

MUNICIPAL Update

June 20, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).

JOIN SUMA'S MUNICIPAL IMMIGRATION NETWORK

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



Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarm Requirements Effective July 1

Saskatchewan's **Building Code Regulations** require **every building with residential occupancy to have carbon monoxide and smoke alarms installed by July 1**, regardless of when the building was constructed or last renovated.

What does this mean for municipalities?

Local authorities are responsible for enforcing this requirement. However, local authorities and their building officials are being **encouraged to take a passive approach to enforcement**. If building officials are present for another reason, and notice the building is not in compliance with the new requirements, they could write an order to have the owner install the missing alarms.

More information can be found in Saskatchewan's **Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Smoke Alarms Standards**.

different sectors and regions are represented.

Join the network

Those with questions about the new requirements are encouraged to contact the Building and Technical Standards branch at **306-787-4113** or **btstandards@gov.sk.ca**.



The banner features a dark blue header with a laptop icon and the word 'Webinar'. On the right, the SUMA logo is displayed next to the date '06.21.22' and time '10:00-11:00 a.m.'. The main image shows a fire truck and two white HAZ-MAT vans. The text 'Enhancing Community Fire Safety: What to Expect from the Fire Services Minimum Standard Guideline' is overlaid in white. A 'Sponsored by SUMAssure' logo is in the bottom right corner.

Learn About the Fire Service Minimum Standard Guideline

Last month, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) launched the Fire Service Minimum Standards Guide. This **non-mandatory program** is focused on making firefighting safer in Saskatchewan as it **provides three standardized levels of service**, based on training and equipment capacities.

On **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 guide, including how the guide was developed, each of the service levels, as well as the implementation phases and what to expect.

More information on the guide is available on saskpublicsafety.ca.

Register for the webinar



SUMA Summer School is Back! Registration Opens Tomorrow

SUMA is excited to bring back **SUMA Summer School** for **Saskatchewan mayors and councillors!** Join us on **August 25** and **26** at the University of Regina, or virtually via Zoom, for this unique opportunity to connect with other municipal leaders while you increase your knowledge and grow confidence in your role.

This two-day workshop will include:

- intriguing speakers;
- engaging discussions;
- exercises to strengthen your ability to be an effective leader for your community; and
- credit for the Municipal Leadership Roles and Responsibilities module of the [Municipal Leadership Development Program](#)

Registration will open tomorrow. An email will be sent to the main contact for each member municipality and to mayors and councillors who are subscribed to receive emails from SUMA.

Register by **July 21** to take advantage of the early-bird rate. All SUMA members who register by July 21 will be entered to win a free registration to SUMA Summer School.



SUMA Vice-President Elected to FCM Board of Directors

Mayor Mike Strachan, SUMA's Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities, is now a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors.

Also representing Saskatchewan's hometowns on the Board of Directors is Councillor Mairin Loewen from the City of Saskatoon and Councillor Jamie Martens from the City of Martensville.

The election results were announced at FCM's annual general meeting on June 5, as part of FCM's June 2-5 conference and trade show.

SUMA's President Randy Goulden is also a member of the FCM Board of Directors.



Former Warman Mayor Recognized with FCM Award

Congratulations to former Warman mayor Sheryl Spence, who was **awarded the Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service by a Woman in Municipal Politics** at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 2022 Annual Conference in Regina earlier this month.

The Ann MacLean Award recognizes retired women municipal politicians who have shown exemplary service to their community and constituents and who have mentored, or are mentoring, women elected to municipal office, or women who are interested in running.

In addition to serving as mayor of Warman, Sheryl served on the board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and was chair for Increasing Women's Participation in Government, a standing committee of FCM with the goal of increasing the participation of women in politics to 50 per cent by 2026. Sheryl also shared her knowledge at SUMA events, including the 2021 SUMA Convention in the education session *Governance 101: What I*



\$3.3 Million Awarded for Community Programs

Saskatchewan communities are benefitting from **324 grants** totaling more than **\$3.3 million** from the **Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)**.

Through its Community Grant Program's April 1 deadline, the CIF approved \$2,719,073 in support of 125 grants, for programs that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities, benefiting an estimated 76,623 participants. These programs provide opportunities for children and youth to gain knowledge, skills, and supports to promote positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle behaviours, and to ensure families have access to supports and resources to create healthy and caring environments. Funding also supports nonprofit organizations to enhance their program delivery, governance and leadership capacities, and to engage individuals as volunteers.

Additionally, 199 Summer Grant programs were approved totaling \$650,759 to support camps and day programs offering positive recreation, arts, culture, and learning

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See the media release from the [City of Warman](#).

opportunities for an estimated 46,763 children and youth during the summer months.

[Read more.](#)



Webinar: Leveraging Federal Funding to Install EV Chargers

Natural Resources Canada has opened the next round of funding under its [Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#). Their request for proposals targets zero emission infrastructure in public places, on-street, multi-unit residential buildings, workplaces, and light-duty vehicle fleets. The deadline to apply is **August 11**.

FLO and Kinetic GPO are hosting a webinar on **June 28 at 11:00 a.m.** Learn about the value of accessing the funding, how to navigate the application process, and other funding opportunities available.

[Register](#) for the webinar.



Conference on Growing Communities One Idea at a Time

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance is partnering with Community Futures Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Indigenous Economic Development Network to host **Provincial Summit 2022: Growing Communities One Idea at a Time** on **September 27 and 28**.

The summit will bring together representatives from Indigenous and local governments, provincial and federal governments, and individuals and organizations interested in working to strengthen and diversify their communities.

[Learn more](#) and [register online](#).



Extension of Time Bylaw Needed to Delay Submission of Financial Statements

Municipal financial statements have to be submitted to the province by July 1 (September 1 for a city.)

If your municipality is unable to submit your 2021 financial statement by that time,



Learn How to Calculate the Effective Tax Rate This September

The Ministry of Government Relations is preparing regulatory amendments that will set an effective tax rate limit of 7:1 for the 2023 property taxation year. This will replace the current mill rate factor limit.

council may pass an [extension of time bylaw for financial statements](#).

If your municipality is going to pass a bylaw for extending the time of submission to the ministry:

- It must be passed within 30 days after the time fixed pursuant to legislation has expired – no later than July 31, 2022 (October 1, 2022, if a city).
- It may extend the time fixed by legislation by no more than 90 days – no later than September 29, 2022 (November 30, 2022, if a city).

A certified copy of the bylaw, the reason for submitting a late financial statement, and the expected date the financial statement will be submitted to the minister, should be emailed to

financialstatements@gov.sk.ca.

The effective tax rate is the total municipal property tax levy for a property class divided by the taxable assessment for that property class. All tax tools, such as mill rate factors, base tax and minimum tax, are included when calculating the total municipal property tax levy for each property class.

The ministry is hosting a webinar on **September 7**, from **11:00 a.m. to noon** to demonstrate how to calculate the effective tax rate. To attend the webinar, [register](#) by **August 30**.

Learn more about the [effective tax rate limit](#). The [2022 Municipal Tax Policy Guide](#) has also been updated to reflect the change in effective tax rate limit.

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Inflation, Broadband, and Health Discussed with Representatives from the Official Opposition

On June 16, SUMA's Executive Committee met with MLA Carla Beck, NDP Caucus Chair and critic for Education, Early Learning, and Childcare, and the critic for Labour, and MLA Trent Wotherspoon, opposition critic for Agriculture, Finance, SaskTel, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, and Crown Investments Corporation.

During the meeting, SUMA's Executive Committee brought forward concerns about the cost of inflation on municipal construction projects receiving funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, the lack of reliable broadband for smaller hometowns, supports for individuals struggling with mental health and addictions, and staffing shortages of nurses and EMS staff.

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 June 5-11:

- 5,880 laboratory tests were performed in Saskatchewan. The number of tests was nearly identical to the number of tests in the previous week.
- The weekly test positivity of 6.5 per cent is an increase from the previous week.
- 394 new cases were confirmed, higher than the number of new cases in the previous week.
- There were 17 newly-reported COVID-19 deaths (Two within the week, and 15 occurred

earlier (September 28, 2021 to June 4, 2022) but were reported this week, higher compared to the previous week.

- Five confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and care home settings were reported.
- As of June 4, 2022, of the population five years and older, 86 per cent received at least one dose of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine and 81.1 per cent completed a series.

[See the full report](#)

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Nipawin: *Chief Administrative Officer* (June 29)
- Resort Village of Kannata Valley: *Administrator* (June 30)
- 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.



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Natural Resources Canada *Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program* (August 11)
- 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.