

MUNICIPAL Update

July 13, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17

36th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament - Hosted by the Town of Midale

August 13-14

SUMA Council Summer School

September 15

Webinar: Privacy Law Modernization for Municipalities

September 28

Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

See all [upcoming events](#).

SUMA Celebrates 250 Years with Île-à-la-Crosse



Thank you to the Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse for inviting SUMA to the commemoration of the village's historical 250th anniversary earlier in July!

We were grateful to be part of this powerful celebration of culture, resilience, and community pride, and are proud to have Île-à-la-Crosse as a SUMA member.

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

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, Board and Caucus meeting minutes, 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

Household Hazardous Waste Products Stewardship Regulations Consultation

SUMA submitted recommendations to the Ministry of Environment on proposed amendments to **Saskatchewan's Household Hazardous Waste Products Stewardship Regulations**. The submission supported expanded producer responsibility, improved municipal cost recovery, equitable access to collection services, stronger municipal representation in program governance, and a practical implementation timeline that supports municipalities.

Innovation Saskatchewan - Innovation Challenge Information Session

SUMA attended an information session delivered by Innovation Saskatchewan in partnership with the Ministry of Environment on the **2026 Innovation Challenge**. This year's challenge seeks technology-driven solutions to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, including zebra mussels, into Saskatchewan waters. The session outlined the Innovation Challenge program, which provides the successful applicant with a \$30,000 grant, a 16-week residency to develop and test their solution with the public sector partner, and commercialization support. Eligibility is open to Saskatchewan-based businesses, entrepreneurs, researchers, faculty, and students. The session also highlighted opportunities for collaboration among municipalities, researchers, innovators, and technology companies, with expressions of interest due by **August 14, 2026**.

Learn more and participate [here](#).

Meeting with the Flourishing Enterprise Institute

SUMA met with Randy Sa'd, Executive Director of the Flourishing Enterprise Institute to discuss practical approaches for helping municipalities localize the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Discussions focused on context-based sustainability, a science-based framework for establishing locally relevant sustainability priorities and measuring progress against ecological and social thresholds. The meeting also explored opportunities for knowledge sharing and future collaboration to support Saskatchewan municipalities in integrating sustainability into local planning and decision-making.

IRCC Immigration Levels Consultation

SUMA submitted its response to **IRCC's 2026 Immigration Levels Consultation**, advocating for a regionally responsive immigration system that reflects Saskatchewan's workforce needs, demographic realities, and community capacity. The submission emphasized the importance of

municipal involvement in immigration planning, stronger newcomer attraction and retention strategies, and long-term support for community growth.

Capacity Building Opportunities



Summer School: Registration Closes July 30!

Council Summer School is a professional development opportunity created specifically for elected municipal leaders. **Open exclusively to mayors and council**, join your peers for two immersive days of learning on August 13 and 14 at the University of Regina or participate online from anywhere in the province. This dynamic program explores essential topics tailored to the realities of municipal leadership and issues impacting today's councils. During **Council Summer School** participants will hear from:

- Brownlee LLP
- Ombudsman Saskatchewan
- Equal Voice
- Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner
- Dr. Gordon McIntosh
- SUMA, SARM, and the Ministry of Government Relations

Council Summer School is your chance to step away from the day-to-day, sharpen your leadership skills, and refocus on serving your community with confidence and clarity. [An agenda is available here](#). Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, and elevate your impact as a municipal leader.

Member Registration Fee

In Person - **\$500 + GST and PST**

Virtual - **\$450 + GST and PST**

Registration closes on July 30 at 12:00 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

Stay at the Atlas° Hotel

A room block has been arranged at The Atlas° Hotel for **\$159.95 per night** plus taxes and fees. Book by **July 30** to receive the discounted room rate.

Rooms are available for the nights of **August 12, 13 and 14**.

Call to book: 306-586-3443

Block Code: **081226SUM**

[Book Online](#)



Webinar

SUMA

09.15.26
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Privacy Law Modernization for Municipalities



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Webinar: Privacy Law Modernization for Municipalities

On **Tuesday September 15** at **10:00 a.m.** join us for the webinar ***Privacy Law Modernization for Municipalities***. This webinar will focus on recent changes to privacy laws in Canada and what Saskatchewan's municipalities can do to ensure their privacy program is ready for any future amendments to The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LAFOIP).

Many Canadian provinces have passed modernized public sector privacy laws over the past few years, including Alberta, B.C., Ontario and Nova Scotia, with new responsibilities placed on municipalities that align with citizens' heightened expectations of privacy. Additionally, the federal government has introduced an overhaul of its private sector privacy law, including significant new requirements for Saskatchewan-based businesses. With all of these changes, there are some important questions:

- What should Saskatchewan municipalities expect, if Saskatchewan introduces changes to LAFOIP?
- What are the common themes in updated privacy laws?
- What can municipalities do to prepare now?

[Register Now](#)

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9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

Virtual Procurement Bootcamp: Join us online this fall

On **Monday, September 28** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, join us **online** for the **Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators**.

This is the final year this program will be offered, so if you've been thinking about joining, now is the time! Don't miss your chance to learn, connect, and strengthen your municipality's procurement practices.

If you attended the session in Saskatoon on June 2 ahead of the UMAAS Convention, this is the same presentation. Continue to keep an eye on member emails, Municipal Update, and SUMA's website for more information about the "Part 2" session that will be hosted virtually in October.

This session dives deep into the essentials, from proven best practices to critical requirements, policies, and cooperative buying groups. If procurement plays any role in your work, this virtual workshop is not to be missed.

Thanks to funding through the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) initiative, this one-day Procurement Bootcamp is free for SUMA member municipalities.

**This event is exclusively for administration from SUMA member municipalities.
There is no cost to attend but space is limited to 60 participants.**

[Register Here](#)



MuniCast Season 10

Season 10 of **MuniCast** highlights a simple but powerful theme: **working better together**. Through conversations with municipal leaders, provincial representatives, community partners, and innovators, season 10 explores advocacy, leadership, collaboration, reconciliation, and the creative solutions helping communities thrive. Along the way, listeners will discover the people, partnerships, and ideas shaping the future of local government in Saskatchewan. Listen to each episode on YouTube by clicking on its link below.

- [Episode 1 - SUMA 2026 Convention](#)
- [Episode 2 - Advocacy on the Convention Floor](#)
- [Episode 3 - Convention Keynotes: Leading, Listening, and Looking Ahead](#)
- [Episode 4 - Provincial Conversations, Municipal Priorities](#)
- [Episode 5 - Working Better Together](#)
- [Episode 6 - Municipal Marvels](#)
- [Episode 7 - Beyond the Groundwork: First Nations and Municipal Relations](#)
- [Episode 8 - Cities4Cities](#)
- [Episode 9 - On the Road with SUMA](#)

MuniCast is available on all major podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), and [YouTube](#). Keep an eye on member emails or subscribe to **MuniCast** on your platform of

OTHER UPDATES

2026 Pre-Budget Consultations

This fall, the Government of Canada will deliver **Budget 2026**, which will update Canadians on the government's progress on its plan to Build Canada Strong over the past year, while continuing to support Canadians and businesses and positioning the country for long-term prosperity. This includes measures that strengthen economic growth, improve affordability, and support the next generation of Canada's workforce.

Pre-Budget consultations are an opportunity for Canadians from across the country to share their ideas and priorities on how to shape Canada's future. Join the conversation by responding to the questionnaire below or sending in a formal submission, both of which can be submitted until **September 8, 2026**.

Take the questionnaire [here](#).

Formal submissions, including letters or papers, can be submitted [here](#).

Treaty 6 150th Commemoration

This year, **Treaty 6 First Nations are commemorating 150 years since the signing of Treaty 6 with a four-day event from August 20 to 23 at Fort Carlton**. The Office of the Treaty Commissioner invites municipal leaders to join us to reflect on our shared history, honouring the Spirit and Intent of Treaty, and reaffirming our commitment to its ongoing implementation for future generations.



Bring your family and friends to experience the Village of Nations—a tipi village of First Nations from all across Treaty 6—as well as view the original Treaty 6 parchment, attend educational forums, enjoy live performances, and more. The Commemoration ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 23rd and is set to include dignitaries across First Nations, federal, provincial, and municipal leadership.

Visit treaty6150.ca for more information. For questions or inquiries, please contact Julia Morelli from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner at treaty6150@otc.ca.

There's Still Time to Complete the 2026 Census

If you haven't completed your census questionnaire yet, there's still time to do so online: [Welcome to the 2026 Census](#).

Census data and your responses are vital and helps inform decisions about schools, daycare centres, family services, public transportation, and employment programs in your community. Census employees have also been reaching out by phone and email, and field crews visiting households in your community to follow up and offer assistance, if needed. They will carry an identification card featuring the Statistics Canada identifier, along with their name, photo, and employee number.

Residents can quickly complete their forms using these official methods:

In Person: Complete the form right at your doorstep. Census field workers are fully equipped to help residents fill out the questionnaire securely in person.

Online: Completing your census questionnaire online is easy, secure, and confidential by entering a 16-digit access code on the [Statistics Canada Census Portal](#).

By Phone: If you need assistance or do not have reliable Internet access, you can request a paper questionnaire or complete it over the phone by calling the official Census Help Line at **1-833-852-2026** to complete it directly with an agent. (For TTY hearing/speech impaired service, call **1-833-830-3109**).

By Mail: Complete and mail back the paper questionnaire if one was dropped off at the home. For more information, visit: [2026 Census – Contact us](#).

Survey: Emergency Management Planning in Canada

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology is conducting a **survey on emergency management planning practices**. The purpose of this study is to better understand how emergency managers create and update their emergency management plans and what resources they use. This research aims to contribute to improved emergency planning processes in Canada.

Who can participate:

- You currently work in emergency management in Canada
- You have experience developing or updating an emergency management plan within the last five years

What's involved:

If you decide to participate, you'll be asked to complete a one-time, anonymous online survey that should take about 10-15 minutes. The survey includes both multiple-choice and open-ended questions, allowing participants to share their insights in their own words.

Participation is voluntary, and you may choose to stop at any time. All responses will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to lead researcher Ana Gonzalez Potzkai at anap@nait.ca.

Access the survey [here](#).

Resource for Municipal Land Sales

SaskTaxSales ([SaskTaxSales.ca](https://sasktaxsales.ca)) is a free public map of Saskatchewan municipal land for sale, including tax-sale, tax-title and ordinary municipal lots. It gathers public notices from town and village offices, local papers, and the Gazette into one place and links each parcel back to its original notice.



No account, no paywall. A simple way for municipalities to put more eyes on land they are trying to sell.

Build Communities Strong Fund: Local Impact Stream Accepting Applications

The **Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) - Local Impact Stream** is accepting applications until July 17.

The BCSF aims to support local governments (and their related organizations), and incorporated not-for-profit organizations by investing in community infrastructure projects for public use and/or benefit that:

- enhance community well-being and economic strength across the Prairie provinces; and

- enable communities—including rural, remote, and Indigenous communities—to create, improve, or modernize infrastructure that delivers lasting economic benefits.

For the first call for proposals, PrairiesCan will prioritize project proposals that:

- Are shovel-ready (with all required permits secured, environmental assessments completed, detailed design and project execution plan, confirmed cost estimates and funding in place, etc.) with significant activities and costs in the 2026-27 fiscal year
- Are leveraged with confirmed funding from other sources of support (more than 50% of total project costs)
- Are a priority as identified by local, provincial, Indigenous governments, or as identified within federal government strategies
- Contribute to the success of communities with major projects
- Generate economic benefits for the community, region, and/or Canada such as job creation and attracting investment or workers

Contributions under the Local Impact Stream will normally be \$250,000 to \$1 million per project. Projects requesting more than \$1 million should apply to the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) fund. For more information, visit [HICC](#) for details on what is eligible under each stream.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals as soon as possible for consideration as funds in 2026-27 are limited. A subsequent intake will be announced later in 2026-27. More intakes could follow subject to the availability of funds. All projects must be completed by and available for public use by March 31, 2030.

For more information about the fund and how to apply, please visit PrairiesCan's [BCSF website](#) or [contact a regional office](#).

Consultation on The Building Code Regulations, The Energy Code Regulations, and The Plumbing Code Regulations

The Ministry of Government Relations is proposing amendments to the three regulations made pursuant to *The Construction Codes*, specifically ***The Building Code Regulations***, ***The Energy Code Regulations*** and ***The Plumbing Code Regulations***.

The following side-by-sides that outline the proposed wording of the amendments are provided for your review and comment:

- [Building Code Side-by-Side](#)
- [Energy Code Side-by-Side](#)
- [Plumbing Code Side-by-Side](#)

Comments are required by **July 24, 2026**, and may be directed in writing by mail or email to:

Building and Technical Standards
Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations
1430 – 1855 Victoria Avenue
REGINA, SK S4P 3T2
btsreg@gov.sk.ca
306-787-4113 phone

Flooding Resource List

Ombudsman Saskatchewan has compiled a list of resources to support communities experiencing flooding, including emergency lines, public safety and assistance, mental health and wellness, utilities, and insurance.

Please access the list [here](#).

New Online Portal for Spring Flooding Support

The **Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA)** is launching a new online information portal to help Saskatchewan residents, municipalities, businesses and agricultural producers access timely information and supports related to spring flooding.

The portal includes:

- Emergency support for flooding;
- Recovery information for homeowners and municipalities;
- Business support and recovery resources;
- Information for agricultural producers;
- Environmental information; and
- Flood forecasting advisories and technical guidance.

Developed by the SPSA's Recovery Task Team, the portal is available on the saskatchewan.ca website. View the portal at saskatchewan.ca/residents/emergency/flooding-support.

Emergency Declaration and Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

If you are a community leader and your municipality is needing support, visit [Requesting SPSA Assistance](https://saskpublicsafety.ca) on saskpublicsafety.ca or contact your SPSA Emergency Services Officer (ESO). If you do not know the contact information for your ESO, contact the SPSA's general inquiry line at 1-800-667-9660 (option 5, then option 1).

The SPSA's website also contains information and templates for municipalities to use if they need to make an [emergency declaration](#) to exercise additional authorities to deal with an emergency or make a designation through the [Provincial Disaster Assistance Program](#) (PDAP) to receive financial support.

Municipalities should encourage their residents to:

- Download the [SaskAlert app](#) which sends alerts about emergencies in real-time so they can keep themselves, their loved ones, and their property safe.
- View current fire bans and restrictions in Saskatchewan using the SPSA interactive [fire ban map](#).
- [Prepare for an emergency](#) in case they need to take care of themselves and their family.

Flood Recovery Assistance: Important Contact Information

Flood Recovery Task Team – Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency: **1-800-667-9660**

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP): **1-866-632-4033**

Water Security Agency (WSA): **1-866-727-5420**

Ministry of Highways Customer Service Centre: **1-844-754-4929**

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC): **1-888-935-0000**

Ministry of Agriculture Ag Knowledge Centre (Livestock): **1-866-457-2377**

Farm Stress Line: **1-800-667-4442**

Why the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Funding Grant Matters

Municipalities often face resource constraints, administrative hurdles, and governance complexities for starting new or costly initiatives beyond normal operations of the municipality. **Targeted Sector**

Support (TSS) Grant Funding directly addresses these issues by reviewing applications to fund **75% of these costs** with the intent to:

- **Encourage Inter-Community Collaboration:** Projects must involve at least one partner municipality or community, fostering regional unity and shared solutions.
- **Enhance Governance and Capacity:** Funding supports training, restructuring, and strategic planning that elevates municipal leadership and administration.
- **Drive Innovation in Service Delivery:** From emergency management plans to regional land use strategies, TSS-funded projects improve efficiency and responsiveness.

Each project can receive up to **75% of eligible costs, capped at \$100,000 maximum funding**, making it a high-impact, low-barrier opportunity for municipalities to innovate and grow.

TSS is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million per fiscal year) used to encourage inter-community collaboration, help build capacity and promote good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The funds are used to support projects that help municipalities strengthen their core governance and administration responsibilities

The TSS Steering Committee is now accepting applications for funding under this program.

Applications are accepted at any time of the year and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Please view the [intake guide](#) for details on the TSS initiative, project eligibility, and the application process. The online application portal can be accessed [here](#).

Learn About How TSS Can Support Your Community

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



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Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract **RFSO 25-13** for **Equipment Rental and Services** awarded to [Sunbelt Rentals](#) and [United Rentals of Canada](#). Whether you need equipment rentals or ongoing maintenance and services, our awarded supplier partners have you covered.

We are also pleased to announce a new competitively bid contract **RFSO 25-12** for Online Business Marketplace for Goods and Services awarded to [Amazon Business](#).

A new contract **RFSO 26-02** for **Electrical Mapping and Geographic Information (GIS) Services with Related Equipment** was awarded to [CircuitIQ](#) and [Coastal Resource Mapping](#).

Utilizing cooperative contracts simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance, and makes purchasing seamless. **All of the contracts available through Kinetic GPO offer 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 Member Experience and Business Development, **Dana MacDonald** at dana@kineticgpo.ca.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- [Town of Craik](#): Public Works Foreman (July 17)
- [Village of Buchanan](#): Administrator (July 24)
- [Town of Dalmeny](#): Chief Administrative Officer (August 3)
- [Resort Village of Aquadeo](#): Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- [Village of Debden](#): Full-Time Foreman (until filled)
- [Town of Milestone and RM of Caledonia No. 99](#): Temporary Office Clerk/Administrative Assistant (until filled)



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.

- [Town of Balcarres](#): Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- [Village of Muenster](#): Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)

Items for Sale:

- [Town of Wynyard](#): 2020 8 FT Shoule Box Scraper HLL-8 (July 17)
- [Town of Wynyard](#): Garbage Truck - 2008 Freightliner Business Class M2 (August 6)

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.

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