

MUNICIPAL Update

July 31, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15, 2023

Webinar: Asset Management
Saskatchewan

August 17-18, 2023

SUMA Mayors' Summit

See all [upcoming events](#).

Resource Development Survey

To help our members revise existing bylaws and policies, and produce new ones when necessary, we are developing resources they can easily access on the wiki in the member portal. Please [follow this link](#) or click on the button below to answer a couple of questions regarding policies and bylaws.

Complete the survey
here



The banner features a background image of a stack of coins and some banknotes. In the top left corner, there is a laptop icon and the word "Webinar". In the top right corner, the SUMA logo is displayed next to the date "08.15.23" and the time "2:00-3:00 p.m.". The main title "Asset Management Made Easier: The Who, The Why, The What" is centered in a white box. In the bottom right corner, it says "Sponsored by SUMAssure" with the SUMAssure logo.

Asset Management Made Easier: The Who, The Why, The What

Join Asset Management Saskatchewan (AM-SK) on **Tuesday August 15 at 2:00 p.m.** for the webinar *Asset Management Made Easier: The Who, The Why, The What*. This session will **focus on municipal infrastructure asset management**. AM-SK has taken the concepts of globally-recognized processes and created a subsidized training continuum that's simple and appropriate to help municipalities more easily achieve its benefits.

In this session, you will:

- Hear a testimonial from a Saskatchewan municipality.
- Learn about the fundamentals from an asset management expert.
- Discover the ways that AM-SK can make it easier for your municipality to begin, and continue, its asset management processes and plans.

AM-SK was established as a non-profit in 2017 and works collaboratively with its project partners, SARM, SUMA, RMAAS, and UMAAS, as well as other Asset Management working groups from all regions across Canada and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Register for the
webinar



Register for the SUMA Mayors' Summit!

Register for the **SUMA Mayors' Summit** exclusively for **Saskatchewan mayors!**

Join us on **August 17 and 18** at the **Atlas° hotel**, or **virtually via Zoom**, for this unique opportunity to connect with other Saskatchewan Mayors.

Registration ends on August 10.

If your municipality's Mayor is unable to attend, your Deputy Mayor is welcome to attend in their place.

[Learn more here](#)

SUMA Mayors' Summit is sponsored by



Saskatchewan Parks
and Recreation
Association

Facility Leaders Forum

Enhance the skills of your recreation staff by attending this comprehensive training event happening **September 11-15, 2023** in Moose Jaw, SK.

Hosted by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, the Forum offers a variety of **practical and hands-on training** that ranges from **arena operations and asset management, to human resource courses** to get your recreation facilities ready for the season ahead.

[Learn more here](#)

Registration is open until **September 5.**

Canada Public Transit Fund Report

On July 25 **the Government of Canada released a report on the feedback received** through national public engagement sessions **on Canada's first permanent public transit fund. Starting in 2026-27, and worth \$3 billion annually, the fund is titled Permanent, Integrated, and Locally Responsive: New Foundations for Public Transit Funding in Canada.**



Over the next months, **the Government will work closely with its transit partners to refine program design and strengthen our collective ability to deliver high-quality and accessible public transit and active transportation for Canadians.** Thank you to those who provided input. To read the English report, please **click here**. To read the French report, please **click here**.

SUMA Golf Tournament Results

Thank you to all those who joined us at the SUMA Golf Tournament for a spectacular day of golfing and socializing. Thank you as well to the Town of St. Walburg for hosting such a great event. **The results of the tournament are below.**



The Tournament Winners are:

- Earl Keewatin, Sergeant, Detachment Commander of Loon Lake RCMP
- Tammy Keewatin
- Jarret Quinney, Frog Lake First Nation
- Creesin Fineblanket, Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation

The Dennis Draper Award Winners are:

- Don Cody, City of Prince Albert Councillor
- Terry Aschenbrenner
- Karen Kroon, Village of Paradise Hill Councillor
- Nancy Schneider, Mayor of St. Walburg

Congratulations to all the winners. We look forward to seeing everyone again for the next tournament in the Town of Maple Creek in 2024, and in the Town of Outlook in 2025.

Request for Proposal Released for New Suicide Support Program

The **Ministry of Health has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find an organization to develop and operate a provincial suicide postvention program.** Postvention refers to the actions taken to address the immediate psychological needs of family members and friends of people who have died by suicide or survived with significant injury or trauma.



The Ministry of Health is providing \$200,000 in annualized funding toward the development of the provincial suicide postvention program. This is part of the \$518 million for mental health and addiction services provided in 2023-24. You can learn more about the RFP [here](#).

Waterworks Financial Overviews Due September 1

Municipalities that must submit a 2022 waterworks financial overview to the Ministry of Government Relations are required to do so by September 1, 2023.

This waterworks data is collected for assessing sustainability and improving transparency. **Failure to submit the information may affect eligibility to access funding under the Municipal Revenue Sharing program.**

If you have any questions, please email waterworks@gov.sk.ca or call either 306-787-8859 or 306-787-2655.



Announced at the 2023 SUMA Convention, the Laurent Mougeot Memorial Scholarship is directed toward students in the **municipal administration program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic**.

The scholarship honours former SUMA CEO, the late Laurent Mougeot's, impressive career in municipal administration and governance. Encouraged by this initiative, **we hope students forge careers in municipal administration and government**.

For more information on Laurent Mougeot and **to support the memorial scholarship in his name, please [click here](#)**. You can also read Saskatchewan Polytechnic's press release [here](#).



ADVOCACY UPDATES

Mental Health and Addictions Advocacy

SUMA's advocacy on mental health and addiction issues across the province pushed the Saskatchewan Government to take progressive steps toward a large and complicated crisis. In a media release this month, the province committed to **allocating six detox beds to residents in Yorkton and surrounding areas**. You can read the media release [here](#).



This decision is only one piece of the puzzle, but we are glad to see the province acknowledging the crisis, especially on the heels of some of our communications and advocacy work. As you know, **Vice-President Gerald Aalbers released a [video](#), urging the province to make changes to SIS**. A few months later, **we met with Ministers Paul Merriman and Everett Hindley to further discuss issues around mental health and addictions, and highlighted our advocacy on social media**. Following these discussions, **local media outlets across the province spotlighted various problems connected with mental health and addictions plaguing our hometowns**. All of these strategies culminated in pushing the province to make some changes.

While there is more work to do, **SUMA is encouraged by this progress and will continue to push for greater change**.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS





Classifieds

Positions Available:

- John Howard Society of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Integrated Youth Services: Call for Proposals for Local Youth Hubs
- Town of Wadena: Manager of Parks and Recreation (Aug 18)
- Town of Lampman: Administrator (Aug 21)
- Town of Lampman: Assistant Administrator (Aug 21)
- Town of Langenberg: Director of Sport, Leisure, Culture and Promotions (when filled)
- Village of Paradise Hill: Public Works Assistant (Sept 1)

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:

- Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant (Sep 30)

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