

MUNICIPAL Update

May 17, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18

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

May 19

Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

May 25

Webinar - Governance Fundamentals with Malcolm Eaton

June 1

Virtual Member Event - Municipalities of Saskatchewan Rebranding Vote

June 9

MuniCast Release - Episode 2: Recreation Benefits with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

See all [upcoming events](#).



Member Vote on Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Name

In March, the Board of Directors announced that Municipalities of Saskatchewan would be proceeding with an electronic **membership vote on changing our name** from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) to Municipalities of Saskatchewan.

The date for the electronic vote has been set. We will be hosting a virtual AGM style event for all Municipalities of Saskatchewan members from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** on **June 1**. Electronic voting will open immediately following the event.

An **email with the link to register** for the June 1 event will be sent to the main contact for all member municipalities on **May 18**.

Learn
more



MuniCast

A Municipalities of Saskatchewan Podcast

SEASON ONE

Introducing MuniCast, Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Podcast

In the office, at home, or on the go, listen to conversations on important municipal topics with Municipalities of Saskatchewan's new podcast MuniCast.

Season one has started. Find episode one, **Leading by Example with George Cuff**, on Spotify, YouTube, Google, Apple, and other podcasting services. **New episodes** are being released on the **second Wednesday of each month**.

June 9

Episode 2: Recreation Benefits with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

July 14

Episode 3: Governing Your Community with Malcolm Eaton

August 11

Episode 4: Building Smart Communities with SaskTel

September 8

Episode 5: Managing Council-Administration Relationships with Mayor Bryan Matheson and CAO Monica Merkosky

October 13

Episode 6: Toward Parity at the Council Table with Mayor Sandra Masters and Councillor Crystal Froese



Don't Miss Tomorrow's Workshop or the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting Wednesday

It is a busy week as Municipalities of Saskatchewan is hosting the workshop **Harassment and Disputes: How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality** tomorrow and the **2021 Town, Village and Northern Sector Meeting** on Wednesday.

Though these events are fast approaching, there is still a chance for you to attend.



Virtual
Workshop



MUNICIPALITIES OF
SASKATCHEWAN

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



Harassment and Disputes: How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality



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Harassment and Disputes: How to Handle Conflict in Your Municipality

May 18 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Conflict can be healthy if managed well and resolved collaboratively. But if unresolved, it can hurt even the strongest municipalities. And harassment is never welcome. Take part in this three-hour workshop and learn how to resolve disputes and discover steps your municipality can take to ensure a harassment free workplace.

Register for the
workshop



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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2021 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

May 19 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The 2021 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting, designed for mayors, councillors, and administrators from Saskatchewan's towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities is happening Wednesday. [See the agenda](#) for more information about the 2021 meeting.

Register for the sector
meeting



Good Governance Series



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05.25.21
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Governance Fundamentals with Malcolm Eaton



Webinar program sponsored by

Introducing Governance Fundamentals with Malcolm Eaton

On **May 25** from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**, join Municipalities of Saskatchewan for the second webinar in our Good Governance Series: ***Governance Fundamentals with Malcolm Eaton***.

Malcolm was a member of Humboldt city council for 13 years. He was first elected as a councillor in 2003 and then served as mayor from 2006 to 2016. During his time as mayor, Malcolm served as chair of the Saskatchewan City Mayors' Caucus and was our Vice-President of Cities. He was also a committee member and board member for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for three years.

In his presentation *Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way*, Malcolm will share lessons learned and new perspectives on the governance principles that guide the work of every council.

Register for the webinar

Event Insight Results

In the last Municipal Update, we asked what the most valuable part of convention is. These are the poll results:

What is the most valuable part of convention?

Education sessions – **53.7** per cent

Government events (Premier's Address, Dialogue with Ministers, Bear Pit) – **20.4** per cent

Social events that promote networking – **16.7** per cent

Tradeshow - **7.4** per cent

Municipalities of Saskatchewan meetings (resolutions, AGM, sector meetings) **1.9** per cent

New Poll

Which Municipalities of Saskatchewan educational opportunities do you find most valuable?

Webinars

Select

Workshops

Select

Education sessions at convention

Select

Summer school for mayors and councillors

Select

Education sessions at regional and sector meetings

Select



Turn in Polluters

The Ministry of Environment has created a [new poster](#) to help encourage



Cyber Security Best Practices for Municipal Leaders

TECHNATION Canada, along with their Industry Cybersecurity Best Practices Advisory Group, has released the [Municipal Cybersecurity Best Practices](#)

Saskatchewan residents to turn in polluters when they see illegal dumping.

Illegal dumping and burning of plastics, tires, and other waste are environmental violations. Saskatchewan's TIPP service - Turn in Poachers and Polluters - is for wildlife, fisheries, or environmental violations.

Report suspicious activity three ways

All calls and submissions are confidential.

- Toll-free – 1-800-667-7561 (this is not an emergency response number)
- SaskTel cell – #5555
- Complete and submit a form online.

Draft. These guidelines are intended to help municipal leaders understand the actions they should be taking in advance of any cyber incident to prepare for the possibility, as well as the steps they can and should take after an incident occurs.

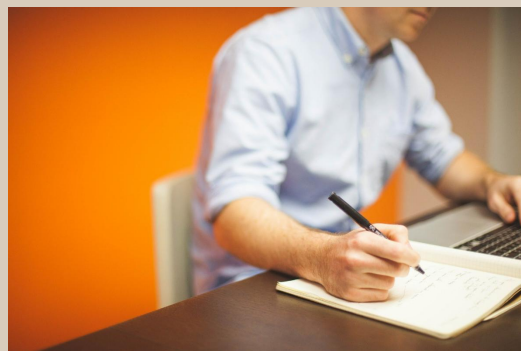
This draft is open for comment and feedback which will be collected through a series of focus groups in June. If you are interested in learning more and getting involved, please reach out to Tenielle Bogdan, program management coordinator at tbogdan@technationcanada.ca.



Amending Your Council Procedures Bylaw

A recent amendment to section 81.1 of *The Municipalities Act* and to section 100.1 of *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* requires that a **council procedures bylaw have provisions for designating a person to call a special meeting if the position of administrator is vacant or the administrator is unable to act.**

It is recommended that a municipality's council procedures bylaw is amended as soon as possible to accommodate this amendment. This could be especially important to have in place during the uncertain times of the pandemic should an administrator fall ill with COVID-19. It is a good idea for council and administration to consider what they will do if the administrator is unable to attend meetings.



Community Planning Education

Land use planning is voluntary in Saskatchewan. Municipalities can choose to regulate development within their boundaries through an official community plan and zoning bylaw, and regionally with neighbouring communities through a district plan. All municipal and district level land use bylaws must be consistent with *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* and *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations*.

To help, Community Planning has released the webinar **Planning 101** which covers a broad cross-section of Saskatchewan land use and community planning fundamentals.

[Learn more about the webinar.](#)



PARCS Lake Water Webinars

The Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan (PARCS) is hosting **five free webinars**.

Their Lake Water Wednesday Webinar series, running from **May 19 to June 16**, will cover everything from the rights of water to the importance of wetlands.

[Find out more.](#)



Who will be Canada's Most Active Municipality?

This June, ParticipACTION is encouraging municipalities to participate in the **ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge**. From **June 1 – 30**, you can actively support your municipality's quest to be Canada's Most Active Community and **win \$100,000** for local physical activity initiatives.

Encourage your residents to **download the (FREE) ParticipACTION app** and track their activity in June. Every step is counted towards your municipality's score.

Click [here](#) for more information.



JSGS Public Lecture - Climate Risk Disclosure: What Does it Mean for Saskatchewan Business?

Saskatchewan businesses are connected to the rest of the world through investors and customers that live beyond Saskatchewan's borders. Tighter rules requiring disclosure of climate-related information are already arriving in Canada and around the world. Canada's Budget 2021 includes requirements for climate disclosures from Crown Corporations and the SEC announced the creation of an Enforcement Task Force focused on climate and ESG issues. What does this mean for Saskatchewan companies? How can businesses remain competitive, build



Cleanfarms Releases 2020 Annual Report

Cleanfarms has released its 2020 Annual Report highlighting the performance of its permanent programs and pilot projects that recover used agricultural products and packaging for recycling or environmentally responsible disposal.

The recovery numbers reflected in the report show Canadian farmers will use environmental programs that help them manage agriculture waste like pesticide and fertilizer containers, grain bags, baler twine, unwanted and old pesticides, livestock and equine medications, seed and pesticide bags, and more when they have access to them.

climate competence, and benefit from these shifting global preferences?

On **May 18**, the Canada Climate Law Initiative, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is hosting a public lecture where you can hear from experts and companies on how they are responding to climate risks and opportunities.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Despite the challenges of a year restrained by the COVID-19 pandemic, farmers/producers returned more than 5.5 million pesticide and fertilizer jugs 23 litres and smaller, on par with 2019 numbers when there was no pandemic to interfere with the open dates of collection locations. The 2020 collection brought the total number of jugs recovered for recycling since the beginning of the program in 1989 to more than 137.4 million.

[Read the report.](#)

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 **June 7**.

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

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

Second Dose Booking Now Available to Priority Populations

As of May 17, anyone who is 85 and older or anyone who received their first dose before February 15 is eligible to book their second dose of COVID-19 vaccination.

The SHA online patient booking system will be able to make booked clinic appointments for second doses starting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Today, second dose vaccinations are available at participating pharmacies across the province, through the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) drive-thru and walk-in clinics, as well as through clinics operated by Indigenous Services Canada and the Northern Inter-tribal Health Authority (NITHA).

[Learn more](#)

Vaccine-Related Thrombosis Confirmed in Saskatchewan

The province of Saskatchewan has confirmed the first case of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT). The patient is a female aged 60-69 who had received the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine on April 11. She has received treatment and is recovering.

At this time, public health is planning to offer the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine to match the brand of the first dose received. However, national reviews of the safety and efficacy of interchanging the second dose brand are ongoing. As more evidence comes forward suggesting mixing brands is safe and based on the brand allocations received in Saskatchewan, public health recommendations on second doses may be updated.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- 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 Kipling: *Facility Operator* (June 16)
- Town of Whitewood: *Facility Operations Manager* (When filled)
- RM of Edenwold: *Planning and Development Manager* (When filled)

For Sale

- Ambulance
- Street Sweeper
- 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.



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

MUNICIPAL UPDATE ADVERTISEMENT

Water and Wastewater Analysis

For over 60 years, SRC Environmental Analytical



Laboratories has provided municipalities and governments with a wide range of water and wastewater analysis:

- Microbiological
- Chemical and physical parameters
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- Herbicides and pesticides
- Radiological parameters
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