

MUNICIPAL Update

March 11, 2024

EVENTS

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Getting Your Municipality Back
to Normal After an
Emergency

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What is Governance and How
Is It Working For Your
Municipality?

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2024 SUMA Convention and
Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).



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.

This forum will focus on the process and procedures we will use to guide the process of moving and amending potential changes at our Annual General meeting as well as answering any questions that you may have had about the member package that was sent to all members last month.

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

Register Now!

What Now...? Getting Your Municipality Back to Normal After an Emergency

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Municipalities play a critical role in emergency preparedness. But what happens after disaster strikes?

On **Thursday March 14** at **10:00 a.m.** learn about the process of recovery from a disaster in the webinar **What Now...? Getting Your Municipality Back to Normal After an Emergency**. Discuss what steps are taken for different types of disasters, and how a restoration company can step in and minimize the damage. Real-life scenarios will be included, providing tangible examples of effective strategies in action.

Register Now!

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

If you have questions you would like answered during the session, put them in the Questions and Comments box on the registration form, or email them to education@suma.org and we will ask them on your behalf.

SUMA webinars are sponsored by:

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All SUMA webinars available on the SUMA Member 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.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

 MLDP

Municipal Leadership
Development Program

Saturday April 13
Starting at 9:00 a.m.
University of Regina, College Campus
\$145 + GST

Prior to the SUMA Convention, the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) is offering in-person sessions. Mayors, reeves, councillors,

 Southeast
College

Monday April 15th
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
REAL District, Queensbury Convention
Centre (QCC)
\$225 + GST

Intermediate First Aid Refresher

and municipal staff are able to benefit from this program designed to strengthen local government leadership. There are 4 modules being offered:

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

[Click here to register](#)

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

This First Aid re-certification is open to municipal staff. The session will cover basic first aid and CPR C while allowing students as much practical exercise as possible through hands-on learning opportunities.

Registration deadline: April 5th
Register by calling 1-866-999-7372 or email registration@southeastcollege.org

All municipal employees are invited to visit SUMA's Municipal Marketplace presented by Kinetic GPO **free of charge** to connect with exhibitors.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Broadband Access A Priority

Recently, the Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee, co-chaired by **SUMA and SARM**, met with the **Minister of Crown Investments Corporation, Dustin Duncan**, and the **Leader of the NDP, Carla Beck**, to discuss broadband rollout across the province. You can read the Broadband Development and Investment Framework [here](#).

The committee reiterated the need for a provincial plan and more provincial and federal investments. Following the 2022 survey, **53% of respondents indicated that they don't have access to Canada's minimum standards of 50 Mbps for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads**. Minister Duncan agreed with our position and indicated that the government had been negotiating with the Federal Government. An announcement will be coming soon.

On March 1, SARM Executive Director Jay Meyer and SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau met with **NDP Leader Carla Beck** and **Finance Critic Trent Wotherspoon** to present our **investment framework**.

Municipal Infrastructure Threatened by CCFB Changes

In response to **the Federal Government's proposed changes to the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)**, which will place further administrative requirements on municipalities to access funds, SUMA published a [media release](#) and a [video](#).

The proposed changes will mean many municipalities will **no longer be able to use CCBF funds for infrastructure**, and instead must use them for affordable housing. While we certainly see the value in affordable housing, we believe this change will **make acquiring funds more difficult**, adding on more municipal labour and time, and **furthering already existing pressures connected to homelessness and affordable housing**. Our communities infrastructure needs are already underfunded and depend on CCBF to help fill the gaps, ensuring residents are safe and have access to necessities such as clean drinking water.

In the coming days, we will be monitoring the Federal Government's decisions closely with the hope that they do not follow through on these proposed changes.

SURVEY

Municipal Bylaw Adjudication Survey

To help our members more effectively adjudicate and enforce local bylaws, **we are developing advocacy strategies, priorities, and approaches for different ways to adjudicate and enforce bylaws.** Please [follow this link](#) or click on the button below to answer some questions regarding the policies and bylaws you'd most like to see resources developed for.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

CONVENTION 2024



Register for Convention 2024!

If you are still thinking about attending Convention but are unsure, check out the [Convention brochure](#) to see everything we have planned. And be sure to register by **April 9**, as that's the day our registration system closes. You can still register afterwards, but there will be a \$50 administration fee for late registrations. This applies to both in-person and online registrations.

We look forward to seeing you!

Don't Forget to Update Your Hotel Reservations

With Convention 2024 just over one month away, don't forget to make hotel reservations and review them. Remember, to **cancel any rooms you do not need**. On **March 13, all hotels will close for booking on Resiada**. After this date, all reservations and cancellations will need to be made directly with hotels.

If you did not book your hotel rooms through Resiada, you will need to **contact the hotel directly** to make any changes.



[Still need to reserve rooms? Click here.](#)

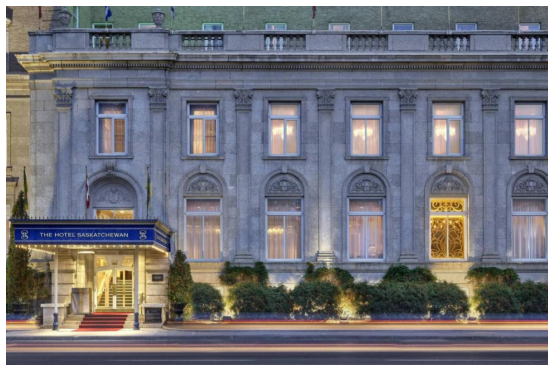
Congratulations to Our Early-Bird Winner

A big thank you to all Convention delegates who registered before the early-bird deadline. All those delegates were entered into a draw to win a complimentary Convention registration. We drew a

name and congratulations to **Deputy Mayor Mark Horsman** from the **Village of Lipton**.

Social Activities

The opportunities to network at the 2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow are endless. You can connect with colleagues, peers, and SUMA Board and staff throughout Convention at events including the **Welcome Reception** and the **President's Gala**. Plus don't forget about networking with the tradeshow exhibitors at SUMA's **Early Access Reception**.



Welcome Reception Sunday April 14

This year the event will be located centrally in Regina's vibrant downtown at the historic Hotel Saskatchewan. Throughout the evening, we will have a cash bar and light appetizers that promise to bring to life the Saskatchewan experience with local food, beer, and cocktails.

Your ticket to the Welcome Reception is included in your Convention registration.

Attendees are also invited to join us for a speed networking event during the reception. Spots will be limited, so make sure to arrive early to secure your seat! Participants will be organized into groups of 4 and will rotate to network. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Group 1 will start at 8:30 p.m., group 2 at 9:45 p.m.



President's Gala and Awards Ceremony Tuesday April 16

Enjoy a buffet dinner with your peers, be wowed by hypnotist, Wayne Lee, join our fundraiser, and recognize the contributions of fellow long-serving elected officials and municipal employees who have made our hometowns stronger.

The President's Gala is a night of celebration. We honor hard work through our awards ceremony and bring together shared interests over delicious food.

This year, for our evening fundraiser in honour of the Laurent Mougeot Scholarship Fund, we will have a silent auction taking place throughout convention. Prizes will be announced at the gala.

Excursions

Experience one of three optional excursions on **Sunday, April 14 from 2:15 - 5:00 p.m.** Space is limited, so **register early**.

(Additional charges apply.)



Municipalities of the Future:
IMAX and Saskatchewan



Discover Lumsden: Where
Sunshine Meets Spirits in the



Capital Connections: A Tour of
the Legislative Building and

AGM

SUMA's Annual General Meeting will take place at the SUMA Convention and Tradeshow on **April 16 in Regina.**

Please download the package below and ensure it is distributed to all voting delegates .

Delegates will be voting on **SUMA's proposed governance changes**, among other issues, at this time, so it is important that each municipality's voting delegates be familiar with the issues and are prepared to cast their votes at Convention.

A copy of the AGM package was also emailed to the main contact of each municipality, and is available on the [member portal](#) on the SUMA website.

[Download the AGM Package](#)

Resolutions

Earlier in the month, the Resolutions package was sent to each of our members. We encourage you to **download and review the Resolutions package with your council in advance of Convention** to be as prepared as possible for debate and voting in the Resolutions Session.

[Download the Resolutions Package](#)

Canada Post Shipping Label Price Change

Due to a price increase with Canada Post, **the price of 5 kg shipping labels will increase on April 1** from **\$542.00** to **\$612.50** for a package of 25 labels.

1.36kg labels will not increase and remain at \$456.25.

Ketchum Pet Tags

Due to manufacturer price increase, **all products will have a price increase effective March 30.** The manufacturer has implemented a \$10 handling fee on all orders in 2024.

Crime Stoppers Newsletter

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization operating since 1987 with the goal of safe crime free communities in our province. Anonymous tips received from concerned citizens are sent to law enforcement agencies to investigate and solve crimes. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers protects the safety of those reporting the tip information by ensuring all contact remains anonymous. **The success of the program is a testament to the trust and support received from the public, the media, and our partners and these efforts are making a difference in Saskatchewan being a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.**

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers acknowledges the tremendous financial support from all sponsors and **encourages rural and urban municipalities to consider a \$200 donation to the program** in

their annual budget. We look forward to continuing to work together with all our partners to ensure the security and safety of our communities.

Read the full newsletter [here](#).

AM - SK Ends, Free Resources Continue to be Available

After 2 years of funding training in Asset Management, **FCM's MAMP4 project came to an end February 29**. They trained close to 700 participants from seven provinces during that time with great success.

Due to this success, the **CES, TLP, and SOTIR will remain available, free of charge** for the foreseeable future to continue to help build asset management awareness and technical capacity.

FCM hopes that you will continue to use, enjoy, and recommend the [free training](#).

Call for Applications: First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Program

The Call for Applications for the CEDI Program – Prairies Region is now open!

Cando and FCM are calling for applications to the CEDI program from First Nation and municipal neighbours in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. The CEDI Program supports neighbouring First Nations and municipalities to **build capacity to develop and implement long-term joint planning for community economic development initiatives and land use, while building respectful and sustainable government-to-government partnerships**.

If you are neighbouring First Nation and municipal government(s) in the Prairie provinces and are interested in participating in the CEDI Program, we encourage you to jointly apply! **Deadline for submission is March 27th at 11:59 p.m. MT.**

[Visit CEDI's website](#) to learn more about this unique program and the application process.

Enough Already: A Retrospective

On **Friday, March 22, at 12:00 p.m. the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission will host an online event titled *Enough Already: A Retrospective***.

In 2019, a coalition consisting of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, the University of Saskatchewan – College of Law, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatoon Industry-Education Council received Government of Canada funding to create a province-wide strategy to address sexual harassment in the workplaces of Saskatchewan. The ensuing initiative was called [Enough Already](#).

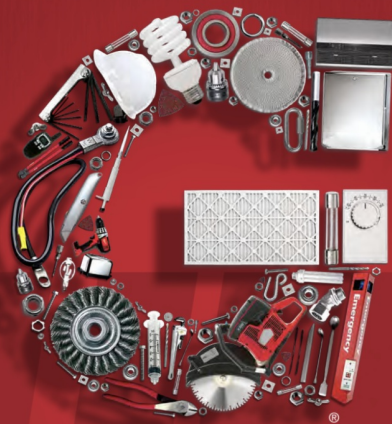
Enough Already provided an engaging education session during the 2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow that focused on addressing sexual harassment in a municipal context. With the initiative wrapping up later this month, Nicole White, Project Lead for Enough Already, will be on hand to discuss the project; talk about the past five years of sexual harassment education and support; and reflect on the impact Enough Already has had in Saskatchewan.

To register for this free, half-hour event, click [here](#).



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CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- City of Melfort: Strategic Coordinator of Corporate Services (Mar 12)
- Town of Shaunavon: Economic Development Officer (Mar 28)
- City of Yorkton: City Manager (Mar 27)
- City of Yorkton: Deputy Fire Chief (May 1)



Grants

- Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) (Mar 27)
- SGI Community Grants Program (Mar 31)
- Veteran's Service Club Grant (April 30)

- Air Ronge: Chief Administrative Officer (May 1)

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.

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

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