

# MUNICIPAL Update

May 20, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 21

MuniCast S8:E4: Accessing Health Services in Saskatchewan with the University of Regina and the Canadian Mental Health Association

### May 28

Webinar: Municipal Liability and Risk Management for Special Events

### June 3

Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

### June 11

MuniCast S8:E5: Reimagining Libraries with Praxis Consulting and the Regina Public Library

### June 10-25

SUMA Regional Roadshow

### July 11

35th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament Hosted by the Town of Outlook

See all [upcoming events](#).

## We Want to Hear from You: Survey on Research and Consulting Needs in Municipalities

SUMA is conducting a survey to better understand the needs and priorities of municipalities in Saskatchewan and Western Canada. Your input will help us tailor **research and consulting services**, such as governance consulting, strategic planning, and municipal research, to best serve your community.

**Elected officials and administrators of municipalities are invited to respond to the survey.**

The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Thank you for sharing your input! Your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of municipal research and consulting services.

**Complete the Survey  
Here**

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## Shape the Future of Municipal Leadership Development in Saskatchewan

Do you have thoughts on the future of municipal leadership in Saskatchewan?

The **Municipal Leadership Development Program** (MLDP) Sub-Committee wants to hear from

you!

The MLDP is undergoing a review to ensure its continued relevance and improve engagement among municipal leaders. We are seeking your input to **inform the future direction of the MLDP** and we encourage you to share your thoughts by filling out the survey below.

**The survey is open until May 30.**

**Complete the Survey  
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## **Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal**

SUMA wishes to remind members of the many resources available on the **SUMA Member Portal**, including **recordings from the 2025 Virtual Summit and webinar recordings**. A recording of SUMA's latest webinar, ***Fostering Respectful Workplaces Across Municipal Roles***, is now available to be viewed at any time.

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](mailto:communications2@suma.org) for assistance.

**Visit the SUMA Member Portal**

## **ADVOCACY UPDATE**

### **Policing Costs for 2025-2026 Announced**

The per capita rates to be invoiced to municipalities for the 2025-2026 year have been released by the **Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety**. Municipalities will see a **2.54 per cent increase** this year.

The **2025-2026 rates** are as follows:

- Municipalities with a detachment: \$98.52 (an increase of \$2.44 from 2024-2025)
- Municipalities without a detachment: \$60.95 (an increase of \$1.51 from 2024-2025)

*The Police Act* section 23.1(2)(b) provides the Ministry with the authority to distribute costs to municipalities, and the formula to calculate a rate payable by municipalities for police services is in section 7.02(1) of *The Police Regulations*. In summary, the percentage increase in the per capita rates is equal to the percentage increase of budget provided to RCMP to fund the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA).

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### **Applying Property Subclasses for Assessment: We Need Your Feedback**

The Ministry of Government Relations is considering providing towns and villages with the ability to create **property subclasses for assessment purposes**. SUMA needs your feedback to guide our advocacy on this issue.

**We are looking for your responses to the following questions:**

- Would your municipality make use of this new power?
- How would you use it?

Please send your feedback to Sean McKenzie at [advocacydir@suma.org](mailto:advocacydir@suma.org).

## CONVENTION 2025



**SUMA** | 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow | April 13-16 Saskatoon, SK

Thank you to our members from across Saskatchewan who joined us last month in Saskatoon to celebrate the strength of our communities as a part of the urban family. We're grateful to have brought together 1,100 delegates and 600 Tradeshow exhibitors for four days of advocacy, education, and networking.

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### Theme Suggestions

Each year's Convention theme sets the tone for the Convention agenda. Help us choose next year's theme by making a suggestion. The theme should be an **action statement that reflects the direction that the association and our members want to take.**

Things to consider when choosing a theme:

- Is there a particular issue that you want to emphasize at Convention 2026?
- Is the theme catchy, short, and easy to remember?
- Can you think of an image that relates to your theme that can be used to promote and publicize the convention?
- Does the theme exclude anyone?
- Does the theme make you think? Does it pull you in and make you get involved?
- Is your theme action oriented?

Please send your theme suggestions to [events@suma.org](mailto:events@suma.org).

## CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



# REGIONAL ROADSHOW

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## Regional Roadshow

Join us for an exciting day of learning, engagement, and networking as the **SUMA Regional Roadshow** makes its way to a community near you! Regional meetings are your chance to connect with other municipal leaders, gain valuable insights, and discuss both successes and challenges in your region. Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with your peers and participate in a day of valuable conversations. **Registration closes one week before each meeting date.**

Not able to attend in person? Select "Virtually" during registration to receive a link to join the meeting online.

Cost to attend: \$50 + GST and PST. Lunch will be provided to in-person attendees.

*Southwest Regional Meeting*  
**June 10**  
Town of Gravelbourg

*Northeast Regional Meeting*  
**June 16**  
Town of Wakaw

*East Central Regional Meeting*  
**June 24**  
Town of Esterhazy

*Central Regional Meeting*  
**June 11**  
Village of Elbow

*Northern Regional Meeting*  
**June 17**  
City of Prince Albert

*Southeast Regional Meeting*  
**June 25**  
Town of Whitewood

*West Central Regional Meeting*  
**June 12**  
Town of Delisle

*Northwest Regional Meeting*  
**June 20**  
Town of Shellbrook

Preliminary agendas are now available but may be updated. Check back closer to your meeting date for the final agenda for your region.

Not sure which region you are a part of? Find out [here!](#)

To access your region's meeting agenda and to register, click the button below.

**Agenda and Registration**



## Municipal Liability and Risk Management for Special Events

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### Webinar: Municipal Liability and Risk Management for Special Events

Special events play a vital role in municipal life—they bring communities together, celebrate local culture, and create opportunities to showcase your municipality. From summer festivals to street fairs and parades, these events foster community pride and can even generate valuable revenue.

With gatherings come potential risks and liabilities that municipalities must be prepared to manage.

As event season approaches in Saskatchewan, join us on **Wednesday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m.** for a timely and informative webinar designed to help municipal leaders and administration navigate the complexities of special event liability. This webinar, ***Municipal Liability and Risk Management for Special Events***, will cover:

- How to effectively prepare for special events
- Common risk factors and how to address them
- Understanding insurance coverage and what your municipality needs to be protected

[Register Now!](#)

SUMA webinars are free to all SUMA members. There is a fee of \$45 + GST and PST for non-members to attend.

**SUMA's webinar program is sponsored by SUMAssure.**



### MuniCast: Season 8

In season 8 of **MuniCast**, we're shining a light on the **advocacy efforts** that help support municipalities in Saskatchewan. Join us as SUMA's advocacy advisors engage in insightful conversations with experts across key areas to discuss local needs, challenges, and success. Episodes in season 8 include:

Episode 1 - *Diversity and Inclusion in Economic Development with SEDA, Town of Tisdale, and 9ja Foodie*

Episode 2 - *Bylaw Enforcement for Public Safety with the City of Yorkton and the Town of Allan*

Episode 3 - *Collaborative Waste Management with the Ministry of Environment, SWRC, ARWMAS, and TSS*

Episode 4 - *Accessing Health Services in Saskatchewan with the University of Regina and the Canadian Mental Health Association*

**Available May 21**

Episode 5 - *Reimagining Libraries with Praxis Consulting and the Regina Public Library*

**Available June 11**

**Listen now!**

MuniCast is available on most major podcast platforms including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), and [YouTube](#).



## **SUMA** Golf Tournament

★ **JULY 11** ★

**OUTLOOK RIVERVIEW GOLF COURSE**  
**Hosted by the Town of Outlook**

### **Golf Tournament: Last Chance to Register!**

The **35th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament**, hosted by the **Town of Outlook** will be taking place on **Friday, July 11** at the **Outlook Riverview Golf Course!** The theme is Pirates of the South Saskatchewan River, so don your finest pirate attire, and get ready for a swashbuckling good time! Expect a day filled with 18-holes of golf, hearty laughter, and, of course, treasure-worthy prizes. Following the tournament a banquet and awards ceremony will take place. Set your course for an unforgettable event where camaraderie and competition come together on the greens.

Come a day early and enjoy a **social evening** on **Thursday, July 10** to network with your peers while enjoying wings, beer, pickleball, bowling, and more!

Register soon! The **registration deadline** is **June 1**.

**Learn more and register!**

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **Treaties Recognition Week: May 18-24, 2025**

The Province of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon, and the Town of Colonsay have

officially proclaimed the third week of May as **Treaties Recognition Week**.

We encourage all our members to consider making similar proclamations in your communities.

Check out the Office of the Treaty Commissioner's [Facebook page](#) throughout the week to learn more!



## Proximity Initiative by the Railway Association of Canada

Created in 2003, the goal of the **Railway Association of Canada's (RAC) Proximity Initiative** is to prevent problems from arising between railways and residents. The initiative is led by a committee of elected officials and senior railway representatives from across Canada, who work together to develop strategies to reduce misunderstanding, increase safety, and avoid unnecessary conflict arising from railway-community proximity.

The RAC is seeking **input from interested parties in the municipal sector to inform the modernization of proximity guidelines**. To hear more and to share your feedback, complete the survey linked on this [webpage](#).

Have questions? Contact Ben Chursinoff, Manager of Policy, Environment and Programs at [bchursinoff@railcan.ca](mailto:bchursinoff@railcan.ca).

## Impact Report: Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Municipal Administration Specialty

SUMA has provided key support for **Saskatchewan Polytechnic** to develop the **Municipal Administration specialty**. With SUMA's support, **Saskatchewan Polytechnic has successfully developed five of the ten courses** designed to meet the job requirements of senior government managers and officials, with the remaining Municipal Administration courses expected to be completed in June 2025.

The Municipal Administration specialty is offered online and aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for a successful career in municipal administration.

Please see the [Impact Report](#) for more details on SUMA's support for this program.

## Call for Applications for Collaborative Community Economic Development Initiatives

The **Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)**, implemented in partnership by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), aims to **improve the economic prosperity of First Nations and adjacent municipalities** through joint community economic development planning and initiatives.

CEDI gives First Nations and municipalities a chance to come together, learn from each other and work on common priorities, all while building respectful and sustainable government-to-government



partnerships.

### CEDI Phase IV – Accelerated 2-Year Program

Cando and FCM are seeking applications for eight new First Nation-Municipal partnerships to participate in the First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI). This phase of CEDI offers an Accelerated 2-year Program (2025-2027).

#### Who Should Apply?

The Accelerated 2-year CEDI Program is a good fit for First Nations and municipalities who have a pre-existing relationship and preliminary ideas for collaborative community economic development initiatives. **Deadline to apply is Friday, May 30th, 2025, 11:59 p.m. MT.**

Visit CEDI's [website](#) for more information on the opportunity and how to apply.

## Climate Ready Infrastructure Service

The Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) is **now accepting project submissions from local governments and communities across Canada**. This new program, delivered by the Canadian Urban Institute, **connects smaller municipalities with top climate and infrastructure experts to help strengthen infrastructure investments for long-term sustainability**.

Local governments with **populations under 30,000** can register projects at any stage of development to receive specialized expertise, decision-making support, and capacity-building opportunities tailored to their needs.

Learn more and register [here](#).

The Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts is facilitated by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the Government of Canada.

## 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

From recruitment to performance management, policies to respectful workplace (and so much more), with HR On Call you have access to hundreds of FREE HR templates to make supporting your team easier.



## Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Moves to a Continuous Process

**TSS has moved to a continuous, rolling intake process.** All completed applications in the application system will be reviewed on the **spring closing date of April 30**, and **fall closing date of October 31**.

Please view the [intake guide](#) and [fact sheet](#), both of which outline the changes and updates to the program. The online application portal can be accessed [here](#).

## ADVERTISEMENTS



# Kinetic GPO

**Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract** RFSO #24-17 for educational furniture and services awarded to Grand & Toy, Humanscale, Krug, Steelcase, and Wintergreen Learning Materials.

Whether you need chairs, desks, tables, student and faculty seating, or services including project management or installation, our educational furniture suppliers have you covered.

Utilizing this agreement simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance and puts educational furniture into action when you need it.

**The Kinetic GPO contract for educational furniture includes a variety of innovative, sustainable, and durable solutions for Canadian educators and public sector organizations.**

For additional information please contact your Kinetic GPO Vice President of Supplier Engagement **Sandra Lisi** at [sandra@kineticgpo.ca](mailto:sandra@kineticgpo.ca).

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- [Town of Shaunovan](#): Assistant to Chief Administrative Officer (May



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor: *First Nations and Métis*

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- [City of Dauphin](#): Director of Public Works & Operations (June 5)
- [Town of Lafleche](#): Chief Administrative Officer (June 6)
- [Town of Wadena](#): Manager of Parks & Recreation (June 13)
- [City of Lloydminster \(AB\)](#): Planner, Policy and Development (May 23)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

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*Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)

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

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

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