



MUNICIPAL Update

June 14, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22

Webinar - Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock

July 14

MuniCast Release - Episode 3: Governing Your Community with Malcolm Eaton

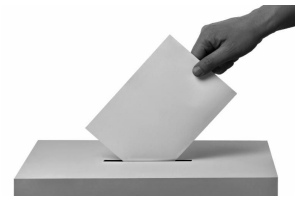
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MuniCast Release - Episode 4: Building Smart Communities with SaskTel

See all [upcoming events](#).

Convention 2021 Education Sessions Now Available on YouTube!

Is there an education session from Convention 2021 that you want to see again, or maybe take in for the first time? Education session recordings from Convention are now available for viewing - check out our [Convention 2021 playlist](#) on YouTube.



Municipalities of Saskatchewan Transitioning Back to SUMA

From June 1-3, we held a rebranding vote on changing our name from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) to Municipalities of Saskatchewan.

In total, 364 votes were cast by voting delegates representing Saskatchewan's hometowns. **Ninety** municipal representatives **voted in favour** of the organization changing its name, and **274 voted against** the name change.

We will be **transitioning back to SUMA**. We are working as quickly as possible, but the **transition will take time**.

The vote results, including the regional results of the vote, are available to all members in the member portal. A media release was also sent out.

[Read the media release](#)

Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock



Don't Miss Next Week's Good Governance Webinar

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.

On **June 22 at 10:00 a.m.**, join us and Keith Comstock, former Assistant Deputy Minister of Government Relations, for the final webinar in our Good Governance series. In **Governance Foundations with Keith Comstock**, Keith 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

We're starting to plan education sessions for Convention 2022 and we would like to know:

Which topic would interest you most as an education session?

Policing

Community Wellness and Mental Health

Environment

Tourism

Technology

Reconciliation

Economic Development



\$1.1 Million for 27 Asset Management Projects in Saskatchewan

The Government of Canada is investing over **\$1.1 million in 27 new projects in Saskatchewan** communities through the **Municipal Asset Management Program**.

The program, delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, helps municipalities strengthen local infrastructure planning and decision-making by increasing local asset management capacity through investments in activities such as asset management training, technology and software enhancements, and information sharing.

[See the list of 27 projects receiving funding](#)



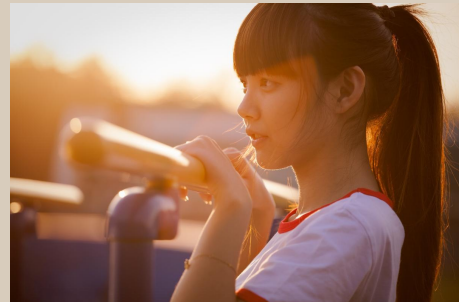
Say Thank You To Saskatchewan's Health Care Workers

While there has been a lot of uncertainty over the past year, one thing hasn't changed: the unwavering dedication of Saskatchewan's health care workers who continue to serve the health and well-being of the province. These dedicated health care workers have made up a large team that has mobilized the largest immunization campaign in the province's history. They have spent countless hours planning, mobilizing teams, and delivering the COVID-19 immunization in their communities.

Saskatchewan's health care workers deserve a round of applause. The Saskatchewan Health Authority invites you to submit **thank you video messages to be shared with health care workers across the province**.

Thank you video submissions should feature a short general 'thank you' highlighting the COVID-19 immunization and what it has meant to your community. The length of the video should be 30 to 60 seconds.

[Guidelines for submitting a video.](#)



Enabling Accessibility Fund - Youth Accessibility Leaders Category Open

The Enabling Accessibility Fund is looking for dynamic youth who want to demonstrate leadership and a commitment to their communities.

As a Youth Accessibility Leader, youth have:

- found accessibility barriers in workplaces or public spaces
- talked with organizations about their existing accessibility barriers
- encouraged organizations to apply for funding to address their accessibility barriers
- helped an organization draft and submit a project proposal
- helped promote the program at media events, and
- made a difference in the lives of persons with disabilities.

[Learn more](#) about Youth Accessibility Leaders. Applications are being accepted until **October 29**.



760 Municipalities Receive Funding Through MEEP

As of April 31, 760 municipalities in Saskatchewan had received funds through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP).

The program, announced in 2020, made \$150 million in provincial funds available to municipalities to help support economic recovery in Saskatchewan.

See a [complete list of approved community projects](#).

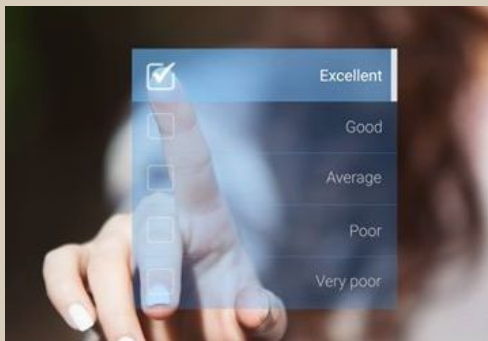


Enhancing Social Inclusion for Older Adults Living With Dementia in Saskatchewan's Hometowns

Most factors that contribute to social isolation among older adults are systemic, such as the stigma of dementia, ageism, poverty, and inadequate access to resources and supports.

A new initiative from the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit is working to reduce the stigma and enhance the social inclusion of older adults living with dementia and their care partners in smaller communities in Saskatchewan.

Read a [policy brief](#) from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to learn more.



Share Your Thoughts and Help Support the Development of Canada's Disability Inclusion Action Plan

The Government of Canada is consulting on how to improve the lives of Canadians living with disabilities. Feedback provided will support the development of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

The action plan will focus on:

- reducing poverty among Canadians with disabilities;
- getting more persons with disabilities



Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Heritage Awards Now Open!

After a hiatus in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Heritage Awards are back!

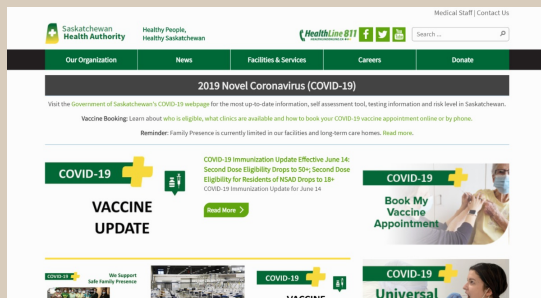
Submissions are now open in four categories: Community Development, Public Outreach, Physical Heritage Conservation, and Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The deadline to submit is **August 27**. Learn more at

- into good quality jobs;
- helping meet the *Accessible Canada Act* goal of a barrier-free Canada by 2040;
- making it easier for persons with disabilities to access federal programs and services; and
- fostering a culture of inclusion.

Complete the [online survey](#).

heritagetask.ca/projects/awards



SHA Launching Updated Website

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is launching an updated website later this month.

The new www.saskhealthauthority.ca will replace the 12 existing websites of former health regions in Saskatchewan. These health region sites will be retired in the near future.

[Learn answers to common questions](#) about the SHA's new website being launched on **June 28**.



Change to Saskatchewan's Minimum Wage This October

Saskatchewan's minimum wage will increase to **\$11.81**. The change will take effect on **October 1**.

The current minimum wage is \$11.45. Since 2007, there have been 13 increases to the minimum wage.

Saskatchewan's minimum wage is reviewed annually and is calculated using an indexation formula. The formula gives equal weight to changes to the Consumer Price Index and Average Hourly Wage for Saskatchewan.

COVID-19 UPDATE

See the Latest Update from the Saskatchewan Health Authority

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

Second Dose Booking For 50+

As of June 14, anyone who is age **50 and older** or anyone who **received their first dose on or before April 15** is eligible to book their second dose of COVID-19 vaccination. Second doses are also available in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District to **all residents 18+**.

By **June 24**, every eligible Saskatchewan resident age 12 and older will be able to receive their second vaccine shot, depending on the length of time that has passed since their first shot.

What to know when looking to book your second dose:

- Know what vaccine you received for your first dose. While it is recommended that you receive the same type of vaccine for your second dose, you may choose to take a different brand than you got initially.
- M-A-P will guide you. If you're looking to book an appointment for a certain vaccine type, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) booking system will direct you to the appropriate clinics. When booking online, checking drive-thru and walk-in clinics, or choosing which pharmacy to visit, pay special attention to the vaccine types at the clinics so you're aware what you'll receive. On the SHA's online Patient Booking System, clinics are marked with an 'M' for Moderna, an 'A' for AstraZeneca and a 'P' for Pfizer – think M-A-P.
- Double Check the Vax. Once you have chosen a clinic, check that the vaccine you need is offered at that clinic on that day. In most cases, clinics will not have multiple vaccine types at the same time so “check the vax” before you set out or book your appointment. Signage will also be posted at clinics when you arrive.

[Learn more](#)

Saskatchewan Opens Up Access to Rapid Antigen Tests

Rapid antigen tests may now be used by Saskatchewan businesses and individuals to help screen people who do not show COVID-19 symptoms.

The province has amended *The Medical Laboratory Licensing Regulations, 1995* so that a formal agreement is no longer required between those who use rapid antigen tests and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

Rapid antigen tests are not a diagnostic test, but are used to **screen asymptomatic people for COVID-19**. Health officials strongly recommend that people who receive a positive test result immediately self-isolate and call 811 for further instructions, such as scheduling a confirmatory test through a SHA testing centre.

[Learn more about rapid antigen tests in Saskatchewan](#)

Reduced Hours for Drive-Thru Testing Site in Regina

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has changed the hours of operation at the COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing site to better meet public demand for testing in Regina.

The site's new hours, which came into effect June 9, are **11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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 Hudson Bay: *Public Works Employee* (June 18)
- Village of Clavet: *Chief Administrative Officer* (June 27)
- Town of Arcola: *Public Works Foreman* (July 5)
- Town of Arcola: *Recreation Maintenance Worker and Facility Operator* (July 9)
- Town of Rocanville: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Cabri: *Assistant Town Foreman* (When filled)

For Sale

- Street Sweeper

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:

- Canada *Healthy Communities Initiative - Phase 2* (June 25)
- Infrastructure Canada *Green and Inclusive Community Buildings* (July 6)
- 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)

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

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