

# MUNICIPAL Update

June 2, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 3

Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators  
*\*Please note: Registration has closed*

### 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

### August 21-22

SUMA Mayors' Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).

## Wildfire State of Emergency

Last week, Premier Scott Moe, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), declared a provincial State of Emergency due to the wildfires affecting communities across Saskatchewan.

This declaration provides enhanced powers to the Minister and SPSA that may be required to help address this unprecedented start of the fire season.

The state of emergency will be in effect for 30 days and can be extended if necessary.

The SPSA has committed to providing daily updates on the current wildfire situation to ensure that Saskatchewan residents are provided with the most up to date information.

Anyone who spots a wildfire can call 1-800-667-9660, dial 9-1-1, or contact their closest SPSA Forest Protection Area office.

SUMA extends our support to all of those affected by the devastating wildfires in our province, especially those in our northern municipalities who face threats to their safety, homes, communities, and livelihoods. We know the effects of the fires may be long lasting, and we are here to help advocate for the support you need to recover.

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## Last Chance for Feedback: 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.

Please complete the survey by **June 16**.

[Complete the Survey Here](#)

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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, **Municipal Liability and Risk Management for Special Events**, 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

### Caucus Meetings Underway

SUMA's Caucus meetings took place at the end of May for the City Caucus, Town Caucus, and Village/Resort Village Caucus. These were the first meetings of the new governance structure.

The **Cities Caucus** focused discussion on revenue sharing, infrastructure funding, physician recruitment and retention, mental health and addictions, and public safety needs.

The top priority issues identified by the **Towns Caucus** included healthcare, community safety and bylaws, and aging infrastructure.

Infrastructure funding and policing needs dominated conversation at the **Village/Resort Village Caucus** meeting. The Caucus specifically identified the need for tailored programs for municipal infrastructure funding for smaller communities so they do not have to compete in the same funding pools as larger communities.

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### CEO's Regional Tour

SUMA CEO, Jean-Marc Nadeau, recently travelled to our **Southwest and Southeast regions** on a regional tour, visiting 15 communities over the course of three days.

CEO Nadeau visited a mix of towns and villages, meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer and touring through the community.

He visited the Village of Macoun, Town of Oxbow, Town of Alameda, Town of Bienfait, City of Estevan, Village of Torquay, Town of Radville, Town of Bengough, Town of Coronach, Town of Assiniboia, Town of Lafleche, Town of Gravelbourg, Town of Mossbank, Village of Briercrest, and Town of Pense.

Community discussions focused on topics including **regional cooperation, infrastructure achievements and funding, changes to property assessments, administrative and operational struggles facing municipalities, feedback on SUMA's communication, support, and Convention 2025.**

"There's no substitute for being on the ground, hearing directly from municipal leaders," said CEO Nadeau. "These visits offer SUMA a firsthand look at the unique challenges, accomplishments, and pressing priorities of our communities. I'm excited to continue these conversations as I visit more regions across the province in the future."



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## SUMA Meets with Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tim Hodgson

Last month SUMA delegates including CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau, Chair of SUMA's City Mayor's Caucus Gerald Aalbers, and Director of Advocacy Sean McKenzie met with the Honourable Tim Hodgson, newly appointed federal **Minister of Energy and Natural Resources.**

They discussed the **landscape of urban municipalities in the province and extending market opportunities for Saskatchewan products.**

We look forward to continuing to work with the federal government to advance economic development opportunities for municipalities.



**CONVENTION 2025**

# We are URBAN.

**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.

## Convention Prizes

Each year at Convention, we have prize draws for delegates. Help us pick next year's prizes! Click the link below to share **what type of prize you'd like to win at Convention**.

[Share your prize suggestions here](#)

## CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



## REGIONAL ROADSHOW

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## Regional Roadshow: Last Chance to Register!

**Time is running out!** Registration for the **SUMA Regional Roadshow** is closing soon, so secure your spot today! This is your chance to connect in person, right in your home community, with other municipal leaders, gaining valuable insights and discussing successes and challenges in your region. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for learning, engagement, and networking -- register now before it's too late! **Registration closes one week before each meeting date.**



*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

#### **When does registration close?**

Registration closes 1 week before each meeting date.

#### **How do I know which regional meeting I should attend?**

To find out what region your municipality is a part of click [here](#). Type in your municipality and click "search."

#### **What if I cannot attend in person?**

A virtual option is available! Select "Virtually" during registration to receive a link to join the meeting online.

#### **What is the cost to attend?**

\$50 + GST and PST. This applies to both in-person and virtual registrations. Your municipality will be sent an invoice following your regional meeting.

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

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

**Agenda and Registration**

**The SUMA Regional Roadshow  
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### **MuniCast: S8:E4 Accessing Health Services in Saskatchewan**

Saskatchewan communities are facing significant challenges in healthcare access, affecting the quality and availability of care for residents. Key findings from recent research reveals gaps in service delivery outside larger urban centers including limited resources, staffing shortages, and geographic barriers. Mental health services face similar struggles, with individuals encountering difficulties in accessing support due to systemic barriers and regional disparities. Tackling these issues requires innovative solutions to improve healthcare access and ensure equitable support for all residents.

In this episode, ***Accessing Health Services in Saskatchewan with the University of Regina and the Canadian Mental Health Association***, Advocacy Advisor Kerri Martin, sits down with Dr. Nuelle Novik, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Regina, and a researcher with the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), and Rebecca Rackow, Assistant Executive Director and Dave Nelson, Senior Program Consultant, with the Canadian Mental Health Association, to discuss the challenges faced by residents in small and remote communities when accessing healthcare services.

To learn more about the state of healthcare in Saskatchewan access the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit's report on **The Current State of Health Care in Rural Saskatchewan** [here](#).

To learn more about the state of mental health in Saskatchewan in comparison to other provinces across the country access the Canadian Mental Health Association's recent report **The State of Mental Health in Canada** [here](#).

**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** has been extended to **June 15**.

**Learn more and register!**





## MAYORS' SUMMER SCHOOL

August  
21 and 22  
REGINA, SK



### SUMA Mayors' Summer School: Save the Date

Calling all mayors! This exclusive two-day event in Regina is designed just for you! Join us online or in-person at the University of Regina on **August 21 and 22** to dive deep into essential topics like governance, conflict of interest, and leadership with expert presenters who understand the unique challenges of municipal leadership. Gain valuable insights, exchange ideas with fellow mayors, and strengthen your ability to serve your community effectively. This event will take place at the University of Regina and is open to mayors only. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, and elevate your leadership skills in a dynamic and engaging setting.

**Registration will open June 9**. Visit [www.suma.org/events/summer-school](http://www.suma.org/events/summer-school) for more information. Additional information will be added as it is available.

## OTHER UPDATES

### Postal Strike: Transition to Online Payments

With the potential for another postal strike, SUMA encourages all municipalities to transition to online payments.

#### How to pay online

To pay SUMA invoices, please set up SUMA as a bill payee with your financial institution.

SUMA is set up as a bill payee with the financial institutions below. *Please note:* We have expanded to more Saskatchewan Credit Unions through Central One Billers, so some municipalities that previously could not find SUMA as a bill payee with their banks may now be able to utilize this option.

Bank Name	SUMA's Registered Name	Biller/Vendor ID
CIBC	SUMA	000013770-13781
ScotiaBank	SASK URBAN MUN ASSOCIATION	655M-72134
BMO	SASKATCHEWAN URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION	22173165-65401
RBC	SUMA	16278

<i>Credit Unions (through Credit Union Central)</i>	SASK URBAN MUNICIPAL	14112
<i>Credit Unions/Other (through Telepay)</i>	SUMA	9809
<i>Central One Billers</i>	<i>No info available</i>	<i>No info available</i>

Once you find SUMA as a bill payee, you will need to set up two different accounts to pay as follows:

### **SUMA's Group Benefits**

In early December 2024, your office would have received an email communication outlining the option to pay your group benefit premiums online. This message included your unique online account number required to facilitate these payments.

To pay group benefit premiums, the account number will be 8 digits starting with GB##### (e.g., GB123456).

If you do not have your account number, please contact the Group Benefits Department directly.

### **General SUMA Invoices**

General SUMA invoices include all payments other than Group Benefits premiums, such as membership, VFF, Convention registration, education sessions registration, shipping labels, election and pet supplies, and more.

The account number to pay general SUMA invoices through online banking is found on the bottom right of invoices. It will be an 8-digit number starting with AR##### (e.g., AR123456).

## **Preparing for Wildfire Threats**

The wildfire season in Saskatchewan is off to a devastating start, with many fires threatening SUMA's member municipalities in our northern regions.

There are three ways in which a wildfire can spread to a building:

1. Flying embers blown by wind can land and ignite the structure;
2. Fire can also spread from vegetation directly to the building walls; or
3. The heat generated from a wildfire can cause combustible building components to auto ignite (also known as "radiant heat effect").

Fuels, weather and topography work together to determine how fast or slow a fire will spread. **If your premises are located in the proximity of grasslands or wooded areas, you may be at risk.**

Click [here](#) to read the **Wildfire Threat Bulletin** prepared by Aon for information about how to prepare for the risk of wildfires.

## **Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance: Economic Resilience and Recovery**

The **Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance's (SEDA) three part toolkit** connects disruption management functions with economic principles to identify key issues and suggested action planning. The toolkit may be of use to municipalities affected by Saskatchewan's ongoing wildfires.



Wherever possible, resources and contacts specific to Saskatchewan have been included. This information will be updated as changes in our provincial emergency management and economic environment occur. Please note: The list of key contacts for Saskatchewan is currently being updated, with a new living document set to be available online by the end of the week.

Realistic and coordinated planning will reduce duplication of efforts and maximize response and recovery efforts should an incident occur.

Find the toolkit [here](#).

## Focus Group Invitation: Municipal Leadership Development Program

You're invited to join a virtual focus group to help shape the future of the **Municipal Leadership Development Program** (MLDP) in Saskatchewan.

The MLDP is a made-in-Saskatchewan training program that has supported municipal leaders since 2003. It offers courses that help build skills in areas like governance, human resources, strategic planning, financial management, community planning, and economic development.

**The program is currently is undergoing a review to ensure it remains relevant, effective, and accessible for today's municipal leaders.** Whether you're newly elected, a long-time leader, an administrator, a partner organization, or someone who supports local government in other ways-- your input is important.

MLDP wants to hear your ideas on how to make the MLDP program stronger, more inclusive, and better aligned with the needs of leaders across Saskatchewan.

### Upcoming Focus Group Dates and Times:

Choose one of the following 90-minute virtual sessions:

- **Monday, June 2, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 10, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

To join, please email [admin@prairiewildconsulting.ca](mailto:admin@prairiewildconsulting.ca) with your name, email address, and the timeslot that works best for you.

The engagement is being facilitated by Prairie Wild Consulting and Braid Consulting, on behalf of the MLDP Subcommittee.

## 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).

## 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.

To learn more and access templates you need, email People First at [hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com](mailto:hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com)

## **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](#).

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**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

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- [City of Dauphin](#): Director of Public Works & Operations (June 5)
- [Town of Lafleche](#): Chief Administrative Officer (June 6)
- SUMA: Advocacy Advisor (June 9)
- [Town of Wadena](#): Manager of Parks & Recreation (June 13)
- [Town of Colonsay](#): Town Foreman (June 22)
- [Town of Radville](#): Administrator (June 30)
- [Town of Duck Lake](#): Public Works Foreman (June 30)
- [Town of Maidstone](#): Administrator (July 31)
- [Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.](#): Part Time Administrative Support (until filled)
- [Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.](#): Community Safety Officer Sergeant (until filled)

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### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

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