

MUNICIPAL Update

July 27, 2020



Building Inclusive
Communities

Webinar sponsored by  SUMAssure
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for Urban Municipalities



Municipalities of Saskatchewan is partnering with the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) and municipal leaders to deliver a webinar on how to best represent people of colour in your community.

On **August 4 at 10:00 a.m.**, join us for the webinar Building Inclusive Communities to listen as people of colour share their experiences in Saskatchewan and learn how you can build a welcoming and inclusive community.

This webinar was developed in response to Municipalities of Saskatchewan's recognition of the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement and will highlight the MCoS Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Toolkit.

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

[Register for the webinar](#)



Federal Funding for Municipalities Part of "Safe Restart" Agreement

The federal government has announced \$19 billion in funding for Canada's provinces and territories to help safely restart the economy.

Included in the agreement is support for municipalities. The Government of Canada will contribute up to \$2 billion to support municipalities with COVID-19 operating costs for the next six to eight months. Provincial and territorial are to continue supporting municipalities and cost-match federal support with investments made this fiscal year. In addition, the Government of Canada will also cost-match approximately \$1.8 billion to support any additional provincial/territorial contributions for public transit.



Virtual Sessions for Municipal Leaders and Residents

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 free 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.

On **September 1** in ***Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government***, learn about the role of council, what your responsibilities are as a councillor, and

Register for Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government

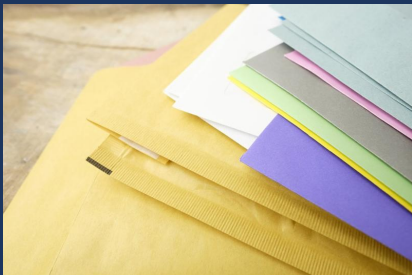
On **September 8, 9, and 10**, Municipalities of Saskatchewan will be holding three separate sessions where residents from cities, towns, and villages will have the chance to ask a panel of individuals experienced in municipal governance their questions. A separate registration is required to attend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

Municipalities are encouraged to invite residents in their community to attend these virtual sessions.



Sample Bylaw for Mail-in Ballots

Interested in enacting a mail-in ballot bylaw for your community? The Ministry of Government Relations has created a **sample bylaw** as a guide for municipalities wanting to establish a mail-in ballot voting system. The ministry has also prepared a **question and answer** document to help municipalities gain a stronger understanding of the sample mail-in ballot bylaw.



\$12 Million of Work Approved



Provincial Funding for City

in Well Abandonment Program

The Government of Saskatchewan has approved its first parcel of work packages to be completed through the Accelerated Site Closure Program.

A total of 22 packages will engage up to 50 service companies and spread out the work for abandonment activities across the Lloydminster, Kindersley, Swift Current and Estevan areas. The work includes around 300 well abandonments, 300 flowline abandonments, 75 facility decommissions, and 700 other activities related to site reclamation.

[Learn more about the Accelerated Site Closure Program.](#)

Policing Initiatives

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing has announced funding through the Municipal Police Grants program for policing initiatives in Saskatchewan's hometowns.

[\\$5.88 million for Saskatoon](#)
[\\$5.85 million for Regina](#)
[\\$2.805 million for Prince Albert](#)
[\\$800,000 for Moose Jaw](#)
[\\$770,000 for Meadow Lake](#)
[\\$770,000 for North Battleford](#)
[\\$510,000 for Estevan](#)
[\\$400,000 for Weyburn](#)
[\\$330,000 for Yorkton](#)

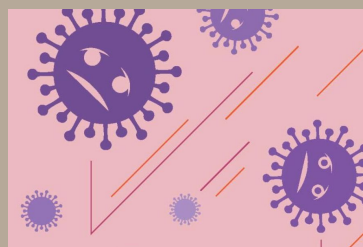


AM Capacity Needs Survey

As part of the Municipal Asset Management Program delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Canadian Network of Asset Managers (CNAM) is conducting a national survey on the current needs and demand for workforce capacity and capability development of asset management in Canada.

This survey is critical to understanding Canada's asset management landscape. CNAM will use the data collected to help the industry better structure and provide support to Canadian public sector organizations in the future.

[Access the survey.](#)



Continued Vigilance Encouraged with COVID-19

Since mid-June there has been an increase in cases in the southwest and west-central parts of Saskatchewan, both on colonies and in the broader community.

Though the most recent new cases have been in the southwest and west-central Saskatchewan, residents are reminded the risk of COVID-19 transmission continues to exist in every part of the province. Everyone in Saskatchewan is encouraged to continue taking precautions and following public health measures.

[Download Municipalities of Saskatchewan's printable Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 poster.](#)

Events

Upcoming Events



Municipalities of Saskatchewan Webinar: Building Inclusive Communities

August 4

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

Event Insight

To ensure the safety of delegates, Municipalities of Saskatchewan is exploring the options for hosting a virtual convention in 2021.

Would you attend a virtual convention?

Yes, a virtual convention would be great.

Select

Maybe. It would depend on cost and event offerings.

Select

No, I prefer in-person events.

Select

What would you like a virtual convention to offer?

Everything the in-person event does - education sessions, tradeshow, and more.

Select

More than the basics but not a full schedule like in-person.

Select

Just the basics - Municipalities of Saskatchewan AGM and resolutions.

Select

Convention

Nominate to Celebrate

Service Awards

Show gratitude to long-serving municipal employees and elected officials by nominating them for the [Meritorious](#) and [Honorary](#) Service Awards. You can also recognize an individual for outstanding service in municipal government or administration on



a local, provincial, and national basis by nominating them for the [Scoop Lewry Award](#).

The deadline to submit a nomination is October 5, 2020.

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

Take the time to celebrate the successes, innovations, and excellence in your municipality through a nomination for the [Saskatchewan Municipal Awards](#). Nominations are open until

September 4, 2020.

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of La Ronge: *Director of Municipal Operations* (August 10)
- Village of Glaslyn: *Maintenance Position* (August 31)
- Village of Maryfield: *Administrator* (September 17)
- Town of Osler: *Assistant Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Langenburg: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (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:

- 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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