

MUNICIPAL Update

July 28, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29

Webinar: Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest

August 21-22

SUMA Mayors' Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).

SUMA Visits l'Association Nationale des Communes du Bénin

Earlier this month, President Randy Goulden, CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau, and Manager of Strategic Engagement Katee Galandy travelled to Bénin, West Africa as part of SUMA's continuing participation in **capacity building for l'Association Nationale des Communes de Bénin (ANCB)**. Facilitated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, this trip focused on capacity building in the areas of member engagement, convention, travelling roadshows, group purchasing, and advocacy engagement.

Thank you to our wonderful hosts in Bénin. We deeply value these opportunities for collaboration and learning for both our organizations.



Municipal Voice: Summer 2025 Issue Now Available

SUMA's Summer 2025 issue of our magazine *Municipal Voice* is hot off the press! Print copies

should be in our members' mailboxes now, or you can read the [digital version](#).

This issue focuses on the power of partnerships in amplifying SUMA's impact and developing innovative solutions to the challenges facing communities. We also recap the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow; have a conversation about AI, privacy, and cybersecurity for municipalities; dive deep into best practices for respectful council meetings; and shine a light on the critical role of municipalities in addressing Canada's housing crisis.

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 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

Municipal Electric Vehicle Initiative (MEVi)

SUMA is proud to support **Eco-West Canada** and the **Municipal Eco-Action Centre** by bringing the **Municipal Electric Vehicle Initiative (MEVi)** to Saskatchewan to help communities plug in and power up.

Eligible applicants include:

- Municipalities
- Non-Profits
- Indigenous Businesses and Communities
- Co-operatives
- Businesses

Up to 50% of project costs are covered, including:

- Up to \$5,000 per Level 2 charger
- Up to \$75,000 per fast charger

Whether you're planning chargers for your town hall, arena, or fleet, MEVi helps make your green infrastructure goals achievable. This program is about sustainability, accessibility, and long-term economic opportunity for Saskatchewan's communities.



Learn more and apply at eco-ouest.com/municipal-electric-vehicle-initiative.

Read our full press release [here](#).



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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.

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



Webinar



07.29.25
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest



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Webinar: Growing Municipal Reserves and Community with SUMAInvest

Join us tomorrow, **July 29 at 10:00 a.m.**, 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.

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SUMA Golf Tournament

★ JULY 11 ★

OUTLOOK RIVERVIEW GOLF COURSE
Hosted by the Town of Outlook

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

On July 11, SUMA members from across the province 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 on this pirate themed day of golf. The tournament saw 104 golfers and trophies were awarded to the team with the lowest (tournament winners) and highest (Dennis Draper winners) scores.



Tournament Winners:

- Colin Bruce - Town of Outlook
- Phil Petryshyn - Town of Outlook
- Curtis Andrew - Town of Outlook

Dennis Draper Award Winners:

- Erika Ritchie - MLA Saskatoon Nutana
- Wally Collier - Village of Broderick
- Devin Berger - City of Saskatoon
- Nathan Adams - City of Saskatoon

Thank you to the Town of Outlook for your hospitality and a wonderful event! We look forward to the 36th annual SUMA Golf Tournament hosted by the **Town of Midale** in 2026! The **Village of Elbow** will host in 2027.





MAYORS' SUMMER SCHOOL

August
21 and 22
REGINA, SK



SUMA Mayors' Summer School: Registration Closes August 7

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**. Registration closes at **4:00 p.m. on August 7**. Time is running out! Don't miss this opportunity to 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

Visit <https://suma.org/events/summer-school> for more information and a preliminary agenda.

Register now!



MuniCast: The Conversation Continues

MuniCast may be on a short break, but the journey through municipal governance doesn't stop here. Dive into past episodes filled with conversations about shaping the communities we live in. Tune in to real stories, thoughtful interviews, and powerful insights on leadership, education, reconciliation, and more. Whether you're a seasoned official or just curious about how local decisions impact everyday lives, there's something here for you. There are big changes coming for season 9 so hit play, get inspired, and be ready for what's next. MuniCast is available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [YouTube](#), and other major podcast platforms!

OTHER UPDATES

Congratulations to the Town of Ituna!

ParticipACTION named the **Town of Ituna Saskatchewan's Most Active Community** this year! More than 600 communities participated in the community challenge. Ituna will receive prize funding supported by the Government of Saskatchewan to support local physical activity initiatives.



Congratulations to the Town of Ituna for engaging your community in physical activity and sport!

See the rest of this year's most active communities [here](#).

Saskatchewan Community Energy Survey

The **Saskatchewan Renewable Energy Coalition** and **The Climate Reality Project Canada** have created a **community energy survey** focused on how we can make Saskatchewan homes and communities more sustainable. **The survey is open for responses until August 11.**

The data will be collected by The Climate Reality Project Canada, and any email addresses collected will remain anonymous unless consent is given within the survey. The results will be used to gain a better understanding of how our communities can reach net-zero by 2050 and where resources and education on making our homes and communities more sustainable can best be shared.

The survey results will be shared publicly at the **BuildGreen Conference** in Regina from November 12-13.

Complete the Survey

Storytelling Workshop Presented by memoryKPR

Join **memoryKPR** for an inspiring **full-day storytelling workshop in Regina**, designed specifically for municipalities and municipal tourism groups. Discover how to link storytelling to your strategic goals, identify key community stories that drive impact and save you time, and craft compelling digital stories using easy-to-use memoryKPR technology—no technical skills required. The day includes a refreshing nature walk, a mindfulness activity, a delicious lunch, and a tour of an innovative startup hub. By day's end,

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Presented by **memoryKPR**

Linking
Storytelling to
your Goals

The Science
of Great
Storytelling

How to
Activate your
Community

Hands-on
Activities to
Create Digital
Stories



you'll have a clear story strategy, an activation plan to engage your audience, and at least one digital story ready to share. Elevate your community's voice and unlock new opportunities through the power of storytelling.

Date: August 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Cultivator (Powered by Conexus) - 2375 College Ave, Regina

Cost: Free to SUMA members

Laptop required, but no technical experience needed.

Limited seats available! Contact Jessica at info@memoryKPR.com to learn more or claim your seat.

Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund

The **Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH)** is now accepting Expressions of Interest for the **Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund (HRIF)**, which provides one-time grants for innovative projects aimed at achieving measurable reductions in homelessness in communities.

HRIF grants will be distributed to communities for targeted, data-informed projects that measurably reduce homelessness. CAEH will offer one-on-one guidance and coaching to communities on their initiatives and share successful approaches with other communities across the country. The National Indigenous Homelessness Council may provide project support.

CAEH is currently seeking **Expressions of Interest until August 15 at 4pm Eastern**. Click [here](#) to learn more, sign up for updates, or submit an expression of interest.

SASK120: Discount for SUMA Members

Celebrate 120 years of Saskatchewan's history, communities, and economy at a **dinner and reception at the Rема Modern in Saskatoon on September 4, 2025**.

SUMA is a proud sponsor of **Sask120**, presented by the Western Canada Economic Forum and partners.

SUMA members have a special **discount code** to access discounted tickets. Email communication@suma.org for the discount code, and purchase your tickets at www.sask120.com/tickets.

To learn more about this exciting event, click [here](#).

Call for Projects: Wildfire Resilient Buildings

With wildfire risks on the rise across Canada, the **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS)** has launched a new stream of support to help local governments and Indigenous communities make public buildings safer and more resilient:

- **Communities under 30,000** can now access up to **\$20,000 in expert support**, fully funded and coordinated by the CRIS team.
- Support includes tailored advice on fire-resilient design, materials, and indoor air quality for design or retrofit projects approved in a capital or work plan.
- Eligible buildings include community centres, libraries, civic centres, water/wastewater facilities, fire halls, and more - submit your public infrastructure project!

The program output is a customized **Technical Options Report** with strategies and high-level cost estimates to help you determine the best-fitting solutions to incorporate wildfire resilience into the design or retrofit your infrastructure.

Click [here](#) to submit your project in as little as 10-15 minutes. For more information, visit climatereadycanada.ca/how-to-register or read the **informational brochure**.

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.

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

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
<i>CIBC</i>	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:

- [RM Of Vanscoy No 345](#): *Community Planner* (July 28)
- [Town of Kelvington](#): *Temporary Administrator* (July 31)
- [Town of Luseland](#): *Economic Development Officer* (August 11)
- [Town of Biggar](#): *Accounting Clerk* (August 15)
- [City of Moose Jaw](#): *Director of Community Services* (August 21)
- [Town of Rosetown](#): *Chief Administrative Officer* (August 22)
- [Resort Village of West End](#): *Part-Time Administrator* (August 31)
- [Town of Watrous](#): *Administrator* (September 9)
- [Town of Maidstone](#): *Administrator* (until filled)
- [Town of Qu'Appelle](#): *Assistant Public Works Foreman* (until filled)
- [Town of Grand Coulee](#): *Chief Administrative Officer* (until filled)
- [Town of Wolsley](#): *Community Development Officer* (until filled)
- [Town of Maple Creek](#): *Full Time 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:

- Saskatchewan Legion: *Veterans Service Club Support Program* (August 31)
- SGI: *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- 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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