

# MUNICIPAL Update

August 14, 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 some questions regarding the policies and bylaws you'd most like to see resources developed for.

Complete the survey  
here



Webinar

SUMA | 08.15.23  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

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

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## 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



### Southeast College Microcredential for Business- Municipal Management

Increase your knowledge through a Microcredential in Municipal Management

With **short, skills-focused classes**, and sharable badges and crests, Southeast College makes learning and career acceleration simple.

Classes are 8 hours through live instruction, and can be attended from your home or office with a computer. Choose from topics such as **performance management, event planning, supervisory skills, introduction to indigenous relations** and much more.

Time: Tuesday or Wednesday mornings  
8:30 –12:30 pm

Cost: \$150 per class or 4 classes for \$500

Click [here](#) to learn more.



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** in Moose Jaw.

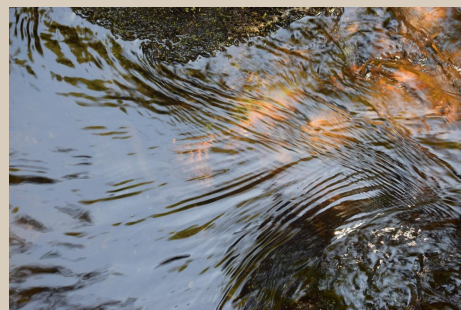
Hosted by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, the Forum offers a variety of **practical and hands-on training** that ranges **from arena operations and asset management, to human resource courses** to get your recreation facilities ready for the season ahead.

[Learn more here](#)

Registration is open until **September 5**.

### Transforming Wastewater Sludge into Environmentally Friendly Products

Buffalo Pound Lake is both Moose Jaw and Regina's primary water source, providing potable and drinkable water to 230 000 residents after treatment at the Buffalo Pound Treatment Corporation. **Water treatment is a long and necessary process, but it creates waste in the form of sludge**; this is a problem that we haven't had a sustainable solution to until recently.



University of Regina associate professor of environmental systems engineering, Dr. Jinkai Xue, has teamed up with Buffalo Pound Treatment Corporation and found a potential solution. Each year, the corporation spends over 1 million dollars to dry the wastewater sludge and move it to a landfill. It's a method that is neither environmentally friendly nor cost effective.

Instead, Dr. Xue's research offers a better method: **convert the sludge into a ceramic like material called ceramsite, which can have multiple chemical features such as being porous and having high material strength. Most notable about this material is that it can be used to absorb 90 percent of the phosphorous in our water bodies, preventing blue-green algae blooms**, a sustainable time and money saver. Even better, the used ceramsite **can later be sold as fertilizer for soil, thus starting a sustainable cycle**. This exciting new research has the **potential to revolutionize our wastewater and benefit many municipalities beyond Moose Jaw and Regina**.

## Fire Underwriters Survey Webinar

The Insurance Brokers Association of Saskatchewan (IBAS) is working with Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) to support Saskatchewan municipal governments in updating their FUS data.

FUS is a national organization that provides data on public fire protection for fire insurance statistical work and underwriting purposes of subscribing insurance companies. **Information contained in the FUS survey directly affects the price and availability of residential, commercial, and farm insurance in Saskatchewan.**

The FUS online portal is simple, and inputting data from scratch will likely take most municipal governments two hours or less. Regular updates to that data – roughly every two years – will likely take 30 minutes or less for most municipal governments.

This summer, **IBAS is hosting free webinars to introduce FUS to Saskatchewan's municipal governments**, walking you through the online portal and explaining how to enter your data.

We recommend that your **administrator and fire chief attend**, if possible. The webinar will be held via Zoom on on **August 17th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

To register, please visit the [IBAS website](#)



## Apply for the Flood Damage Reduction Program

The Water Security Agency (WSA) is offering a **cost-sharing rebate to help communities implement proactive flood damage prevention and reduction measures**. The Flood Damage Reduction Program (FDRP) supports cities, towns, villages and hamlets at risk of recurrent flood damage.



FDRP is part of an overall \$500,000 investment that transitions from the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program (EFDRP) announced in April, that deals only with imminent flood risk, to a more proactive longer-term program. Any funds that have not been spent under EFDRP transitions to FDRP.

Applications will be accepted until **October 1, 2023**. The project work will need to be completed by **March 31, 2024**.

WSA will accept applications for:

- hydrologic and/or hydraulic investigations to develop risk assessments;
- flood mapping projects;
- mitigation planning, where municipalities develop emergency flood response plans or potential flood damage prevention construction designs; and,
- construction of permanent flood protection works.

A list of eligible costs can be found online at: [www.wsask.ca/water](http://www.wsask.ca/water).

Eligible projects will be **cost-shared on a 50/50 basis between WSA and the proponent, up to \$100,000 per project.**

For more information on the program, please [wsask.ca/water-programs/flood-damage-prevention/](http://wsask.ca/water-programs/flood-damage-prevention/).

## ADVOCACY UPDATES

### Mental Health and Addictions Advocacy

While it may be summer, SUMA continues to make progress on a number of important advocacy files. Following our media release relating to the **homelessness crisis**, our advocacy advisors have been working hard to get a **fuller picture of the issue by speaking with community organizations who are on the frontlines.**

On the public safety and health front, we continue to move forward on the ask the Provincial Government to **review and modernize *The Police Act, 1990***. We remain committed to **advocating the Federal Government to pick up the costs for Body Worn Cameras for RCMP officers** beyond the implementation phase and have recently sent correspondence to the the Minister responsible for Public Safety on the matter. We have also identified this as an area for collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

As always, small urban healthcare, including **doctor, nurse, and paramedic retention and recruiting, and ambulatory services**, remains an important issue that we continue to press for action on. SUMA staff recently met with representatives from the Saskatchewan Health Authority to discuss recruitment issues.



## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



**Classifieds**



**Grants**

### Positions Available:

- Town of Wadena: Manager of Parks and Recreation (Aug 18)
- Town of Lampman: Administrator (Aug 21)
- Town of Lampman: Assistant Administrator (Aug 21)
- Village of Paradise Hill: Public Works Assistant (Aug 28)
- Town of Langenberg: Director of Sport, Leisure, Culture and Promotions (when filled)
- Town of Wolseley: Acting CAO Services Request for Proposals (RFP) (Aug 31)
- Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (Aug 31)
- City of Martensville: Director of Recreation and Community Services (Sep 5)

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.

### 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.

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