

MUNICIPAL Update

July 14, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29

Webinar: Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest

August 21-22

SUMA Mayors' Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).

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

Ahoy, matey! Last week, SUMA's Board and staff set sail for the **35th annual SUMA Golf Tournament hosted by the Town of Outlook**, where pirate flags flew high and birdies were hunted like buried treasure in this pirate themed day of golf. Thank you to the Town of Outlook for your hospitality and a wonderful event! Stay tuned--details on tournament winners and the 2027 host will be surfacing 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!

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Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal

Recordings from the 2025 SUMA Regional Roadshow are now available! Available to elected officials and administration from SUMA member municipalities, 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

Rural Development Roundtable with MP Buckley Belanger

On July 3, SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau had the opportunity to join the **Honourable Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State for Rural Development, for a Rural Development Roundtable.**

The conversation centred on **how federal initiatives can better support municipalities through improved policies, sustainable funding, and effective programs.**

SUMA brought forward key priorities including:

- Increased infrastructure funding
- Expanded broadband access
- Improved access to affordable housing
- Support for emergency services
- Strengthening environmental resilience



We're proud to represent Saskatchewan's urban municipalities and look forward to continued collaboration with the Government of Canada to ensure our communities are strong, sustainable, and supported.

Ministry of Environment

SUMA met with the Ministry of Environment on June 26 to discuss updates on the **Derelict Buildings Pilot Project**. The Ministry is still in the early stages, currently focused on gathering information, identifying key requirements, and collecting stakeholder feedback.

During the meeting, SUMA posed several important questions. While many were addressed, the Ministry emphasized that these **early consultations are primarily about listening to stakeholders and using their input to shape the final rollout plan**. They also indicated that **additional engagement opportunities such as webinars and other communication tools will be used to keep municipalities informed on next steps.**

SUMA remains actively engaged in this process and will continue to follow up with the Ministry. We are committed to keeping our members informed as new information becomes available.

We **support the pilot as a test case and welcome innovative approaches** to this costly issue. However, we will need to review the full project details before committing to support its broader implementation.

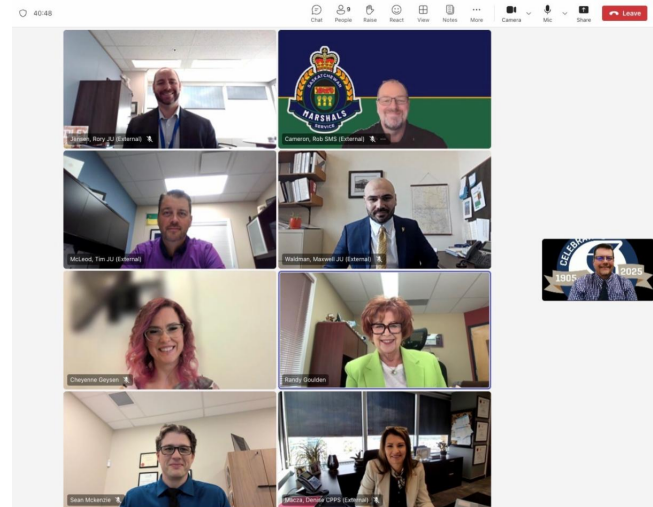
Meeting with the Honourable Tim McLeod

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.



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](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest



Webinar: Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest

On **July 29 at 10:00 a.m.** join us for an informative webinar introducing SUMAInvest — a collaborative initiative between SUMA and the Saskatchewan Community Foundation. This innovative program is designed to strengthen the financial capacity of Saskatchewan municipalities through pooled reserve investment.

In this webinar, ***Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest***, learn how SUMAInvest can help your municipality grow its financial reserves by leveraging a diversified, professionally managed investment portfolio, ensuring long-term financial sustainability and the ability to meet evolving community needs.

Who should attend? Mayors, council members, CAOs, municipal financial officers, and anyone involved in local government financial planning.

In this webinar, you will:

- Discover how SUMAInvest works and who it's for
- Understand the benefits of pooled investing through the Saskatchewan Community Foundation
- Get answers to your question

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.





SUMA Mayor's Summer School: Last chance to book accommodations

Calling all mayors! Thinking about attending SUMA Mayors' Summer School? **Register soon for discounted rates at select hotels!**

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.

Exclusively for mayors, 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).

Registration Fee

In-Person: \$500 + GST and PST

Virtual: \$450 + GST and PST

Registration closes at **4:00 p.m. on August 7**. Visit <https://suma.org/events/summer-school> for more information and a preliminary agenda.

Register now!



MuniCast: Get caught up on seasons 1 - 8!

Have you listened to SUMA's podcast MuniCast? While we take a break over the summer you can still listen to seasons 1 - 8 on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [YouTube](#), and other major podcast platforms!

There are big changes coming for season 9 so get caught up on previous conversations about governance, reconciliation, municipal education, SUMA's advocacy, and more.

[Listen now](#)

OTHER UPDATES

Reconciliation Needs: Surveys from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner

SUMA is supporting the **Office of the Treaty Commissioner** (OTC) in conducting **two surveys** to understand reconciliation needs in Saskatchewan.

Survey for Municipal Leadership and Staff

The first survey is a **needs assessment relating to active and inactive Reconciliation Circles throughout Saskatchewan**. The purpose of this needs assessment is to determine how the OTC can best support the circles in collaboration with surrounding municipalities to advance Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations and Truth and Reconciliation in Saskatchewan.

This 5-10 minute survey is for **municipal leadership and staff**.

[Access the municipal leadership and staff survey here](#)

Survey for Community Members

The second survey explores the **state of Truth and Reconciliation in Saskatchewan communities** as part of a broader effort to shape the OTC's strategy to advance good relations and the continuation of Reconciliation Circles throughout the province. This 5 minute survey is for **general community members**.

[Access the community members survey here](#)

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability; If you are unsure or do not wish to answer a question, please feel free to skip it. Your participation is voluntary and anonymous. Responses will be used by OTC for evaluation purposes only.

Please only complete the survey that is most applicable to you. **We encourage municipal leaders and staff to share the survey for general community members with their communities.**

If you have questions or concerns about this survey or about the Reconciliation Circles, please contact **Darrellyne Bickel, Director of Public Policy & Development**, at dbickel@otc.ca.

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.



Apply Here!

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.

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
ScotiaBank	SASK URBAN MUN ASSOCIATION	655M-72134
BMO	SASKATCHEWAN URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION	22173165-65401
RBC	SUMA	16278
Credit Unions (through Credit Union Central)	SASK URBAN MUNICIPAL	14112
Credit Unions/Other (through Telepay)	SUMA	9809
Central One Billers	No info available	No info available

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).

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 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:

- [RM of Wood Creek No. 281 and Village of Simpson](#): Administrator (July 17)
- [Town of Rosthern](#): Fire Chief (July 26)
- [RM Of Vanscoy No 345](#): Community Planner (July 28)
- [Town of Battleford](#): Public Safety Officer/Emergency Coordinator (August 19)
- [Town of Maidstone](#): Administrator (July 31)
- [Town of Rosetown](#): Chief Administrative Officer (August 22)
- [Resort Village of West End](#): Part-Time Administrator (August 31)
- [Town of Watrous](#): Administrator (September 9)
- [Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.](#): Part Time Administrative Support (until filled)
- [Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.](#): Community Safety Officer Sergeant (until filled)
- [Town of Wolsley](#): Community Development Officer (until filled)
- [Town of Maple Creek](#): Director of Operations (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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