

MUNICIPAL Update

August 2, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10, 2022

MuniCast Release - Season 3, Episode 2:
Making an Impact Through Connectivity with
President Randy Goulden

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](#).



CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO SAVE ON YOUR SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION!

SUMA Summer School is taking place in-person and online **August 25 and 26**. While early bird registration has ended, SUMA members still looking to register can save up to \$100 by contacting their regional director for a special promotional code.

Designed for mayors and councillors, the 2022 SUMA Summer School offers the chance to network with fellow elected officials, take in engaging education



Shape Future Federal Infrastructure Funding: Take SUMA's Infrastructure Priorities Survey

A number of federal infrastructure funding agreements are coming up for negotiation and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is preparing draft program design recommendations. SUMA wants to ensure the voices of Saskatchewan's hometowns are heard in the infrastructure programming, so we've created the SUMA Infrastructure Priorities survey.

A representative from each SUMA member municipality is asked to complete our survey so we can share your thoughts with FCM. The survey is open until **5:00 p.m. on August 4**.

Each municipality that completes the survey will be entered into a draw to win one registration (virtual or in-person - accommodations not included) for **SUMA**.

sessions, and participate in exciting exercises. See the [full agenda](#) for more information, including session descriptions.

Learn more and register for
SUMA Summer School

[Summer School](#) taking place August 25 and 26.

Take the SUMA Infrastructure
Priorities Survey

 **Webinar**

SUMA | 08.16.22
10:00-11:00 a.m.

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



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Learn How to Protect Your Municipal Assets in the Next SUMA Webinar

Shifts in property valuations on a replacement basis are happening rapidly. To learn what your municipality can do to protect your assets, join SUMA and Suncorp Valuations for the webinar **Property and Equipment Values: What's UP With Our Numbers?** on **August 16** at **10:00 a.m.**

In this webinar, Suncorp Valuations will cover what is going on with rampant inflation and how it impacts your insurance placement.

Register for the
webinar



Poll Results

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

Municipalities are required to submit a copy of their annual audited financial statement and auditors report to the Ministry of Government Relations. The financial statements are to be

audited by a professional auditor and must be prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Board standards.

In the last edition of *Municipal Update* we asked: *How much does your municipality pay for your audit?*

The results:

- \$3,000 or less - **5.2 per cent**
- \$3,001 - \$5,000 - **7.8 per cent**
- \$5,001 - \$7,000 - **20.7 per cent**
- \$7,001 - \$9,000 - **19.8 per cent**
- \$9,001 - \$11,000 - **15.5 per cent**
- More than \$11,000 - **31 per cent**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the poll.



New Intake for Targeted Sector Support Initiative Opens September 1

The **next intake for funding** under the **Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative** is expected to run **September 1 to November 15**.

TSS supports municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on good governance, capacity building, and regional co-operation. Funding is provided through cost-shared grants, covering up to 75 per cent of eligible project costs.

Each year, the TSS Initiative receives \$1.5 million from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program. Since 2020, \$4.5 million of provincial funds has been made available to Saskatchewan municipalities through the TSS Initiative.

More **information on the application process will be available** to municipalities, **once the application window is open**.



Submit Your Nomination for the Celebrating Seniors Volunteer Awards

The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism is hosting a virtual event to **recognize and celebrate the work that older adults do as volunteers**.

If you feel someone has done an outstanding job as a volunteer, nominate them by completing the [nomination form](#).

Nominations are being accepted until **August 15**. The virtual recognition event is being held **September 25**.

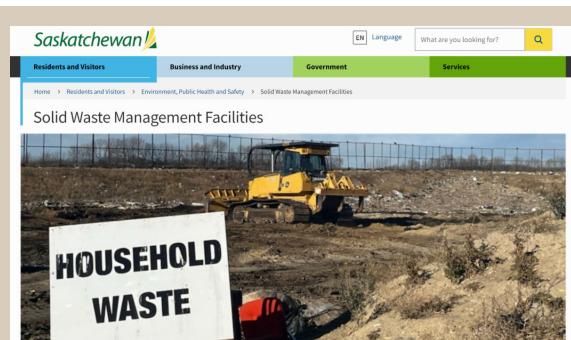


Webinar: Learn How to Calculate the Effective Tax Rate

Regulatory amendments are setting the effective tax rate limit to 7:1 for the 2023 property taxation year. Register for the webinar **Learn How To Calculate the Effective Tax Rate** for a demonstration on how to calculate the new rate.

The webinar is happening on **September 7** from **11:00 a.m.** to noon. [Register](#) before **August 30**.

To learn more, visit [Municipal Property Tax Tools and Other Taxes](#) page to read about the effective tax rate ratio limit or download the [2022 Municipal Tax Policy Guide](#).



Updated Webpage on Solid Waste Management Facilities

The Ministry of Environment has updated the [webpage for solid waste management facilities](#) in Saskatchewan. The webpage features a more convenient layout for those looking for information on landfills, transfer stations, composting facilities, and industrial waste works facilities. Did you know that Saskatchewan produces the second highest amount of solid waste per capita in Canada? You can also find [useful information about recycling programs](#) in Saskatchewan which play a key role as we all work towards reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill.

In addition, a new [Inert \(Construction & Demolition\) Landfill Design and Operational Guidance Document](#) has been developed for municipalities looking to dispose of a significant amount of inert waste; including some construction and demolition material. To access this document go to the Solid Waste Management Facilities page, click on the "landfills" section, scroll to the bottom, and click on "guidance document" under inert landfills or click the above link.

If you have any questions or feedback for either the updated webpage or the new inert landfill guidance document, send your comments to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Tel: 1-800-567-4224 (toll-free in North America) Email: Centre.Inquiry@gov.sk.ca



Community Planning Workshops this Fall

The Urban Municipal Administrators' Association and Rural Municipal Administrators Association have scheduled a series of workshops pertaining to regulations and practical administration practices relating to a municipal administrator's regular working duties.

Quality of Life Approach to Community Planning - Take the Survey

A researcher at the University of Regina, [Iryna Khovrenkov](#), is working on a project called "*Well-being in Policy: Cultivating Knowledge with Municipal Stakeholders about the Quality-of-Life Approach to Community Planning*".

As part of the project, Iryna and her team are interested in learning how municipalities are conceptualizing community well-being and the challenges associated with adopting a well-being approach to municipal decision-making.

They know that municipalities are at the heart of all communities and are seeking your input and ideas as part of the province-wide survey. The [link to the survey is being sent to you directly](#).



New Intake for Level 2 EV Chargers Rebate Program

Eco-West Canada (EWC), a not-for-profit environmental organization, has announced a new intake for level 2 electric vehicle chargers. The chargers are made available through Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program initiative to increase the availability of EV chargers across

Some of the **common topics** in these **workshops** will be subdivisions, development permits, official **community plans**, **municipal reserve**, **environmental reserve**, and more.

These workshops are intended for both urban and rural CAO's, administrators, and municipal staff.

[Find out more](#), including how to register.

Canada.

EWC is providing municipalities and other interested parties in Saskatchewan with the opportunity to **participate in this program**, which offers a rebate of up to \$5,000 (**per charger**) for the purchase and installation of one or more level 2 EV chargers.

[Learn more](#).

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Support Immigration in Your Community: Be Part of SUMA's Municipal Immigration Network

Immigration helps strengthen communities, addressing labour shortages, improving economic sustainability, and supporting local recovery from the pandemic.

To assist Saskatchewan hometowns interested in fostering **immigration** in their community, **SUMA is establishing the Municipal Immigration Network**. Through this 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.

The **network is open to municipal leaders** – both elected officials and administration – from SUMA member municipalities. Space in the network is limited. Members will be selected randomly, with consideration given to ensure that different sectors and regions are represented.

If you are interested in being part of SUMA's Municipal Immigration Network, complete the expression of interest form.

Municipal Immigration Network Expression of Interest Form

CONVENTION 2023



Share Your Convention Ideas
Apply to Join the 2023 Convention Focus Group

To help **SUMA gain a better understanding of convention from a members' perspective**, we are once again hosting a convention focus group.

The **focus group for Convention 2023 will meet twice virtually**. The first meeting will take place in **August 2022** and the second meeting will happen in **November 2022**. After each meeting, a report detailing the focus group discussions will be taken to the Convention Planning Committee. The Committee will then use the information to guide their decisions for Convention 2023.

The **focus group** is open to elected officials and administration from SUMA member municipalities who are interested in sharing ideas and feedback to help shape our next convention.

Spaces in the focus group are limited. Members will be chosen randomly, with consideration given to ensure that different sectors and regions are represented.

Apply to join the focus group before August 5

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Duck Lake: *Public Works Foreman* (August 9)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Manager of Planning and Development* (August 12)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Manager of Operations* (August 12)
- Town of Biggar: *Community Development Officer* (August 12)
- Town of Carrot River: *Public Works and Utility Foreman* (August 26)
- UMAAS: *Employment Positions* (September 9)
- Town of Churchbridge: *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:

- 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 allocated)

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

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