

MUNICIPAL Update

September 21, 2020

VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



With the uncertainty of COVID-19, Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Convention Planning Committee has made the decision to transition the 116th Annual Convention to a virtual platform for 2021 to ensure that we can still come together in February to network, learn, and advocate for the betterment of Saskatchewan's hometowns.

The theme of Convention 2021 is **Stronger Together**. COVID-19 has shown that while municipal leaders can't physically be together, they can still work together to build stronger communities by sharing information and acting with one voice to ensure Saskatchewan's hometowns have the resources they need.

The virtual event will give attendees the chance to:

- Attend keynote and education sessions in a virtual environment designed to make participants feel like they're sitting among peers
- Interact with provincial officials
- Connect with other attendees
- Browse the Municipal Marketplace and speak with exhibitors face-to-face
- Access on-demand educational content

The 116th Annual Convention will be held online February 7-10, 2021. Further information will be sent out in coming weeks. We're also working on a FAQ page to answer questions.

ICIP Applications Being Accepted for COVID-19 and Green Landfill Decommissioning Infrastructure Streams

Saskatchewan municipalities, along with other eligible organizations, can now submit applications for projects



under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) that fall under the new COVID-19 Resilience Stream or are related to landfill decommissioning.

COVID-19 Resilience Stream

Applications for the new one-time COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream are being accepted until October 30. Proposed projects must start no later than September 30, 2021.

Green Infrastructure Stream - Landfill Decommissioning Projects

Applications to decommission landfills are now being accepted under the Green Infrastructure Stream. Project applications are being accepted until funding is fully allocated. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2027.

Unsuccessful applicants from earlier intakes are encouraged to resubmit projects, if eligible, for consideration under this intake.

[Learn more about this intake for ICIP](#)



The COVID-19 Resilience Fund: A Path to Success for Your Community

Webinar sponsored by  SUMAssure
Partnership and Ownership for Urban Municipalities



Don't Miss Our Next Municipalities of Saskatchewan Webinar

COVID-19 continues to impact Canada and Saskatchewan. To offer additional support, the Government of Canada has launched the temporary COVID-19 Resilience stream: more than \$3 billion in flexible funding for quick-start, short-term projects that may not be eligible under the existing streams. An adaptation of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), the COVID-19 Resilience stream offers flexibility, expands project eligibility, and accelerates approvals for communities across Canada.

On **September 29**, join us for the webinar ***The COVID-19 Resilience Fund: A Path to Success for Your Community***. A panel will discuss how to best advance your community's chances of receiving funding for key initiatives, particularly when decisions and processes are unclear. The webinar will enable you to hear from and engage directly with industry experts who understand the funding sources and application processes as well as share their experience to boost your funding chances.

Sponsored by SUMAssure, this webinar is free to all Municipalities of Saskatchewan members. Non-members can attend for the cost of \$45 plus GST.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Election Information from the Saskatchewan Health Authority

With the upcoming municipal elections and COVID-19, the



Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has information for municipalities regarding elections in health facilities.

Current Public Health Orders do not allow for open visitor access to facilities. However, elected officials are permitted to facilitate voting for patients and/or residents.

[Read the full letter to municipalities from the SHA](#)

[Contacts for elections in SHA facilities](#)



Municipal Governance 101: Recordings Now Available

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.

Recordings of the sessions are now available on our Youtube channel. We encourage you to share these videos with anyone in your municipality who has an interest in municipal governance or is thinking of running for municipal council.



[Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government](#)



[Municipal Governance 101: City Hall](#)



Municipal Governance 101: Town Hall



Municipal Governance 101: Village Hall



More than 120 Infrastructure Projects Submitted For Final Approval

The Government of Saskatchewan has recommended more than 120 infrastructure projects to Canada for final approval under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program.

[Learn more.](#)



Reminder to Report Election Results to the Ministry of Government Relations

With the general elections scheduled for **November 9**, municipalities are being reminded to report their election results to the Ministry of Government Relations. Municipalities are also reminded to ensure the Municipal Directory is updated once election results are known.



Rail Safety Week September 21-27

As part of Rail Safety Week, September 21-27, Canadian Pacific (CP) and the Canadian Pacific Police Service will be conducting rail safety virtual campaigns in communities across their network, with



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 -**

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

[See how your municipality can participate in Rail Safety Week.](#)

December 1.

Participants will have live access 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.](#)



FCM Urging Rapid Housing Solutions During COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic compounds Canada's ongoing housing crisis, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is proposing a [federal initiative and partnership](#) to help non-profit community housing providers rapidly acquire, renovate, and retrofit two kinds of buildings:

- Buildings to convert to deeply affordable and supportive housing—for vulnerable Canadians at risk of homelessness, including those living with mental illness and substance use disorder.
- Existing moderate-rent residential buildings—so community providers can protect those rent levels for tenants, instead of leaving buildings to private investors who may push rents higher.

[Learn more about FCM's proposal.](#)



Cleanfarms Collecting Unwanted Agricultural Pesticides This Fall

Cleanfarms is gearing up to run its 2020 fall collection program for unwanted agricultural pesticides and obsolete livestock, equine, and poultry medications.

Collection will be happening in Saskatchewan's south from October 26 to 30.

Accepted materials include:

- old or unwanted agricultural pesticides
- commercial pesticides for golf courses and industrial and commercial pest control products
- livestock/equine medications that are used in rearing animals in an agricultural context

[Find a Saskatchewan location.](#)

Advocacy Update

Prompt Payment Costly to Saskatchewan's Hometowns

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to reconsider prompt payment legislation and regulations that have the potential to cost municipalities millions in taxpayers' dollars and harm good governance practices.

The new legislation requires project owners to pay invoices from general contractors within 28 days of receiving an invoice and introduces a new dispute resolution process.

Municipalities have a duty to ensure infrastructure projects meet and exceed public safety standards, and funding is not wasted. Under the new legislation and regulations, municipalities will have less time to ensure projects meet standards, and municipalities could end up spending more money to take part in a legislated adjudication process to recover funding on projects that are discovered to be incomplete.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan repeatedly asked for municipal consultation on the legislation and regulations, most recently in a letter sent on July 23 to Saskatchewan Justice Minister Don Morgan. The regulations were brought before Cabinet in August without municipal consultation.

We are continuing to call on the provincial government to reconsider the legislation as it impacts hometowns.

[Read our full media release](#)

[Learn more about The Builders' Lien \(Prompt Payment\) Amendment Act](#)



Meeting with MP Andrew Scheer

On Friday, Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Executive Committee met with Andrew Scheer, Member of Parliament for Regina-Qu'Appelle and infrastructure critic, to discuss topics impacting Saskatchewan's hometowns including broadband internet access and the need for municipalities to have a seat at the table with other orders of government when making infrastructure decisions.

Events



Upcoming Events

Municipalities of Saskatchewan Webinar
The COVID-19 Resilience Fund: A Path to Success for Your Community
September 29

Virtual Regional Meetings
This November following municipal elections

116th Annual Convention
Online February 7-10

Convention

Deadline For Resolutions:
November 1

Resolutions can be submitted anytime during the year, but the deadline for Convention 2021 is **November 1**.

Convention resolutions are one way



Municipalities of Saskatchewan members can get their issues to the forefront. 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](#).



Last Chance to Recognize Outstanding Members of Your Municipal Team

The deadline to recognize long-serving and outstanding members of your municipal team are fast approaching. Nominations are due **October 5**.

You can recognize long-serving employees and elected officials with the [Meritorious](#) and [Honorary Service Awards](#).

If you know someone who has provided outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis, be sure to submit a nomination for the [Scoop Lewry Award](#).

Awards are presented at Convention in February. Though Convention 2021 will be virtual, Municipalities of Saskatchewan is developing a special program to honour award recipients. If you would prefer for your nominee to be recognized in-person at a future convention, be sure to mark that option on the top of the nomination form.

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Davidson: *Administrator* (September 30)
- Village of Drake: *Administrator* (October 2)
- Town of Sintaluta: *Chief Administrative Officer* (October 14)
- Town of Unity: *Director of Public Works* (When filled)
- RM of White Valley No. 49 and Town of Eastend: *Assistant Administrator* (When filled)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *SGI Traffic Safety Fund* (September 24)
- *Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program* (October 1)
- *SaskCulture Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding* (October 15)
- *SGI Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

- Town of Gravelbourg: *Assistant Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Naicam: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Bengough: *Public Works/Water Treatment Plant Operator* (When filled)
- Town of Wakaw and RM of Fish Creek No. 402: *Joint Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- City of Kenora: *Water and Wastewater Division Lead* (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.

Forever... In Motion Grant
(November 15)

- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year round)

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

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