

# MUNICIPAL Update

November 3, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 5

MuniCast: S9:E4 SUMA Vice President of Cities, Dawn Kilmer

### November 6

Webinar: Strengthening Communities by Supporting Local News: A Toolkit for Municipal Leaders

### November 12

Northeast Regional Meeting

### November 13

Northwest Regional Meeting

### November 14

Northern Regional Meeting

### November 18

Webinar: Renewing Saskatchewan's Waste Strategy Together

See all [upcoming events](#).

## Bringing Saskatchewan's Priorities to Parliament Hill

Last week SUMA joined the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** in Ottawa for a week of federal advocacy around shared priorities. We value this opportunity to work with our sister organization and add the Saskatchewan perspective to Canada-wide issues.

We held productive conversations with MPs and staff from the Government of Canada and the Official Opposition to advance key priorities around:

- **Municipal infrastructure**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Safer communities**
- **Climate change and extreme weather**

**SUMA President Randy Goulden and City Mayors Caucus Chair and Mayor of Lloydminster Gerald Aalbers both serve on the FCM Board of Directors.**

Pictured is MP Kevin Waugh, SUMA President Randy Goulden, SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau, Saskatoon City Councillor and FCM Board Member Zach Jeffries, SUMA City Mayors Caucus Chair Gerald Aalbers, and MP Fraser Tolmie.



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## Share the News!

Is your entire council receiving *Municipal Update* emails? We encourage mayors, councillors, and administrators to **individually sign up to our newsletter** so our updates make it straight to your inbox. Please share this email with your colleagues and encourage them to sign up today!

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## Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal

The **SUMA Member Portal** hosts valuable resources for members including meeting recordings, webinars, and more.

Each municipality has one shared login for the Member Portal that should be distributed to all staff and members of council. Please contact your Chief Administrative Officer for access. We encourage you to revisit or share previous webinars and other relevant information with other staff or elected officials.

If you are unsure of your login information, please contact [communications2@suma.org](mailto:communications2@suma.org) for assistance.

[Visit the SUMA Member Portal](#)

**ADVOCACY UPDATE**



## 2026 CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

deadline **JANUARY 31, 2026**

REAL District - Regina, Saskatchewan  
APRIL 12- 15

SUMA invites members to **submit resolutions ahead of the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in Regina, Saskatchewan, from April 12 to 15**. Resolutions are an important way to bring forward issues confronting urban councils that require action by the provincial or federal government or another agency. Members are encouraged to submit resolutions on anything throughout the year. However, the **deadline for receipt of council resolutions for Convention 2026 is January 31, 2026**.

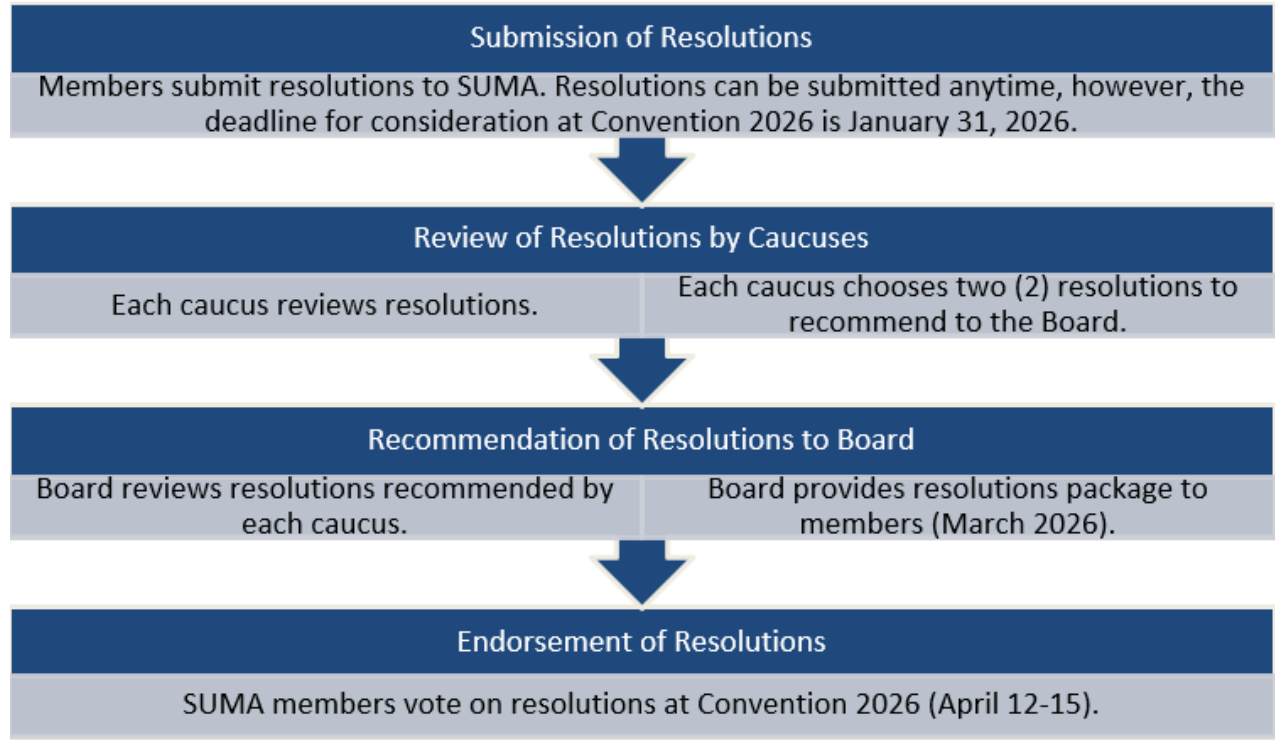
After concerns were raised by members about late resolutions and the inability for councils to discuss these resolutions in advance, only those late resolutions that are absolutely critical and could not possibly have been submitted early enough to be included in the Convention package will be brought forward, and only then with justification for why it is both urgent and emergent. Any other late resolutions will be considered by the SUMA caucuses after Convention.

Members are encouraged to review the [Resolutions Policy](#) before crafting their resolution.

**Read the Full Call For Resolutions and Learn How to Submit**

SUMA's move to a caucus model of governance has resulted in related changes to our resolutions process. While in previous years, we have had a resolutions committee review and recommend resolutions to our Board of Directors, this function will now be taken on by our sectoral caucuses. **Members should still forward their resolutions to the SUMA office in Regina, but it will be our caucuses that review and make recommendations to the Board as to which resolutions should proceed to the Convention floor.**

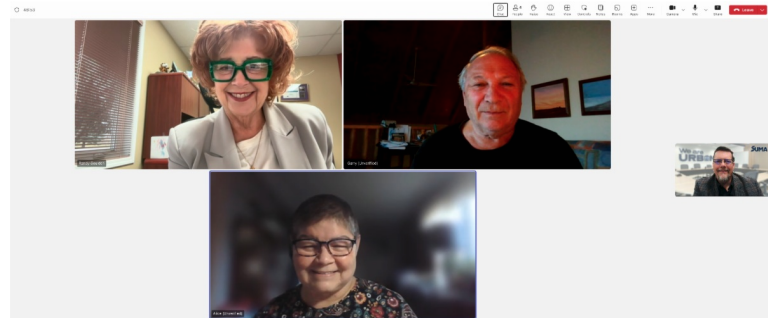
The number of proposed resolutions to be voted upon at Convention from each caucus has been limited to two. The caucuses may still choose to work independently on additional resolutions without full membership endorsement (i.e., resolutions that have not been brought forward and passed at Convention).



While this represents a substantial change for our membership, it is meant to emphasize the intent of our Convention resolutions session: to bring additional media and government attention to those resolutions that will best benefit from that attention. Not every resolution requires this level of attention; many are better dealt with internally in discussions between SUMA elected officials or SUMA staff and their counterparts in the provincial and federal government. Members will still retain the ability to bring their concerns forward through resolutions, in addition to many opportunities provided through engaging with your caucus representatives, contacting SUMA staff, or attending our numerous events, including Convention.

**Once resolutions have been recommended to the Board by each caucus, the Board will review and provide a package to all members in March 2026.**

## Collaboration Between SUMA and the Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan



On October 16, SUMA President Randy Goulden and CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau met with the **Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan (PARCS)**.

Resort villages are urban municipalities, and as such are SUMA members. While PARCS is an independent lobby organization and

continues to represent resort village and organized hamlet issues with all levels of government as well as with SUMA and SARM, our two organizations are closely aligned on meeting the needs of these communities, and we look forward to opportunities for collaboration between PARCS and SUMA to best serve Saskatchewan's resort communities.

Pictured is SUMA President Randy Goulden, PARCS President Gary Dixon, PARCS Executive Director Alice Davis, and SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau.

## Canada Post Services in Saskatchewan Communities



We are concerned with the Government of Canada's recent **announcement** of plans to transform Canada Post services.

In particular, we are opposed to the announced conversion of the door-to-door delivery services to community mailboxes. This will have negative impacts on our vulnerable populations including seniors, people with disabilities, and residents without vehicles. It would also shift new operational burdens to municipalities.



**SUMA is advocating for the continuation of Canada Post as a public service, improved—rather than reduced—home and parcel delivery, the addition of postal banking, expanded electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, and enhanced delivery to smaller communities and Indigenous communities.**

Additionally, we urge the federal government to ensure a transparent public review and meaningful stakeholder engagement, including municipalities, before making any changes to the *Canada Post Corporation Act* or *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

President and CEO of Canada Post Doug Ettinger has responded to the Government of Canada's in a letter to all Canadians. Read the letter in [English](#) or in [French](#).

## CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

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2026 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

deadline **December 2, 2025**

REAL District - Regina, Saskatchewan  
APRIL 12- 15

SUMA is inviting proposals for the **SUMA Impact Initiative** during the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in Regina.

The SUMA Impact Initiative is a **new program designed to foster lasting impact through mutual support, community connection, and educational outreach**. This funding and outreach opportunity is exclusively available to registered non-profit and community-based organizations operating within Saskatchewan. Priority will be given to organizations with a province-wide mandate.

The call will be open from **Tuesday, November 4 to December 2, 2025**.

[Learn More Here](#)

**Strengthening Communities  
by Supporting Local News:  
A Toolkit for Municipal Leaders**

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## Webinar: Strengthening Communities by Supporting Local News: A Toolkit for Municipal Leaders

Join us on **Thursday, November 6** at **10:00 a.m.** for an insightful webinar ***Strengthening Communities by Supporting Local News: A Toolkit for Municipal Leaders***, which outlines practical and cost-sensitive actions local officials can take to support local journalism.

This session will highlight how the toolkit encourages municipal leaders to become informed about the increasingly fragile state of local news in communities across Canada, learn to champion transparency and access to information, help create media-supportive environments, and more.

Whether you're a mayor, council member, or city manager, this webinar offers practical guidance to help you become a proactive ally of local journalism, an essential pillar of democratic governance and informed communities.

[Register Here](#)

*SUMA's webinar program is sponsored by SUMAssure. Webinars are free to all SUMA members. There is a fee of \$45 + GST and PST for non-members to attend.*

**SUMA's webinar program is sponsored by**

**Renewing Saskatchewan's  
Waste Strategy Together**

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## Webinar: Renewing Saskatchewan's Waste Strategy Together

The Ministry of Environment has launched engagement on the renewal of Saskatchewan's Solid Waste Management Strategy. Originally introduced in January 2020, the Strategy outlines the Government's commitments for achieving effective waste management in Saskatchewan and is reviewed every five years to ensure it remains relevant and impactful.

On **Tuesday, November 18** at **10:00 a.m.**, join us for the webinar ***Renewing Saskatchewan's Waste Strategy Together***, for an overview of the Strategy's goals and achievements so far and seek input on the future of waste management in Saskatchewan. Members will have the opportunity to participate and contribute your perspectives on improving waste management practices across the province.

Don't miss this chance to engage with the Ministry and other municipal stakeholders to ensure your voice is heard in shaping Saskatchewan's waste management future.

[Register Here](#)





# REGIONAL ROADSHOW

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## Register Soon! Registration Closes on November 4 at 6:00 p.m.

SUMA is pleased to announce that we have **rescheduled the SUMA Regional Roadshow for the Northeast, Northwest, and Northern regional meetings.**

Join us for an exciting day of learning, engagement, and networking! Regional meetings are your chance to connect with other municipal leaders, gain valuable insights, and discuss both successes and challenges in your region.

*Northeast Regional Meeting*

**November 12**

Town of Wakaw

[Agenda](#)

*Northwest Regional Meeting*

**November 13**

Town of Shellbrook

[Agenda](#)

*Northern Regional Meeting*

**November 14**

City of Prince Albert

[Agenda](#)

Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with your peers and participate in a day of valuable conversations. **Registration closes on November 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

***Not able to attend in person?*** Select "Virtually" during registration to receive a link to join the meeting online.

**Cost to attend:** \$50 + GST and PST. Lunch will be provided to in-person attendees.

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

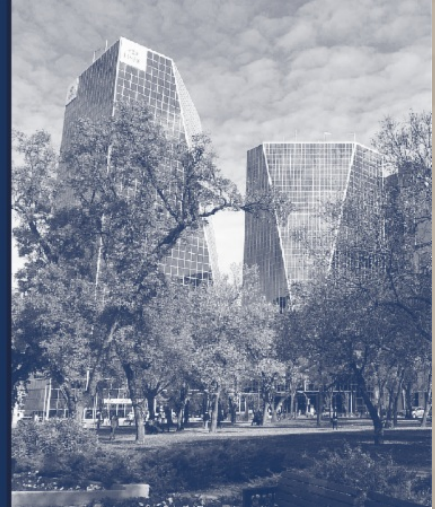
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## MuniCast Season 9

Season 9 of MuniCast is in full swing, with the first three episodes now available across all major podcast platforms!

This season introduces listeners to the current SUMA board of directors as they explore their roles, the shift to the caucus model, and the priorities shaping SUMA's direction. **Episode 1** features SUMA President Randy Goulden, **Episode 2** highlights a conversation with SUMA Vice President for the City of Regina, Shanon Zachidniak, and **Episode 3** brings insights from SUMA Vice President of Towns, Michelle McKenzie. Stay tuned for **Episode 4** with Dawn Kilmer, Vice President of Cities, on November 5!

MuniCast is available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [YouTube](#), and other major podcast platforms! Keep an eye on member emails or subscribe to MuniCast on your platform of choice to be notified when the latest episodes are released.

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## SUMA Service Awards: Nominations Now Open!

Annually, the Board of Directors recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding service in the municipal field. SUMA is proud to honour individuals for their outstanding contributions to the development and prosperity of our communities and urban governments in Saskatchewan.

The **Meritorious Service Award** is granted to municipal employees in Saskatchewan urban municipalities who have served 20 years or more of employment. It recognizes their career success, dedication, and involvement in their local community.



The **Honorary Service Award** recognizes elected officials in Saskatchewan urban municipalities who have served 20 or more years on municipal council. It recognizes their long-term dedication to, and involvement in, their local communities.

Nominations will remain open until midnight on **January 4, 2026**.

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# SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Nominations open September 9 to November 18

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards  
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## Nominations Closing Soon

**Nominations for the 2025 Saskatchewan Municipal Awards will be closing on November 18 at 4:00 p.m.!** Have you submitted your nomination yet? Projects that promote cooperation and synergies between urban and rural municipalities, and that share knowledge amongst municipalities are examples of excellence and innovation in Saskatchewan municipalities.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are awarded for:

- Top municipal led initiative (rural, urban, or cooperative)
- Top rural municipal led initiative
- Top urban municipal led initiative
- Regional cooperation (a joint initiative with at least one rural and one urban municipality working collaboratively to lead the project)

SUMA is a proud partner of the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards, recognizing the innovation and leadership that shape Saskatchewan's future. Whether it's an urban innovation, a rural breakthrough, or a powerful partnership between municipalities, the SMAs honour the very best in municipal-led initiatives.



[Nominate a Municipality](#)

## OTHER UPDATES

### Apply Now for Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Funding

**Targeted Sector Support (TSS)** is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million per fiscal year) used to encourage inter-community collaboration, help build capacity and promote good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The funds are used to support projects that help municipalities strengthen their core governance and administration responsibilities

The TSS Steering Committee is now accepting applications for funding under this program. **Applications are accepted at any time of the year and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.**

Please view the [intake guide](#) for details on the TSS initiative, project eligibility, and the application process. The online application portal can be accessed [here](#).

[Learn About How TSS Can Support Your Community](#)

## SUMA Signs Partnership Agreement with the Canadian Western Agribition



SUMA is a proud sponsor of the 2025 Canadian Western Agribition (CWA). Saskatchewan's urban communities provide agriculture-related merchants, health, education, and recreational services to producers, critical to the economic success of our province and the agricultural industry in general.

CWA, the largest livestock show in Canada and one of Saskatchewan's most celebrated annual events, returns to Regina from **November 24–29, 2025**. Each year, CWA brings together producers, industry leaders, and visitors from across the province and around the world to celebrate agriculture, innovation, and western culture.

CWA25 will feature world-class livestock shows and sales, agri-business exhibits, Indigenous agriculture programming, educational opportunities for youth, and exciting entertainment, including The Maple Leaf Circuit Finals Rodeo, presented by BHP, and family-friendly attractions.

CWA is proud to highlight the people, products, and communities that make Saskatchewan's agricultural industry thrive and to create connections that strengthen our province's rural and urban economies.

Learn more and plan your visit at [www.agribition.com](http://www.agribition.com).

## Opioid-Related Class Action Settlement Affecting Municipalities

Napoli Shkolnik Canada wishes to notify SUMA's members of a recent **class action settlement in the Court of King's Bench of Alberta affecting the rights of Canadian municipalities in relation to opioids**.

Napoli Shkolnik Canada and Freeman Litigation are legal counsel to the City of Grand Prairie and the Corporation of the City of Brantford ("Representative Plaintiffs"). The Representative Plaintiffs have commenced a proposed class action proceeding on behalf of Canadian municipalities and local governments ("Class Members") that allege to have incurred abatement costs or other damages relating to opioid dependency and addiction in Canada. This proceeding has commenced against several pharmaceutical companies. The Representative Plaintiffs have reached a settlement agreement with one of the defendants, Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC ("Mylan"). The Settlement Agreement was reached after considering several relevant factors, including Mylan's minimal sales of opioid products.

**On October 14, 2025, the Court of King's Bench of Alberta issued an Order that requires notice of the settlement to be provided to potential Class Members.**

SUMA is delivering the attached **Short Form Notice** on behalf of Napoli Shkolnik Canada to ensure any affected municipalities in Saskatchewan receive notice of the settlement.

The **Short Form Notice** is also available on SUMA's website [here](#).

[Access the Short Form Notice Here](#)

## Expression of Interest for 2026 Community Builders Workshops

The **Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA)** is seeking five to seven **Community Partners** to host a one-day workshop featuring facilitator Peter Kenyon, Director of the Australian based Bank of I.D.E.A.S. The workshops will be held from April 27 to May 8, 2026 in various locations of the province.

The theme and focus of the 2026 series is: **“Harnessing the Experience Economy to Enhance Community and Business Prosperity.”**

A minimum sponsorship requirement is required from each community host, with the opportunity for the host to secure additional local and/or regional partners as desired. More details on Partner Expectations within the EOI.

[Download the Expression of Interest here](#). Deadline to submit is November 15, 2025.

SUMA is a proud sponsor of SEDA's Inspiration File.

## Contests to Celebrate Small Business Week and Co-op Week

Co-operatives First is hosting exciting contests to celebrate Small Business Week and Co-op Week from October 14 to November 14.

Teaming up on a start-up? Try collaborating as a co-operative! Co-operatives First's online course will give you the tools you need to take your co-op from an idea to an investment-ready business. Plus, pitch your idea for a chance to win \$15,000 in business support for your co-op.

Learn more [here!](#)

## Call for Proposals: Co-operators Resilience Acceleration Lab

Co-operators Resilience Acceleration Lab is inviting municipalities to apply for **funding to develop infrastructure projects that reduce physical climate risks, including flooding, wildfires, storms, and heat.**

Selected proposals may receive up to \$250,000 and expert guidance to prepare for private capital financing. Projects will be reviewed on a rolling basis until **January 30, 2026**. Together, we can build community resilience, protect affordability, and stimulate growth!

Comprehensive program details, eligibility criteria, assessment metrics and submission instructions can be accessed [here](#). Questions can be directed to [resilience@cooperators.ca](mailto:resilience@cooperators.ca).

## Consultation Opportunity: Occupational Health and Safety Review

The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is seeking feedback on **The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020**.

The regulations will be reviewed using a three-phase approach.

The goal of the review is to ensure the regulations remain relevant, continue to meet the needs of employers and employees, and reduce injuries and fatalities.

To learn more and participate in the review, [click here](#).

For **municipalities that would like to discuss their own or SUMA's planned submission**, please contact SUMA Advocacy Advisor Dustin Austman at [advocacy3@suma.org](mailto:advocacy3@suma.org).

## Consultation Opportunity: Review of *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension*

## Regulations, 2010

The Ministry of Highways is conducting a review of [The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010](#) to ensure the regulations remain relevant. The review and the resulting changes are intended to:

- Explore the criteria used to update the list of highways that require route approval for oversized agricultural equipment;
- Assess the potential expansion of High Clearance Corridor routes;
- Explore the use of project permits;
- Update the list of primary weight highways; and
- Make housekeeping updates to ensure the regulations remain current and effective with industry standards.

As part of the review, the Ministry is seeking **stakeholder input on the regulations, proposed amendments, and any suggested changes.**

To learn more and participate in the review, [click here](#). Please submit feedback by **November 30.**

## Regional Tariff Response Initiative for Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba

The Government of Canada will provide up to **\$5 million in repayable funds or up to \$1 million in non-repayable funds to support businesses and sectors negatively impacted by tariffs from the U.S., China, and/or Canadian counter-tariffs.**

The RTRI supports investments in growth and resiliency that will help businesses succeed and strengthen our economy and will prioritize project activities that:

- Have higher proportions of Canadian inputs
- Demonstrate greater economic benefits for the Prairies
- Support local, regional, or national supply chains

Eligible applicants include:

- Incorporated companies, corporations, and co-operatives
- Indigenous-owned businesses and organizations
- Non-profit organizations that support businesses

Applicants must show that at least 25% of their sales are in impacted markets or demonstrate they (or the businesses they support) have been directly affected by ongoing trade disruptions, including new U.S. and China tariffs or Canadian countermeasures. Additional eligibility information is available on the portal website or from the Prairies Economic Development Canada office.

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

## SUMA's Pet Tag and Animal Control Products Program is Ending

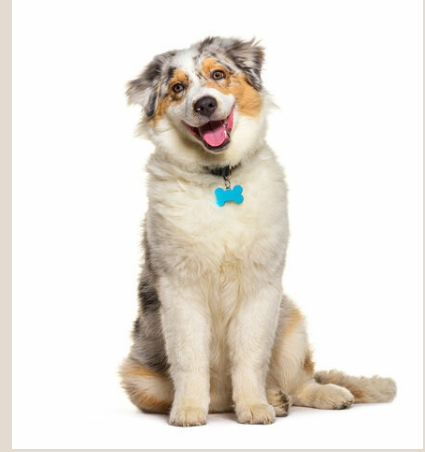
Since 2008, SUMA has provided members with **pet tag and animal control products** from Ketchum Manufacturing Inc. When this program was established, there were limited options for our members to find these types of supplies. SUMA stepped in to provide this program, offering a much-needed service to ensure pets are safely managed in your communities.

In today's online world, there are now many options to order pet tag and animal control products at competitive prices, so SUMA's role in managing this program is no longer needed moving forward.



**We will be discontinuing the Ketchum pet tag and animal control products program as of December 31, 2025.**

To place an order for products before the program ends, please visit our website.



**Place Final Orders**

## **Partnership with People First HR Provides Assistance to SUMA Members**

Does the thought of HR make your head hurt? We get it.

HR issues can be complex and difficult to navigate. That's why SUMA has partnered with **People First HR** to provide group benefit members with HR On Call support and access to 100s of HR templates.

**Approved callers can get HR On Call support for topics such as:**

- Creating a respectful workplace
- Employee relations
- Managing leaves
- Performance management guidance including employee discipline
- Termination
- Disability management consultation (accommodations, return to work, doctor notes)
- Legislation and best practice
- Requirements for policy development and workplace procedures



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**Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded**

contract RFSO #25-05 for traffic control products and services awarded to **ATS Traffic** and **Universal Group**.

A new competitively solicited and awarded contract for water treatment chemicals, supplies and services, RFSO #25-06, has been awarded to **Chem International**.

Utilizing cooperative contracts simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance and makes purchasing seamless.

Kinetic GPO is also excited to announce a special offer to boost your municipal savings! **Enjoy a complimentary coffee and donut breakfast OR pizza party when you purchase from 5+ (breakfast) or 10+ (pizza party) Kinetic GPO contracts.** This promo runs now through December 31st. For additional information on this special offer, contact Nicole Wieser at [nicole@kineticgpo.ca](mailto:nicole@kineticgpo.ca).

**All of the contracts available through Kinetic GPO offer a variety of innovative, sustainable, and quality solutions for Canadian educators and public sector organizations.**

For additional information please contact your Kinetic GPO Vice President of Member Experience and Business Development, **Dana MacDonald** at [dana@kineticgpo.ca](mailto:dana@kineticgpo.ca).

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- [Town of Rosthern](#): *Utility/Public Works Operator* (November 25)
- [Town of Colonsay](#): *Administrator* (November 29)
- [Town of Bengough](#): *Chief Administrative Officer* (November 30)
- [Town of Rockglen](#): *Public Works and Utility Foreman* (December 1)
- [Town of Rockglen](#): *Office Administrator* (December 1)
- [Town of White City](#): *Manager of Finance* (December 31 or until filled)
- [Town of Battleford](#): *Manager of Public Works* (January 2, 2026)

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:

- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor: *First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Seed Funding* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Affordable Rental Innovation Fund* (Year-round)

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

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