

# MUNICIPAL Update

April 22, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 30**

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

**May 28**

Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Administrators

**June 7**

TSS intake closes

**August 16**

SUMA Golf Tournament hosted by the Town of Maple Creek

See all [upcoming events](#).

## Apply to the Targeted Support Sector (TSS) 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, consisting of SUMA, SARM, 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](#).



Webinar



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

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On **Tuesday April 30** at **10:00 a.m.** 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.

During the webinar *Storytelling to Connect, Grow, and Prosper: Unveiling the Heart of your Municipality* you will learn how **embracing storytelling techniques can unlock new opportunities for growth and prosperity within your community** and 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!

## 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](http://www.suma.org/member-login) and select 'Webinars' under Member Resources.

**Register Now!**

Sponsored by SUMAssure, this webinar is free to all SUMA members. The cost for non-members to attend is \$45 + GST.



On **Tuesday May 28** from **8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** join us in **Saskatoon** at the **Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre** for a **Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators**.

Step into this comprehensive workshop on urban municipal procurement, where you will be guided through a wide array of procurement essentials. From uncovering best practices to understanding mandatory requirements, policies, and cooperative buying groups, this workshop has you covered. Facilitator Larry Berglund brings a wealth of experience in supply chain management including leadership positions in the forest industry, public health care, municipal government, university operations, academia, and consulting services.

In this workshop participants will **gain a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental concepts, processes, and principles of urban municipal procurement**. This includes learning about procurement methods, bidding processes, contract management, and supplier relationships. Through hands-on exercises and case studies participants will **develop practical skills relevant to urban municipal procurement**, including discussion on drafting procurement documents, evaluating supplier proposals, negotiating contracts, and resolving procurement-related challenges.

This is a great opportunity to become familiar with all things procurement.

Thanks to funding received from the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) initiative, this 1-day procurement bootcamp for urban administrators is **available to SUMA member municipalities at no cost**.

**Register Now!**

*This event is open to administrators from SUMA member municipalities only.  
Space is limited to 40 participants.*



### Get out and golf!

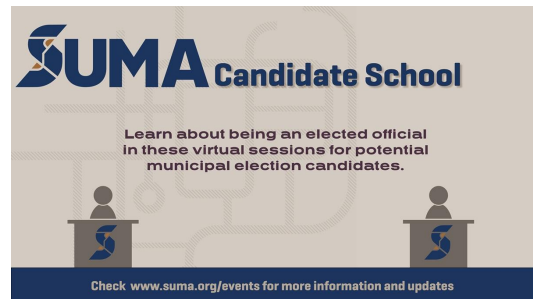
Itching to get on the greens this summer? The Town of Maple Creek will be hosting the 2024 SUMA Golf Tournament!

The golf tournament, dinner, awards and a dance will all take place on Friday, August 16. Plan to stick around on Saturday to celebrate with the town at the Maple Creek Street Festival in the heritage district!

Friday August 16, 2024 - Golf the Old Cowtown at Maple Creek Golf Course & Golf the Unexpected at Cypress Hills Golf Course!

Saturday, August 17 - Come to Golf, Stay & Celebrate Maple Creek at our street festival, Parade at 11:00am

**Learn more here**



### Save the dates!

Candidate school is an opportunity for potential municipal election candidates to learn about being an elected official. If there are individuals in your municipality who have expressed an interest in municipal politics and running for council we encourage you to invite them to participate in the virtual Candidate School for your sector.

SUMA will be providing an invitation and promotional poster to share with residents in your municipality. A separate email will be sent notifying members when these items are available. Visit our website for more information including dates and times for each sector.

**Visit our website**

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Advocacy at Convention 2024

#### Collaborations and Agreements

During Convention 2024, **SUMA signed a partnership agreement with ACF** (Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise) to help strengthen ties to our Francophone communities and assist SUMA members in applying for Francophone-related opportunities. This support from ACF to our members **will help communities who regularly need access government Francophone funding improve their applications** and in turn the lives of their residents.



SUMA also **signed a partnership agreement with Eco-West Canada** and will be working with them to create a **Municipal Climate Change Action Centre in Saskatchewan**, something SUMA has advocating for for many years. This effort will help municipalities gain more funding opportunities and create more resilience, as climate change continues to alter how we must approach proactive measures at all levels of policy and municipal governance. We are pleased to see this effort move ahead.

Continuing our work in improved broadband access, **SUMA joined Sasktel to announce phase 7 of the fibre optic initiative**, which provides **another wave of smaller urban centres with equal and improved internet access**. SUMA is the co-chair of the SBAC (Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee), an organization that continues to advocate for improved internet access for communities across Saskatchewan. With the help of many voices, including, but not limited to those from SARM, STF, SEDA, and the Indian Governments of Saskatchewan, we've managed to better internet quality over the last few years. SUMA is proud of these recent agreements and partnerships, and looks forward to continued collaborative efforts that strengthen advocacy and the lives of residents across Saskatchewan.

### Resolutions Passed

**11 resolutions were passed on April 15 during the SUMA Convention**. Resolutions involved advocacy calling for more supports to combat harassment directed at councillors, mayors, and municipal staff, more funding for fire departments, urban parks, and public libraries, greater ability to enforce bylaws and regulate issues of a local nature, increasing numbers of nurse practitioners, and improving highway closure authorizations. The first step in advocacy on these Resolutions will be communicating them to the Provincial and Federal Governments and asking for a response.

### SUMA's Governance Review

At SUMA's Annual General Meeting on April 16, **our members voted the future of SUMA's governance, choosing to restructure to a smaller board of directors**, following the caucus model that was previously presented. As you know, many years of research from governance professionals, and conversations, meetings and discussions with our members and board took place prior to the AGM and vote. This new structure will involve a **seven-member Board of Directors and will take effect following Convention 2025**.

We're thankful to our membership for exercising their right to shape SUMA's future, and look forward to the way this restructuring will strengthen our member's voices and make SUMA a more nimble organization.



## CONVENTION 2024

### Help improve Convention by sharing your feedback

Did you attend the 2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow from April 14-17? Thank you for joining us! **Help improve future Conventions by providing feedback on your experience**. Take a few minutes to **complete the SUMA 2024 Convention Delegate Survey**. We will be sharing the results of this survey in our publication, Municipal Voice.

[Complete the survey](#) and have the chance to win! To enter the draw, fill out the ballot at the end of the survey. We appreciate your feedback! Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us improve future conventions

[Complete the survey](#)

## Thank you for supporting the Laurent Mougeot Memorial Scholarship

This year SUMA is organized 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. Thanks to the generous donations from the towns of **Creighton, Colonsay, Coronach, Kipling, Lumsden, Maple Creek, Ogema, and Star City**, and the cities of **Lloydminster, Prince Albert, and Yorkton** and the bids from all participants, **\$2040 was raised towards the scholarship.**

## Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Municipal Award (SMA) Winners

The annual SUMA convention is a chance to share ideas. It's also a time to recognize the work being done in our hometowns. On April 16, at Convention 2024, winning urban governments received their Saskatchewan Municipal Awards. Winners from Saskatchewan's rural municipalities received their awards in March at the SARM Convention.



**Top Municipal Initiative:  
New Mechanical Wastewater Treatment  
Facility**  
*City of Lloydminster*

Created a new multi-jurisdictional, bi-provincial wastewater treatment plant requiring collaboration from leaders in all levels of government. Resulting in improved quality of treated effluent entering the North Saskatchewan River and achieving a fair agreement that benefited residents of both Alberta and Saskatchewan residents.



**Top Urban Municipal Initiative:  
Southland Co-op Centre**  
*Town of Assiniboia*

Replacement of the old rink with a new state of the art recreation facility that supports the health and wellness of the community and has increased tourism to the area. The centre contains a walking track, NHL sized ice surface, Multi Purpose Gym, Climbing Walls, Simulator room, and more.



**Top Rural Initiative:**



**Regional Cooperation Award:**

Created a municipal centre that encompasses the RM shop and office is equipped to be the RM Emergency Response Center. The centre offers meeting space and amenities, and the area is expanding with multiple enterprises emerging in their design phases.

The Town of Outlook and the RM of Rudy No. 284 worked together to address concerns raised over the long term viability of fire and rescue services by addressing a need to repair relationships within the region.

Award winner videos are now available on the [SMA website](#).

[Watch the videos](#)

## Provincial Police Service Agreement Per Capita Rate

In early 2015, a new formula was approved and enshrined in legislation for the determination of per capita rates charged to municipalities for RCMP policing costs. Since the 2015-16 budget year, the increased cost to municipalities reflects the budgeted increase in costs for the police services.

The percentage increase in the per capita rate is equal to the percentage increase of budget provided to RCMP to fund the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA). **In 2024-25, the increase to the RCMP PPSA budget is 1.93%**. Municipalities under the PPSA should use this number when budgeting for their policing costs.

## Zoning Bylaws: New Educational Material Available

The Ministry of Government Relations published **new educational material that can assist municipalities in amending their zoning bylaw** and understand when to hold public hearings under The Planning and Development Act, 2007.

- **[Zoning Bylaw Amendment Webinar](#)** – This 14-minute webinar assists municipalities and the public in understanding what a zoning bylaw is, and the steps involved to amend the bylaw. The webinar addresses how a zoning bylaw fits into the land use planning framework and includes considerations for a council when deciding to amend the bylaw.
- **[Conducting a Public Hearing Guide](#)** – The Act requires a public hearing be held when a municipality is adopting specific bylaws. This guide provides municipal councils and administrations with best practices for conducting a public hearing.

If you have any questions about the above resources or land use planning in general, please contact the Community Planning Branch at **306-787-2725** or **306-933-6937** or [communityplanning@gov.sk.ca](mailto:communityplanning@gov.sk.ca).

## Environment and Climate Change Canada: Section 46 Notice

The Government of Canada is publishing a *Section 46 **Notice with respect to reporting of plastic resins and certain plastic products for the Federal Plastics Registry for 2024, 2025 and 2026*** in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I.

The Section 46 Notice will **require companies** (including resin manufacturers, service providers, and producer of plastic products) **to provide the Minister of the Environment with information about the lifecycle of plastics in Canada**. Through the Notice we are looking to collect information on a large sector of the economy and provide Canadians with

meaningful and standardized data on plastic from production to end-of-life, across the country, that can inform actions to prevent plastic pollution and measure the performance of those already in place.

Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry will start in September of 2025. Users will have access to the Federal Plastics Registry IT system in the second half of 2024. A guidance document is also being drafted to aid companies that are required to report to the Registry.

For more information, please visit the [Plastic Initiatives and Regulations](#) webpage or contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at [FPR-RFP@ec.gc.ca](mailto:FPR-RFP@ec.gc.ca).

## ADVERTISEMENTS



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## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



## Classifieds

### Positions Available:

- Town of Macklin: *Chief Administrative Officer* (April 27)
- Town of Lanigan: *Financial Officer* (April 27)
- Town of White City: *Junior Planner* (April 30)
- City of Yorkton: *Deputy Fire Chief* (May 1)
- Air Ronge: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 1)
- Town of Lanigan: *Public Works Operator (3 positions)* (May 4)
- Town of Hague: *Public Works Foreman* (May 7)
- City of Flin Flon: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 11)
- Town of Battleford: *Accounting and Utility Clerk* (July 16)

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:

- Government of Saskatchewan *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (June 7)
- Infrastructure Canada *Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund* (July 19)

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

