

MUNICIPAL Update

November 17, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18

Webinar: Renewing
Saskatchewan's Waste Strategy
Together

November 19

MuniCast: S9:E5 SUMA Vice
President City of Saskatoon
Randy Donauer

November 20

Webinar: Protecting Our
Neighbourhoods, One Tip at a
Time

December 11

Save the Date: SUMA Virtual
Advocacy Forum

See all [upcoming events](#).

Federal Budget 2025 Recognizes Importance of Strengthening Communities, Further Plans for Local Infrastructure Still Needed

With the release of the 2025 Budget, **SUMA supports the Government of Canada's commitment to building stronger communities, affirming the critical role of local infrastructure in driving Canada's economic development, trade, and housing.** This recognition is a welcome step forward. **The federal government now needs a robust and long-term investment strategy that meets the complex and urgent infrastructure needs facing municipalities.**

Budget 2025 includes \$51 billion over the next ten years for the Build Communities Strong Fund. We are pleased to see commitments upheld through existing funding streams, including the Canada Community Building Fund and Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), continued through this infrastructure program. However, urban municipalities in Saskatchewan and across the country still face significant need. We need **a plan and further dedicated investments to update and maintain local infrastructure** so we can achieve the Government's 'big, bold' vision for our country's growth.

In building stronger communities, it is also critical that we ensure support for all residents, including the most vulnerable. We will look for **continued funding streams to meet needs related to healthcare, mental health, addictions, and public safety.**

We look forward to working alongside the federal government, provincial government, and other partners to determine what the next infrastructure program should look like, which we would like to see

implemented in Budget 2026.

Read our full media release [here](#).

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!

Sign Up for Email Updates from SUMA

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 for assistance.

Visit the SUMA Member Portal

ADVOCACY UPDATE

SUMA Joins SEDA Paths to Prosperity Provincial Summit

Last week SUMA joined the **Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA)** for the **Paths to Prosperity Provincial Summit**, focused on strengthening local and regional economies.

SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau moderated the plenary session *The Role of Leadership in Economic Development* with Mayor Murray Gray (Town of Moosomin), Councillor Brendan Samida (Town of Tisdale), and National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association Executive Director and Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Board Member Chris Sicotte. President Randy Goulden moderated the panel *Lights Camera Saskatchewan* with Erin Dean and Remi Dufour of Creative Saskatchewan and Robert Hardy of ScreenSask.



We were also proud to award **Rosthern Mayor Dennis Helmuth** with the **2025 Community Influencer Award**. Congratulations to Mayor Helmuth on this well-deserved honour!

SUMA has additional exciting news to announce with SEDA -- read on to "Other Updates" to learn more.



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**.

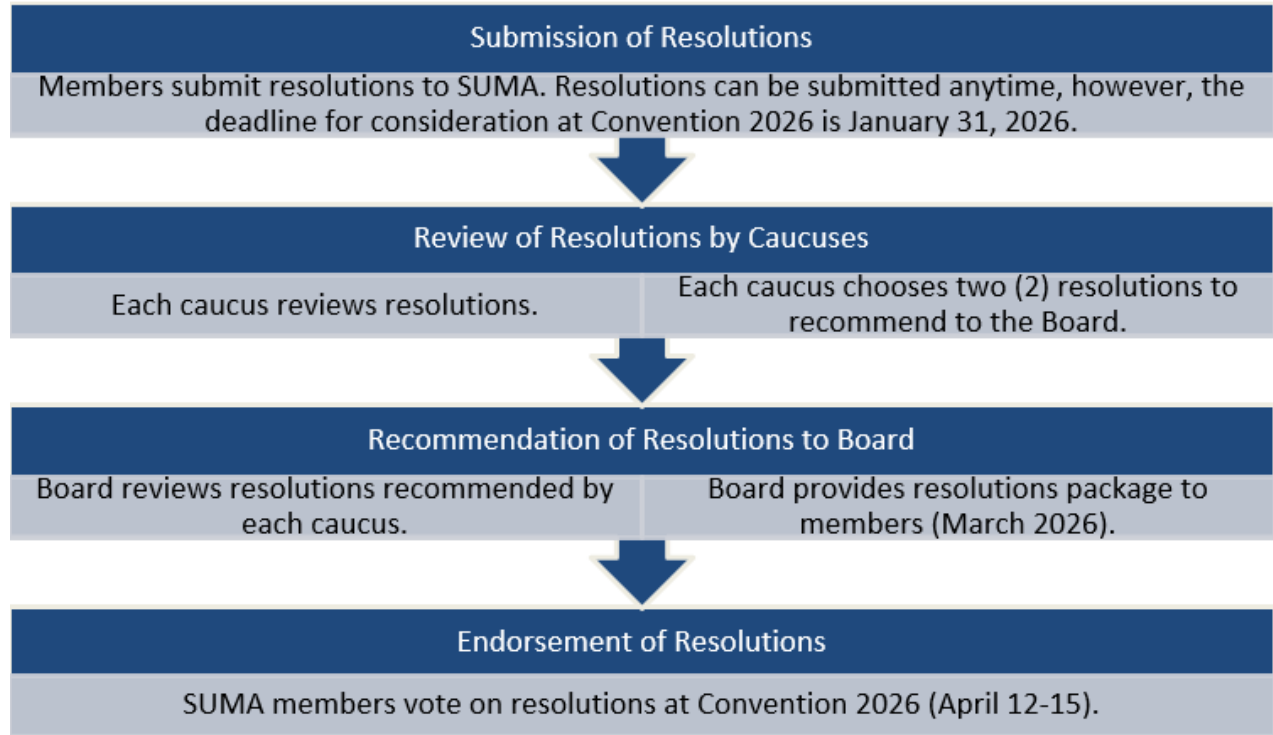
After concerns were raised by members about late resolutions and the inability for councils to discuss these resolutions in advance, only those late resolutions that are absolutely critical and could not possibly have been submitted early enough to be included in the Convention package will be brought 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.

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



2026 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

deadline **December 2, 2025**

REAL District - Regina, Saskatchewan
APRIL 12- 15



SUMA is inviting proposals for the **SUMA Impact Initiative**. The selected organization will receive a \$1,500 donation and be promoted throughout the 2026 SUMA Convention in Regina. In addition, SUMA will provide table space in the Convention lobby for sharing information and delivering hands-on training.

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 until **December 2, 2025**.

[Learn More Here](#)



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](#)



Webinar: Protecting Our Neighbourhoods, One Tip at a Time

On **Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.** join us for the webinar ***Protecting Our Neighbourhoods, One Tip at a Time*** as we explore the origins, mission, and impact of Crime Stoppers in Saskatchewan. Participants will learn how the program was born, how anonymity and community involvement became its cornerstone, and how the concept spread across Canada. The session highlights the unique partnership between the public, police, and media, showing how re-enactments, anonymous tips, and rewards have helped solve crimes and build safer communities.

The presentation highlights the current operations of Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, emphasizing the vital role municipalities play in sustaining the program. As a non-profit, Crime Stoppers relies heavily on contributions from municipalities, individuals, businesses, and community groups, to fund promotions and pay rewards to tipsters. This municipal backing ensures the program can maintain its promise of anonymity, encourage citizens to come forward, and deliver measurable results.

[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 REGIONAL ROADSHOW

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Regional Roadshow Recap: Northeast, Northwest, and Northern Regional Meetings

Thank you to those who joined us for an exciting day of learning, engagement, and networking in **Wakaw**, **Shellbrook**, or **Prince Albert**!

Regional meetings are a great opportunity to connect with other municipal leaders, gain valuable insights, and discuss both successes and challenges in your region. We appreciate you joining us and participating in these valuable conversations.

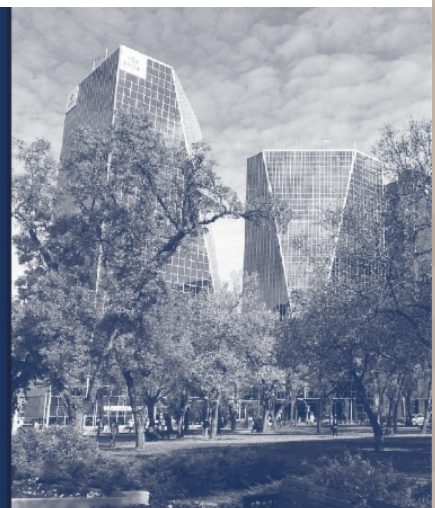
We look forward to seeing you for the next set of Regional Meetings taking place in June 2026!



The SUMA Regional Roadshow
is sponsored by



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Have you tuned in to season 9 of MuniCast yet? 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. The first four episodes of this season are now available on all major podcast platforms:

- **Episode 1** SUMA President Randy Goulden
- **Episode 2** SUMA Vice President for the City of Regina Shanon Zachidniak
- **Episode 3** SUMA Vice President of Towns Michelle McKenzie
- **Episode 4** with SUMA Vice President of Cities Dawn Kilmer
- **COMING SOON Episode 5** SUMA Vice President for the City of Saskatoon Randy Donauer - *Airing on November 19*

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.

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**.



Nominations open September 9 to November 18

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards
are sponsored by **Affinity**
Credit Union



Nominations Closing Tomorrow!

Established in 2006, the **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs)** recognize the innovation and excellence of Saskatchewan's municipal governments. The SMAs shine a spotlight on the bold ideas and outstanding leadership driving our communities forward. Whether it's a rural breakthrough, an urban innovation, or a powerful partnership between municipalities, the SMAs honour the very best in municipal-led initiatives. Don't hesitate! **Nominations close on Tuesday November 18 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

SUMA Partners with SEDA to Advance Economic Development in Urban Municipalities



We are pleased to announce our partnership with the **Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA)**.

SEDA is an agency that focuses on economic development in regions and municipalities. They educate and bring people together to form agreements focused on initiatives such as attracting industry.

This partnership will provide SEDA funding to increase their **education and programming for urban municipalities**, and make it more easily available for these communities to access those offerings. SEDA and SUMA recognize the importance of economic development in making and keeping Saskatchewan's communities viable in the long run, and this partnership is a valuable step in supporting that priority.

SUMA and the Office of the Treaty Commissioner Aim to Strengthen Treaty Relations Among Urban Municipalities in Saskatchewan

SUMA and the **Office of the Treaty Commissioner** are proud to announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Following a Pipe Ceremony, the signing took place on Nov. 3 between Treaty Commissioner Dr. Kathy Walker and SUMA President

Randy Goulden at the Office of the Treaty Commissioner in Saskatoon.

The Office of the Treaty Commissioner and SUMA aim to work together to **promote understanding of Treaty rights and Truth and Reconciliation** among Saskatchewan's urban municipalities and to **facilitate relationship-building between First Nations and municipalities**.

"Municipalities and First Nations have been each other's neighbours since before Saskatchewan even became a province," said SUMA President Randy Goulden, "We're grateful to work with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner to make sure urban municipalities have the knowledge and tools they need to collaborate with First Nations partners and advance shared priorities."



Thank you to the OTC for hosting SUMA in Treaty 6 earlier this month. We look forward to our work together.

Read our full press release [here](#).

Important Changes Coming to SUMA Payments

As of December 31, 2025, SUMA will no longer issue cheque payments. All payments will be made via EFT, including refunds (including during Convention).

Banking information will be requested from our members if payments or refunds are needed.

Upcoming SUMA Membership Fee Invoices

SUMA will be sending out Membership Fee invoices near the end of November. Members should watch their email inboxes for the renewal invoice. Please contact us with any questions.

2025 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Provincial Results Announced

The **Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA)** is pleased to announce the winners of **Saskatchewan's Communities in Bloom** program in 2025 and recognize all 46 provincial participants.

Participants enhanced their communities and were evaluated in the following criteria: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape, and Plant and Floral Displays. Participants are recognized with a Bloom Rating, and through the program's Evaluation, Special Recognition Awards, and a Photo Contest.

Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition Winners:

- Town of Eastend
- Town of Langham
- Town of Maple Creek
- Town of Outlook
- Town of Nipawin
- City of Swift Current

Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Winners:

- Community Appearance - The Redvers Hometown History Project
- Heritage Recognition - Watson & District Heritage Museum
- Floral Displays - Ituna Communities in Bloom
- Volunteer Recognition - Leanne Kozun with Ituna Communities in Bloom
- Community Spirit - Bee Hive Garden Keepers in the Town of Shaunavon

Congratulations to the 2025 award winners for your community efforts!

Click [here](#) for more information and a full list of recognitions.

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.

Solid Waste Management Strategy: Invitation to Provide Feedback

In 2020, the **Ministry of Environment** released the **Solid Waste Management Strategy** to address the ongoing challenges in waste management, identify potential new economic

opportunities for industry, and outline the government's commitments for action. The strategy sets goals and priorities, establishing the government's direction and commitment to solid waste management.

The strategy is now up for its five-year renewal. A renewed strategy will build on our achievements and identify new opportunities to enhance waste management in Saskatchewan.

The ministry invites you to review the discussion paper and provide your valuable feedback by January 15, 2026. The discussion paper, a survey, and contact information can be found [here](#).

The ministry will also be hosting an online engagement session on December 2, 2025. You can register [here](#).

The ministry will review the responses and report back on what we heard. This report will be emailed to stakeholders and posted on the Government of Saskatchewan website once completed.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to enhance the Saskatchewan Waste Management Strategy.

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.

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.

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**.

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

Free up time with access to hundreds of HR templates

From recruitment to performance management, policies to respectful workplace (and so much more), with HR On Call you have access to hundreds of FREE HR templates to make supporting your team easier.

To learn more and access templates you need, email People First at hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com





Kinetic GPO

Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract **RFSO #25-04** for armoured car services awarded to Brink's. Let Brink's be your sole provider of secure logistics, managing the pickup, transit and delivery of your valuables.

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.

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.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- [Village of Earl Grey and RM of Longlaketon No. 219: Administrator](#) (November 17)
- [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)



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.

- [Town of Nipawin](#): *Chief Administrative Officer* (December 15)
- [Town of Grand Coulee](#): *Chief Administrative Officer* (December 15)
- [Town of Battleford](#): *Manager of Public Works* (January 2, 2026)
- [Town of Battleford](#): *Town Hall Administration Executive Assistant* (March 14, 2026)

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Find the latest listings by visiting the [classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

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