

MUNICIPAL Update

September 12, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13, 2022

Webinar - Good Governance Series:
Leading Through Change

September 14, 2022

MuniCast Release

September 21, 2022

Workshop - From Good to Great: Effective
Governance Practices with George Cuff

October 11, 2022

East Central Regional Meeting

October 12, 2022

Northeast Regional Meeting

October 13, 2022

Central Regional Meeting

October 14, 2022

Northwest Regional Meeting

October 17, 2022

Southeast Regional Meeting

October 19, 2022

West Central Regional Meeting

October 20, 2022

Southwest Regional Meeting

See all [upcoming events](#).



Registration Open for SUMA Regional Meetings

Coming to a hometown near you this fall

After two years, SUMA is heading back on the road for regional meetings and will be **visiting seven of our regions this October**.

Open to mayors, councillors, and administration from SUMA member municipalities, regional meetings are an opportunity to **discuss common issues** with others from the same region, **take in an education session**, and **learn what SUMA is doing**. The 2022 regional meetings will also mark the **start of consultations on SUMA's governance review**.

Note: The East Central and Northeast regional meetings will include elections.

Meetings are being held in-person, but for those unable to make it, there is also an online option available.

Learn more and
register



Leading Through Change



Last Chance to Register for Tomorrow's Webinar: Leading Through Change

Time is running out to register for the third webinar in SUMA's Good Governance Series, **Leading Through Change**. **Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.**, Ayako Ohtake and Tracy Balash from Brave Birds Studio and Kelly Rudyk from It's Logical will discuss how to lead people through change and transition and understand how emotions play a role in how employees react to changes.

Register for the
webinar



Apply for Targeted Sector Support Funding

From now until November 15, the **Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative** is **accepting grant applications** for municipal projects that focus on regional co-operation, capacity building, and good governance.

The TSS Initiative provides cost-shared grants, up to 75 per cent on eligible costs, to municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities. Applicants must be a municipal government and partner with at least one other community or committee, such as other municipalities, regional committees, First Nations, or parks.

Read the application
guide

Submit your
application



Virtual Workshop



From Good to Great: Effective Governance Practices with George Cuff

Wednesday, September 21
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$65 for SUMA members
\$85 for non-members

Don't Miss this Fall Workshop with George Cuff

Strong municipal governments build strong communities, and effective governance practices are essential to fostering strong governments. On **September 21** from **1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, we are bringing you George Cuff for the virtual workshop ***From Good to Great: Effective Governance Practices***.

George will discuss effective governance practices, covering everything from basic governance to relationship management.

Learn:

- tips for fostering a positive council-administration relationship;
- how behaviour impacts the dynamic at the council table;
- key decision-making tools available to council; and
- ways to leave a legacy following your term.

This **workshop is open to all municipal leaders** - mayors, councillors, and administration. The cost for SUMA members is \$65 + GST. Non-members can attend for \$85 + GST.

Register for the
workshop



New Pricing for Shipping Labels

Effective November 15, the price of shipping labels through SUMA's shipping labels program is increasing. The pricing change reflects an increase in Canada Post's prepaid shipping rates.

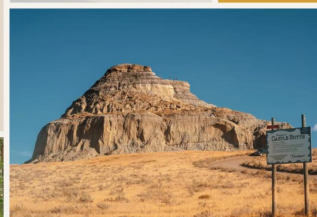
New shipping label pricing:
XPressPost 1.36K - \$436.69

The price for XPressPost 5K will remain the same at \$488.78.

Celebrate Your
Municipality with
a Saskatchewan
Municipal Award



2022
Nominations
Open
September 8



Nominate Your Municipality for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award

Has your municipality done something you want to share? Do you know of something another municipality has done that you think should be celebrated? Nominate the community for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award!

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards celebrate the excellent and innovative practices of Saskatchewan's municipal

Even with the new price, you will continue to save with SUMA's shipping label program. Purchasing shipping labels through SUMA's program saves your municipality more than 70 per cent when compared to the cost of purchasing shipping labels directly from Canada Post.

More information about SUMA's shipping labels program can be found on the [SUMA website](#).

governments. Nominations for the 16th annual awards are being accepted until **November 25 at 4:00 p.m.**

[Access the nomination form](#) or [learn more about the program](#).

This year's award program sponsor is:



Lead From Within with the Municipal Sector Governance Program

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is offering their Municipal Sector Governance Program this fall. The program is designed to give elected officials and municipal administration the insights, knowledge, and understanding needed to govern a municipality with confidence.

This online program is being delivered through a combination of online study, including videos and interactive activities that can be worked through at your own pace, and live webinar sessions that connect you with experienced facilitators and peers.

[Learn more.](#)



Natural Infrastructure Program Extended

Infrastructure Canada's [Natural Infrastructure Fund](#) has received a **program extension** to March 31, 2025, which means that projects now have to be completed by **December 31, 2024**.

The **\$200 million fund** supports building community awareness of the value of natural infrastructure. Municipalities, local governments, provinces or territories, and other organizations can apply for up to \$1 million dollars in federal funding to restore and enhance natural infrastructure like urban forests, street trees, wetlands, living dykes, and bioswales.

The program is accepting applications to the Small Projects Stream until **September 27 at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)**.

For more information, visit the [webpage](#) or consult the [applicant guide](#).

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Report on Saskatchewan's Property Tax Model

In response to concerns brought forward by Saskatchewan hometowns, SUMA, in

partnership with Saskatchewan's cities, commissioned a **project on Saskatchewan's property assessment and taxation system**. For the project, SUMA engaged the International Property Tax Institute (IPTI) to conduct an independent review of the system. In July 2022, the IPTI completed the report titled "**Review of the Property Tax System in Saskatchewan, April 2022.**"

SUMA's Board of Directors will be reviewing the report on September 23, followed by the SUMA City Mayors' Caucus on September 27.

The report provides options for change on a wide range of assessment and taxation policy matters. The possibilities of these options and the potential to move forward with changes to the assessment system will be brought forward to stakeholders for extensive discussion. Any changes related to the report would not be immediate.

Read SUMA's joint media release with
SAMA

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- City of Meadow Lake: *Asset Management Coordinator* (September 14)
- Town of Whitewood: *Administrative Assistant* (September 30)
- Town of Cut Knife: *Administrator* (When filled)

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:

- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (September 15)
- Government of Canada *Natural Infrastructure Fund - Small Projects Stream* (September 27)
- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (November 15)

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

