

MUNICIPAL Update

June 29, 2020



Don't Miss Tomorrow's Webinar

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is hosting the webinar *Extending the Life of Your Landfill: A Conversation with Recycling Stakeholders* tomorrow. Join us and learn how Cleanfarms, ProductCare, and EPRA recycling programs can help your municipality extend the life of your landfill.

Sponsored by SUMAssure, this webinar is **free** to all Municipalities of Saskatchewan members.

Register for the
webinar

Extending the Life of Your Landfill: A Conversation with Recycling Stakeholders is part of a webinar series on environmental issues developed by Municipalities of Saskatchewan to increase program effectiveness and provide municipalities with accurate industry-based information.



Municipal Governance 101:
Resort Villages

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Virtual Sessions for Election Candidates

To encourage participation in municipal governance and increase understanding of what it means to be on council, Municipalities of Saskatchewan has created Municipal Governance 101, a series of virtual sessions designed for anyone who has an interest in municipal politics or who is thinking of running for council in the upcoming municipal elections.

The first session, happening on **July 14**, is designed specifically for those in resort villages. Held in coordination with the Ministry of Government Relations and Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan, Municipal Governance 101: Resort Villages will cover:

- How municipal democracy works
- Roles and responsibilities of council
- Navigating conflicts of interest
- Challenges unique to resort villages

There will also be an open forum where residents can ask their municipal governance questions.

We encourage resort villages to invite their residents to take part. We have provided some tools below for resort villages to use to promote this session within their community.

**Municipal Governance 101:
Resort Villages promotional
poster**

**Email, website, and social
media promotion for resort
villages**

Register for Municipal Governance 101: Resort Villages

Sessions for cities, towns, villages, and northern communities are scheduled to take place this September. More information will be sent out to these municipal members later this week.



Meetings Recap: Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting and CMC

Thank you to all of the Municipalities of Saskatchewan members who attended virtual meetings June 18 and 19.

The Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting held online **June 18** included member driven discussions, updates from Municipalities of Saskatchewan, a keynote address by thought leader Stuart Knight, and an education session on emergency preparedness and wildfire management from representatives of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.

On **June 19**, Saskatchewan's city mayors met online for the City Mayors' Caucus. The meeting included discussions on the provincial and municipal elections and COVID-19. The city mayors and managers were joined by Honorable Mélanie Joly, the Minister for Economic Development and Official Languages, and Kent Campbell, Saskatchewan Deputy Minister for Trade and Export Development.



50 Communities Receiving Traffic Safety Fund Grants

Today SGI announced road safety improvements are coming to 50 communities across Saskatchewan, courtesy of \$550,000 in grants from the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund.

A total of 52 projects have been approved, with grants ranging from \$2,320 to \$57,750. Projects include digital speed display signs and other speed management projects, pedestrian crossing signals, school zone beacons, and additional street lights.

See the Traffic Safety Fund grants list.

Applications for the fund are evaluated by the Photo Speed Enforcement (PSE) Committee, which is made up of representatives from Municipalities of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, and SGI.

Applications Open Wednesday for Next Round of Grants

The PSE committee will start accepting applications for the next round of Traffic Safety Fund grants on **July 1**. The deadline for applications is September 24.

[Learn more about the Traffic Safety Fund](#)



Show Support for the Small Businesses in Your Community

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business has launched the campaign *Small Business Every Day* to encourage 'shopping local' as businesses look to recover from COVID-19 closures and adapt to social distancing requirements.

Municipal leaders are encouraged to:

- Use social media to encourage and challenge your followers to 'shop local';
- Post pictures of favourite local businesses on social media using the hashtag #SmallBusinessEveryDay; and
- Display and distribute [posters](#) to local businesses which thank customers for shopping local.



Climate Leadership Course for Elected Officials

Are you a municipal elected official looking to advance your climate change knowledge and skills?

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has created a new, free climate leadership course for elected officials. The course starts in September 2020 and combines online learning (three hours per month) and an in-person summit.

[Learn more and apply by July 3.](#)



Ombudsman Saskatchewan's 2019 Report

Did you know the 2019 Annual Report for Ombudsman Saskatchewan is available online?

In the report, Ombudsman Mary McFadyen, Q.C., highlights that in 2019 issues investigated by the ombudsman included council member remuneration, how councils give public notice of upcoming decisions, and tax assessments, as well as conflicts of interest and other code of ethics violations.

[See the full report.](#)

Help Us Spot New Legal Precedents

Has your community been in court or before a tribunal lately?

Share your court or tribunal decisions with us (regardless of outcome), and help us spot new legal precedents and keep pace with municipal law trends. Sharing your cases can also help your fellow municipalities build on your success or avoid risks.

Listen to the CBC Podcast on FCM's Western Economic Solutions Taskforce

Listen to Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark and RMA President Al Kemmere talk about the work of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM's) Western Economic Solutions Taskforce on CBC's West of Centre podcast. The conversation highlights FCM's call for emergency operating funding.

[Listen to the podcast.](#)

Advocacy Update



Posting Public Notices in Newspapers

At Convention 2019, members passed a [resolution](#) calling on the provincial government to expand the methods of communicating with taxpayers to include consideration for the use of email, municipal websites, social media, and other electronic notifications available to a municipality.

The Government of Saskatchewan has removed amendments that would have expanded the options for municipalities publishing public notices.

[Read Municipalities of Saskatchewan's letter to Minister of Government Relations Lori Carr regarding public notices](#)

Events



Upcoming Events

**Municipalities of Saskatchewan Webinar
Extending the Life of Your Landfill: A Conversation
with Saskatchewan Recycling Stakeholders**
June 30

Municipal Governance 101: Resort Villages
July 14

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Davidson: *Administrator* (June 30)
- City of Regina: *Client Services and Labour Relations Manager* (July 4)
- Town of Maple Creek: *Chief Administrative Officer* (July 7)
- RM of Vanscoy No. 345: *Administrator* (July 10)
- Town of Battleford: *Chief Administrative Officer* (July 13)
- Village of Lintlaw: *Administrator* (When filled)
- 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 *Traffic Safety Fund* (September 24)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program* (October 1)
- 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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