

MUNICIPAL Update

August 15, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16, 2022

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

August 25-26, 2022

SUMA Summer School

September 14, 2022

MuniCast Release

See all [upcoming events](#).



TOMORROW: JOIN THE WEBINAR ON PROPERTY VALUATIONS

With inflation, property valuations on a replacement basis are shifting rapidly. Join SUMA and Suncorp Valuations tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for the webinar ***Property and Equipment Values: What's UP With Our Numbers?*** to learn how inflation impacts your insurance placement and what your municipality can do to protect its assets.

**Register for the
webinar**



What We Heard: SUMA's Infrastructure Priorities Survey

Thank you to all of the municipalities who participated in SUMA's Infrastructure Priorities Survey.

As a number of federal infrastructure funding agreements are coming up for negotiation, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is preparing draft program design recommendations. We shared the feedback we heard in our Infrastructure Priorities Survey with FCM to help shape their draft programming. The feedback was broken into sectors - cities, towns, and villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities.

Here's an overall summary of what we heard:

- Water and waste water infrastructure were ranked as the top priority for municipalities in the next 10 years, followed by roads and bridges, community, culture, and recreation, and solid waste management.
- Reflecting municipal priorities, the estimated funding requirement for

municipalities was highest for water and waste water infrastructure.

- The greatest barrier to infrastructure funding is the amount of competition for available funding, followed by the length of application intake.



Power Rates Rising this Fall

The Government of Saskatchewan has accepted a recommendation by the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel to **increase SaskPower's rates**.

Electrical utility rates will **increase 4 per cent this fall**, and **another 4 per cent in 2023**. SaskPower's rates were last increased in 2018.



Arts and Heritage Funding - Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

Is there an arts or heritage construction or renovation project that your community wants to undertake? Have you heard of the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund?

The Canada Culture Spaces Fund was designed to increase and improve access for Canadians to arts and

culture. It supports the:

- construction and/or renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, or creative hubs;
- acquisition of specialized equipment; or
- development of feasibility studies for the construction or renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, or creative hubs.

The fund is open to not-for-profit arts and/or heritage organizations, not-for-profit organizations that are proposing the development and management of a creative hub, and provincial/territorial governments, municipal administration, and Indigenous organizations.

There is no established deadline date to submit a funding application under the Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund - applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

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more



Waterworks Financial Overviews Due September 1

Municipalities are required to submit a 2021 waterworks financial overview to the Ministry of Government Relations by **September 1**. Failing to submit the overview can impact a municipality's eligibility to access **Municipal Revenue Sharing** funding.

The information can be submitted using the questionnaire link provided to municipalities by email. Questions? Contact waterworks@gov.sk.ca.



Waste Reduction Workshops this Fall

Join the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council this fall for their 2022 fall workshops. Connect with colleagues and hear updates on the latest developments in waste reduction, recycling, and composting in Saskatchewan.

Workshops are happening:

- October 4 - Prince Albert
- October 6 - Moose Jaw

[Learn more and register.](#)



Welcoming Week: September 9-18

September 9-18 is Welcoming Week, an opportunity to **recognize and celebrate the people, places, and values that help everyone feel welcome** and that they belong in their local community, no matter where they come from.

This year marks the 10th year of the now global event, and Canada's third year participating nationally. The focus in 2022 is on bringing together new and long-term residents to create communities and spaces where everyone feels like they belong.

See the [Welcoming Week toolkit](#) for ideas on how to participate.

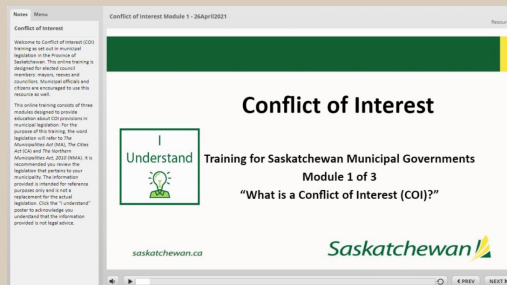


Second Intake Open for Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program

The second intake period for the [Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Support Program](#) is open for applications.

Introduced in 2019-20, the **program provides grants for repairs and upgrades, special events, operations, programs, and activities to engage the community and advance the work of veterans' service organizations** in Saskatchewan.

For 2022-23, there is **\$1.5 million** in program funding. The second intake runs until **August 31**.

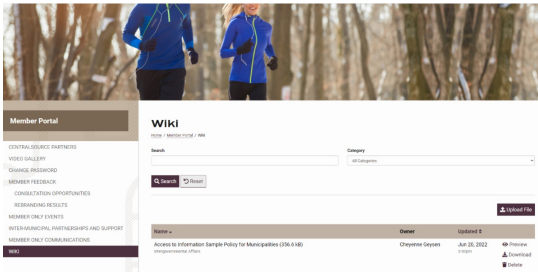


Conflict of Interest Training for Municipalities

Did you know the Ministry of Government Relations has developed three training modules on conflict of interest? Take the modules to learn what a conflict of interest is, the steps required when a member of council has a conflict of interest, and the roles and responsibilities of council members and of administration when there is conflict of interest.

- Module 1: [What is a conflict of interest?](#)
- Module 2: [What do you, as an elected official, do if you have a conflict of interest?](#)
- Module 3: [Supporting documents for conflict of interest](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Share Resources on the SUMA Wiki

To help municipalities share resources, SUMA has introduced a wiki, available through the member portal on SUMA's website.

This tool allows registered users to upload their own policies, procedures, and templates, and view and download those uploaded by SUMA and

other member municipalities. Content is sorted into categories - community and economic development, environment, intergovernmental affairs, public safety and health, and other.

To access the member portal and see all that it has to offer, including the wiki, click [here](#). Log in using the main contact email for your municipality, and the password set by your administrator. For help, contact communications2@suma.org.

Access the SUMA wiki to share resources

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Northern Municipal Services: *Manager of Northern Municipal Advisory and Administration* (August 24)
- Town of Carrot River: *Public Works and Utility Foreman* (August 26)
- UMAAS: *Employment Positions* (September 9)
- Town of Qu'Appelle: *Community Development Officer* (September 11)

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

Find the latest listings by visiting the



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- 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.

classifieds section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

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