

# MUNICIPAL Update

May 6, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 14**

Webinar - Assessment Reform:  
Insights from SUMA's  
Assessment Legislation & Policy  
Working Group

**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](#).



## See you on the Green!

Meet us at the first tee for a round of golf on August 16! The **Town of Maple Creek** will be hosting the **34th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament** at the Maple Creek Golf Course and the Cypress Hills Golf Course!

The golf tournament, dinner, awards and a dance will all take place on **Friday, August 16**. But don't leave after that! Join us on Saturday to celebrate with the town at the Maple Creek Street Festival in the heritage district!

### Registration fees:

Golf Tournament and Banquet **\$150**

Banquet ONLY **\$30**

[Learn more and register](#)

Registration closes on **July 15**. Register soon to secure your spot!

# Assessment Reform: Insights from SUMA's Assessment Legislation & Policy Working Group



## Updates from SUMA's Working Group

On **Tuesday May 14** from **10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** join us for the webinar **Assessment Reform: Insights from SUMA's Assessment Legislation & Policy Working Group.**

Originating from discussions on a 2022 report from the International Property Tax Institute, this webinar will provide insights from SUMA's Assessment Legislation & Policy Working Group on reform to property assessment in Saskatchewan.

Topics will include:

- the removal of percentages of value;
- strategies for shortening the revaluation cycle;
- addressing the base date lag;
- and more!

Sponsored by SUMAssure, this webinar is free to all SUMA members. Non-members can attend for a fee of \$45 + GST.

### 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!**

SUMA's webinar program is sponsored by:






**limited spots available for**  
**SUMA** members  
to participate in this


STORYTELLING


# Pilot


**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS**


Register by May 14th


  
Annie Charles


  
Andrew Hiltz


  
Kelsey Love

  
Doug Griffiths

  
Jason Cameron

  
Felipe Gomez

  
John Paget

  
Seth Godin

## Embrace Municipal Storytelling

Looking for ways to elevate the way your municipality connects to it's citizens? **Join other SUMA members in this unique opportunity to participate in a pilot project with memoryKPR.**

Thanks to funding from Innovation Saskatchewan, this project is being offered to SUMA members at a highly reduced cost , and those who sign up will receive access to the memoryKPR platform for their municipality, access to a series of expert speakers and story tellers including former and current Saskatchewanderers. Participants will be provided invaluable insights, strategies, and

learning opportunities throughout the year that can support positive change and foster meaningful connections within your municipality.

Spots are limited so register soon to reserve your seat! The **deadline to register is May 14**. Ready to register? [Click here!](#)

[Learn more!](#)

If you have any questions about this opportunity reach out to memoryKPR at: [info@memorykpr.com](mailto:info@memorykpr.com) or **(306) 519-8489**



## Limited seats remaining!

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**.

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.

There are limited spots left for this workshop. Once we reach capacity you will be invited to add your name to a waitlist and will be notified if we receive cancellations.

[Register Now!](#)

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

## Support Budding Candidates in your Municipality

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.

Candidate School consists of two parts, Municipal Governance 10 and a "Hall" session where participants can their municipal governance questions. Participants will learn how democracy works, the roles and responsibilities of council, navigating conflicts of interest, and challenges unique to your sector



Visit our website for more information including dates and times for each sector .

Visit our website

## ADVOCACY UPDATE



Last week, **SUMA was pleased to meet with the Ministry of Government Relations and SARM to continue discussions around the development of a consultation protocol.** Having a consultation protocol would be a benefit to both rural and urban communities as it would provide regular, consistent, and predictable opportunities to have the municipal viewpoint considered whenever provincial government decisions are made. SUMA looks forward to further development and discussions on the topic.

SUMA is also glad to note that recently, after the Chamber of Commerce's Political Forum, the **Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Bronwyn Eyre, indicated her department is open to discussing options regarding bylaw adjudication.** We have been working for a while to open up avenues of discussion around by law adjudication and will be following up with the Department of Justice. SUMA is always glad work with the province to make our municipalities and the lives of their residents better.

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2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow April 14 -17 • Regina, SK

## CONVENTION 2024

### Congratulations to our Long Service Award 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 17, at Convention 2024, we recognized 46 long service award winners.



The **Meritorious Service Award** is granted to municipal employees in Saskatchewan urban municipalities who have served 20 years or more of employment. It recognizes their career success, dedication, and involvement in their local community.

Congratulations to the 2024 recipients:

Blaine Becker, Town of Maple Creek, 27 years  
 Jamie Blakley, Town of Maple Creek, 20 years  
 Wayne Burton, Town of Maple Creek, 40 years  
 Shane Drosky, City of Yorkton, 20 years  
 Wayne Erlandson, City of Swift Current, 20 years  
 Trent Empey, Town of Maple Creek, 29 years  
 Yvonne Gobolos, Town of Cudworth, 30 years  
 Bruce Goff, Village of Lipton, 40 years  
 Rob Hanson, Town of Moosomin, 36 years  
 Craig Huber, Village of Lipton, 28 years  
 George Kerr, City of Weyburn, 47 years  
 Chad Krause, City of Swift Current, 20 years  
 Josip Knezevic, Town of Biggar, 20 years  
 Lynne Lemieux, Town of Ponteix, 22 years  
 Darryl McKay, Town of Moosomin, 28 years  
 Cory McMahon, Town of Biggar, 29 years  
 Peter Nabholz, Town of Moosomin, 25 years  
 Greg Parsons, City of Swift Current, 20 years  
 Lawrence Paschke, Town of Tisdale, 32 years  
 Donette Richter, City of Weyburn, 30 years  
 Raymond Silbernagel, Town of Biggar, 20 years  
 Nicole Spenst, City of Swift Current, 20 years  
 Shawn Stephen, Town of Moosomin, 25 years  
 Keith Stork, Town of Maple Creek, 30 years  
 Ron Walker, Town of Colonsay, 43 years

The **Honorary Service Award** recognizes elected officials in Saskatchewan urban municipalities who have served 20 or more years on municipal council. It recognizes their long-term dedication to, and involvement in, their local communities.

Congratulations to the 2024 recipients:

Verne Barber, Town of Lumsden, 21 years  
 Sandra Bathgate, Town of Central Butte, 26 years  
 Linda Brown, Village of Consul, 30 years  
 Robert Chittenden, Village of Montemartre, 21 years  
 Chris Davidson, Town of Moosomin, 20 years  
 Carol Epp, Town of Langham, 24 years  
 Sandra Gilbert, Town of Big River, 22 years  
 Thomas (David) Hardy, Town of Marshall, 27 years  
 Patricia Jackson, Town of Kipling, 20 years  
 Norm Jones, Village of Windthorst, 27 years  
 Michele LeBlanc, Town of Pense, 24 years  
 Mike Kaminski, Village of Invermay, 39 years  
 Rhonda Kapell, Village of Windthorst, 21 years  
 Bryan Matheson, Town of Lumsden, 20 years  
 Betty Lou Palko, Town of Hudson Bay, 20 years  
 Howard Slack, Town of White City, 20 years  
 Cecil Snyder, Town of White City, 20 years  
 Walter Streelasky, City of Melville, 24 years  
 Edward Struthers, Town of Ogema, 35 years  
 George Tomporowski, Town of Shellbrook, 23 years  
 Anthony Walliser, Town of Colonsay, 22 years

The **Life Membership Award** is presented to an elected official and SUMA Board Member whose career exemplifies commitment and dedication to SUMA, their community, and urban government. This award is nominated by the Convention Planning Committee or SUMA Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the 2024 Life Member, **Mike O'Donnell**.

The **Scoop Lewry Award** is presented in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local, provincial, and national basis. Those eligible to be nominated are elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials, personnel in the Ministry of

Government Relations, and personnel in First Nations and Métis Relations. This award is dedicated to the memory of Scoop Lewry. Scoop dedicated his career to improving his community with a kind and humanitarian spirit.

Congratulations to the 2024 Scoop Lewry recipient, **Keith Comstock**.

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## All Convention recordings are now available on the SUMA Member Portal

**Recordings of SUMA Convention sessions are now available to view on the SUMA member portal.** All accompanying PowerPoints and handouts from the education sessions can also be found on the portal.

To access recordings visit [www.suma.org/member-login](http://www.suma.org/member-login) and select "Convention Recordings" under Member Resources.

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## Thank you to our 2024 Convention and Tradeshow Sponsors:

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## Help Us Shape Convention 2025: Submit Your Theme Suggestions

When choosing a convention theme, there are many important considerations as Each year's theme sets the tone for the convention agenda. Help us choose next year's theme by making a suggestion. It should be an **action statement that reflects the direction that the association and our members want to take.**

Things to consider when choosing a theme:

- Is there a particular issue that you want to emphasize at Convention 2025?
- Is the theme catchy, short, and easy to remember?
- Can you think of an image that relates to your theme that can be used to promote and publicize the convention?
- Does the theme exclude anyone?
- Does the theme make you think? Does it pull you in and make you get involved?
- Is your theme action oriented?

Please send your theme suggestions to [events@suma.org](mailto:events@suma.org)

## 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.

## Red Dress Day 2024

May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for **Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls** and 2SLGBTQI+ people (**MMIWG2S**), also known as "**Red Dress Day**," coined by **Métis artist Jaime Black**. The haunting image of red dresses symbolizes those who have gone missing and serves as a reminder of the ongoing crisis facing indigenous communities.

As we honour the lives lost and support those affected, SUMA also commits to creating a safer and more just world for all, and to doing our part by actively participating in reconciliation.

Learn more about Red Dress Day and access resources [here](#).

## SEDA Celebrates 2024 Economic Development Week

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (**SEDA**) is thrilled to celebrate the **Economic Development Week** in Saskatchewan from **May 6 to May 10, 2024**, highlighting **Indigenous Economic Development Day on May 6**.

This noteworthy week aims to deepen the understanding and involvement of both the public and elected officials in community economic development. It showcases the critical role this activity plays in stimulating job creation, attracting and retaining businesses, and enhancing community well-being and safety.

Learn more about the event and [read SEDA's press release here](#).

## Government of Saskatchewan's New Municipal Directory Update

**The Government of Saskatchewan's current directory is being updated and will be inaccessible for now.** However, during the interim, you can submit any changes to your municipality's record using this [temporary form](#) so we can include your updates in the new application.

**The new municipal directory will be launched sometime in May.** Watch for an email from the Ministry of Government Relations on launch day that contains the new municipal directory's web address so you can update your bookmarks and websites.

## SSM Conference on Social Prescribing

On **May 24**, attend SSM's (Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism) **annual conference**. **This year's topic is social prescribing. The conference will be over Zoom**, and participants can [register here](#). The cost to attend is \$20.

The Mission of Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism is to bring together Saskatchewan seniors' organizations for the purpose of contributing to a better quality of life for seniors. They do this

through being a unified voice, researching and acting on issues affecting seniors, creating awareness, and engaging support from other organizations.

You can learn more about the conference and topic [here](#). Visit SSM's website [here](#).

## Tarping Loads to be Mandatory Effective June 1 to Improve Safety

Effective June 1, bulk loads not fully contained will require covering by a tarp or other appropriate material (such as canvas, wire mesh, netting) to prevent materials becoming dislodged from the vehicle or load container during transport.

The [Security of Loads Regulations](#) in Saskatchewan were updated to better align with the National Safety Code Standard 10 for cargo securement and to enhance clarity for police and industry. The update is also intended to help reduce potential hazards for motorists, such as broken windshields due to bulk cargo not being properly secured.

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# CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



## Classifieds

### Positions Available:

- Town of Hague: *Public Works Foreman* (May 7)
- City of Flin Flon: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 11)
- Town of Battleford: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 21)
- 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.

