

# MUNICIPAL Update

June 3, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 5

MuniCast S6:E3 Effective Advocacy: The Foundation of SUMA

### June 7

TSS intake closes

### June 12

Candidate School - Resort Villages

### August 14

Candidate School - Northern Municipalities

### August 16

SUMA Golf Tournament hosted by the Town of Maple Creek

See all [upcoming events](#).



## Perfect Your Swing!

Walk the green and practice your swing 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.

Don't leave 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!

The host municipality for the SUMA Golf Tournament is selected two years in advance. The SUMA Golf Tournament will be hosted by the Town of Maple

Creek in 2024, and the Town of Outlook in 2025.

Nominations to host the 2026 SUMA Golf Tournament can be submitted to the Town of Maple Creek at [golf2024@maplecreek.ca](mailto:golf2024@maplecreek.ca). The deadline to submit your nomination is **July 15**. Any SUMA member municipality can submit a nomination.

**[The nomination form can be accessed here.](#)**

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Broadband Progresses

Last week **CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau spoke at Canada's Rural and Remote Broadband Community's eastern Canada conference**, representing the Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee (SBAC). He shared Saskatchewan's **broadband challenges and our call to the Saskatchewan Government to provide equal and accessible broadband coverage across the province**. Better broadband access in small urban municipalities and rural areas can help stimulate economic growth in general, fostering entrepreneurship, attracting investments, and creating new jobs across the province. SUMA is co-chair of the Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee (SBAC) and we've been pushing for further development in our smaller urban communities for some time.

Today, the **federal government announced an investment of \$160 million that will connect 13,700 homes to high-speed Internet** and provide mobile connectivity along 500 km of roads. Up to **\$105 million of this funding is being allocated to SaskTel** for projects that will benefit up to **5,700 households in communities across West Central and Northern Saskatchewan**, the majority of which are Indigenous. The Government of Canada's funding is provided through the Universal Broadband Fund, a program designed to ensure that Canadians in rural, remote and Indigenous communities have access to reliable high-speed Internet and mobile connectivity.

As SUMA has been advocating for both the federal and provincial governments contribute to better broadband access across Saskatchewan, we are glad to see this investment into our small urban communities. You can **read more about the investment [here](#)**.

### Fairer Climes Ahead with the Municipal Eco-Action Centre

During Convention 2024, SUMA signed a partnership agreement with Eco-Ouest Canada to help us make progress with climate action advocacy. Since then, we have sent out a survey to our members through Municipal Update, and **started work on forming the Municipal Eco-Action Centre, a hub for all Saskatchewan municipalities to turn to for guidance surrounding climate action and adaptation strategies**. Our President, Randy Goulden, will be at the FCM Conference this coming week where she will announce the formation of the new climate hub and introduce the President of Eco-Ouest.

We are looking forward to the progress we will make on this initiative through this partnership and the collective knowledge of this centre. Alberta has a similar centre (the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre) that has existed for some time and has proven beneficial to their municipalities as they navigate the constantly shifting environment. The way forward with climate change is to be proactive, find sustainable solutions, and work together to build on existing knowledge and ideas; this is exactly what the Municipal Eco-Action Centre will help us do.

## CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



## New Municast episodes available!

In season 6 of MuniCast we're focusing on connecting members to SUMA and sharing how we work to support urban municipalities in Saskatchewan. Episodes 1 and 2 are now available, and these first two episodes introduce listeners to SUMA's CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau, and SUMA's communications and events teams.

In episode one ***Leading From Within with Jean-Marc Nadeau, CEO, SUMA***, we delve into the strategies and methods employed to support urban municipal leaders and administrations across Saskatchewan through the work done at SUMA.

In episode two ***Member Engagement Matters: How SUMA Connects to Urban Municipalities***, join members of SUMA's events and communications teams as they discuss the opportunities that SUMA offers to connect with us, participate in education, have member excellence recognized, and more.

On Wednesday we will be releasing episode 3, ***Effective Advocacy: The Foundation of SUMA*** which features a conversation with SUMA's Advocacy team about the committees they work with, and updates on advocacy efforts and successes.

MuniCast is available on most podcast platforms including, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon music, and YouTube.

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STORYTELLING

# Pilot



Indigenous Destination

Saskatchewan (IDSK)

Annie Charles

June 5th,

2pm CST, Zoom

*Honoring Indigenous Stories in your community*

## 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.**

On **June 5 at 2 p.m.**, join **Annie Charles from Indigenous Destination Saskatchewan (IDSK)** who will be speaking about Indigenous stories in your community. This event is one in a series of speakers intended to help Saskatchewan communities and organizations access experts and tools to strengthen storytelling skills. The ultimate goal is to **enable community leaders to engage citizens and drive economic growth through storytelling.**

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.

**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

## Thank you for attending

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week in Saskatoon for the **Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators.** It was a day jam packed with learning and problem solving, and we're excited to see participants walk away feeling more confident in municipal procurement.



# Congratulations

## Congratulations MLDP graduates

Congratulations to the 2024 Municipal Leadership Development Program Graduates! Your dedication to completing the program is to be commended! For those that have not yet graduated from the program, please visit the [mldp.ca](http://mldp.ca) website for upcoming module information.

The banner features the SUMA logo on the left, followed by the text 'SUMA CANDIDATE SCHOOL' in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, it says 'Learn about being an elected official in this virtual session for potential municipal election candidates in resort villages.' The central focus is 'Resort Villages' in a large, dark purple font. Below that, the date and time are listed: 'JUNE 12, 2024' and '11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.'. On either side of the text are silhouettes of people at podiums, each with the SUMA logo on the front. At the bottom, a dark purple bar contains the text: 'Check [www.suma.org/events/candidate-school](http://www.suma.org/events/candidate-school) for more information and to register'.

## Candidate School - Resort Villages

Resort village elections are on July 27. Have you thought about running for municipal council?

**SUMA is offering a free virtual session on June 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,** to all resort village residents interested in learning more about being on municipal council.

During the first part of the session, Municipal Governance 101: Resort Villages, learn:

- How democracy works
- The roles and responsibilities of council
- Navigating conflicts of interest
- Challenges unique to resort villages

The session will also include a virtual “Resort Village Hall” where you can ask your municipal governance questions. Register [here](#).

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

When choosing a convention theme, there are many important considerations. 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)

## 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](http://www.suma.org/member-login) and select "Convention Recordings" under Member Resources.

## Government Relations Proposes Opening Municipal Acts

**The Ministry of Government Relations is proposing to open the three municipal Acts** for amendments in the 2025-26 legislative session. The legislation concerning municipal governance — ***The Cities Act, The Municipalities Act, and The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*** — is periodically reviewed and amended to respond to changing policy needs and stakeholder concerns. These three Acts will be reviewed concurrently for the greatest possible alignment and consistency; however, **any suggested amendments are encouraged, whether they are common to all three or specific to one particular Act.**

SUMA will have issues that we've collected and considered through our resolutions which we will bring forth. However, **we encourage our members to take part in the process and respond to the review.** View the consultation timeline graphic [here](#). To take part in the process and **make suggestions for amendments please contact [advocacydir@suma.org](mailto:advocacydir@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](mailto:muninfo@gov.sk.ca).

## 2024 Municipal Election Information from SUMA

SUMA began offering election supplies and ballot printing during the 1997 election year. Members can take advantage of our bulk purchasing savings and friendly customer service when preparing for their municipal elections/byelections.

### Member Advantages

- Substantial cost savings, based on bulk purchasing of supplies and bulk processing of ballots.
- Supplies shipped using the most cost effective method for each individual municipality (usually within 3-5 business days of order receipt).
- When the order is received by the SUMA office within 15 business days prior to the advance poll date, guaranteed processing of ballot orders to meet the limited turn-around time between close of nominations, advance poll, and election dates. Orders received less than 15 business days prior to the advance poll date cannot be guaranteed.
- Members will be invoiced directly from SUMA.

### Election Supplies and Ballot Order Forms

- [Election supplies](#) (PDF document)
- [Ballots](#) \*SUMA MEMBERS ONLY\* (PDF document)
- **SARM Members only:** [Election supplies](#) (PDF document)

### Contact Information

Please scan and email forms to [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org)

### Handy References & Links

- Electoral Forms - Print Your Own: Visit the [Publications Saskatchewan](#) to download and print your own Election Forms.
- Can't find what you're looking for? Forms may also be found at [the King's Printer](#).
- [The Local Government Election Act, 2015](#)
- [The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015](#)
- [Election Procedures for Municipalities](#)

## 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](http://saskatchewan.ca)**.

**TSS Application Deadline on June 7 -- Apply Now!**

The deadline for the latest intake of the Targeted Sector Support Program is fast approaching.

The TSS Initiative is a **cost-shared grant program that supports projects strengthening municipalities' core operational capabilities**. It supports regional cooperation and is funded by using Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million per fiscal year). 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 that consists of SUMA, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), New North and the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Steering Committee is accepting applications until **June 7**.

If you have any questions, please email [info@targetedsector.ca](mailto:info@targetedsector.ca) or call **306-525-3727**.

Learn more about TSS [here](#), or view the [fact sheet here](#).

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For additional information please contact Jason Korinetz, Territory Manager at 306-203-6993 or [jkorinetz@ur.com](mailto:jkorinetz@ur.com).

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS





## Classifieds

### Positions Available:

- City of Lloydminster: *Executive Manager, Corporate Services* (June 6)
- Village of Paddockwood: *Temporary CAO* (June 15)
- Village of Meath Park: *Certified Water Treatment Plant Operator & Public Works Employee* (June 17)
- Town of Tisdale: *Chief Administrative Officer* (June 26)
- Town of Grenfell: *Chief Administrative Officer* (June 28)
- Town of Macklin: *CAO* (July 15)
- 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.

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