

MUNICIPAL Update

September 8, 2020



618 Additional MEEP Projects Approved

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced that an additional 618 projects, representing more than \$22 million of provincial funding, have been approved through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP).

The latest projects receiving funding include:

- Northern Hamlet of Cole Bay: \$24,434 for a lagoon expansion
- Town of Turtleford: \$71,289 to repave Main Street
- Village of Calder: \$12,936 for a community hall renovation
- Village of Love: \$7,186 for street repairs

MEEP 2020 funding must be used by municipalities by March 31, 2022.

Learn more about MEEP

See the 618 Projects



Submit Your Resolutions

Convention resolutions are one way Municipalities of Saskatchewan members can get their issues to the forefront. You can submit resolutions to Municipalities of Saskatchewan anytime during the year, but the deadline for Convention 2021 is

To get started with resolutions, check out the full Call for Resolutions, which includes a template you can use as a guide. And don't forget to review Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Resolutions Policy

If you have any questions, please contact Sean McKenzie



Don't Miss our Virtual Hall Sessions for Municipal Leaders and Residents

To encourage participation in municipal governance and increase understanding of what it means to be on council, Municipalities of Saskatchewan created a series of **free virtual sessions** designed for anyone who has an interest in municipal politics or who is thinking of running for council in the upcoming municipal elections.

Tonight, tomorrow, and Thursday, Municipalities of Saskatchewan is hosting virtual hall sessions where residents from cities, towns, and villages can ask a panel of individuals experienced in municipal governance their questions.

September 8 - Municipal Governance 101: City Hall

September 9 - Municipal Governance 101: Town Hall

September 10 - Municipal Governance 101: Village Hall

Watch the Recording of Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government

A recording of Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government is now available. We encourage you to share this video with anyone in your municipality who has an interest in municipal governance or is thinking of running for municipal council.



Election Resources During COVID-19

Interested in best practices for elections during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Elections Saskatchewan has developed a number of tools to help municipalities plan their elections in a way that will aid in safer voting for voters and for election workers.

See the tools



FCM Virtual Elections and Annual General Meeting

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is hosting its first-ever virtual elections and Annual General Meeting.

REGISTER NOW: FCM's member representatives must register by **September 11** to participate in the virtual elections (September 28-30 and October 5-7) and AGM (October 15).

BECOME A CANDIDATE: Director candidates must submit consent forms and a resolution by September 24. Table Officer candidates have until September 14 to submit their documentation.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES: Read about the candidates and their motivations for being on FCM's Board of Directors.

Visit fcm.ca for more information or connect with elections@fcm.ca.



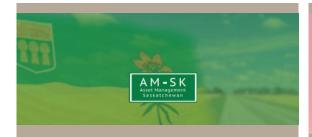
Dispelling Myths and Misconceptions of Heritage Designation

On **September 23** from **10:00 - 11:30** a.m., join a virtual conversation with the Heritage Conservation Branch and Community Heritage Champions to better understand heritage designations.

This virtual session is designed for municipal officials and employees, community volunteers, non-profit organizations, and anyone interested in gaining a better understanding of the value of heritage.

Register by September 18.

Questions can be emailed to cdc@southeastdistrict.ca.



Virtual Asset Management Training

Asset Management Saskatchewan is offering an interactive and engaging NAMS Canada online workshop. The workshop will be offered through Asset Management Saskatchewan's new learning platform, and will include a total of six live two-hour sessions from **October 27** - **December 1**.

Participants will have live access to



PLANet for MEPP Members is Live

The Public Employees Benefits Agency PLANet, the new online pension administration system for Municipal Employees Pension Plan (MEPP) members and employers, is now live!

The new online pension administration system, available now for active members, is designed to three NAMS Canada experts and will be using their own data with ongoing technical support and content mentoring for course duration.

Learn more and register.

provide MEPP members with secure access to up-to-date information regarding their pension.

Read more.



Do You Know A Deserving Volunteer?

Saskatchewan has the highest rate of volunteerism in Canada, so chances are you know someone you could nominate for the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Do you know someone who reaches outside their personal activities to help others and make daily life in Saskatchewan better for everyone?

Are they a Canadian citizen who is a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan?

Nominate them now!

You have until **October 18** to show your appreciation for this outstanding volunteer. Recognizing volunteers is not only a way to say thank you but also showcases the role models in Saskatchewan.



Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program

The application deadline for the fall intake of the Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program is **October 1**. The program is open to municipalities, health region, schools, and incorporated nonprofit organizations.

If your municipality has a project idea that would enhance the quality of life for residents, apply today. The program funds projects that fall under one of three funding themes:

- healthy growth and development of children and youth
- individual and community wellbeing
- nonprofit and community leadership.

See the program guidelines for more information.

Advocacy Update

Run, Win, Lead: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics

Last year, Municipalities of Saskatchewan held the webinar *Toward Parity at the Council Table*. Municipal leaders were invited to attend and learn more about the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Toward Parity in Municipal Politics initiative and discuss ways to overcome barriers to participation in municipal politics.

Based on your feedback, and the feedback gathered through consultations across Canada, FCM drafted a national action



plan to increase women's participation in municipal politics. Municipalities of Saskatchewan members had the opportunity to preview the action plan in our June webinar *Run, Win, Lead: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics*.

FCM has now officially launched the framework, which identifies actions and opportunities that individuals, local government, regional bodies, as well as national bodies can undertake to influence and promote women's full participation.

Involved in the project was Municipalities of Saskatchewan Central Region Director Lee Finishen.

Learn more about the framework

Events



Upcoming Events

Municipal Governance 101: City Hall September 8

Municipal Governance 101: Town Hall September 9

Municipal Governance 101: Village Hall September 10

Virtual Regional Meetings
This November following municipal elections

Convention



Don't Miss Your Chance to Nominate

Don't miss your chance to recognize long-serving and outstanding members of your municipal team.

The Meritorious and Honorary Service Awards are a great chance to recognize long-serving employees and elected officials.

And don't forget about the Scoop Lewry Award, designed to recognize someone with outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis.

Nominations are due October 5.

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Lanigan: Chief Administrative Officer (September 11)
- City of Cold Lake: General Manager (September 13)
- City of Cold Lake: Accountant (September 13)
- Town of Craik: Administrator (September 14)
- Village of Maryfield:
 Administrator (September 17)
- Town of Davidson:
 Administrator (September 30)
- Town of Sintaluta: Chief
 Administrative Officer (October 14)
- City of Kenora: Water and Wastewater Division Lead (When filled)
- Town of Midale: Labourer (When filled)
- Town of Midale: Acting Administrator (When filled)
- Village of Loon Lake: Joint Municipal Office Administrator (When filled)

For Sale:

• Lift Station Equipment

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:

- SGI *Traffic Safety Fund* (September 24)
- SaskCulture Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding (September 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program (October 1)
- SGI Community Grant Program (October 31)
- Richardson International Ltd. Community Donations (Year round)

For a full listing of grants, check the Grants section of our website under the Resources tab.

