

MUNICIPAL Update

July 26, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10

Webinar - Getting Value Right:
Assessments, Revaluation, and Appeals

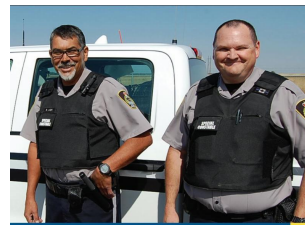
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MuniCast Release - Episode 4: Building
Smart Communities with SaskTel

August 24-25

Virtual Mayors Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).



Shape SUMA's Bylaw Project - Take the Bylaw Enforcement Survey

SUMA is undertaking a municipal bylaw project, looking into different methods for adjudicating and enforcing bylaws. As part of the project, the following survey has been created to gather data on the current state of bylaw enforcement in Saskatchewan.

Municipalities are invited to help inform our bylaw project by completing the bylaw survey. We are looking for **one response per municipality**.

The survey is open until **August 6**.

[Take the survey](#)

Getting Value Right: Assessments, Revaluation, and Appeals



Learn More About Assessments, Revaluation, and Appeals

August 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Property assessments are fundamentally important to municipal budgets. Provincial legislation requires all properties in Saskatchewan be revalued once every four years. With 2021 being a revaluation year, local governments across Saskatchewan are working with updated property values, and a new cycle of notices and appeals.

On **August 10 at 10:00 a.m.**, we are bringing together a panel of Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency representatives and assessment lawyers to discuss the big issues in assessment, from revaluation to appeals.

Register for the webinar Getting Value Right: Assessments, Revaluation, and Appeals



In-Person and Online Asset Management Training This Fall

No matter where you are in your asset management learning journey, Asset Management Saskatchewan can help further your understanding and knowledge. This fall they are offering both in-person and online courses.

NAMS In-Person Workshops in October

The return of classic in-person training! Real people, hands on help, and real time advice and interaction with NAMS Canada facilitators and your colleagues.

Secure your spot for in-person training by clicking the location you want to attend below:

[Saskatoon - October 5-7](#)

[Regina - October 12-14](#)

Online Training in November and December

A virtual NAMS+ asset management workshop is being delivered online from November 2 to December 7. The online delivery model includes six live (virtual) and interactive sessions delivered by NAMS Canada Asset Management experts. Each session is 2.25 hours and includes a live question and answer with facilitators.

This course is delivered via Zoom and the online learning platform, Thinkific. Each session is recorded should you happen to miss one or need a refresher.

[Register for online training.](#)

Results

In the last edition of *Municipal Update* we asked "How do you feel about returning to in-person events like Convention?" These are the results:

I'm excited for in-person events - **83.9 per cent**

I am nervous but will still be attending events in-person - **9.7 per cent**

I am not ready to attend in-person events and would prefer virtual - **6.5 per cent**

New Poll

Convention is moving from February to April for 2022 and beyond. Moving convention not only offers the chance for better weather, but there is also an opportunity for SUMA to organize outdoor activities or activities that explore the host city. We would like to know:

Would you be interested in activities outdoors or away from the Convention venue?

Yes, I would like activities that are outdoors or explore the host city.

Select

No, I prefer activities at the Convention venue.

Select



Share Your Experience with *The Local Improvements Act*

Has your municipality used *The Local Improvements Act, 1993* to fund municipal capital works at any time in the last 10 or so years? If your answer is yes, the Ministry of Government Relations would like to hear from you.

The Act allows for special levies on specific properties in a municipality benefiting from a proposed work. They are used to fix, upgrade, or maintain a wide range of infrastructure works or services from sidewalks to back alleys.

If your municipality has used the Act or is planning to undertake a local improvement under the Act, send your contact information to regs@gov.sk.ca. The ministry is exploring whether to amend this Act in the future and would like to hear from municipalities who have experience with it.



Apply for Rail Safety Improvement Funding

Transport Canada is accepting applications for infrastructure, technology, and research projects for 2022-23 funding under the Rail Safety Improvement Program until **August 1**.

The program provides federal funding in the form of grants or contributions to provinces, territories, municipalities, and local governments, road and transit authorities, crown corporations, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations (including academia), Indigenous groups, communities and organizations, and individuals to help improve rail safety and reduce injuries and fatalities related to rail transportation.

[Learn more about the Rail Safety Improvement Program](#), including how to apply for funding.



Cleanfarms Collecting Unwanted Agricultural Pesticides This Fall

Cleanfarms is gearing up to run its 2021 fall collection program for unwanted agricultural pesticides and obsolete livestock, equine, and poultry medications.

Collection will be happening in northern Saskatchewan from **October 4-8**.

Accepted materials include:

- old or unwanted agricultural pesticides
- commercial pesticides for golf courses and industrial and commercial pest control products
- livestock/equine medications that are used in rearing animals in an agricultural context

[Learn more.](#)



Boaters Reminded to Stop at Watercraft Inspection Stations

Saskatchewan residents travelling across provincial and international borders with boats are reminded to keep an eye out for inspection stations along highways and near waterbodies.

The requirement to stop at all watercraft inspection stations is part of a coordinated effort to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). AIS not only have the potential to harm aquatic habitat and fisheries, but can also cause damage to important infrastructure related to power and water management, costing millions of dollars each year.

[Read more.](#)



Communicator Program for Community Interpreters and Translators

The Communicator program is currently accepting applications for their fall 2021 cohort. Communicator is a professional development training program for community interpreters and translators who are currently working or volunteering with service provider organizations (SPOs) in Saskatchewan. This program is language neutral, there is no cost for the training, and program certification will be provided upon successful completion.

[Learn more about the program.](#)



\$13 Million Announced for Skills Training Programs

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced approximately \$13 million in new funding for Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) to deliver education and skills training programs to help grow a skilled workforce in Saskatchewan.

This funding allows both institutions to deliver a variety of education and skills training programs in support of the Government's commitment to engage with under-represented groups, create jobs in long-term care, and increase the number of apprentices in the province.

[Read the full funding announcement.](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

Town Hall with the Saskatchewan Health Authority

The next Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) virtual town hall focused on COVID-19 is being held today, **July 26 at 3:00 p.m.**

[Register to attend.](#)

[Read the latest update from the SHA](#)

Living with COVID-19

Looking for guidance on living with COVID-19, including the requirements for self-isolation if you have a positive COVID-19 test, expectations around masking, information for businesses and workplaces, and the visitation requirements for acute care as well as long term care and personal care homes?

[Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/living-with-covid](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/living-with-covid)

Border Restrictions Easing August 9

The Government of Canada is easing border measures for fully vaccinated American citizens and permanent residents, currently residing in the United States, for discretionary or non-essential travel. The change takes effect August 9.

Border measures remain the same for non-essential travel from all other countries.

[Learn more about Canada's COVID-19 border measures](#)

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

[Positions Available:](#)



Grants

[Upcoming Deadlines:](#)

- Town of Churchbridge: *Water Operator - Level 2* (August 8)
- Village of Meacham: *Administrator/CAO* (August 23)
- City of Meadow Lake: *City Engineer* (August 31)
- Town of Foam Lake: *CAO* (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.

- Transport Canada *Rail Safety Improvement Program* (August 1)
- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

Other:

- SaskPower *Rink Relief Program* (March 1 to September 1, 2021)

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

