue banner with white and yellow text. On the left is a white icon of a hand pointing at a screen. To its right is the text 'Virtual Workshop'. In the center is the 'Municipalities of Saskatchewan' logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' and the text 'MUNICIPALITIES OF SASKATCHEWAN'. To the right of the logo is the date '03.02.21' and the time '4:30-8:00 p.m.'. Below the logo and date is the main title 'Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities' in a large, bold, white font. Underneath the title is the subtitle 'Council procedures and municipal roles for hometown leaders' in a smaller white font. The background of the banner features faint, stylized arrows and a wavy line.

Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities Virtual Workshop

Learn about the council-administration dynamic, the importance of open and transparent government, municipal law, and more in Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities (MLRR) workshop on **March 2** from **4:30-8:00 p.m.**

As part of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP), this workshop is designed to provide new and returning council members and municipal staff with essential information on council procedures and municipal roles. [See the agenda for more information.](#)

If you missed this workshop in December, now is your chance! The cost to attend is **\$45 per registrant**. Attending the live workshop will count as a credit towards the completion of MLDP. To receive credit for MLRR as part of the MLDP program, you **must attend the live workshop**. A

Register for the workshop



Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

Public spaces help make a community safe, vibrant, and connected. COVID-19 has seriously impacted access and use of public spaces.

The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million investment from the Government of Canada to support communities as they create and adapt public spaces to respond to the new realities of COVID-19. In Saskatchewan, the initiative is providing \$976,000 in funding.

Funding is available to a broad range of organizations, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities, and non-profits, for projects, programming, and services that help communities:

- create safe and vibrant public spaces,
- improve mobility options, and
- provide innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health.

Applications for the first phase of the initiative are being accepted until **March 9**. For more information and to apply, Saskatchewan organizations are invited to visit the [Saskatoon Community Foundation website](#).



Webinar Series on Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings

The Ministry of Parks, Culture, and Sport has launched a four-part Lunch 'n Learn webinar series entitled *Adaptive Reuse: The Ingredients for Successfully Redeveloping Historic Buildings*.

The four sessions are free and open to anyone with an interest in conserving historic built structures.

- **February 23:** *Adaptive Reuse – The Developer’s Perspective*
- **February 25:** *Adaptive Reuse and Building Codes*
- **March 2:** *Adaptive Reuse – The Municipality’s Role*
- **March 4:** *Adaptive Reuse – Archaeological Considerations*

Pre-registration for these webinars is required. The **registration deadline is today**. Visit

www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/parks-culture-heritage-and-sport/heritage-conservation-and-commemoration/conservation-advice-and-information/webinars-to-register.



Apply for Community Airport Funding

Applications are 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.

The deadline to apply is **February 24**.

Visit the [Community Airport Partnership](#) webpage for more information.



More Time to Apply for Universal Broadband Funding

The deadline for Universal Broadband Fund applications has been extended to **March 15**.

The \$1.75 billion Universal Broadband Fund was designed to fund broadband infrastructure projects that bring high-speed Internet at 50/10 Megabits per second to rural and remote communities.

See the [application guide](#) for detailed explanations on applying for the Universal Broadband Fund, including eligibility, what areas are eligible for coverage, and what expenses are considered eligible.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Saskatchewan Health Authority Virtual Town Hall

Today at 3:00 p.m. the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is hosting another 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=e0554f1963c5f2c4bf3aad137a9910d13>
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.

[Read the latest update from the SHA](#)

[COVID-19 Testing Recommended after Inter-provincial Travel](#)

With the presence of new variants of COVID-19 across Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan is recommending that all individuals who choose to travel inter-provincially get tested as soon as they return to Saskatchewan and plan for a follow up test seven days later.

An individual does not need to be experiencing symptoms in order to have COVID-19. People who enter or re-enter Saskatchewan should self-monitor for 14 days and self-isolate at the first sign of even mild symptoms. At this time, it is not mandatory that a person self-isolate for 14 days upon their return from an out-of-province trip. Self-isolation is only mandatory for international travel. It is still recommended that individuals take all precautions and maintain a minimum of 2 metre distance with persons outside their household while travelling and upon return to the province.

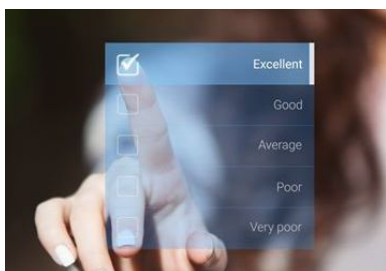
The Government of Saskatchewan continues to recommend against all non-essential travel.

COVID-19 Drive-Thru Wait Times

You can now view [COVID-19 drive-thru wait times](#) with the click of a button as a new website has been introduced. The website is updated three to four times per day.

CONVENTION 2021

VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



Help Improve Convention by Sharing Your Feedback

Thank you to all Convention 2021 delegates for joining us online. Now we'd like to know what you thought.

If you attended Convention 2021 from February 7-10, please take a few minutes to complete the Convention 2021 Evaluation. Don't worry, we have made it short to save your valuable time and focus on the most important information and responses. By filling out this

survey, you will be entered to win a prize! Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us improve future conventions.

[Take the survey](#)

[Congratulations Award Winners](#)

The Municipalities of Saskatchewan convention is a chance to share ideas. It's also a time to recognize the work being done in our hometowns.

On February 9, at Convention 2021, winning local governments received their Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.



1st Place: Request for Service App
(City of Moose Jaw)

Winning Practice: Developed an app that records and tracks requests for service submitted by residents and provides valuable two-way communication between the city and its residents.

2nd Place: 737 Volunteer Fire Department
(RMs of Souris Valley No. 7 and Lomond No. 37)

Winning Practice: Established a volunteer fire department to provide wildland fire fighting services to residents and ratepayers of both municipalities in addition to mutual aid to neighbouring municipalities and counties.

Regional Cooperation: Regional Rideshare Initiative

(Towns of Balgonie, Grand Coulee, Pilot Butte, Pense, and Lumsden, Villages of Buena Vista and Belle Plaine, RMs of Edenwold No. 158, Pense No. 160, Lumsden No. 189, Lajord No. 128, and Bratt's Lake No. 129)

Winning Practice: Developed a regional rideshare framework where member municipalities adopt complimentary bylaws allowing rideshare companies to operate within their municipality once the companies have obtained a regional rideshare license.



We also celebrated long-serving municipal employees and elected officials, and presented former Eston Mayor Al Heron with the prestigious Life Membership Award and former Humboldt Mayor Malcolm Eaton with the Scoop Lewry Award. Read the [biographies of the award winners](#).

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Drake: *Public Works Foreman* (March 5)
- Town of Minnedosa: *Public Works*



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Government of Saskatchewan *Community Airport Partnership Program* (February 24)

and Utilities Manager (March 8)

- Town of Craik: *Administrator* (March 11)
- Resort Village of Coteau Beach: *Urban Administrator* (March 12)
- Town of Assiniboia: *Chief Administrative Officer* (March 17)
- Town of Asquith: *Public Works Employee* (March 18)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- Town of La Ronge: *Economic Development Coordinator* (When filled)

For Sale:

- *Well Pumps and Check Valve*
- *Speed Reader Sign*

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.

- SGI *Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (March 5)
- Government of Canada *Canada Healthy Communities Initiative* (March 9)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (March 12)
- Government of Canada *Universal Broadband Fund* (March 15)
- 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. *Community Donations* (Year round)

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

MUNICIPAL UPDATE ADVERTISEMENT

ACEC-SK Presents Best Practice for Procuring Engineers

Date: March 25, 2021

Location: Online

On **March 25** from **12:00-1:00 p.m.** join ACEC-SK and speakers Dwayne Gelowitz and Magdalena Cammidge for the virtual program "Best Practice for Procuring Engineers." This virtual session is designed for municipalities and clients to help them when making decisions when procuring engineering services.

[Registration and details.](#)