

# MUNICIPAL Update

June 6, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 7, 2022**

Webinar - Roads to Reconciliation: Treaties in Saskatchewan

**June 8, 2022**

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

**June 21, 2022**

Webinar - Enhancing Community Fire Safety: What to Expect from the Fire Services Minimum Standard Guideline

**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](#).

## DID YOU KNOW: YOU CAN TRACK THE PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS ON SUMA.ORG

Each year following Convention, we post the resolutions in the [resolutions database](#) on the SUMA website.

The database shows the progress of all resolutions, whether they are inactive, were defeated, advocacy is pending, or advocacy



## Join SUMA's Municipal Immigration Network

Immigration helps strengthen communities, addressing labour shortages, improving economic sustainability, and supporting local recovery from the pandemic. Municipal governments have a significant role to play in attracting and welcoming immigrants. To assist Saskatchewan hometowns interested in fostering immigration in their community, SUMA is establishing the Municipal Immigration Network. Through this network, hometowns will have the opportunity to: work closely with organizations that support immigrants; share information; learn best practices of how to attract, welcome, retain, and integrate immigrants; and promote regional collaboration.

This network is open to municipal leaders – both elected officials and administration – from SUMA member municipalities. Space in the network is limited. Members will be selected randomly, with consideration given to ensure that different sectors and regions are represented.

is underway. We also update each active resolution with the responses we receive from the provincial or federal governments and the work we are doing on that resolution. Track a resolution's progress using the resolutions database.

Join the network

## Two Webinars this June

Join us for two SUMA webinars this month, one on reconciliation and the other on the fire service minimum standard guideline.



**Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.**, join us for the webinar **Roads to Reconciliation: Treaties in Saskatchewan** to learn about the values and limitations of Treaties, and how they can support reconciliation efforts. In this webinar, Gary LaPlante, a Plains Cree-speaking member of Moosomin First Nation of Treaty 6 and advocate for reconciliation and restorative justice, will discuss the link between the Treaties and reconciliation, as well as the value of working together to address issues faced by communities across Saskatchewan.

Register for Roads to Reconciliation



On **Tuesday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m.**, join us for the webinar **Enhancing Community Fire Safety: What to Expect from the Fire Service Minimum Standard Guideline**. In this webinar, Ray Unrau and Amanda Dauk from the SPSA will talk about the voluntary Fire Service Minimum Standard Guide, including how the guide was developed, each of the service levels, as well as the implementation phases and what to expect.

Register for Enhancing Community Fire Safety



## Help Reduce Waste in Saskatchewan - Partner with the Ministry of Environment

The Ministry of Environment is seeking opportunities to partner with municipalities on digital communications to share important messages about the province's Solid Waste Management Strategy.

Saskatchewan produces the second highest amount of solid waste per capita in Canada. One of the goals of the strategy is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by enhancing education, awareness, and technical understanding of waste management best practices and the risks of improper practices across Saskatchewan.

If your municipality has digital signage or other opportunities available to support the province's waste reduction goals, please contact Karen Webb at [karen.webb3@gov.sk.ca](mailto:karen.webb3@gov.sk.ca) by **June 30**.

More details on the Solid Waste Management Strategy are available on [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca).

## Recognize Members of Your Community with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal

Has someone you know made contributions to Canada, Saskatchewan, or your community? Recognize these contributions

with the **Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal**.



The commemorative medal celebrates the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's II's accession to the Throne. A total of **7,000 medals will be presented** through the Platinum Jubilee year, which ends on February 5, 2023.

To be eligible for a medal, the recipient must:

- be a **resident of Saskatchewan** or have a link to Saskatchewan (at the time of the grant of the medal);
- have **made a contribution** to Canada, Saskatchewan, or a particular region or community; and
- be **alive on February 6, 2022**, the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne.

To distribute the medals, the Government of Saskatchewan has partnered with several organizations. SUMA, along with SARM and New North, are administering nominations for smaller municipalities. Cities received their medal allocations directly.

Completed nomination forms can be sent to SUMA's Heather Vanderaa at [execassistant@suma.org](mailto:execassistant@suma.org).

### Step 1:

Learn more about the nomination process

### Step 2:

Fill out the nomination form

### Step 3:

Submit your nomination form



## New Provincial Cabinet Announced

Premier Scott Moe announced changes to the provincial cabinet that saw **five MLAs in cabinet given new portfolios** and **two MLAs entering cabinet**.

The five MLAs who remain in cabinet with new cabinet portfolios:

- **Jim Reiter** becomes Minister of Energy and Resources.
- **Bronwyn Eyre** becomes Saskatchewan's first-ever female Minister of Justice and Attorney General.
- **Gordon Wyant** becomes Minister of Advanced Education.
- **Gene Makowsky** becomes Minister of Social Services.



## Take in Fall Policy Workshops with JSGS

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) has released their fall policy workshop series designed for public sector employees who are involved in the development and implementation of programs and policies.

Public sector organizations include provincial, federal, and municipal governments, Crown organizations, Indigenous organizations and governments, universities and other educational institutions, and non-profits.

Registration opens on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. for employees of:

- select treasury board crowns,

- **Lori Carr** becomes Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.

The two MLAs who entered cabinet:

- **Jeremy Cockrill** becomes Minister of Highways, with responsibility for the Water Security Agency.
- **Dana Skoropad** becomes Minister of Environment.

The size of cabinet remains unchanged at 18, including the Premier. [See the full announcement.](#)

including Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA), Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC), Tourism Saskatchewan, and Water Security Agency (WSA)

- boards, crowns, and agencies within the Government of Saskatchewan who do not have access to the PSC Client system
- public servants in federal or municipal government
- Indigenous organizations and governments
- universities and other education institutions
- non-profit organizations

See the [brochure](#) and review the [registration information](#) to learn more.



## PEBA Transitioning to Non-Profit Corporation

The **Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA)** is pursuing a **new operating structure as a non-profit corporation**, separate from the Government of Saskatchewan.

The new non-profit corporation will be jointly owned by the Public Employees Pension Board (67,000 members and \$12 billion in assets) and the Municipal Employees' Pension Commission (26,000 members and \$3 billion in assets) who spearheaded the change.

PEBA says there will be **no changes to the pension and benefits plans that they manage**, and **members and participating employers will not be impacted** in any way.

In 2022, a legislative process will begin to allow PEBA to operate as a non-profit corporation, separate from the Government of Saskatchewan. It is anticipated this transition will be complete by 2024.

[Learn more.](#)



## Nominations Open for Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award. The awards recognize an individual or small group in one of the following categories:

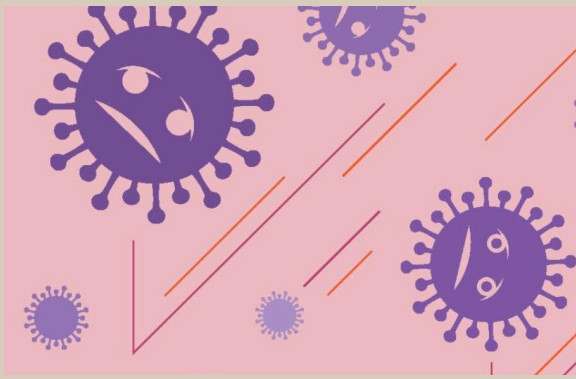
- Resilient Communities
- Search and Rescue Volunteers
- Search and Rescue Employees
- Youth (under 30)
- Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Management

Nominations can be submitted both federally and provincially, depending on the award category. More information is available at

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgn-c-mngmnt/xmplry-wrds/index-en.aspx>.

The deadline to submit nominations is **July 1**.

Completed forms for provincial nominations can be sent to [spsa@gov.sk.ca](mailto:spsa@gov.sk.ca).



## WCB's COVID-19 Cost Relief Concluding at End of June

The **Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB)** will **conclude providing COVID-19 cost relief for employers** with accepted COVID-19 workplace injuries that occur on or after July 1, 2022. Accepted COVID-19 workplace injuries that occur prior to July 1, 2022 are still eligible for cost relief.

The number of COVID-19 claims requiring workers to be away from work for more than 10 days has dropped significantly, from 41.9 per cent of claims in 2021 to 24.5 per cent of claims in the first part of 2022.

Frequently asked questions for employers on COVID-19 workplace injury claims are available at [wcbask.com](http://wcbask.com).



## Apply for Tourism Saskatchewan's Diversification and New Market Program

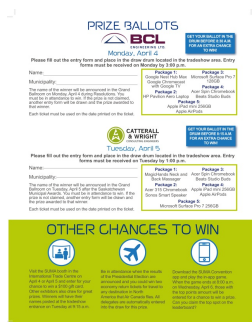
Tourism Saskatchewan's **Diversification and New Market Program** is accepting applications until June 15. The program helps established operators diversify and expand product offerings and be more resilient during challenging times.

Three streams of funding are available:

- New Market
- Seasonal Usage Expansion
- New Experiential Product Development

Program information and FAQs are available at [Business.TourismSaskatchewan.com](http://Business.TourismSaskatchewan.com).

# CONVENTION 2023



## What Type of Prizes Would You Like to Win at Convention 2023?

Each year at convention we give away thousands of dollars worth of prizes. This includes a trip for two to anywhere that Air Canada flies in North America, tablets, laptops, and more.

As we plan for the 2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in Saskatoon we would like to know:

What type of prizes most interests you?

**Gift certificates for everyday expenses (gas, food)**

Select

**Technology (tablets, laptops, smart watches)**

Select

**Experiences (hotel stays, plane tickets)**

Select

All of the above sounds good

Select

I don't like winning prizes

Select

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### 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 22-28:

- 5,667 laboratory tests were performed in Saskatchewan. The number of tests was lower than the number of tests in the previous week.
- One in nineteen laboratory tests were positive, which is a decrease from the previous week.
- 364 new cases were confirmed, lower than the number of new cases in the previous week.
- The majority of laboratory-confirmed cases this week were 50 years and older (52.5 per cent).
- There were nine newly-reported COVID-19 deaths, lower compared to the previous week.
- Three confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and care home settings were reported.
- As of May 28, 2022, of the population five years and older, 85.9 per cent received at least one dose of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine and 81 per cent completed a series.

[See the full report](#)

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Cut Knife: *Office Assistant* (June 8)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities' *Canadian Women in*

- Town of Wilkie: *Assistant Administrator* (June 10)
- SUMA: *Administrative Assistant* (June 13)
- Town of Nipawin: *Chief Administrative Officer* (June 29)
- Town of Blaine Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Blaine Lake: *Office Assistant* (When filled)
- Village of Montmartre: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Grenfell: *Superintendent of Public Works* (When filled)
- Town of Shaunavon: *Director of Operations* (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.

*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.

