

MUNICIPAL Update

July 4, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7-8, 2022

32nd Annual SUMA Golf Tournament
Hosted by the Town of Wakaw

July 13, 2022

MuniCast Release - Season 3, Episode 1

July 19, 2022

Webinar - The Importance of Electronic
Data Reliability: What To Look For

August 25-26, 2022

SUMA Summer School

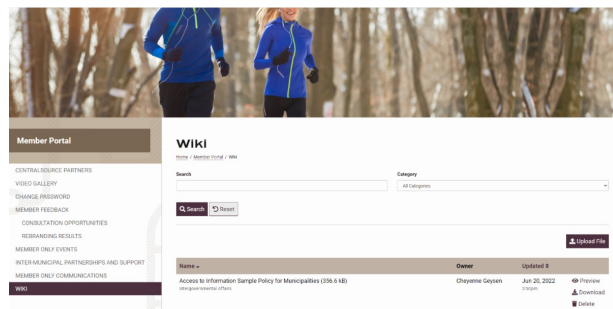
See all [upcoming events](#).

SUBMIT YOUR THEME IDEA AND BE ENTERED TO WIN!

Each year, SUMA's Convention Planning Committee selects a theme for the upcoming convention. The theme shapes the annual event - we keep the theme in mind when planning education sessions, when selecting speakers, and when designing the social events.

Help us find our next great convention theme for the 2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow happening April 16-19 in Saskatoon.

All SUMA members who submit a theme idea will **be entered to win a complimentary registration for**



Share Policies, Procedures, and Templates on SUMA's New Wiki

Available to SUMA members through the [suma.org](#) member portal

Do you have a policy, procedure, or template that you think would be helpful to other municipalities? Or maybe you're looking for a policy on access to information or a template for media releases? SUMA is excited to introduce the SUMA wiki.

Available through the member portal on SUMA's website, the **wiki was designed to help our municipalities share resources.**

This new tool allows registered users to **upload their own policies, procedures, and templates, and view and download those uploaded by SUMA and other member municipalities.** Content is sorted into categories - community and economic development, environment, intergovernmental affairs, public safety and health, and other.

To access the member portal and see all that it has to offer, including the wiki, click [here](#). Log in using the main contact email for your municipality, and the password set by your administrator. For help, contact

Submit your theme
idea

Calling all mayors and councillors

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Connect, Learn, and Grow Your Skills at SUMA Summer School

Be part of the class of 2022! Register today for our 2022 SUMA Summer School.

Open to mayors and councillors, SUMA Summer School is a unique, two-day leadership and governance workshop that provides elected officials the opportunity to connect while increasing knowledge and growing confidence in their roles as municipal leaders.

This two-day workshop includes:

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

Learn more and
register



Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations

The Government of Canada has released the [Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations](#).

The regulations will ban companies from importing or making plastic bags and take-out containers by the end of this year, from selling them by the end of next year, and from exporting them by the end of 2025. The ban also impacts single-use plastic straws, stir sticks, cutlery, and six-pack rings.

The federal government has also released two guidance documents to accompany the regulations:

- The Single-Use Plastic Prohibition Regulations – [Guidance for selecting alternatives](#)
- Single-use Plastics Prohibitions Regulations – [Technical guidelines](#)



Season 3 of MuniCast Starts Next Week

We thought about waiting until the fall to bring you Season 3 of *MuniCast*, but we are just so excited about the upcoming season, that we will be **launching Season 3 next week!** In Season 3, Episode 1, we sit down with former City of Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson to talk about everything from becoming a municipal leader to COVID-19 and housing

from a municipal perspective.

As we prepare to launch Season 3 of *MuniCast*, we would like to know:

When do you listen to MuniCast?

When I'm at work.

Select

When I'm on the go (in the car, on the bus, going for a walk).

Select

When I'm at home.

Select

I don't listen to MuniCast.

Select

What is MuniCast?

Select



Help Improve the MLDP Program - Share Your Feedback

The **Municipal Leadership Development Program** (MLDP) Committee is conducting **a survey on the program** and is looking for feedback from Saskatchewan's municipal leaders.

All responses will be used to evaluate and enhance the program to ensure it is meeting the professional development needs of Saskatchewan's municipal leaders.

The survey is open until **5:00 p.m. on July 15. [Take the survey.](#)**



Be a Participant in an Executive Coaching Research Project

Are you an administrator who would like to be part of an executive coaching research project? Kirk Morrison, former acting city manager for the City of Lloydminster and current CAO for the RM of Meota No. 468, is starting a research project this September as part of post graduate training at the **Bowen Center for the Study of the Family** and Kirk is looking for three CAO participants.

Title: Case Study Pilot Project - Integrating family systems into executive coaching
Research Question: What impact does

Each individual who completes the survey by July 15 will have their municipality entered to **win one of three module credits (each valued at \$145).**

exploring family systems within executive coaching sessions have on leadership functioning?

Study Format: 10 monthly executive coaching sessions via zoom commencing in September 2022

Consent: A resolution approving participation in the study is required from Council

Applications are being accepted until **August 1. [Learn more about the project](#)** and **[apply here](#).**



More than \$11 Million Announced for 24 Saskatchewan Infrastructure Projects

Last week, the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan announced **[more than \\$11 million in federal-provincial funding for 24 new infrastructure projects](#)** in Saskatchewan.

The Government of Canada is investing more than \$4.8 million in the projects through the Rural and Northern Infrastructure Stream and the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) as well as the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). The Government of Saskatchewan is investing more than \$5 million.

See the **[list of projects](#)**.



New Weather and Soil Monitoring Stations Near 10 Hometowns

The Water Security Agency (WSA) has invested **[nearly \\$600,000 in new weather and soil monitoring stations](#)** in a dozen locations across the province, including near the communities of: Arcola, Radville, Milestone, Francis, Quinton, Holdfast, Hazenmore, Mankota, Climax, and Shaunavon.

While primarily installed to help monitor and support WSA's flood forecasting operations, the **stations will also help the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency respond to potential hazards like floods, wildfire, or even hazardous material spills.**

Reports containing data from the stations can be **[found online](#)**.



Join SUMA's Municipal Immigration Network

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 the 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.

Interested? [Submit your expression of interest](#). Note: The network is open to municipal leaders – both elected officials and administration – from SUMA member municipalities.

Learn About Reducing Energy Budgets During a Period of Higher Prices

From groceries to gas to travel, costs have increased dramatically.

Kinetic GPO energy consulting partner Tradition Energy will be holding a **webinar covering the Canadian energy markets**. The webinar will discuss how future natural gas and power prices are trending and the factors at play.

[Register](#) for the free webinar happening **July 13**.

ADVOCACY UPDATE



City Mayors Calling for Review of the Social Housing Program

Mayors from Saskatchewan's cities are calling for a review of the province's social housing program, specifically eligibility criteria, as more than 3,000 affordable housing units sit vacant.

The call comes from a discussion at the SUMA City Mayors' Caucus meeting held on June 24.

[Read the media release.](#)

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 19-25:

- 5,372 laboratory tests were performed in Saskatchewan. The number of tests was lower than the number of tests in the previous week.
- The weekly test positivity of 3.8 per cent is lower than the previous week.
- 208 new cases were confirmed.
- There were three newly-reported COVID-19 deaths (two within the week, and one that occurred earlier (June 18, 2022). This is a decrease from the previous week (12).
- Three confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and care home settings were reported.

- Immunization rates for primary series and booster uptake have remained stable over the last four weeks. Of the eligible populations five and older, 81.2 per cent have completed a series.

[See the full report](#)

Province Shifting to Monthly COVID-19 Reporting Schedule

The Government of Saskatchewan is transitioning to monthly COVID-19 reporting. On July 21, a 3-week report will be released. The **first monthly report** will be released on **August 18**. The epidemiological report will continue to be released at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays and will be posted at saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-cases.

As the province moves to monthly reporting, **SUMA will be discontinuing the COVID-19 section in Municipal Update**. We will continue to monitor for COVID-19 information important to Saskatchewan's hometowns, and we will be sure to include any information we find in the *Municipal Update*.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Blackstrap Resort Villages: *Public Works/Operations Assistant Manager* (July 4)
- Village of Montmartre: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of St. Brieux: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Shaunavon: *Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities* (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.

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