

MUNICIPAL Update

July 18, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19, 2022

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

August 16, 2022

Webinar - Property and Equipment Values: What's UP With Our Numbers?

August 25-26, 2022

SUMA Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).



SEASON 3 OF MUNICAST IS HERE!

The next season of *MuniCast*, SUMA's municipal podcast, has arrived. We will be releasing new episodes the second Wednesday of each month until December.

Last week we released Episode 1 which features former City of Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. Don shares personal and professional experiences that have shaped the way he engages with community members and how current trends in municipal leadership, addressing COVID-19, mental health, and housing are

What's the Difference? Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner and Ombudsman Saskatchewan

The [Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner](#) is an independent office of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. It oversees three Saskatchewan statutes: *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and *The Health Information Protection Act*. All three establish access to information and privacy rights of citizens.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner ensures that public bodies including municipalities respect the privacy and access rights of Saskatchewan citizens by:

- Informing the public of their information rights
- Resolving access and privacy disputes between individuals and public bodies
- Making recommendations on appeals from access to information decisions by public bodies
- Investigating and resolving privacy complaints
- Issuing recommendations on public bodies and practices
- Commenting on proposed laws and policies

[Ombudsman Saskatchewan](#) is the office of the provincial ombudsman, who is an independent and an impartial official. The

interconnected.

MuniCast is available on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, and YouTube.

**Listen to Episode 1 on
YouTube**

In the last edition of *Municipal Update* we asked "When do you listen to *MuniCast*?"

The results were:

When I'm at work - **14 per cent**

When I'm on the go - **19 per cent**

When I'm at home - **29 per cent**

I don't listen to *MuniCast* - **19 per cent**

What is *MuniCast*? - **19 per cent**

ombudsman has the power to receive, investigate, or informally resolve complaints about government decisions and actions. The ombudsman also has the power to make findings, recommendations, and issue public reports.

Therefore, for any questions regarding access to information and privacy rights of residents, municipalities should contact the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, and for complaints about elected officials, municipalities should contact Ombudsman Saskatchewan.

Calling all mayors and councillors



SUMMA SUMMER SCHOOL

Introducing Sessions at SUMA Summer School

From a session on municipal legal tangles to breakout discussions on municipal best practices for regional collaboration, we guarantee there won't be a dull moment in the class schedule at SUMA Summer School.

Here are just three of the sessions that will be part of SUMA Summer School:

Leadership and Governance

A collection of experiences from a civil servant with many years of experience working with, and for, elected officials. Plus, tips and tricks for mayors and councillors.

Municipal Best Practices - Excellence in Regional Collaboration: South Saskatchewan Ready

Learn about the regional collaboration between nine municipalities that strives to support local business and attract new enterprise to their region.

Addressing Mental Health and Addictions in Your Community

A discussion on how municipal government can collaborate with businesses, community groups, and more to address mental health and addictions in Saskatchewan.

Open to mayors and councillors, SUMA Summer School is happening **August 25** and **26** in-person and online. Connect in-person with your peers at the University of Regina and Atlas Hotel. There's also an evening reception with special guest speakers for those joining us in Regina. Unable to attend in-person? There is a virtual option so you can connect and learn wherever this summer takes you!

**Learn more and
register**



Municipal Audits: What's the Cost for Your Municipality?

The *Cities Act* and *The Municipalities Act* require each municipality to submit a copy of its annual audited financial statement and auditors report to the Ministry of Government Relations.

The financial statements are to be audited by a professional auditor - a person in good standing of a recognized accounting profession under *The Accounting Profession Act, 2014* - and must be prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Board standards.

We would like to know:

How much does your municipality pay for your audit?

\$3,000 or less

Select

\$3,001 - \$5,000

Select

\$5,001 - \$7,000

Select

\$7,001 - \$9,000

Select

\$9,001 - \$11,000

Select

More than \$11,000

Select

Learn Wherever You Are With These Great Summer Webinars



The Importance of Electronic Data



Property and Equipment Values: What's

Reliability: What to Look For
July 19 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tomorrow in the SUMA webinar *The Importance of Electronic Data Reliability: What to Look For*, learn about the key ingredients for legal document reliability, why this is important for municipal records management, what technologies are on the market, and the reliability of each.

**Register for the
webinar**



Enhance Natural Infrastructure in Your Community with the Natural Infrastructure Fund

The Government of Canada is accepting applications for new projects through the Small Projects Stream of the Natural Infrastructure Fund.

The **\$200 million fund** supports building community awareness of the value of natural infrastructure.

Municipalities, local governments, provinces or territories, public sector bodies, Indigenous organizations, not-for-profit, and for profit organizations in partnership with other eligible applicants outside the private sector, can **apply for up to \$1 million dollars** in federal funding **to restore and enhance natural infrastructure** like urban forests, street trees, wetlands, living dykes, and bioswales.

[Learn more and see how to apply.](#)

UP With Our Numbers?
August 16 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

In recent history, there has been no period that saw this rapid of a shift in property valuations on a replacement basis. In the webinar *Property and Equipment Values: What's UP With Our Numbers?* hear how rampant inflation impacts your insurance placement and what you can do to prepare.

**Register for the
webinar**



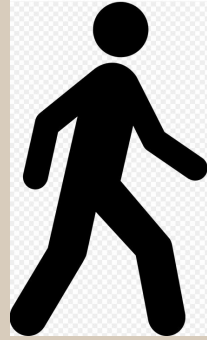
Invitation to Learn: 4 Seasons of Reconciliation

Learn about the history and culture of Indigenous communities in Canada, the history of residential schools, and treaties around the country in the multi-media course **4 Seasons of Reconciliation**.

Until August 31, sign-up for free to take part in this unique online course that promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation.

Those who complete the **three-hour course** will receive a certificate of completion provided by First Nations University of Canada.

Click the video to learn more about the program and **[sign-up online.](#)**



\$1.34 Million for 85 New Traffic Safety Projects

A total of **85 applications from 80 Saskatchewan communities** have been **approved for Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants**. The communities will receive grants ranging from \$2,250 to \$92,601 for their projects which range from installing pedestrian pathways to increasing speed limit signage.

Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants are awarded to communities twice a year, using proceeds from Photo Speed Enforcement.

The **next round of grants is now open**. Applications are being accepted until **September 30**. Find more information about the grant on [SGI's website](#).



Apply Now for Tourism Saskatchewan's Achieving AWEsome Program

Tourism Saskatchewan is committed to fostering the development of distinctly unique tourism experiences. Its application-based **Achieving AWEsome** program supports new experience providers through the complete development process – from concept to promotion to delivery.

Ideal candidates are people with no previous background in developing or delivering a tourism experience to the travelling public; who have an interesting story to share, and; are willing to invest time and resources into creating an interactive, hands-on guest experience.

Review the program details and apply by **August 15**.



Community and Land Use Planning: Learn at Your Own Pace with MLDP

Did you know that you can register to take the Community and Land Use Planning module of the Municipal Leadership Development Program anytime?

The **module is available online**, meaning you can complete the program at your own pace when it is convenient for you. **Learn about the creation, adoption, and amendment process for official community plans and zoning bylaws, servicing agreements, enforcing bylaws,**



Province Releases 2022 Resilience Report

The Government of Saskatchewan has released an **annual update on its climate change efforts** through the provincial **2022 Resilience Report**.

In the fourth-annual report, **18 of the 22 measures were considered in good standing**, including all measures related to economic sustainability and human well-being, while **four were considered fair**.

Read the report.

and more.

[Register for the module today.](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Federal Government Pauses Billing of Retroactive Pay Increases for Municipalities

The **Government of Canada** has announced that it will pause billing of the retroactive portion of RCMP salaries to municipalities while it discusses with other orders of government how to handle the retroactive portion of the wages.

SUMA sees the pause as positive and we want to thank all municipalities who have participated in our advocacy efforts, including our letter writing campaign that sent letters expressing municipal concern over the backpay directly to the federal minister of public safety.

We will continue to call on the federal government to absorb the full cost of the retroactive pay as municipalities were not at the table when the decision was made and we know these additional costs have real impacts on Saskatchewan's communities.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of La Ronge: *Project Coordinator* (July 20)
- Town of Nipawin: *Accounting Clerk* (July 22)
- Town of Wynyard: *Director of Leisure Services* (July 29)
- Town of Duck Lake: *Public Works Foreman* (August 9)
- UMAAS: *Employment Positions* (September 9)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Natural Resources Canada *Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program* (August 11)
- Government of Canada *Natural Infrastructure Fund - Small Projects Stream* (September 27)
- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully)

- 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)
- Town of Churchbridge: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)

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