

MUNICIPAL Update

September 7, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8

MuniCast Release - Episode 5: Managing Council-Administration Relationships with Mayor Bryan Matheson and CAO Monica Merkosky

September 14

Virtual Federal Election Forum

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

Booking Your 2022 Convention Accommodations

With Convention moving to April, timelines for Convention items, like booking hotel accommodations and submitting nominations for service awards, have changed.

Room blocks for Convention 2022 will open later this month. We will once again be using our hotel booking system Resiada which means booking a room for Convention is as easy as the click of a few buttons. Watch your email later this month for everything you need to know about

ELECTION 2021

Federal Election Municipal Issues



New Resources on SUMA's Federal Election Advocacy Hub

We are updating our Federal Election Advocacy Hub often to keep you up to date this federal election. And we have added new resources.

We have gathered information from the election platforms of Canada's main federal parties and divided the information relevant to hometowns into our three main advocacy topics: building sustainable communities, building safer communities, and building better relationships. This information can all be found in one document on the hub.

Last week the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) released their Frontline Solutions for Canada's Recovery package, which includes frontline solutions to the housing crisis; frontline solutions to the climate crisis; digital inclusion for all Canadians; and frontline community investment. The link to the package is also available on the election hub.

booking your room for SUMA's 2022 Convention and Tradeshow.

Visit the Federal Election Hub

Virtual Forum

SUMA | 09.14.21
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Federal Election Forum

MARKET

Salon COFFEE PHARMACY

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Register for SUMA's Federal Election Forum

To provide our members with the opportunity to ask important municipal questions this federal election, SUMA is working to bring together federal candidates for a virtual Federal Election Forum. The forum is scheduled for **September 14** from **10:00-11:30 a.m.**

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MLDP Sessions this Fall

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) is a series of modules developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in

Saskatchewan. Mayors, reeves, councillors, and municipal staff are able to benefit from this program designed to strengthen local government leadership.

The fall 2021 schedule is:

- **Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities** - October 19 and 20
- **Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals** - October 20 and 21
- **Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace** - October 27 and 28
- **Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities** - October 27 and 28

These sessions are all happening virtually. The **Community and Land Use Planning module** is also available online.

Visit www.mldp.ca for more information



Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program

QUEST, Eco-West Canada, and the Community Energy Association are seeking small to mid-sized communities interested in accelerating projects and plans to save energy and emissions to participate in a two-year Net Zero Communities Accelerator Program.

The purpose of the program is to establish a community energy and emissions accelerator to equip a group of communities in Western Canada with tools and knowledge to develop and implement high-impact projects and community energy and emissions plans, and understand the economic benefit they can provide.

The deadline to **submit an Expression of Interest** is **September 26**. **Download the backgrounder** for more information.



2021 Survey on Estimated Expenditures on Invasive Species

A species is considered invasive when it is introduced outside of its native range, and its introduction and spread are harmful to the ecology, economy, and society within that new introduced range. Invasive species can be plants, animals, and micro-organisms.

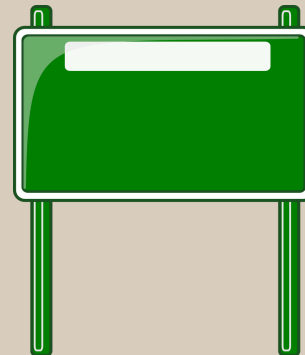
Environment and Climate Change Canada, with support from the Invasive Alien Species National Committee, have commissioned a survey to better understand the cost of invasive species to municipalities. The survey assesses the expenditures linked to invasive species prevention, detection, and management to Canadian municipalities.

Take the survey.



Discuss Smart City Technologies at the Regina Smart Cities Community Event

Tomorrow, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., SaskTel, in partnership with the Information and Communications Technology Council, is holding a virtual public engagement session to discuss the state of Regina's technology ecosystem and Canada's smart cities project.



Infrastructure Signage Paused During Federal Election

As a federal election is underway, installation of new infrastructure signage by funding recipients has been paused for the following programs:

- Clean Water and Wastewater Fund
- Public Transit Infrastructure Fund
- The Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly the federal Gas Tax Fund)
- New Building Canada Fund -

Residents from the Regina region are invited to share and explore issues and opportunities that impact them today, and how smart technologies might contribute to those issues and opportunities.

[Learn more](#) about this free event.

Provincial Territorial Infrastructure Component

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

No new physical or online signage can be installed during the federal election period. Existing physical and online signage may remain.



Teach About the Importance of Sustainability in Your Community with the ERA Poster Contest

The Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) is proud to announce their 4th Kids Poster Contest that will run from September 1 - December 1. Students, including elementary, junior high, and high schools across Canada, are invited to use their creative minds for a chance to win a free laptop. This is also an opportunity to educate youth on the importance of sustainability and the 3 R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) and then have the kids design a poster to reflect what they learned.

Entries must be submitted by teachers online [here](#). Check out [last year's entries](#) on the ERA website. For more information, visit the [ERA blog](#) or contact an ERA representative at 1-877-9EWASTE.



Saskatchewan Announces Carbon Capture and Utilization Storage Priorities

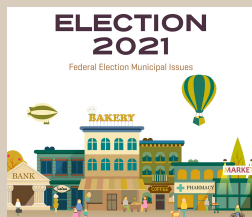
The Government of Saskatchewan has announced its key priorities to advance private sector investment in carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS).

The announcement was made today by Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre.

The provincial government anticipates that CCUS projects will attract provincial investment of more than \$2 billion and sequester more than two million tonnes of CO2 annually.

[Read more about the province's priorities.](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Leading up to the federal election on September 20, SUMA is bringing important municipal issues to the federal forefront. In the last edition of *Municipal Update*, we asked which issue is most important to you. These are the poll results:

Which of these issues is most important to you?

Permanent doubling of the Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) - **42.3 per cent**
Municipal carbon tax rebates - **17.3 per cent**
Municipal representation at the federal table - **13.5 per cent**

Reliable broadband - **7.7 per cent**

Climate resilience - **5.8 per cent**

More support for resource communities - **3.8 per cent**

Getting resources to market - **3.8 per cent**

Coordinated mental health and addictions support - **3.8 per cent**

National leadership in public safety - **1.9 per cent**

Find out more about the issues SUMA is championing this federal election by reading our [Election 2021: Federal Election Municipal Issues Backgrounder](#). You can also find resources on our [Federal Election Advocacy Hub](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE

Saskatchewan Conducting COVID-19 Self-Testing Pilot for Students Under Age 12

Saskatchewan is launching a pilot program in a small selection of schools to provide COVID-19 self-testing rapid antigen kits to families with students under age 12. This group is currently not eligible to be vaccinated.

[Learn more](#)

Saskatchewan Health Authority Updates Now Bi-Weekly

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is moving their updates to a bi-weekly schedule.

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Auto-Notification Voice Call Messages Coming to Saskatchewan

As COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan rise again, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Indigenous Services Canada, Northern InterTribal Health Authority, and First Nations Partners have come together to launch the first phase of a vaccine auto-notification system on **September 8** in Northern Saskatchewan.

The phased project will use voice call messages to send notifications to Northern Saskatchewan residents, aged 12 years old and over. These notifications help to ensure everyone is aware that COVID-19 vaccines are available to them so they can choose to become protected against exposure of COVID variants and protect themselves, their families, and those around them. Additional phases will be considered once the first phase is evaluated.

[Learn more about the automated calls](#)

SHA Adopting Modified Approach to Case and Contact Tracing

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is adopting a modified approach to case and contact investigations. As a result, COVID-19 positive persons will be supported to notify their own close contacts.

SHA Public Health will:

- Quickly notify individuals testing positive for COVID-19 and provide isolation education.
- Educate individuals testing positive for COVID-19 on who is a close contact and what information to provide to their close contacts.
- Continue to identify persons testing positive in healthcare settings, vulnerable populations, long term care and other congregate living settings to prioritize investigations in these settings so that outbreak prevention and control measures can be put into action quickly.

The SHA and Ministry of Health are working together to review the protocols around school case management and contact tracing.

Learn
more

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Village of Alvena: *Administrator* (September 13)
- RM of Meadow Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (September 21)
- City of Meadow Lake: *City Clerk* (September 30)
- Village of Waseca: *Administrator/CAO* (October 15)
- Town of White City: *Manager of Finance* (When filled)

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



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- Infrastructure Canada *Rural Transit Solutions Fund - Planning and Design Grant* (October 7)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- 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.

Find the latest listings by visiting the **classifieds** section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

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