

MUNICIPAL Update

June 30, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11

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

August 21-22

SUMA Mayors' Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).

Board Meeting and Strategic Planning

SUMA's Board of Directors held its first **quarterly Board meeting** under our new governance structure earlier this month. At this meeting, the Board officially passed the bylaws that will govern our organization.

The Board also met for **strategic planning**, which will guide our organization for the next five years.

We look forward to sharing the strategic plan once it is finalized and other Board updates soon.



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

Recordings from the 2025 SUMA Convention are now available on the SUMA Member Portal. SUMA wishes to remind members that 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

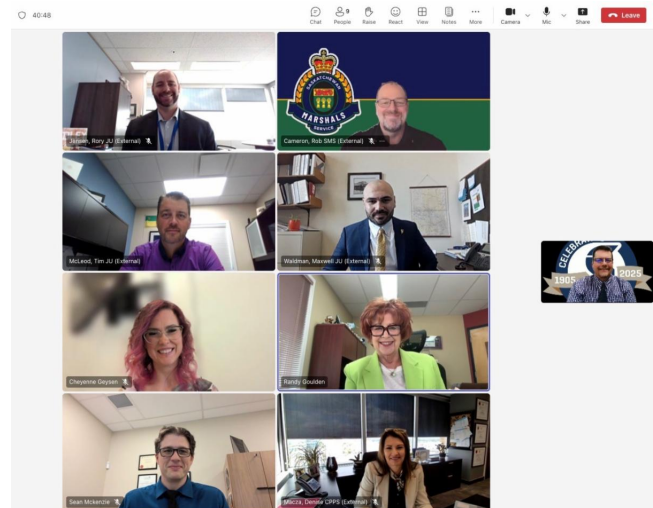
Meeting with the Honourable Tim McLeod

On Monday, June 23 SUMA had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and Justice and Attorney General Tim McLeod, along with Chief Marshall Robert Cameron, Deputy Minister Denise Macza and other staff members from the CPPS/JAG office.

Topics discussed included **bylaw adjudication**, the progress on the rollout of the **Saskatchewan Marshall's Service**, and the ongoing need for a **renewal of The Police Act, 1991**.

In particular, we are interested in exploring additional options for **bylaw enforcement**, including but not limited to the potential of an **e-Justice program** that would allow for fines to be paid without tying up the provincial court system.

We are grateful to Minister McLeod, Chief Marshall Cameron, Deputy Minister Macza, and their colleagues for their time and look forward to continuing these discussions.



ClimateWest 2025

On June 17 and 18, SUMA attended the **ClimateWest 2025 Forum**, held in Saskatoon. The forum brought together diverse voices from across Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and beyond to explore climate impacts, resilience strategies, and adaptation tools. Sessions focused on **natural infrastructure, Indigenous and rural adaptation, youth engagement, and sustainable approaches to water and food systems**. Participants also gained insights into practical resources like climatedata.ca and the [Resilient Rurals Toolkit](#).



SUMA's participation highlights the critical role our urban municipalities play in advancing climate resilience, sustainable infrastructure, and local adaptation planning.

Introducing the Municipal Eco-Action Centre Landing Page

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the **Municipal Eco-Action Centre** via our website. On this page, you can learn more about the MEAC, including:

- who we are
- our mission
- what we could offer Saskatchewan's municipalities, including **funding pathways, a knowledge hub, pilot programs**, and more
- access additional resources

This project was made possible by a partnership with Eco-West. While the MEAC is in its infancy, we are excited about what it can grow into.

[Access the Landing Page Here](#)

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 April 13 - 16 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.

Post-Convention Prize Draw

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out our post-Convention survey. We are committed to ensuring Convention remains a valuable experience for you, and your feedback is essential to guide our planning. Those who completed the survey were entered into the draw.

The winner of the survey draw is:

- **Devan Shorrok, Town of Hafford**

Thanks also to those who submitted ideas for the theme for next year's Convention. Everyone who submitted theme suggestions was entered into the draw.

The winner of the theme submission draw is:

- **Leah Ward, Town of Milestone**

Each winner receives **1 complimentary registration to Convention 2026** held from April 12-15 in Regina. See you there!

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

REGIONAL ROADSHOW

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SUMA Regional Roadshow Complete

Last week we wrapped up the final week of the Regional Roadshow with the **East Central and Southeast regions**. Thank you to the communities of Esterhazy and Whitewood for your excellent hospitality.

We look forward to visiting our northern member communities later in the fall.

Recordings of the following sessions will be available on the **SUMA Member Portal**:

- Greetings from President Goulden, Minister Schmalz, and SaskWater
- Board Update
- Update from SUMA
- Update from our Partners, SUMAssure, Kinetic GPO, and SUMAInvest
- Education session presented by SAMA



Town of Esterhazy



Town of Whitewood

**The SUMA Regional Roadshow
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MuniCast Season 8

That's a wrap on Season 8 of MuniCast! This season SUMA's Advocacy team had important conversations about bylaw enforcement, economic development, health, regional waste solutions, and the transformation of libraries. Click on the episode title to be taken directly to that episode on YouTube.

S8:E1 Diversity and Inclusion in Economic Development with SEDA, SAISIA, Town of Tisdale, and 9ja Foodie

Diversity and inclusion are the cornerstones of thriving communities and a sustainable economy. Diversity brings unique experiences and innovation, while inclusion ensures everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute. These principles are essential for municipal growth, addressing labour shortages, strengthening social connections, and retention.

S8:E2 Bylaw Enforcement for Public Safety with the City of Yorkton and the Town of Allan

From dangerous animals to noise and debris and many areas in between, bylaws are municipal regulations that cover areas not enforced by provincial and federal law. However, despite their importance in keeping a community safe, enforcement of bylaws is a challenge faced by many of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities.

S8:E3 Collaborative Waste Management with the Ministry of Environment, SWRC, ARWMAS, and TSS

Saskatchewan's urban municipalities are dealing with evolving environmental regulations, which makes collaborative waste management essential for a long-term sustainability. Effective waste management reduces greenhouse gas emissions, extends landfill lifespan, and helps municipalities remain environmentally responsible. By working together, communities can share costs, access funding, and implement innovative waste diversion strategies.

S8:E4 Accessing Health Services in Saskatchewan with the University of Regina and the CMHA

Saskatchewan communities are facing significant challenges in healthcare access, affecting the quality and availability of care for residents. Key findings from recent research reveal gaps in service delivery outside larger urban centres 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.

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

Libraries have long been pillars of knowledge, community, and accessibility, but as the world shifts toward digital media and instant information, their role is evolving. From ebooks to streaming services, technology has reshaped how we access information, yet libraries continue to offer something irreplaceable. However, they are not without challenges. Funding remains an ongoing concern, and the demands on these institutions are increasing. What needs to change to ensure their future?

Did you miss an episode? Do you want to listen again? All previous episodes of MuniCast are available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), and [YouTube](#).

Listen now!



SUMA Mayors' Summer School: Register Now!

Calling all mayors! This exclusive two-day event 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 at SUMA's Mayors' Summer School. Learn 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. Plus, you will earn credit for the *Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities* module of the [Municipal Leadership Development Program \(MLDP\)](#).

Member Early-Bird Registration Fee

In-Person: \$400 + GST and PST

Virtual: \$350 + GST and PST

Register **before 4:00 p.m. on July 11** to receive the early-bird registration rate.

Regular registration rate is in effect from **4:00 p.m. on July 11** to **4:00 p.m. on August 7**. Visit <https://suma.org/events/summer-school> for more information.

Agenda

Thursday, August 21

- Registration and Breakfast 7:30 a.m. *(in-person only)*
- SUMA Mayors' Summer School 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. *(virtual and in-person)*
- Dinner and special presentation at The Cure Kitchen and Wine Bar 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. *(in-person only)*

Friday, August 22

- Breakfast 8:00 a.m. *(in-person only)*
- SUMA Mayors' Summer School 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. *(virtual and in-person)*

Attending in person?

In-person registration includes:

- Access to discounted hotel room blocks
- Complimentary parking at the University of Regina
- Breakfast and lunch on August 21 and 22
- Dinner at The Cure Kitchen and Wine Bar on August 21
- Shuttle service from the Atlas° Hotel and Hotel Saskatchewan to and from the special event at The Cure Kitchen and Wine Bar.

Accommodations:

Stay at The Atlas° Hotel for **\$149.95 per night** plus taxes and fees. **Book by July 18** to receive the discounted room rate. Click [here](#) to access discounted rates.

Stay at The Hotel Saskatchewan for **\$199.00 per night** plus taxes and fees, and a discounted parking rate of \$11 per day. **Book by July 22** to receive the discounted rates. Click [here](#) to access discounted rates.

Register now!

OTHER UPDATES

Support in Upgrading Aging Ice Rinks

Is your municipality home to an aging ice rink? Looking for expert advice to improve energy efficiency and cut emissions?

The Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS), in collaboration with SUMA, is launching a **12-week Ice Rink Cohort in Summer/Fall 2025**. Municipalities with **populations under 30,000** are invited to participate in this **no-cost program** focused on:

- **Upgrading aging ice rinks**
- **Access to energy and emissions experts**
- **4 interactive webinars**
- **60 hours of tailored one-on-one guidance**



Join a network of municipalities working to future-proof recreational infrastructure.

Application Deadline: July 25, 2025

Cohort Start Date: Flexible (Summer/Fall 2025)

Eligibility: Saskatchewan municipalities <30,000 population with at least one ice rink

Apply now to join the SUMA and CRIS Ice Rink Cohort — a fast-track opportunity for small and rural communities to get the expert support and peer-learning support needed to upgrade their Ice Rink facilities.

For further information, read the **CRIS Cohort Call for Submissions: Ice Rinks & Arenas** pamphlet or contact Kiera Tsakonas at ktsakonas@canurb.org or visit www.climatereadycanada.ca.

Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction Summer Webinars

The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction is hosting a series of webinars relevant to municipalities about improving substance use health at the community level. Small municipalities often have fewer resources to address substance use issues than larger centres, but there are many innovative ways to approach and adapt solutions to their unique needs.

Small Cities Initiative and Municipal Leaders Table

Thursday, June 26, 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET

How Data Can Help Municipalities

Wednesday, June 23, 1-2 p.m. ET

Collaborating Effectively with Government

Thursday, August 21, 1-2 p.m. ET

Community Policing and Health Partnerships

Wednesday, September 17, 1-2 p.m. ET

To register or for more information, click [here](#).

Request for Feedback: Guide to Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry - Phase 2

To support stakeholders with their preparation and submission of information to the **Federal Plastics Registry (FPR) for phase 2 of reporting**, a guidance document is under development. A summary of the proposed content of the Guide for Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry - Phase 2 is available to review in **English** and **French**.

The Plastics Regulatory Affairs Division/Environmental Protection Branch of Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking your feedback on this document. You have until **July 24** to submit your comments in writing to RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca.

The Division will also hold a webinar to answer your questions to help you formulate your feedback.

- Thursday, July 10, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT in French - click [here](#) to join the meeting
- Thursday, July 10, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in English - click [here](#) to join the meeting

For more information, please visit the Federal Plastics Registry webpage or contact the Division at RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca.

Compost Facilities Update

The **Compost Facilities Chapter** of the Saskatchewan Environmental Code has been approved and is in effect as of **May 14**.

What does this mean for you? If you're **currently operating a compost facility in Saskatchewan**, you have until **October 1** to **inform the ministry of your plans to continue your operations**. This includes both standalone facilities and those that are part of permitted landfills.

To make things easier for you, all you need to do is submit the required documents through our [online business portal](#). You can find information about the notification process, including guidance documents, on our [compost facilities webpage](#).

Existing landfill permits are not affected by the new chapter. However, when appropriate, we will be updating them to align with the chapter, removing any references to compost management. **If**

you're planning to start a new facility or expand an existing one, please note you'll need to comply with the new chapter.

We believe this change will significantly boost the efficiency of composting operations across the province. It's designed to reduce the time municipalities spend on permitting and reporting, giving you more flexibility to achieve environmental compliance. Plus, composting is an important part of waste reduction – it keeps organic waste out of landfills and transforms it into nutrient-rich soil conditioner.

For more information, please [read the news release](#).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact us through the Inquiry Center at **1-800-567-4224** or centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

Fire Underwriters Survey

The Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a national organization that assesses and rates the public fire protection capabilities of Canadian communities for the insurance industry. The ratings are published in the *Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index*, used by around 85–90 % of Canada's private property & casualty insurers to determine fire protection grading, risk appetite, and premiums.

It has been brought to the attention of the Insurance Brokers Association of Saskatchewan that **data contained in the index is out of date in many parts of Saskatchewan, negatively impacting the ability of local insurance brokers to secure appropriately priced insurance products for their clients.**

Why It Matters to Municipalities

FUS ratings directly impact residential, commercial, and farm insurance pricing in Saskatchewan — it's vital that data be accurate. Inaccurate or out of date data can lead to artificially inflated (or deflated) premiums for the commensurate risk and, in some cases, is impacting insurers' willingness to extend coverage. Saskatchewan municipalities are encouraged to update via the online [FUS Municipal Portal](#).

For questions to or more information please contact:

Nicole Sinclair, Vice President

Insurance Brokers Association of Saskatchewan

nicole.sinclair@ibas.ca

or

Verisk Canada, Fire Underwriters Survey

1-800-665-5661

Transition to Online Payments

SUMA is encouraging 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

<i>ScotiaBank</i>	SASK URBAN MUN ASSOCIATION	655M-72134
<i>BMO</i>	SASKATCHEWAN URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION	22173165-65401
<i>RBC</i>	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).

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

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

Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract #25-01 for parking management solutions awarded to [HONK](#), [Parking BOXX](#), and [Precise ParkLink](#). Whether you need integrated parking technology, parking payment solutions, or parking equipment, our parking management suppliers have you covered.

Kinetic GPO is also excited to announce **a new competitively bid contract RFSO #25-02** for lactation pods awarded to [Mamava](#). Through this contract, the Canadian public sector has access to lactation pods, room supplies, and additional products.

Utilizing one or both of these agreements simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance, and makes purchasing seamless.

These Kinetic GPO contracts include a variety of innovative, sustainable, and quality 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.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- [Town of Radville](#): Administrator (June 30)
- [Town of Duck Lake](#): Public Works Foreman (June 30)
- [Town of Maidstone](#): Administrator (July 31)
- [Town of Rosthern](#): Economic Development Officer (July 11)
- [RM of Wood Creek No. 281 and Village of Simpson](#): Administrator (July 17)
- [Town of Rosthern](#): Fire Chief (July 26)
- [Town of Battleford](#): Public Safety Officer/Emergency Coordinator (August 19)
- [Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.](#): *Part Time Administrative Support* (until filled)
- [Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.](#): *Community Safety Officer Sergeant* (until filled)

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.

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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