

MUNICIPAL Update

June 15, 2020



Two Webinars Happening This Month

Join Municipalities of Saskatchewan for two great webinars this month. Learn more about the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' framework designed to increase women's participation in municipal politics and join in the conversation with recycling

stakeholders to extend the life of your municipal landfill.

Sponsored by SUMAssure, these webinars are free to Municipalities of Saskatchewan members.



Run, Win, Lead: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics

Last year, Municipalities of Saskatchewan held the webinar *Toward Parity at the Council Table*. Municipal leaders were invited to attend and learn more about the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) *Toward Parity in Municipal Politics* initiative and discuss ways to overcome barriers to participation in municipal politics.

Based on your feedback, and the feedback gathered through consultations across Canada, FCM has drafted a national action plan to increase women's participation in municipal politics.

On **June 23 at 10:00 a.m.**, join us for the webinar *Run, Win, Lead: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics* to learn



Extending the Life of Your Landfill: A Conversation with Recycling Stakeholders

Most of the waste produced in Saskatchewan is discarded in landfills. To ensure that landfills are the last option, the Government of Saskatchewan has established different diversion and recycling programs called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs.

On **June 30 at 10:00 a.m.**, join us for the webinar *Extending the Life of Your Landfill: A Conversation with Recycling Stakeholders* to learn how Cleanfarms, ProductCare, and EPRA Recycling Programs can help your municipality extend the life of your landfill.

This webinar is part of a webinar series on environmental issues

local solutions and examples as FCM's Stephanie Hoey and Moose Jaw councillor Crystal Froese launch the Toward Parity in Municipal Politics - Municipal Sector Framework in Saskatchewan.

Register for Run, Win, Lead: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics

developed by Municipalities of Saskatchewan to increase program effectiveness and provide municipalities with accurate industry-based information.

Register for Extending the Life of Your Landfill: A Conversation with Recycling Stakeholders



Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

Sponsored by:  SaskWater



Don't Miss the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting

The Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting is happening online **June 18**. In addition to member driven discussions, the meeting will include updates from Municipalities of Saskatchewan, a keynote address by thought leader Stuart Knight, and an education session on emergency preparedness and wildfire management.



Natural Resources Canada is projecting that western Canada could see a wildfire season that's "well above average," with the possibility of an elevated threat of wildfires in parts of Saskatchewan stretching into September.

In this education session, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency representatives Bud Sabeau, Forest Protection Officer, Larry Fremont, Education and Prevention Coordinator, and Trevor Leggett, Emergency Services Officer, will talk about emergency preparedness, FireSmart, and the role of municipalities in wildfire management.

If you previously registered to attend the sector meeting on May 12, you do not need to take any further action to attend the meeting June 18! You should have received a new confirmation email with the link to join the meeting.

If you did not previously register and would like to attend the meeting: ***REGISTER HERE!***

Municipal Economic Enhancement Funding Now Available

Funding through the [Municipal Economic Enhancement Program \(MEEP\)](#) is now live, meaning municipalities that have submitted and had their project plans approved by



the Ministry of Government Relations can start accessing funds within the program.

Announced May 6 as part of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan, MEEP 2020 is providing \$150 million in funding to municipalities to help stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All Saskatchewan municipalities are eligible for MEEP. To participate, municipalities need to submit:

- a signed funding agreement;
- a project plan identifying which project or projects will be funded; and
- a council resolution supporting the projects.

Application packages were mailed to all municipalities. If your municipality did not receive the application package, you are encouraged to contact mifprovgrants@gov.sk.ca.

MEEP funding is being distributed to individual municipalities on a per capita basis, based on 2016 Canadian Census population numbers.

[See the funding allocations](#)

Project types include:

- Connectivity
- Disaster Mitigation
- Drinking Water
- Engineering and Feasibility Studies
- Green Energy
- Local Roads and Bridges
- Municipal Equipment
- Municipally-Owned Buildings and Assets
- Planning and Development
- Protective Services
- Public Health
- Solid Waste
- Recreation, Culture, Tourism, and Sport
- Wastewater and Storm Water



Virtual Information Session on Navigable Waters

On **June 22**, join [Transport Canada - Navigation Protection Program](#) for a virtual information session on the Canadian Navigable Waters Act for municipalities.

The Canadian Navigable Waters Act pertains to all works - bridges, culverts, intakes, outfalls, pipelines, aerial cables, etc. - in, on, over, under, through, or across all navigable waters in Canada.

Interested in attending the virtual session? Email



Bear-Proof Your Community

With the arrival of warmer weather, it is common to see black bears, especially young ones, on the move. They are establishing new territory, attracted to new smells and looking for food.

As long as a bear keeps moving through an area and does not show an interest in people or their property, there is no conflict. Problems start when human food is available for bears to feed on.

The Ministry of Environment has created a [poster to help residents](#)

Gordon.Chamberlain@tc.gc.ca with the e-mail addresses of the participants and an invitation and instructions for the session will be sent to you.



Submit Your Nominations for the Community Safety and Well-Being Award

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP)/ Motorola Solutions Community Safety and Well-Being Award was established to recognize outstanding effort and contributions to improving community safety and well-being in Canada through the process of inter - or multi-sector partnership, community mobilization, shared issue/problem ownership, shared outcomes, and shared measurement.

The award underscores a growing commitment among government, community-based, academic, and private sector organizations to think differently about human services delivery, when and how it is applied, in what configuration it is delivered, and how success is defined.

This award is open to all police agencies and their employees, as well as to integrated teams in which the police are full members:

- Individuals, teams/groups are eligible
- Emphasis will be placed on those that involve a partnership with other community sector partners

Nominations are being accepted until **June 30**. [Learn more about the nomination process.](#)

[bear-proof](#) their homes.



North Central Transportation Planning Committee - Municipal Support Program

The challenges and opportunities presented by sustainable infrastructure development has prompted the North Central Transportation Planning Committee to launch the Municipal Support Program.

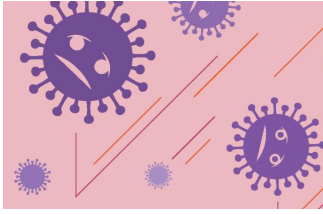
The Municipal Support Program is geared towards assisting municipalities:

- with bidding on Road Building tenders
- in tender opening
- with direction in developing credible Asset Management Plans
- in locating gravel sources within your municipality
- with liaising between your municipality and third parties
- and more. [See the announcement](#) for a full list of how the program could help your community.

The program is free to members of the North Central Transportation planning Committee. Non-members will be charged \$150 per day and \$0.50 per kilometre to cover mileage for a program advisor to come to your municipality.

For more information or to register for the program, contact Richard Porter, chairperson of the North Central Transportation Planning Committee, at 306-747-7694.

Advocacy Update



Federal Emergency Funding for Municipalities

Municipalities are providing essential services and working to ease financial burdens for local residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, while being hit with new expenses and experiencing significant drops in revenue.

Data from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) shows that municipalities are facing a minimum of \$10-15 billion in near-term, non-recoverable losses due to COVID-19. [Municipalities of Saskatchewan has publicly called for federal emergency funding](#), supporting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' call for at least **\$10 billion in emergency operating funding** for municipalities.

Municipalities can help advocate for federal funding by sending a letter to your Member of Parliament.

Emergency Operating Funding - Letter Template

On June 5 the federal government announced \$14 billion for Canada's provinces and territories to help re-open provincial economies, with some of the money meant to **help municipalities continue providing core public services such as transit.**

[CBC has reported](#) that in a call with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding the \$14 billion in federal funding, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe pressed the Prime Minister on the inflexibility of the funding, arguing municipal budgets in Saskatchewan do not need the extra cash to provide services, while other areas of the province's budget do need help.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is continuing to advocate for provincial and federal funding.

To help us advocate, let us know the estimated financial impact COVID-19 is having on your community.

How much estimated revenue has your municipality lost due to COVID-19?

Less than \$100,000

Select

\$100,000 - \$250,000

Select

\$250,000 - \$500,000

Select

\$500,000 - \$750,000

Select

\$750,000 - \$1 million

Select

More than \$1 million

Select

Events



Upcoming Events

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June 18

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Run, Win, Lead: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics**
June 23

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with Saskatchewan Recycling Stakeholders**
June 30

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Village of Lang: *Public Works Manager* (June 19)
- Town of Davidson: *Administrator* (June 30)
- Boreal Area Regional Waste Authority Inc: *General Manager* (June 26)
- City of Regina: *Client Services and Labour Relations Manager* (July 4)
- Northern Village of Green Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Creighton: *Public Works Foreman* (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:

- TD Bank *Friends of the Environment Fund* (July 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year round)

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

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