

# MUNICIPAL Update

May 31, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 1

Virtual General Meeting - Rebranding Information and Vote

### June 8

Webinar - Working with Newcomers to Build Sustainable Communities

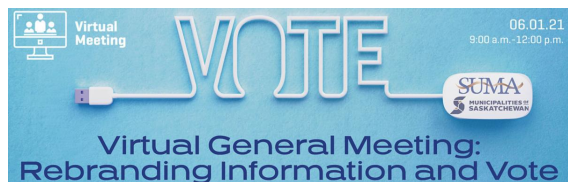
### June 9

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

### June 22

Webinar - Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock

See all [upcoming events](#).



## Tomorrow - General Meeting and Rebranding Vote

**Tomorrow** from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**, we are hosting a **virtual general meeting**. The AGM style event is an opportunity to discuss the rebranding with the Board of Directors and for municipal leaders to share their thoughts. This meeting is open to all municipal leaders from our member municipalities. **All mayors, councillors, and administrators are encouraged to attend.**

The electronic membership vote will open immediately following the event tomorrow. Voting will remain open until **noon on June 3** to allow councils time to discuss.

**Register for the Virtual  
General Meeting**

## Announcing Our June Webinars

Join us this June for two webinars, one focusing on working with newcomers to build sustainable communities and the other the final webinar in our Good Governance series.



## Working with Newcomers to Build Sustainable Communities



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### Working with Newcomers to Build Sustainable Communities

June 8 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for the first webinar in our Ask and Answer series. In this webinar, stakeholders who help attract, welcome, and integrate newcomers will share their insights into how working with newcomers can enhance community development and sustainability.

Our panelists are:

- Anne Mcrorie - Executive Director of Immigration Services, Ministry of Immigration and Career Training
- Jim Dixon - Manager of Economic Development, City of Moose Jaw
- Muna De Ciman - Director, Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
- Ahmad Majid - Executive Director, Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies

This session will be moderated by Councillor Crystal Froese, City of Moose Jaw.

**Register for Working with Newcomers to Build Sustainable Communities**



## Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock



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### Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock

June 22 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Through legislation, municipalities are provided a variety of powers, duties, and responsibilities. But these days, perhaps more so than any time in the past, "success" at the municipal level is defined by the ability to build trusting relationships, develop effective partnerships, and inspire others to share and support a common vision for the community.

In this webinar, Keith Comstock, former Assistant Deputy Minister of Government Relations, will explore the concept of leading through influence vs authority and provide both elected and appointed leaders in the municipal sector with some practical techniques for success in this area.

**Register for Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock**

## Event Insight Results

In the last Municipal Update, we asked what Municipalities of Saskatchewan educational opportunities are the most valuable? These are the poll results:

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

Webinars - 48.4 per cent

Workshops - 29 per cent

Education sessions at convention - 16.1 per cent

Summer school for mayors and councillors - 3.2 per cent

Education sessions at regional and sector meetings - 3.2 per cent



### Two Per Cent Increase in RCMP Policing Costs

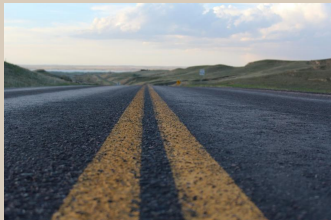
*The Police Act* provides the province with a formula to calculate a rate payable by municipalities for police services.

In 2021-22, the increase to the RCMP budget is 2.13 per cent. The per capita rates invoiced to municipalities this summer will be:

With a Detachment - **\$80.37**, an increase of \$1.68 from 2020-21

Without a Detachment - **\$49.72**, an increase of \$1.04 from 2020-21

Per capita information for each municipality will be based on the 2016 census. The data from the 2021 census will be used for next year's invoicing.



### Construction Season Starts on Saskatchewan Highways

The Ministry of Highways has marked May 27 as the unofficial start of the 2021 road construction season. With one additional project set to close by the end of May, most of the planned contracts from the Fall Tender have been awarded and are underway or will be soon.

Projects from the fall tender include:

- Completion of a multi-year, multi-passing lane project on Highway 7 from Saskatoon to the Saskatchewan/Alberta border;
- Passing lanes near Prince Albert;
- Highway 8 resurfacing north of Moosomin;
- Highway 11 bridge work near



### More Than 500 Saskatchewan Companies Work on Inactive Oil Well Cleanup in First Year of Program

In the first year of Saskatchewan's Accelerated Site Closure Program, more than 500 Saskatchewan companies worked to clean up inactive oil and gas sites in the province.

As of April 30, \$184 million in contracts has been issued to companies to engage Saskatchewan-based service workers in site closure work. More than \$61 million has been paid for work already completed under the program, including 1,385 well abandonments and decommissions, 237 flowline abandonments, 13 facilities, and 2,545 site remediation and reclamation

Lumsden;

- Highway 12 passing lanes north of Martensville;
- Highway 15 resurfacing west of Highway 2 junction;
- Highway 16 passing lanes; and
- Various culverts and bridge rehabilitations and replacements.

See [more highlights from the fall tender schedule](#). All tenders can be viewed at [www.sasktenders.ca](http://www.sasktenders.ca).

activities.

Regionally, the funding disbursed in oil and gas producing regions includes:

- Estevan: \$59,513,766
- Swift Current: \$36,714,611
- Kindersley: \$27,863,467
- Lloydminster: \$60,579,289

[Read more.](#)



## Learn How Immigration Matters With the Immigration Matters Initiative

The pandemic has highlighted the contributions of immigrants to the well-being of communities and across all sectors of the economy.

Through the [Immigration Matters initiative](#), Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada is working to combine the power of storytelling with facts about immigration to promote positive engagement between newcomers and Canadians.

View [economic profiles](#) that show the role immigration has played or could play to help communities flourish or view the [infographic](#).

If you are interested in holding a community conversation about immigration locally, download their [toolkit](#).

Questions? Contact [IRCC.ImmigrationMatters-ImmigrationCaCompte.IRCC@cic.gc.ca](mailto:IRCC.ImmigrationMatters-ImmigrationCaCompte.IRCC@cic.gc.ca).



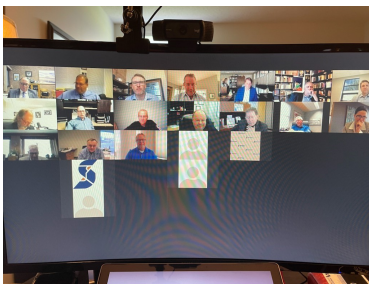
## 2020 Injury Data from the Workers' Compensation Board

During their Annual General Meeting on May 26, the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board shared operating and financial highlights as well as statistics on workplace injuries and fatalities in 2020.

Injury data from 2020:

- **90 per cent of Saskatchewan workplaces reported zero injuries or fatalities**, compared to 88 per cent each of the previous four years. Last year, 34 workplace fatalities were reported, down from 36 in 2019.
- The **workplace total injury rate decreased to 4.46 injuries per 100 workers**, representing a 10 per cent decrease from the 2019 Total injury rate of 4.95 per 100 workers.
- The **time loss injury rate decreased to 1.78 injuries per 100 workers**, down 4.3 per cent from the 2019 rate of 1.86 injuries per 100 workers. The 2020 Time Loss injury rate is the lowest rate in more than a decade.

See the full report at [www.wcbask.com](http://www.wcbask.com).



## City Mayors Meet to Discuss Mental Health and Addictions

Saskatchewan city mayors met electronically May 28 for the Municipalities of Saskatchewan City Mayors' Caucus. The meeting was a chance to discuss issues important to the province's largest municipalities.

The mayors were joined by the Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations, and the Honourable Everett Hindley, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, to discuss mental health and addictions.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Saskatchewan Health Authority Virtual Town Hall

The next Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) virtual town hall focused on COVID-19 will be held **June 7**, at **3:00 p.m.**

Registration is required to attend this event. [Register here.](#)

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

### Second Dose Booking For 70+

As of May 29, anyone who is age 70 and older or anyone who received their first dose on or before March 15 is eligible to book their second dose of COVID-19 vaccination. Once an individual is eligible for immunization, they remain eligible and can be immunized at any time.

For all other residents, eligibility to book for second doses will be announced according to the age-based and priority sequencing of first doses, as detailed on the [Government of Saskatchewan's Second Dose Strategy](#).

[Learn more](#)

### Outdoor Sports Added to Step One of Re-Opening Roadmap

The Government of Saskatchewan has eased public health measures around outdoor sporting activities, including them as part of Step One of the Re-opening Roadmap instead of Step Two.

Effective May 30, outdoor team sports can proceed, though they must follow requirements including:

- Participants may not compete if they are feeling unwell.
- League play is allowed to resume; however, tournaments are not permitted at this time. This will be revisited in Step Two of the Re-Opening Roadmap.
- No interprovincial travel. Teams competing in regional interprovincial leagues need to contact the Business Response Team prior to beginning play.
- Capacity must be in compliance with the public health order for public outdoor gatherings for each playing surface or game area. Public outdoor gatherings are set to expand to a limit of 150 people on May 30 as part of the Re-Opening Roadmap. Common areas,

such as those where there are multiple playing surfaces, must also be in compliance with gathering limits in the public health order.

- Individual and protective equipment should not be shared. When helmets and bats or other equipment are shared, cleaning and disinfecting must occur between each use.
- Commonly touched equipment used for game play (e.g. game ball, football) is routinely replaced or disinfected during the course of practice or play.
- No shaking hands, high-fives, etc.

[See the full list of requirements](#)

## Emergency Services Resume at Preeceville and District Health Centre

Emergency services have resumed at the Preeceville and District Health Centre. Services resumed at 8:00 a.m., May 31.

Emergency services at the centre have been unavailable since April 20 while Preeceville nursing staff were redeployed and a physician and nurse practitioner were placed on standby to support the Saskatchewan Health Authority's COVID-19 response in Yorkton when there was increased COVID-19 activity in the Yorkton area.

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Watrous: *Recreation Director* (June 15)
- Town of Rocanville: *Public Works Operative* (June 16)
- Town of Kipling: *Facility Operator* (June 16)
- Town of Rocanville: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)

#### For Sale

- Ambulance
- Street Sweeper

Have a position to fill or an item to



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- TD Bank *Friends of the Environment Fund* (July 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- 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)

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

## MUNICIPAL UPDATE ADVERTISEMENT



### Aquatic Toxicology Services

SRC's Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory provides municipalities and industry with qualitative and quantitative data on the adverse effects of mine effluents, municipal wastewater discharges and chemical products on aquatic organisms.

Tests include standardized acute lethality and sublethal toxicity tests for freshwater species. These tests measure endpoints such as survival, growth and reproduction on ecologically relevant aquatic organisms at various concentrations.

Our acute lethality toxicity test, along with the Daphnids (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*) and Duckweed (*Lemna minor*) tests are accredited by CALA in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard.

Clients are provided with the information necessary to meet reporting requirements, to operate safely and responsibly, and to ensure operations are consistent with government regulations.

#### ACUTE LETHALITY TOXICITY TESTS

- Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
- Daphnids (*Daphnia magna*)

#### SUBLETHAL TOXICITY TESTS

- Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)
- Daphnids (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*)
- Duckweed (*Lemna minor*)
- Algae (*Raphidocelis subcapitata*)

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