

MUNICIPAL Update

September 26, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).

LEGISLATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CALENDAR

Did you know that the Government of Saskatchewan has a legislative and operational calendar to help municipal administrators in their key legislative responsibilities? The calendar identifies certain deadlines that are set out in statutes and some operational recommendations.

Administrators and interested council members can [download the calendar](#).



Share Your Thoughts on a Permanent Public Transit Funding Program

The Government of Canada committed to invest \$3 billion annually in permanent public transit funding, starting in 2026-27 to support the expansion and upgrading of public transit and active transportation networks.

Infrastructure Canada is looking for feedback and ideas to inform the design and delivery of the permanent public transit funding program. [An online questionnaire](#) is open until **September 30**. A written submission can be emailed to transit-mobilite@infc.gc.ca or added under the 'additional information box' at the end of the questionnaire.

If responding on behalf of your municipality, be sure to indicate so.

Take the
questionnaire

SUMA

Regional Meetings

Coming to a hometown near you this fall

Seven Regional Meetings This October

Between October 11 and 20, SUMA is hitting the road and travelling to seven communities for regional meetings. Open to mayors, councillors, and administration, 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**.

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

Learn more and register

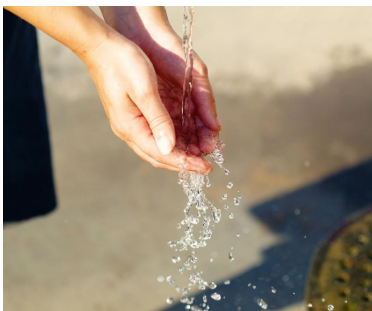


Update on Board of Revision Training and Certification

Recently, the municipal regulations were amended to require all boards of revision to be certified to hear property assessment appeals **for the 2023 taxation year**.

For a board to be certified, all its members and secretaries must successfully complete the **online training program**. Once completed, the board should apply for certification. For details on how to apply, visit **Board of Revision Training and Certification** and refer to the **Board of Revision Certification Guide**. Municipalities are responsible for ensuring they have a certified board before the assessment roll is prepared and to notify the registrar with resolution of council of the appointed board of revision.

The training and certification of all boards of revision ensure Saskatchewan taxpayers and municipalities receive qualified property assessment appeal services.



Apply for Water, Wastewater, and Green Infrastructure Funding

From now until November 29, the Government of Saskatchewan is **accepting applications for proposed water, wastewater, and other projects under the last intake in the province for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)**.

Water and wastewater projects can include treatment plants, sewage lagoons, or similar facilities. Other projects include infrastructure that can adapt, resist, or mitigate natural disasters and climate change.

The Fire Safety Act

being

Chapter F-15.11 of *The Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2015* (effective November 2, 2015) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2019, c.S-32.4* and *e.13*.

Designating a Local Assistant Under *The Fire Safety Act*

Every municipal jurisdiction in Saskatchewan is required to designate a local assistant as per Section 14 of *The Fire Safety Act*. This designation as a local assistant comes with the powers and duties of the fire commissioner to fulfill the mandate of *The Fire Safety Act*, except for hearing appeals.

If an authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) does not designate someone as their local assistant, this power typically defaults to the administrator or clerk.

Regardless of who is designated as the local assistant, Section 13 of *The Fire Safety Act* requires the AHJ to **notify the Fire Commissioner of the individual who becomes or ceases to be the local assistant**.

To make this process easier, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency has created an online form on the Agency's website. The **form** can be found under Forms and Templates.



Community Planning Workshops - Register Before October 11

The Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan and Rural Municipal Administrators' Association have scheduled a series of workshops pertaining to regulations and practical administration practices relating to a municipal administrator's regular working duties.

Some of the common topics in these workshops will be subdivisions, development permits, official community plans, municipal reserve, environmental reserve, and more.

These workshops are intended for both urban and rural CAOs, administrators, and municipal staff.

Find out more, including how to register. Register before **October 11**.



MLDP Sessions this Fall

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



CIF Community Grant Program: Apply By October 1

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is accepting applications for the Community

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

The fall 2022 schedule is:

- **Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals** - October 26 and 27
- **Strategic Communications for Municipalities** November 2 and 3
- **Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace** - November 2 and 3
- **Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities** - November 2 and 3

These sessions are all happening virtually. The **Community and Land Use Planning module** is also available online. Visit www.mldp.ca for more information.

Grant Program until **October 1**. The Community Grant Program supports programs under three funding themes:

1. the healthy growth and development of children and youth;
2. individual and community wellbeing; and
3. nonprofit and community leadership.

Programs must begin no sooner than two months after the application deadline and must be no more than 12 months in length.

For full details and assistance with completing an application, refer to the **Community Grant Program Guidelines** and **Applicant Resources**.

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Shape What You See on SUMA's Social Media

SUMA is working to ensure our communications provide value to our members, including our social media. As part of a new social media strategy, we are looking to determine what you would like to see on our channels. Please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey so we can continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

Take the short survey



Provincial Grant Announced to Help Seniors Live Independently

SUMA has been working with the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism and is pleased to see the province taking steps to help seniors living independently in their own homes and communities.

On September 20, the provincial government announced that they have invested **\$250,000 in one-time grant funding** for senior-serving organizations, community groups, and other interested organizations.

The *Facilitating Independence of Older Adults in the Community* **granting program encourages the development and testing of new ways of supporting seniors to maintain independence in their own homes**, with the goal of using these approaches in other communities throughout the

province. Funding will support at least 10 community projects, each receiving up to \$20,000.

Read more about the grant

CONVENTION 2023



Reservations Open for Convention in Saskatoon

Are you ready to book your accommodations for the 2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow? Hotel reservations for the 2023 event are now open.

SUMA is once again 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 2023 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 2023 hotels must be booked through Resiada.** Book your rooms using the link below.

Reserve your rooms



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**.

Nominations are due by **January 13**.

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

Take the time to celebrate the success, innovation, and excellence in your municipality with a nomination for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards. Nominations are open until **November 25**. See the **Saskatchewan Municipal Award website** for everything you need to know about the program.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Whitewood: *Administrative Assistant* (September 30)
- Town of Duck Lake: *Public Works Foreman Assistant* (October 14)
- Town of Carrot River: *Public Works and Utilities Supervisor* (October 17)
- Town of Cut Knife: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Village of Montmartre: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Village of Montmartre: *Public Works Foreman Assistant* (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:

- Government of Canada *Natural Infrastructure Fund - Small Projects Stream* (September 27)
- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program* (October 1)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (November 15)
- Investing In Canada *Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure Stream* (November 29)

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

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Participants will be engaged in applying FOIP/LAFOIP to real life, topical situations and problems, facilitated by seasoned and expert course leaders with decades of FOIP/LAFOIP program and training experience.

We aim to equip participants with knowledge and strategies to implement FOIP/LAFOIP in a way that supports and builds trust between your organization and the community it serves!

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