

# MUNICIPAL Update

September 20, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 28

Webinar - Navigating Mask and Vaccine Mandates for Municipalities

### October 13

MuniCast Release - Episode 6: Toward Parity at the Council Table with Mayor Sandra Masters and Councillor Crystal Froese

### November 2

Northwest, Northeast, and West Central Virtual Regional Meeting

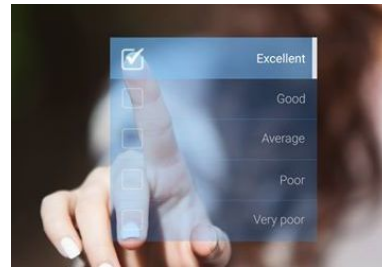
### November 3

Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast Virtual Regional Meeting

### April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).



## Take SUMA's Municipal Election Date Survey

The 2024 municipal election is currently scheduled for November 13, 2024. The provincial election is scheduled for October 28, 2024. Saskatchewan's Chief Electoral Officer has suggested the **municipal election date be changed** to avoid voter confusion as experienced during the elections in 2020.

SUMA is asking all municipalities to take a short, one question survey and tell us which option is best for Saskatchewan's municipal elections.

Thank you to all municipalities who have already responded. If your municipality has not responded yet, the survey closes **September 23**.

[Take the survey](#)

# Navigating Mask and Vaccine Mandates



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## Ask Your Mask and Vaccine Questions at SUMA's Next Webinar

Effective October 1, a proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test will be required to enter spaces like event and entertainment venues, fitness centres, and indoor dining. All Government of Saskatchewan ministry, crown, and agency employees will also be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

To help you navigate what vaccine mandates mean for municipalities and answer your COVID-19 questions, SUMA will be hosting the webinar ***Navigating Mask and Vaccine Mandates*** on **September 28** from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

During the webinar, Michael Solowan and Collin Fetter from Brownlee LLP and Dr. Cory Neudorf from the Saskatchewan Health Authority will answer your municipal, employment law, and community health and safety questions as they relate to COVID-19.

**Register for the  
webinar**

### Event Insight

We already have a full webinar schedule planned for the fall, but we want to bring you one more webinar and would like to know:

What webinar topic most interests you?

Reconciliation

Select

Pedestrian safety

Select

Municipal budgeting

Select

Conflict resolution

Select

Municipal innovation - Targeted Sector Support projects

Select



# Regional Meetings



## Regional Meetings Online this November

We love visiting you in your communities for regional meetings. But, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the province, SUMA's regional directors have decided to host regional meetings online for 2021 to ensure your safety and the safety of all SUMA members and staff.

Regional meetings are an opportunity for municipal administration and elected officials to join their peers and talk successes and discuss common issues. Similar to the meetings in 2020, on the day of the meeting for your region, you will initially join other municipal leaders to receive an update on what SUMA is doing for you and partake in an education session. Then, you will breakout into a meeting with others from your region for a regional discussion.

Save the date for the 2021 Regional Meetings:

### November 2

- Northwest
- Northeast
- West Central

### November 3

- Central
- East Central
- Southwest
- Southeast

Watch your email for more information, including an agenda.

## MUNICIPAL UPDATE ADVERTISEMENT



Saskatchewan Mayors Part of Panel Discussion Highlighting Successful Municipal Policies in Tobacco Control

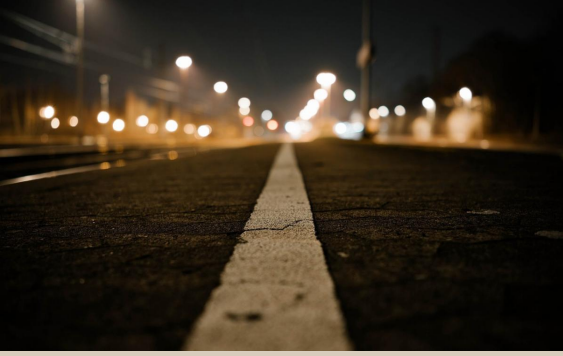
Join Action on Smoking & Health's free one-hour webinar on municipal options to reduce public smoking and vaping. Municipalities can improve public health and protect children and youth by approving smoke-free spaces bylaws.

The online Zoom panel will be held on **Tuesday, September 28** at **12:00 p.m. CST**.

The panelists include:

- Mayor Gary Philipchuk of Warman
- Acting Mayor Dawn Luhnig of Moose Jaw
- Councillor Sherri Rollins of Winnipeg

Please register by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/167770769889>



## Light it Up! for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

On **October 21**, municipalities are invited to light up government buildings, municipal landmarks, community centres, galleries, or other large, well-know buildings within the community in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) in Saskatchewan.

Light it Up! for NDEAM is designed to recognize how people experiencing disability contribute to businesses and their communities, helping companies be successful and competitive.

**Learn more** about Light it Up! for NDEAM and how to add your community to the growing list of participating governments, businesses, and community based organizations.



## Promote Rail Safety During Rail Safety Week

As part of Rail Safety Week, **September 20-26**, Canadian Pacific (CP) and the Canadian Pacific Police Service will be conducting rail safety campaigns in communities across their network, with participation from other police agencies and schools, to talk about the role motorists, pedestrians, and the general public play and remind everyone that safety is a shared responsibility.

CN will also be sharing rail safety tips on their social media.

Visit [operationlifesaver.ca](http://operationlifesaver.ca) to learn more about rail safety.



## New Statements of Provincial Interest Handbook

Amendments to *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations* came into effect on **January 1, 2021**. To assist people and communities with implementing the amended regulations, the Government of Saskatchewan's Community Planning branch has updated The Statements of Provincial Interest Handbook.

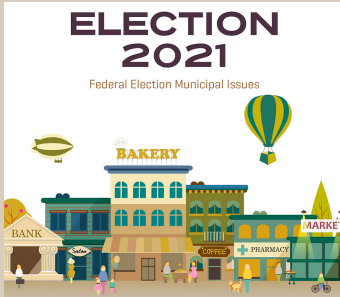


## Legislative Framework Training Later this Month

The Building and Technical Standards Branch will be hosting Legislative Framework Training later this month.

A two-day in-person workshop with exam is being held **September 28 and 29**. An in-person exam writing session is also available **September 29**.

# ADVOCACY UPDATE



## Federal Election Advocacy Campaign Update

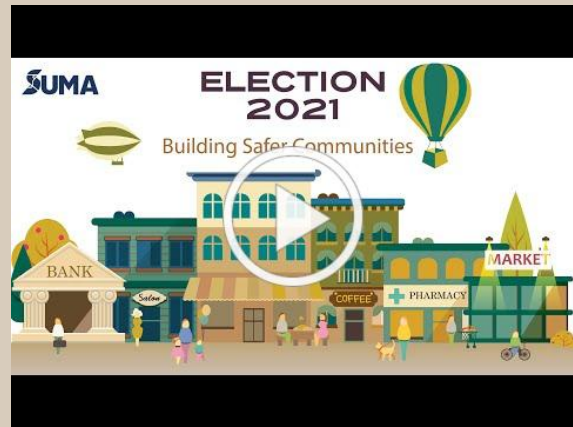
Since the federal election was announced, SUMA has been advocating for Saskatchewan's hometowns. Local issues are federal issues.

During our 2021 Federal Election Advocacy Campaign we focused on building - building safer, sustainable communities, and building a better federal-municipal relationship. We released templates of letters you could send to your local candidates and your local newspaper(s), we posted videos with SUMA President Rodger Hayward, we talked to the media, and we held a federal election forum where you had the chance to ask candidates representing five federal parties your questions.

More information about the key issues we highlighted this federal election can be found in our [2021 Federal Election Backgrounder](#). You can also watch the videos with President Hayward below and see a recording of the federal election forum.



**Building Better Relationships**



**Building Safer Communities**



**Building Sustainable Communities**



**Federal Election Forum**

Thank you to everyone who helped share these important municipal issues. SUMA will continue to advocate on the issues highlighted in the federal

## CONVENTION



### Hotel Reservations Open Wednesday

Are you ready to book your accommodations for SUMA's 2022 Convention and Tradeshow? We're excited to let you know that **hotel reservations for the 2022 event will be opening on Wednesday!**

SUMA will once again be using Resiada, which allows you to book your accommodations for Convention with the click of a few buttons. You no longer need to search multiple websites or call multiple hotels. Information on all Convention 2022 hotels is available in one spot - view prices, see where each hotel is located, check availability, and book your rooms.

To ensure accurate availability, **all accommodations at participating Convention 2022 hotels must be booked through Resiada.**

Booking through Resiada also ensures that if our plans for a 2022 in-person Convention are impacted by COVID-19, we can arrange to change or cancel the reservations on your behalf.

The **link to book will be sent to the main contact email** for each municipality on Wednesday.



### Nominate to Celebrate

#### Service Awards

Show gratitude to long-serving municipal employees and elected officials by nominating them for the **Meritorious** and **Honorary** Service Awards. You can also recognize an individual for outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis by nominating them for the **Scoop Lewry Award.**

This year, SUMA has introduced an online nomination form. You no longer need to fill out a pdf and email the nomination. You can submit your nomination with the click of a button.

With Convention moving to April, the deadline to **submit your nomination** has also changed. Nominations are due by **January 13, 2022.**

#### Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

Take the time to celebrate the success, innovation, and excellence in your municipality with a **nomination** for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMA). Nominations are open until **November 5.** See the new **SMA website** for everything you need to know about the SMA program.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandatory Masking In Effect

Non-medical masks are currently required in all indoor public spaces in the province.

An interim public health order requiring masking came into effect September 17. The order is targeted to be lifted in late October at which time a full proof of vaccination or negative test requirement will have been fully implemented for approximately three weeks.

Youth age 18 and under are not required to wear masks while they are actively engaged in indoor athletic activities. However, masking in venues hosting youth athletics remain required for general entry and exit into the facility for athletes and spectators.

[Learn more](#)

## Proof of Vaccination Required October 1

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced that starting October 1, members of the public will be required to show proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test, to dine indoors and enter spaces like event and entertainment venues and fitness centres.

Employees of Saskatchewan's ministries, crowns, and agencies will also be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

[See the full details](#)

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- RM of Meadow Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (September 21)
- City of Meadow Lake: *City Clerk* (September 30)
- Village of Wilcox: *Maintenance Operator-Foremen* (October 9)
- Village of Waseca: *Administrator/CAO* (October 15)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program* (October 1)
- Infrastructure Canada *Rural Transit Solutions Fund - Planning and Design Grant* (October 7)
- SGI *Community Grant*

- Resort Village of Aquadeo: *Chief Administrative Officer* (October 20)
- Town of White City: *Manager of Finance* (When filled)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- Village of Elbow: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Midale: *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.

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.

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### LAFOIP Program Training for Municipalities

#### Managing Access and Privacy in Saskatchewan: Advanced Course

November 2, 2021, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

This course is a great opportunity to gain advanced training in establishing, operating and maintaining an information governance program for compliance with Saskatchewan access and privacy legislation.

Designed for both public and private-sector Information and Privacy Officers and a wide range of provincial, municipal, school, university, health, and non-profit leaders and officials, including elected officers, department managers, communications staff, legal or regulatory officers, information managers, IT security, and any staff managing an information-intensive program.

[Register here.](#)

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