

MUNICIPAL Update

May 24, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31, 2022

Webinar - Monetize Your Organic Waste: Generating Revenue with Scope 3 Carbon Emissions

June 8, 2022

MuniCast Release - Season 2, Episode 6: Advice for the Future Learned from the Past with Former Premier Lorne Calvert

July 7-8, 2022

32nd Annual SUMA Golf Tournament
Hosted by the Town of Wakaw

August 25-26, 2022

Save the Date - SUMA Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).



SHARE YOUR CONVENTION THEME IDEAS

The **2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow** is happening in **Saskatoon**



Amendments to Allow Alcohol Consumption in Outdoor Public Places

On May 16, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced **amendments that would provide municipalities and park authorities with the discretion to allow the consumption of alcohol in outdoor public places**, such as parks, for individuals of legal drinking age.

The amendments would allow municipalities or park authorities to regulate the consumption of alcohol in their public outdoor spaces. Private events such as weddings where alcohol is being served or sold would still require a permit from SLGA.

Saskatchewan's Official Opposition blocked the amended bill, saying more consultation is needed.

SUMA would like to know:

Would your municipality like the ability to allow alcohol consumption in outdoor public spaces?

from **April 16-19**, and we're searching for our next great theme idea! Each year, the Convention Planning Committee selects a theme to set the tone for convention. We use the theme when planning education sessions, when selecting speakers, and when designing the social events.

Help us find the next great theme by sharing your theme ideas. All SUMA members who submit a theme idea by **June 30** will be entered to win a complimentary registration for #SUMA2023!

Submit your theme ideas

Yes

Select

No

Select



Webinar

SUMA

05.31.22
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Monetize Your Organic Waste: Generating Revenue with Scope 3 Carbon Emissions

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Learn How Your Municipality Can Divert Waste and Generate Revenue through Organic Waste Conversion

Many municipalities have been working to reduce their scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions. On **May 31 at 10:00 a.m.**, join us to learn more about scope 3 emissions, specifically organic waste, and how your municipality can divert this waste from your landfill and even generate revenue through organic waste conversion.

In this webinar, Eco-Growth Environmental Inc., a Calgary based company in the business of converting organic waste streams into clean energy, will share information on organic waste conversion. Discover what kinds of organic waste can be collected, what the waste can be turned into, and how that product can be redistributed. Also learn about the technologies available to help keep organic waste out of the landfill and bring additional revenue to your municipality. Eco-Growth Environmental Inc.'s presentation will include real municipal examples.

Register for the webinar



Share Your Thoughts on Proposed Changes to the Blue Bin Recycling Program

Changes to *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* (blue bin recycling program) are being considered. The Ministry of Environment has completed a review of the regulations and wants to understand how the proposed changes may impact your municipality. You're invited to:

- Review the [draft regulations and summary of proposed changes](#).
- Attend an online engagement session. A session for municipalities, First Nations, collectors, and processors is being held **June 8 at 1:30 p.m.** (CST). If unable to attend, a general interest session is being held **June 16 at 1:30 p.m.** To register, email waste.management@gov.sk.ca. In your registration, indicate the session date(s) you are registering for and the contact information of everyone attending. If you cannot attend any of the engagement sessions, a pre-recorded presentation will be available upon request after all engagement sessions have concluded. Email waste.management@gov.sk.ca to request a link to the presentation.
- Send written feedback to the ministry. After attending the engagement sessions, the ministry welcomes any additional feedback you may have. Send your comments to waste.management@gov.sk.ca by **June 30**.



8 Hometown Airports Benefitting from CAP Funding

Eight hometown airports are receiving funding through the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program.

In total, the Government of Saskatchewan is investing a total of \$935,000 in 11 community airports through the program, and when combined with local matching dollars, this represents almost \$2 million investment in airport infrastructure.

CAP supports local airports helping to offset the costs of rehabilitation and improvements, with cost-shared grants up to a maximum of \$275,000.

The hometown airports receiving funding are:

- Big River
- Carlyle
- Estevan
- Kindersley
- La Ronge
- Melfort
- Weyburn
- Yorkton

See the [full list of airport improvements](#).

Since 2007-08, the ministry has invested almost \$11 million including this year's funding and more than 40 different communities and RMs have benefited from the CAP program.

For more information, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/transportation/airports/community-airport-partnership-cap-program.



Radio Refresh Program Underway for Firefighting Agencies

The Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications Network (PPSTN) began operation in 2010. At that time, radios were provided to firefighting agencies by the provincial government at no charge beyond a monthly system access fee. Those radios are aging, and a four-year replacement program is now underway.

New radios will be supplied to all existing fire clients at no charge. This includes replacement of radios purchased by fire departments in excess of their initial allotment. Note that the monthly access fee, \$40.00 per radio, as well as the \$41.00 annual federal licence fee, will remain the responsibility of the user for all assigned radios.

This replacement program involves approximately 2,000 fire radios and will require technicians to travel to hundreds of locations across Saskatchewan. Priority will be given to the larger, busier departments and smaller departments will be accommodated where practical. Clients will be contacted before SPSA technicians are scheduled to be in an area.

[Learn more.](#)



Application Process for Board of Revision Certification Opens this June

Amendments to *The Municipalities Regulations*, *The Cities Regulations*, and *The Northern Municipalities Regulations* require all boards of revision to be certified to hear property assessment appeals starting with the 2023 taxation year.

The **application process** for board of revision certification **opens in June.**

For a board of revision to be certified, all members and secretaries must take an Oath of Office and successfully complete an online training program developed through the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS). To learn more about the training program and register, visit the [JSGS Board of Revision Training Program](#) page.

Once these certification requirements have been met, the board of revision should apply for certification to the [Office of the Registrar](#). It's the board's responsibility to ensure its members and secretaries meet certification requirements and to apply for certification.

For details on how to apply for certification, visit [Board of Revision Training and Certification](#) and refer to the [Board of Revision Certification Guide](#).



Cleanfarms Releases 2021 Annual Report

Cleanfarms has posted its [2021 annual report](#), documenting the results of its permanent programs and pilot projects designed and operated to help Canadian farmers manage agricultural plastic products and packaging.

In 2021, **Cleanfarms saw substantial growth in the collection numbers** for the materials it collects for recycling and responsible disposal across the country. For example the numbers of small plastic pesticide and fertilizer jugs climbed by about 700,000 containers to 6.2 million containers collected for recycling, up a full 12.5 per cent over the year before.

[Read the full report.](#)

Take Part in the Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring Program - Submit an AIMM Form

The Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring (AIMM) Program is a partnership project with government, non-government organizations, and other agencies to **monitor waterbodies throughout Saskatchewan for aquatic invasive species** (AIS) and adult invasive mussels. Monitoring adult invasive mussels (e.g. zebra and quagga mussels) and other AIS is an important element of early detection in Saskatchewan.

The **Saskatchewan Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring (AIMM) Form is for recording the monitoring of aquatic invasive species**. The objective is to document the absence/presence of invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species by substrate sampling, shoreline inspections, and checks when removing docks, buoys and anchors.

[Learn more.](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Municipal Feedback on Environmental Priorities

In two previous *Municipal Update* polls, we asked which environmental topic - waste management, water, or adaptation - was most important to your municipality.

The results from our polls were:

- Waste management (recycling, landfills, composting, impacted sites) - **83 per cent**
- Water (wetland, aquatic invasive species) - **6 per cent**
- Adaptation (climate change, green infrastructure, electric vehicle charging) **11 per cent**

These results were shared with SUMA's Environmental Committee. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond!

CONVENTION 2023



Hotel Reservations for 2023

For the 2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow, SUMA will once again be using our hotel booking system Resiada. But no need to book your rooms today. To help you prepare for booking and have a more accurate idea of how many rooms you may need for Convention 2023 in Saskatoon, we will be **opening reservations in September 2022.**

We will send an email directly to the main contact for each member municipality with the exact date the system will open so you can save the date, and we will send another email on the day the system opens. No need to panic and book rooms now. We promise we have rooms already blocked and they will be available to you this fall.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Pharmacists Can Now Prescribe Paxlovid

Approximately 170 select pharmacies across the province, as well as select physicians and nurse practitioners, can prescribe Paxlovid, significantly increasing the ability for residents to access this antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

The medication consists of three tablets taken every 12 hours for five days. There is no fee to receive Paxlovid treatment.

Not all physicians will be prescribing and not all pharmacies will be providing Paxlovid prescribing and dispensing. To see a list of participating pharmacies and eligibility criteria visit saskatchewan.ca/paxlovid-pharmacies.

The decision to prescribe Paxlovid must consider patient risks, current medications, and underlying conditions. Eligibility criteria is fairly strict and residents will be screened by their participating pharmacist, physician, nurse practitioner or through HealthLine 811 to ensure they meet the criteria.

[Read more](#)

Weekly COVID-19 EPI Report

Each week, the Ministry of Health releases a COVID-19 integrated epidemiology (EPI) report that includes laboratory-confirmed cases, deaths, tests, vaccination information, hospital and census trends, and distribution of rapid antigen tests.

For the week of May 8-14:

- 6,908 laboratory tests were performed in Saskatchewan reflecting 5.7 tests performed per 1,000 population.
- Less than one in fifteen laboratory tests were positive, which is a decrease from the previous week.
- The majority of laboratory-confirmed cases this week were 50 years and older.
- There were 22 newly-reported COVID-19 deaths (19 in the previous week).
- There were 27.0 COVID-like illness patients per 1,000 emergency department visits which was lower than the average weekly rate in the previous six weeks.
- 11 confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and care home settings were reported this week.
- As of May 14, 2022, of the population five years and older, 81 per cent have completed a series.
- Among the population 18 years and older, 52.3 per cent had received at least one booster vaccination.

[See the full report](#)

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Elrose: *Administrator* (May 29)
- Town of Nipawin: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 29)
- Town of Rosetown: *Chief Administrative Officer* (May 31)
- SUMA: *Advocacy and Targeted Sector Support Coordinator* (May 31)
- City of Lloydminster: *Manager, Emergency Management* (June 2)
- Town of Cut Knife: *Office Assistant* (June 8)
- Town of Wilkie: *Assistant Administrator* (June 10)
- Town of Rosthern: *Municipal Operations Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Grenfell: *Superintendent of Public Works* (When filled)
- Town of Blaine Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Blaine Lake: *Office Assistant* (When filled)
- Municipality of Two Borders: *Chief Financial Officer* (When 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:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities' *Canadian Women in Local Leadership Inclusive Community Initiatives* (June 10)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

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

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