

MUNICIPAL Update

April 8, 2024

EVENTS

April 10

MuniCast release - S6:E1 - Leading From Within with Jean-Marc Nadeau, CEO, SUMA

April 14-17

2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

April 30

Webinar - Storytelling to Connect, Grow, and Prosper: Unveiling the Heart of Your Municipality

See all [upcoming events](#).

All SUMA webinars available on the SUMA Member Portal

Recordings of SUMA webinars are no longer 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.

Storytelling to Connect, Grow, and Prosper: Unveiling the Heart of Your Municipality



At **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday April 30** join world-renowned storytelling expert and community connector Doug Griffiths as he explores the transformative power of storytelling and how it can be leveraged by your municipality in the webinar ***Storytelling to Connect, Grow, and Prosper: Unveiling the Heart of your Municipality.*** Learn how embracing storytelling techniques can unlock new opportunities for growth and prosperity.

This webinar will discuss how you can take part in a pilot program offered exclusively for SUMA members with memoryKPR (limited spots available). memoryKPR founder, Jessica McNaughton, and Doug Griffiths will tell us more about this unique opportunity and how it can provide invaluable insights and strategies that can create positive change and foster meaningful connections within your municipality. Don't miss out on this chance to elevate your community's narrative and impact!

Sponsored by SUMAssure, these webinars are free to all SUMA members. The cost for non-

members to attend is \$45 + GST.

[Register here](#)

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:



Season 6 of MuniCast airing this week!

In this season 6 of MuniCast we are sitting down with the SUMA staff to discover "Who is SUMA?"

In our first episode of this season, **airing on April 10**, we sit down with the CEO of SUMA, Jean-Marc Nadeau, to delve into the strategies and methodologies employed to support urban municipal leaders and administrations across Saskatchewan.

Explore key considerations for guiding SUMA's direction, including its collaborative efforts with the board of directors and partnerships with municipal organizations across the country, and ways the Jean-Marc has been engaging with Saskatchewan's urban municipalities and translating their feedback into actionable initiatives, including SUMA's involvement with educational institutions such as Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

In this insightful discussions, gain a broader understanding of SUMA's role in empowering urban municipalities.



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New Steps Forward Through Advocacy

Recently the Government of Saskatchewan announced its **new emergency medical services triage system in Regina and Saskatoon**, a change that will help improve patient flow and reduce ambulance offload delays. As you know, **we've long advocated for a change to the system, and are pleased with this update**. Usually, EMS providers are required to remain at the hospital until patient care is transferred, often resulting in long delays and preventing them from responding to other emergencies. We're hopeful this system update addresses some of the concerns. **You can read more about the announcement [here](#)**.

SUMA has been in talks with Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise (ACF) regarding ways we can engage with and collaborate with our Fransaskois communities across our province. ACF is a provincial francophone advocacy group dedicated to providing an environment where the French language can thrive in Saskatchewan. We will soon be making some announcements regarding a partnership. You can learn more about ACF [here](#).

As you know SUMA is part of SBAC (Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee), which has been pushing our province to end the divide on equal internet access across Saskatchewan. **The work the committee has done was recently highlighted by Upfront Consulting, acknowledging SBAC's progress in engaging the province about broadband issues**. Read more about SBAC's Broadband Development and Investment Framework [here](#).

SUMA is encouraged by the federal government's announcement of \$6 billion for housing in new infrastructure fund, including the \$1 billion in direct funding to municipalities for urgent infrastructure needs. We will be watching for more details to see how our municipalities may qualify for funding, and whether the requirements for multi-unit dwellings will be applied equally regardless of community size. You can read the announcement [here](#).

CONVENTION 2024



Bus Schedules Now Available

SUMA is working with the City of Regina bus services and select hotels to provide shuttle service to and from Convention 2024.

The schedules are now available. [Find the schedule for your hotel](#). Please note that the Atlas Hotel has their own bussing arrangement which is not through the City of Regina.

Don't Miss These Great Social Activities

Each delegate registration includes one ticket to these events.

Municipal Marketplace Early Access Reception

April 14 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. *Viterra International Trade Centre (ITC)*

Would you like an opportunity to enjoy a cash bar and appetizers while browsing the booths at the Municipal Marketplace presented by Kinetic GPO? At Convention 2024, SUMA is once again hosting an Early Access Reception so you can do just that. View the booths and connect with exhibitors ahead of the tradeshow's official opening.



Join SUMA at our tradeshow
EARLY ACCESS RECEPTION
Browse booths and connect with exhibitors
in advance of the Tradeshow's official opening.

Sunday, April 14, 2024
4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Light Appetizers Included
Cash Bar

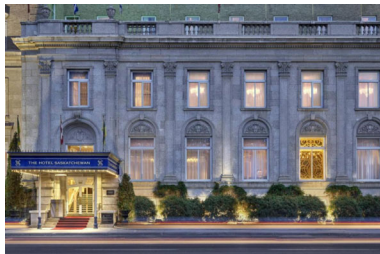
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Welcome Reception

April 14 from 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Hotel Saskatchewan

SUMA's 2024 Welcome Reception is specifically designed for networking with your municipal council, your peers, and SUMA's Board of Directors.

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.



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

The 2024 Welcome Reception is sponsored by:



President's Gala

April 16 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. *Viterra International Trade Centre (ITC)*

Enjoy a buffet dinner with your peers, be wowed by hypnotist, Wayne Lee, 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.



A silent auction will be taking place throughout Convention 2024 to continue fundraising towards the Laurent Mougeot Memorial Scholarship Fund. Winners will be announced at the gala, so don't miss out on the celebration!

**Tune In Online with Our Convention
Livestream**



Did you know if you can't make it to Convention you can watch select sessions online? From **April 15-17**, we are **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! Pre-registration is required

for members only sessions.

Click to discover what sessions will be available and register for the member-only livestream.

Call for Silent Auction Items

We are still seeking donations of any size and worth for the silent auction that will span the entirety of Convention 2024. We would like to extend a special thank you to the municipalities who have already donated items:

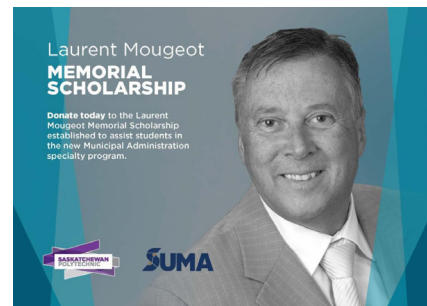
- Town of Creighton
- Town of Colonsay
- Town of Lumsden
- City of Yorkton
- Town of Maple Creek
- City of Prince Albert
- Town of Ogema
- Town of Star City

The silent auction kicks off on Sunday, April 14, with successful bidders to be declared at the President's Gala on Tuesday, April 16. *Attendance is not required to win.*

To donate to the silent auction, please reach out to education@suma.org.

SUMA is organizing a silent auction to further support the Laurent Mougeot Memorial Scholarship. Established by SUMA and the Mougeot family, this scholarship commemorates the late Laurent Mougeot, former SUMA CEO, and aids students enrolled in the Municipal Administration diploma at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

It's not just about backing a noble cause; it's also an opportunity to highlight your municipality and region!



Registration Deadline: Tomorrow April 9



Tomorrow is the deadline to register for the 2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is **April 9**. After that date, registrations will still be accepted, but a \$50 administration fee will be charged for each registration.

Still thinking about registering for Convention? See the [2024 Convention Brochure](#) for more information. If you have questions about registration, check out the [Member Registration FAQ](#). A [FAQ for associate members, non-members, and corporate registrations](#) is also available.

Mayor Michelle McKenzie Acclaimed Vice-President of Towns

The period to submit documents and nominations has ended, and **Mayor Michelle McKenzie, from the Town of Maple Creek, was acclaimed Vice-President of Towns.**

We congratulate Mayor McKenzie and welcome her back onto the board to continue the work she does on behalf of SUMA.

Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Guidelines

Previously, the Ministry of Environment's database, Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Guidelines (SEQG), was shut down to deal with errors and start a correction process. Since then, updates have been completed and are available at [SEQG online](#).

The ministry has aligned the values with the *Alberta tier 1 soil and groundwater remediation guidelines*. Updates to the *Endpoint Selection Standard (ESS)* and the *Discharge and Discovery Reporting Standard (DDRS)* have been completed as well.

The corrected standards took effect on April 5, and you can find more information on them [here](#). Please contact the ministry if your project requires accommodations to account for the changes.

SEDA's Paths to Prosperity Provincial Summit

SEDA's annual summit is for economic developers, Indigenous and government leaders, community futures, chambers and the private sector to **explore economic development trends, strategies, and success stories that are shaping industries and communities**. Expand your network, share your knowledge, and forge meaningful connections that will propel your community and organization forward.

For best rates, register by April 15 for the **2024 Provincial Economic Summit: Paths to Prosperity** being held June 12-13. The high caliber program is focused from building on your place based assets and features international, national and Saskatchewan presenters. SEDA is also seeking to honour volunteer leaders, professionals and projects. **Nominate in 8 categories by April 15.**

Submit an Application to the Targeted Sector Support Initiative

The **Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative** is a cost-shared grant program that uses a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million per fiscal year) to **support projects that strengthen municipalities' core operational capabilities through increased regional cooperation**. These projects lead to more efficient and effective municipal service delivery and enhanced governance and administrative capacity in Saskatchewan. Partnering municipalities can apply for up to **75 per cent on eligible project costs** to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities.

The initiative is managed by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) on behalf of the TSS Steering Committee that consists of SUMA, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, New North and the Government of Saskatchewan. The **TSS intake will close on Friday, June 7.**

To learn more, please download this [TSS fact sheet](#).



United Rental is one of Kinetic GPO's approved suppliers offering members access to fleet, equipment, services, and a long list of other solutions.

Did you know United Rentals can also help SUMA members save time and money by providing the option to purchase used equipment from a long list of top manufactures? Please reach out to Aaron at United Rentals to discuss a solution to your equipment needs Akereluik@Ur.com or 639-994-6908. You can also reach out to Kerriann@kineticgpo.ca for more information.

<https://www.unitedrentals.com/sales/equipment>

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- City of Martensville: Fire Chief (April 9)
- Village of Elbow: Village Foreman (April 13)
- Town of Macklin: Chief Administrative Officer (April 27)



Grants

- TSS Intake (June 7)
- Veteran's Service Club Grant (April 30)

For a full listing of grants, check the **Grants** section of our website under the Resources tab.

- Town of Lanigan: Financial Officer (April 27)
- City of Yorkton: Deputy Fire Chief (May 1)
- Air Ronge: Chief Administrative Officer (May 1)

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