

# MUNICIPAL Update

July 13, 2020



## Virtual Sessions for Election Candidates

**Are you running for re-election? Are you thinking of running for municipal council for the first time? Do you just want to learn more about municipal governance?**

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 tomorrow, 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.

[Register for Municipal Governance 101: Resort Villages](#)

## Sessions for Cities, Towns, and Villages

Sessions for city, town, and village residents will follow in September, starting with

**Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government.** Open to everyone from a Saskatchewan city, town, or village, this one-hour session will be held on **September 1 at 6:30 p.m.** In coordination with the Ministry of Government Relations, Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government will cover what the role of council is, what your responsibilities are as a councillor, and more.

## Register for Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government

On **September 8, 9, and 10**, Municipalities of Saskatchewan will be holding three separate sessions where residents from cities, towns, and villages will have the chance to ask a panel of individuals experienced in municipal governance their questions. A separate registration is required to attend the open forum designed for your community.

Register for Municipal  
Governance 101: City  
Hall

Register for Municipal  
Governance 101:  
Town Hall

Register for Municipal  
Governance 101:  
Village Hall



## 139 New Projects Approved through MEEP

The Government of Saskatchewan has approved an additional 139 projects under the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP).

See the list of projects recently approved.

To date, the provincial government has approved a total of 194 municipal projects and initiatives in 109 communities. The total investment so far is \$21.37 million.

In May, the Government of Saskatchewan announced \$150 million in funding through MEEP. The funding was announced as part of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to build a strong province and stimulate economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Learn more about MEEP](#)



## Building Standards and Licensing Branch Workshop - Now Available via Webinar

The Building Standards and Licensing Branch is now offering the workshop "Understanding the Objective Based Code" in webinar format.

The workshop has been formatted in video and is available as an on-demand virtual workshop until

**October 9.**

Topics covered include:

- Provincial legislation;
- Objective statements;
- Functional statements;
- Intent statements; and
- Alternative solutions

This webinar provides four credit hours towards mandatory training hour requirements for

building official license renewal and four credit hours towards professional development for others. Upon completion of all eight chapters including a short survey, a certificate will be emailed to the address provided with the registration.

Register for the sessions below:

**Chapter 1**

**Chapter 2**

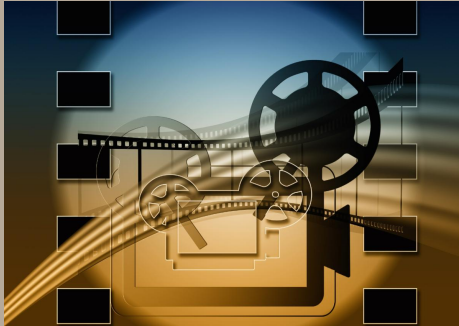
**Chapter 3**

**Chapters 4 & 5**

**Chapter 6**

**Chapter 7**

**Chapter 8 and Survey**



### **Help Stimulate the Economy By Supporting the Saskatchewan Media Production Industry**

The Saskatchewan Media Production Industry Association (SMPIA) is asking for municipal support as they encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to take another look at the screen based media production industry as a means of diversifying the economy, attracting highly paid jobs, and contributing to the restarting of the Saskatchewan economy post-COVID-19.

At the Municipalities of Saskatchewan Board of Directors meeting on June 26, the board passed a motion supporting SMPIA. If your municipality is interested in supporting SMPIA's request for the provincial government to re-examine the screen based media production industry as a means of diversifying the economy, you can send your endorsement to [Ken Alecxe](#), SMPIA Executive Director.

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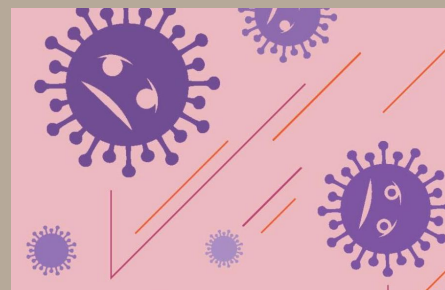
### **Clarification: North Central Transportation Planning Committee Municipal Support Program**

The June 15 edition of the Municipal Update shared information about the North Central Transportation Planning Committee Municipal Support Program.

The program is only available to members of the North Central Transportation Planning Committee and communities in the region. 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 the municipality.

[See the program announcement](#) for more information.

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## Applications Being Accepted for Traffic Safety Grants

The Photo Speed Enforcement committee is now accepting applications for the next round of Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants.

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program provides up to \$100,000 (per location) to municipalities and Indigenous land or territories. The goal of the fund is to stimulate and support local, collaborative action that will increase traffic safety awareness and reduce the frequency and severity of traffic injuries and fatalities within Saskatchewan.

The deadline for applications is **September 24**.

[Learn more and apply for a Traffic Safety Fund grant.](#)

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## SHA Reminding Residents to Be Vigilant with COVID-19

As people take advantage of the warm weather to travel and extend their social circle, the [Saskatchewan Health Authority \(SHA\)](#) is reminding [Saskatchewan residents](#) to do so in a gradual and controlled way.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and to continue implementing the proper COVID-19 protocols, including following physical distancing guidelines to maintain two metres of separation, implementing proper hygiene practices, and complying with provincial health orders, including limiting the size of outdoor gatherings to 30 people.

Anyone with symptoms should protect themselves and others, especially the vulnerable, by staying home, self-isolating, and getting tested for COVID-19.

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## Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced the first steps of a generational project that will irrigate up to 500,000 acres of land from Lake Diefenbaker.

Phase 1 of the project is estimated to cost \$500 million and will include the rehabilitation and expansion of the existing Westside irrigation canal system. Phase 2 will see the further expansion and buildout of the Westside Irrigation Project, adding an additional 260,000 acres of irrigable land. Phase 3 will see the buildout of the Qu'Appelle South Irrigation Project, adding an estimated 120,000 acres of irrigable land. It would provide the Moose Jaw-Regina corridor and southern Saskatchewan



## CIF Proceeding with October 1 Deadline

Thanks to an Emergency Pandemic Response Gaming Grant of \$5 million from the Government of Saskatchewan, the [Community Initiatives Fund \(CIF\)](#) is proceeding with its regular October 1 grant application deadline.

The one-time grant to the CIF is intended to help offset the loss of more than \$8 million the CIF expected to receive this year due to the temporary closure of Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw due to COVID-19. The grant will allow CIF to continue providing funding through their regular Community Grant Program to support the delivery of programs and services in communities throughout

with a secure source of water for the next century and act as a catalyst for significant industrial expansion in the years to come.

[Learn more about the project.](#)

Saskatchewan.

Organizations are expected to follow all provincial public health orders and recommendations when planning and delivering their programs.

## Events



### Upcoming Events

**Municipal Governance 101: Resort Villages**  
July 14

**Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to  
Local Government**  
September 1

**Municipal Governance 101: City Hall**  
September 8

**Municipal Governance 101: Town Hall**  
September 9

**Municipal Governance 101: Village Hall**  
September 10

## Classifieds and Grants



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Battleford: *Chief Administrative Officer* (July 13)
- Town of Cupar: *Administrator* (July 20)
- Town of La Ronge: *Director of Municipal Operations* (August 10)
- Village of Lintlaw: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Langenburg: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance*



### 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)

*Officer* (When filled)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

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

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