

# MUNICIPAL Update

March 21, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 2, 2022**

MLDP - Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals (online)

**April 2, 2022**

MLDP - Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace (online)

**April 2, 2022**

MLDP - Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities (online)

**April 2, 2022**

MLDP - Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities (online)

**April 3-6, 2022**

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

**April 4, 2022**

Southeast College - Fall Prevention

**April 5, 2022**

Southeast College - Ground Disturbance for Supervisors and Workers

See all [upcoming events](#).



## Nominations for SUMA President Close Today

Are you or someone you know interested in running for the position of SUMA President? Today is the final day to submit nominations for the **election** taking place on **April 5**. **All elected officials** from SUMA member municipalities in good standing **are eligible** to run for the position. Those interested in running are required to submit nomination papers signed by two other elected officials from any SUMA member municipality in good standing.

### Nomination papers

All candidates who have filed their nomination papers are eligible to submit a one-page platform document (not exceeding 1,000 words) with photo that will be posted to the SUMA website and included in a one-time-only email to SUMA member municipalities. **Platforms must also be submitted today.**



The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) modules scheduled for April 2 in Regina are now happening online.

If you registered for a session on April 2, be sure to check your email for further information from MLDP.

MLDP was developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. The modules target specific issues of importance to urban, rural, and northern municipalities.

To learn more and register for the modules, visit [mldp.ca](http://mldp.ca).



### All Residential Buildings to Have Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms by July 1

As per Saskatchewan's Building Code Regulations, every building with residential occupancy is to have carbon monoxide and smoke alarms installed by **July 1**, regardless of when the building was constructed.

Residential occupancies are rented or owned buildings with sleeping quarters such as:

- houses
- duplexes
- apartments
- condominiums
- townhouses
- motels and hotels

Download and read [building advisories](#) to learn where carbon monoxide and smoke alarms should be installed.



### Municipal Assessment Roll Must Be Prepared by May 1

Municipalities must have their assessment roll prepared no later than **May 1**. If a municipality is unable to meet the deadline, council must pass an Extension of Time Bylaw no later than May 31. The preparation of the assessment roll cannot be extended past July 30.

To mitigate the number of assessment appeals filed, administrators are being encouraged to explain to their property owners what their assessment means. Explain the difference between assessment and taxation. Post information on the municipal website or social media. Administrators can also direct property owners to the [Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency](#) to view their property report.



Apply for FCM's 2022 Sustainable Communities Awards



2021 Census Population and Dwelling Count Information Now Available

Have you nominated your community's sustainability project for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Awards (SCA)?

Applications are only being accepted until **March 31**, so time is running out to apply.

**Visit the SCA page** to learn about the five award categories: Natural Asset Management, Climate Change Mitigation, Waste, Affordable Housing Retrofit, and Community Buildings Retrofit.

The 2021 Census Dissemination Project has announced the official release of the 2021 Census population and dwelling counts.

This data can be accessed through:

- **[The Daily](#)**
- **[Census of Population](#)** web module.

The next census release will be **April 27**

- Age
- Sex at birth and gender
- Type of dwelling

## Advocacy Update



### Thank You For Helping Shape SUMA's Communications Strategy

Thank you to all of the municipalities that responded to SUMA's communications survey last month! Your feedback is helping us gauge the effectiveness of our current communications and shaping our new communications strategy.

SUMA members who responded to the survey had the chance to be entered to win a complimentary registration to the 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow. The winning ballot has been drawn and a huge congratulations goes out to Harley McCarthy from the Village of Windthorst.



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## CONVENTION 2022

### Convention Registration System Closing Today

Convention 2022 is less than two weeks away. If you are planning to attend, be sure to **register today** before the **Convention registration system closes at midnight**. SUMA will accept late registrations after today, but there will be a \$50 administration fee charged per delegate. This fee applies to registrations for both in-person and online participation.

Register now so you can take in your choice of education and breakout sessions, network, influence SUMA's advocacy efforts, and so much more. See the **[Convention brochure](#)** to learn more about Convention 2022.



## Can't Make it to Convention? Watch the Livestream!

For those who can't make it in-person to Convention 2022, SUMA is offering three days of livestreaming designed for Saskatchewan's hometowns.

From **April 4-6**, we will be livestreaming select Convention sessions. Some sessions will be available to everyone, but SUMA members also have the chance to access exclusive Convention content for free!

SUMA members can [sign up here](#) for access to select education sessions, the keynote address, and more! See a [full list of sessions being livestreamed](#). Sign up by **March 31**.

**Note:** If you are an elected official interested in participating online in Resolutions, the SUMA AGM, and the Election of SUMA President, you must register through SUMA's Convention registration system. The system closes today. Read the [member registration FAQ](#) for more information about being an online participant. The cost to participate online in these three sessions is \$50.



## Ways to Shape SUMA

Convention is not only a chance to network with other delegates, but it also provides SUMA members with an opportunity to shape SUMA, influencing our advocacy through resolutions, sector meetings, and our annual general meeting. This year, there is also the chance to elect SUMA's next president.

### Resolutions

There are 24 resolutions to debate on **April 4** at **3:30 p.m.** See the [resolutions package](#) for all the details on this year's resolutions.

### Presidential Election

SUMA is holding an Election of President on **April 5**. At **1:10 p.m.** hear from the presidential candidates before voting opens. Election results will be announced at **3:00 p.m.**

Elected officials from SUMA member municipalities in good standing are eligible to vote in the election of SUMA's President. To vote, elected officials must either be registered to attend Convention in-person or online.

### Sector Meetings

Sector meetings give delegates a chance to meet with colleagues from other municipalities in the same sector. This is a chance to discuss current issues affecting your sector. The sector meetings are on **April 5** at **8:15 a.m.**

### SUMA AGM

The SUMA Annual General Meeting on **April 5** is an opportunity to learn about SUMA's activities in 2021. Receive updates on advocacy efforts, review detailed financial statements, and appoint an auditor.

The AGM package, including our annual report and the resolutions package, was sent to the main contact for each member municipality in February. It is also available through the [member portal](#) on SUMA's website.

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## Convention App Now Available

Information on Convention 2022, from the schedule to speaker information, is now available at your fingertips with the SUMA



Convention app. Keep up with resolutions live from the floor, ask your questions in an education session from the comfort of your seat, or compete for a prize by playing the in-app game.

Information on the app is being updated as it becomes available.

If you haven't already, download the SUMA Convention app for free from your mobile's app store or experience the online version [here](#).



## Celebrate at the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Celebrate the long serving elected officials and municipal employees who help make Saskatchewan's hometowns great! Attend the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow. At the banquet enjoy dinner and a cash bar, honour the award winners, and be entertained by one of Saskatchewan's well known comedians, Kelly Taylor.

Each in-person Convention registration includes one ticket for the President's Banquet.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for Children Aged 6 to 11

Health Canada has approved the use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for children between the ages of six to 11.

The dosing schedule approved by Health Canada is to give two doses one month apart.

[Read more](#)

### Weekly COVID-19 EPI Report

Each Thursday, the Ministry of Health releases a COVID-19 integrated epidemiology (EPI) report that includes laboratory-confirmed cases, deaths, tests, vaccination information, hospital and census trends, and distribution of rapid antigen tests.

For the week of March 6-12:

- 6,826 laboratory tests were performed in Saskatchewan reflecting 5.7 tests performed per 1,000 population.
- About one in nine laboratory tests were positive.
- The percentage of positive tests (11.8 per cent) was lower than in the previous week (12.7 per cent).
- 832 new cases were confirmed.
- There were 28 newly reported COVID-19 deaths compared to 13 in the previous week.
- There were 27.1 COVID-like illness patients per 1,000 emergency department visits which is lower than the average weekly rate in the previous six weeks (38.9 per week/1,000 visits).
- Ten (10) confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and care home settings were reported this week.

## Answers to Vaccine Questions and Busting Myths

As part of their *Living With COVID-19* series, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has released a two-part story answering vaccine questions and busting myths.

Read part 1

Read part 2

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- City of Melfort: *Municipal Project Manager* (March 21)
- Town of Assiniboia: *Director of Operations* (March 31)
- City of Melfort: *Chief Financial Officer* (April 1)
- District of Katepwa: *Public Works Supervisor* (April 7)
- Village of Torquay: *Administrator* (April 12)
- Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach: *Administrative Assistant* (When filled)

#### For Sale:

- *Fire Pump Truck*

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.



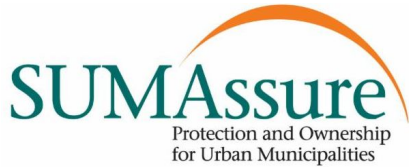
### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program* (April 1)
- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program *Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream* (May 10)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

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

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Connect with SUMAssure at the  
2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow  
Visit them at booth 216

SUMAssure is your trusted insurance partner, providing the best property and liability coverage to Saskatchewan municipalities. As well, we are committed to helping our members prevent claims from happening in the first place through our risk management resources.

We are a proud sponsor of the SUMA Convention and Tradeshow as well as an exhibitor. We invite you to come visit us at booth 216 during the tradeshow hours. There will be a chance to test your risk identification skills, enter our prize draw, and engage in conversation with our team about municipal insurance.

Our team looks forward to seeing you!

To learn more about SUMAssure and how your community can become an owner too, click [here](#).

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