

MUNICIPAL Update

August 9, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10

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

August 11

MuniCast Release - Episode 4: Building
Smart Communities with SaskTel

August 24-25

Virtual Mayors Summer School

See all [upcoming events](#).



2021 Report Released on Climate Change in Canada

A 2021 National Issues report on how climate change is impacting Canada's communities, environment, and economy, and how Canadians are adapting, is now available. Led by Natural Resources Canada and part of Canada's national climate change assessment process, **Canada in a Changing Climate: Advancing our Knowledge for Action**, the report includes chapters on cities and towns, and rural and remote communities.

[Read the report](#)



Webinar



08.10.21
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Getting Value Right: Assessments, Revaluation, and Appeals



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Don't Miss SUMA's Property Assessments Webinar
August 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

With 2021 being a revaluation year, local governments across Saskatchewan are working with updated property values, and a new cycle of notices and appeals.

Tomorrow at **10:00 a.m.**, SUMA is 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**

Calling all mayors **VIRTUAL MAYORS SUMMER SCHOOL**

Two Weeks Left to Register

All Saskatchewan mayors are invited to grow their leadership, knowledge, and confidence at SUMA's Virtual Mayors Summer School **August 24** and **25**.

There won't be a dull moment in the **schedule** as we cover topics including running effective council meetings, strategic planning, municipal law, public relations and media, leadership and governance, municipal best practices in tourism, and governing without administering.

**Learn more and
register for Virtual
Mayors Summer
School**

Our Presenters



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Congratulations Early-Bird Winner

Congratulations to Mayor Ryan White from the Town of Aberdeen. Mayor White was our Mayors Summer School early-bird winner. He won a complimentary registration for the 2021 event.

Event Insight

Results

With Convention moving from February to April, there is an opportunity for SUMA to organize outdoor activities or activities that explore the city. In the last edition of *Municipal Update* we asked "Would you be interested in activities outdoors or away from the Convention venue?" These are the results:

Yes, I would like activities that are outdoors or explore the host city - **66.7 per cent**

No, I prefer activities at the Convention venue - **33.3 per cent**



Saskatchewan Leads Canada in June Building Permits

Statistics Canada has released the June 2021 numbers on the value of building permits, and Saskatchewan saw an increase of 27.6 per cent from May 2021 (seasonally-adjusted). This was the highest percentage increase among the provinces; nationally, permits were up 6.9 per cent.

The total value of building permits in Saskatchewan was \$160 million.

Building permits were also up 76.6 per cent year-over-year compared to June 2020, the second highest percentage increase in the nation.

Non-residential building permits (seasonally-adjusted) were up 31.1 per cent over May 2021, and residential permits increased by 24.4 per cent in this period; year-over-year they were up 87.9 per cent and 67.8 per cent, respectively.



Over \$3.7 Million for Paratransit Services in Municipalities

More than \$3.7 million in funding has been announced for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities program (TAPD). TAPD is an annual provincial grant program available to Saskatchewan municipalities who offer paratransit services.

In total, 69 municipalities - 14 cities and 55 towns - across the province will receive funds through TAPD in the 2021-22 fiscal year. See the [list of grant recipients](#).

Accessible and safe transportation is also identified as one of six priority areas in the [Saskatchewan Disability Strategy](#). The TAPD program directly supports this priority by helping Saskatchewan municipalities provide safe and available public paratransit service to residents across the province.

[Learn more about the TAPD program.](#)



Learn More about Levels of Service in the Learning Path to Asset Management Readiness

People make decisions related to levels of service all the time, but when you try to apply the same logic to infrastructure and assets, it seems much more complicated.

Asset Management Saskatchewan's [Learning Path to Asset Management Readiness](#) dives into levels of service and how defining a level of service helps a municipality with their overall asset management plan.

The online course is self paced and can be started at any time.

[Click here](#) to take in some free lessons or sign up for the full course.



Register for the World Circular Economy Forum

Hosted virtually from Canada from **September 13-15**, the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF2021) is three days filled with information, ideas, and examples of the circular economy. The 2021 event will focus on the system level changes or "game changers" needed to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

The forum will also feature a virtual expo area to spotlight selected circular economy solutions and approaches, as well as networking opportunities with circular economy enthusiasts from around the world.

Visit WCEF2021.com for more information and register [here](#) to attend WCEF2021.



Saskatchewan Locations: Cleanfarms' Unwanted Agricultural Pesticides and Medications Roundup

This fall, Cleanfarms is collecting unwanted agricultural pesticides and obsolete livestock, equine, and poultry medications.

Collection is happening in northern Saskatchewan from **October 4-8**, and the list of locations is now available. [Find a collection site.](#)

Accepted materials include:

- old or unwanted agricultural



Provide Input on Saskatchewan's Radiation and Health Regulations

The Government of Saskatchewan is engaging the public to help ensure the regulations governing radiation equipment are up to date and provide the highest level of health and safety for clients and those operating the equipment.

Now until **September 30**, citizens can provide input on *The Radiation Health and Safety Regulations, 2005*.

The review of the legislation focuses on key aspects of radiation health and safety including dose monitoring, certification of equipment, safety and preventative maintenance inspections, and other

- 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.](#)

relevant matters.

A [discussion paper](#) is available. Stakeholders and interested citizens can provide their [feedback by email](#) or by writing to:
Radiation Health and Safety Regulation Review
Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
300-1870 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4P 4W1

COVID-19 UPDATE

Ministry of Government Relations Moving to Weekly COVID-19 Updates

The Ministry of Government Relations is following the Government of Saskatchewan's lead and will now provide only one weekly COVID-19 update to municipalities.

Daily provincial COVID-19 statistics by age, date, and geographic zones including active recoveries and confirmed variants of concern can still be found on the COVID-19 dashboard at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-cases.

Town Hall with the Saskatchewan Health Authority

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has changed their stakeholder town hall information sessions from bi-weekly to once per month over the summer. The next session will be held on **August 30** from **3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

A link to register will be provided when it becomes available.

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

Vaccination Roll-Out Transitioning to Outreach

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has transitioned to vaccination outreach. On August 8, the SHA discontinued drive-thru and appointments booked through their online system and 1-833-SASKVAX, shifting to walk-in clinics in public venues throughout the province, including planned summer events, post-secondary campuses, retail locations, community centres, and more.

Participating Saskatchewan pharmacies will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment.

[Learn more about Saskatchewan's vaccine outreach](#)

Protecting Children Under 12 from COVID-19

Currently there are no COVID-19 vaccines approved for children under age 12 in Canada. Children can contract, transmit, and become ill with COVID-19, though the risk of serious health outcomes is lower than older populations.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has created a question and answer about protecting children under age 12 from COVID-19. Questions include the steps caregivers should take to

Read the answers to the questions

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Wapella: *Administrator* (August 16)
- Town of Alameda: *Administrator* (August 16)
- City of Yorkton: *Business Liason* (August 19)
- Village of Meacham: *Administrator/CAO* (August 23)
- Town of Lemberg: *Chief Administrative Officer* (August 23)
- Town of Foam Lake: *CAO* (August 28)
- Village of Bethune/ RM of Dufferin No. 190: *Chief Administrative Officer* (August 30)
- City of Meadow Lake: *City Engineer* (August 31)
- Town of Lashburn: *Chief Administrative Officer* (August 31)
- Town of Dundurn: *Acting Chief Administrative Officer* (August 31)

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



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- 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.

the Programs and Services tab.

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