

MUNICIPAL Update

May 21, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28

Procurement Bootcamp for
Urban Administrators

May 30

Webinar: Saskatchewan's
Transition to Extended Producer
Responsibility for Packaging and
Paper

June 7

TSS intake closes

June 12

Candidate School - Resort
Villages

August 16

SUMA Golf Tournament hosted
by the Town of Maple Creek

See all [upcoming events](#).



Score a Hole-in-one!

Meet us on at the first tee 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.

After the golf tournament, stick around for dinner, an awards ceremony and dance. Return on Saturday August 17 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!

Steps Forward in Advocacy

SUMA is **pleased with the Government of Saskatchewan's recent investment into the Income Assistance Mobile Outreach Services initiative**, which connects people to social services by providing services in a variety of locations. We do not believe the call centre system adequately helps individuals with the most complex needs; in many cases caseworkers need to meet with people in-person.

We are looking forward to seeing the positive effects this step will take toward reducing barriers.

However, **we want to remind the Government that funding for SIS and SAID clients remains too low to meet the basic costs of living in Saskatchewan, directly contributing to the homelessness crisis in our province**. We will continue calling on the province to increase the base amount and make changes to the distribution, to ensure necessities such as rent, and utilities are paid directly to those who need it most. Often many with complex needs are unable to navigate the call centre system, making the request for direct pay unrealistic. We hope the government recognizes this issue and makes the necessary changes.

Climate Mitigation Survey

As part of our agreement, **SUMA and Eco-Ouest Canada are undertaking a comprehensive assessment of Saskatchewan urban municipalities and the state of their climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency plans**. This will help to identify where gaps exist among municipalities in tackling climate change, implementing climate mitigation and adaptation measures, developing resilience plans, and promoting green initiatives. The objective will then be to help advance municipal led projects through the Mobilizing Municipalities program.

You can access and complete the survey [here](#).

SUMA in the Media

Recently **SUMA CEO, Jean-Marc Nadeau spoke with host Chris Brown on the Cross Borders Podcast** about a wide range of topics, from municipal advocacy and infrastructure funding to diverse municipal needs and responsibilities. You can **listen to the episode, which is part of a longer series called "Municipal Trenches," [here](#)**.



The banner features a dark blue header with a laptop icon and the word 'Webinar' on the left, the SUMA logo in the center, and the date '05.30.24' and time '2:00-3:00 p.m.' on the right. Below the header is a photograph of hands sorting through various types of packaging materials like cardboard boxes, plastic, and paper. A semi-transparent grey box with white text is overlaid on the photo, containing the title 'Saskatchewan's Transition to Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper'. In the bottom right corner, it says 'Sponsored by SUMAssure' with the SUMAssure logo.

On **Tuesday May 30** from **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** join us for the webinar ***Saskatchewan's Transition to Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper***.

In this webinar presented by Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW), attendees will learn about MMSW's planned transition towards a **Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program that is fully funded and operated by producers of household packaging and paper products**.

In March 2023 the Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations were released and came into effect. These regulatory changes have resulted in a shift to a **full extended producer responsibility (EPR) packaging and paper recycling program** that is 100% managed by producers like retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that

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available on the SUMA
Member Portal**

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supply packaging and paper to households.

Speakers will discuss details of the program plan including **transition phases and timelines, what this means to communities, and what the desired outcomes are.**

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

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To access webinar recordings visit www.suma.org/member-login and select 'Webinars' under Member Resources.

Register now!

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STORYTELLING Pilot

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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. 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.

Interested in learning more about content creation and promotion of your municipality? **View memoryKPR's latest webinar with former Saskwanderer Andrew Hiltz** for some tips, tricks, and ways that memoryKPR can support you. Access the webinar [here](#), and enter the passcode **p8.9LCK#**.

Learn more!

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

CONVENTION

All Convention 2024 recordings are now available on the SUMA Member Portal

Recordings of the 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 and select "Convention Recordings" under Member Resources.

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

Municipal Administrator's Corner – Elections Resources

2024 is a general election year for all municipalities in Saskatchewan. **Cities, towns, villages, and northern municipalities will hold their general elections on November 13.** Election day for **resort villages is July 27**. (Northern municipalities may move their election date earlier by decision of council).

To learn about amendments to [The Local Government Election Act, 2015](#) and [The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015](#), please check out the document [Information Bulletin: Amendments to The Local Government Election Act, 2015](#).

The Advisory Services and Municipal Relations branch has also updated several resources to assist election officials in carrying out their municipal election. [The Election-Byelection Scheduling Tool](#) is a great resource to map out the municipal election process and become familiar with the legislated dates and publishing requirements. [The Local Government Election Guide](#) for Saskatchewan municipalities has also been updated and is available to help municipal election officials understand the municipal election process and perform their duties.

For additional questions regarding municipal election legislation or these resources, please contact the Advisory Services and Municipal Relations branch at **306-787-2680** or by email at muninfo@gov.sk.ca.

Government of Saskatchewan's New Municipal Directory Now Live

The Government of Saskatchewan launched its new Municipal Directory at saskatchewan.ca/municipal-directory.

The new directory is modeled after the Government of Saskatchewan's staff directory and features:

- Improved search functionality, including reverse telephone look-up;
- An easier way for administrators to update their records by clicking on the Update Municipality form at the bottom of the page;
- An accessible and responsive design for all types of devices and browsers; and
- The ability to display the office hours for municipalities, as well as their website or Facebook URL.

Each municipal record also contains links to Statistics Canada and the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency if visitors require the latest assessment and census data for that community.

Northern Capital Grants Program Renewed through 2028

The Northern Capital Grants Program has been **renewed for a five-year period ending September 30, 2028**. Under this program, northern municipalities can access funding to support eligible infrastructure projects like recreational facilities, roads, solid waste projects and water and sewer infrastructure.

The Northern Capital Grants Program provides northern municipalities with **grants to pay for capital assets**, including facilities like public works shops, equipment like graders, and engineering structures like landfills and waste transfer stations. Updates to the program came into effect in October 2023, and **expanded the number of eligible expenses**, providing more access to funding for municipal infrastructure.

Funding applications are currently being accepted, with improved program application forms that simplify the process. Additional information on the Northern Capital Grants Program, as well as **eligibility requirements and application forms are available at [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca)**.

Government of Canada Invests \$27.7M into Saskatchewan Child Care

Recently the Government of Canada announced **updates to their \$625-million Early Learning and Child Care Infrastructure Fund**, with a commitment to help build more inclusive childcare spaces across Canada, including Saskatchewan. **\$27.7 million will be invested into the province over four years, with \$19.1 million through 2025–2026**. This investment will help Saskatchewan reach the shared goal of building 28,000 new childcare spaces by 2026.

Through this fund, all provinces and territories will be able to make further investments in childcare and eligible families can save up to \$14,300 on childcare every year.

These investments will aim to support families in communities that face barriers to access, such as racialized groups, Indigenous Peoples, newcomers, official language minority communities, and children, parents and employees with disabilities. Funding may also be used to support infrastructure to provide care during non-standard hours. **Learn more about the announcement [here](#)**.

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CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- City of Martensville: Communications Coordinator (May 28)
- Town of Wolesley: Community Development Coordinator (May 31)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

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

- Village of Bethune: Public Works Operator (May 31)
- Town of Hague: Assistant Public Works Foreman (June 3)
- Village of Paddockwood: Temporary CAO (June 15)
- Village of Meath Park: Certified Water Treatment Plant Operator & Public Works Employee (June 17)
- Town of Macklin: CAO (July 15)
- Town of Battleford: Accounting and Utility Clerk (July 16)

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

