

# MUNICIPAL Update

May 3, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 18**

Workshop - Harassment and Disputes: How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality

**May 19**

Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

See all [upcoming events](#).

## PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL BUDGET RESPONSES

In April, the Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada released their budgets for 2021-22. Municipalities of Saskatchewan reviewed the budgets and what they mean to Saskatchewan's hometowns. Read our responses to the [provincial](#) and [federal](#) budgets.

## Share Your Feedback with the Ministry of Health on Food and Safety Red Tape

The Ministry of Health will be reviewing *The Food Safety Regulations*. These regulations are made pursuant to *The Public Health Act, 1994* and contain provisions that relate to the production and sale of food and drink in Saskatchewan.

As part of the review process, the ministry is requesting input from stakeholders prior to the drafting of any regulatory amendments. They are interested in any ideas you may have for reducing red tape and regulatory barriers.

See their [questionnaire](#) and provide comment by **May 7** to:

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Virtual Meeting



MUNICIPALITIES OF SASKATCHEWAN

05.19.21  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

# 2021 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

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## Meet the Keynote for the 2021 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is excited to introduce engaging, entertaining, and powerful speaker Darci Lang as the keynote for the 2021 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting.



Darci is an award-winning entrepreneur, a professional speaker, a best-selling author, a blogger, a wife, and a mom.

In her address ***Staying Positive in a Difficult Time***, Darci will talk about skills needed to cope during stressful situations and dealing with difficult people, building more positive relationships without sacrificing personal energy, becoming an uplifting influence on those around you, and discovering the strength you already have within you.

Mayors, councillors, and administrators from Saskatchewan's towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities can hear Darci's engaging address on **May 19**.

**See the agenda** for more information about the 2021 virtual Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting.

The sector meeting is **free** for Municipalities of Saskatchewan representatives.

[Register for the sector meeting](#)



Virtual Workshop



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05.18.21  
1:00-4:00 p.m.



## Harassment and Disputes: How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality



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## Learn How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality

On **May 18** from **1:00-4:00 p.m.** join Municipalities of Saskatchewan for the workshop *Harassment and Disputes: How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality*. In this workshop:

- Learn ways to resolve disputes with residents, among staff, and around the council table; and
- Discover steps your municipality can take to ensure a harassment free workplace.

The cost to attend is **\$45 per person**.

## Event Insight Results

In the last Municipal Update, we asked what the ideal length of convention would be. These are the poll results:

**In your opinion, what would be the ideal length of Convention?**

- 2 days – 43.6 per cent
- 3 days – 38.2 per cent
- 4 days – 18.2 per cent

## New Poll

What is the most valuable part of convention?

Education sessions

Select

Government events (Premier's Address, Dialogue with Ministers, Bear Pit)

Select

Municipalities of Saskatchewan meetings (resolutions, AGM, sector meetings)

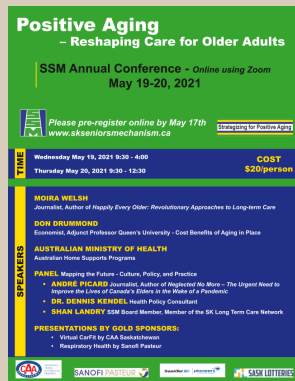
Select

Social events that promote networking

Select

Tradeshow

Select



The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism Presents: *Positive Aging - Reshaping Care for Older Adults*

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## The 2021 Census is Here

Census collection for the 2021 Census has started. Data collected informs economic and health-related policy decisions that must be made by all orders of government. In addition to informing public policy, census data are vital for planning schools,

hosting their annual conference virtually on **May 19-20**. *Positive Aging - Reshaping the Care for Older Adults* will feature:

- Moira Welsh, journalist and author of *Happily Ever Older: Revolutionary Approaches to Long-term Care*
- Don Drummond, economist
- The Australian Ministry of Health
- A panel discussion with Andre Picard, Dr. Dennis Kendel, and Shan Landry.

[Learn more about the conference.](#)  
Register before **May 17**.

hospitals, daycare centres, family services, public transportation, and skills training for employment.

Statistics Canada has developed a [Community Supporter Toolkit](#) and brought together products and resources to help spread the word about the benefits and positive impact of the census for your community.

Learn more about the 2021 Census on their [website](#) and be sure to follow their [social media](#) accounts for more information.



## Deadline Extended for Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Feedback

There is more time to provide your feedback. The Government of Saskatchewan is reviewing [The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations](#) and the Multi-Material Recycling Program, and is seeking input.

Initially feedback was due by April 30. However the Ministry of Environment has extended the deadline to **May 10**.

[Learn more and provide your feedback by May 10.](#)



## Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan Seeking Feedback

Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan is looking to develop a proactive plan on dealing with legacy tire piles in Saskatchewan. Municipalities and community groups who believe they have legacy tire issues in their community are invited to fill out a [legacy tire survey](#).

The results of the survey will help Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan develop a long-term plan to address legacy tires that will be transparent in terms of expected clean-up. The survey is open until **December 31**.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Saskatchewan Health Authority Virtual Town Hall

The next COVID-19 virtual town hall hosted by the Saskatchewan Health Authority is scheduled for **May 10**.

A link to register for the event will be provided once it becomes available.

[Read the latest update from the SHA](#)

## Age 37 and Older, 18 plus in North, Eligible for Vaccinations Tomorrow

Effective tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. eligibility in the provincial age-based immunization program moves to age 37 and older, except for residents living in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, where it moves to age 18 and older. This applies to all immunization clinics: booked appointments, drive-thru/walk-in, mobile, and pharmacy.

Approximately 8,000 appointments will be added to the Patient Booking System for booked appointments at SHA clinics, in addition to pharmacy appointments, and drive-thru and walk-in clinics. Pharmacy immunization details can be found at [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-pharmacies](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-pharmacies).

Saskatchewan residents are reminded that clinic availability is based on vaccine availability, and demand for appointments outweighs the current supply. When age eligibility opens to a younger group appointments fill up fast, particularly in urban centres like Regina and Saskatoon. There may be additional clinic options in rural and northern communities, and residents are encouraged to consider those alternate locations for immunization.

[Learn more](#)

## Expanded Visitation to Eligible Long-Term and Personal Care Homes

Visitor (family presence) restrictions have eased in some long-term and personal care homes. Based on community transmission risk, long-term and personal care homes in the City of Regina, Emerald Park, Lumsden, and Cupar will remain at Level 3.

[See the list of SHA-operated long-term care homes currently eligible for family visitation](#)

## Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan Clarified for Graduations

Outdoor graduations are limited to **30 guests** (assuming two guests per graduate for a total of 45 graduates and guests), with an additional maximum of five teachers/support staff. Virtual graduations are permitted with no more than 30 graduates attending in-person and all guests attending virtually.

All other public health measures must be followed, including maintaining a minimum of two metres of physical distancing between household groups. No food or beverages are permitted.

The guidance for graduations for the month of June will be re-evaluated on **May 17**. Guidance will be reviewed based on the COVID-19 situation in the province, including positive cases and the rates of immunization. Planned events and activities must abide by the guidance in place at the time of the event/activity.

[Learn more](#)

## Advocacy Update

[Municipalities of Saskatchewan Wants Your Feedback](#)

If you've visited the member portal on [munisask.ca](http://munisask.ca) recently, you may have noticed a new addition! (If not, you can find it here: [munisask.ca/member-portal/member-feedback](http://munisask.ca/member-portal/member-feedback))

As a member-driven organization, we want to ensure that we are responding to you, our members. The new page is a form that allows you to give us feedback – let us know what we're doing well and provide suggestions as to where you'd like to see changes or improvement.

By creating a permanent page in the member portal, we are hopeful to receive feedback on a variety of topics year-round instead of just at specific times, such as following an event. All information gathered is confidential and will go a long way in helping us, help you!

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to continuing to serve you to the best of our abilities.

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Village of Halbrite: *Administrator* (May 4)
- RM of Lake Lenore No. 399: *Administrator* (May 6)
- Town of Lumsden and RM of Lumsden No. 189: *Assistant Administrator* (May 7)
- Village of Riverhurst: *Maintenance/Public Works Employee* (May 18)
- Town of Wadena: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 19)
- Northern Village of Green Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 31)
- Town of Whitewood: *Facility Operations Manager* (When filled)
- Town of Gravelbourg: *Assistant CAO* (When filled)
- RM of Edenwold: *Planning and Development Manager* (When filled)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

#### Other:

- SaskPower *Rink Relief Program* (March 1 to September 1, 2021)

## For Sale

- Aluminum Build-a-box

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.

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

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