



# 2023 SUMA Convention Call for Submissions

*Saskatoon, Saskatchewan*

*Sunday, April 16 – Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

SUMA is inviting proposals for education sessions at the 2023 SUMA Convention. We are looking for topics that are current and focused on key aspects of urban government that will be beneficial to elected officials and municipal administrators.

Being a presenter is an outstanding way to share your knowledge and expertise, leading to professional visibility, recognition, credibility, and influence in the future of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities.

## ***Who Attends?***

Approximately 1,000 delegates attend the convention, including elected officials, city managers, and chief administration officers from cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities throughout Saskatchewan. Our annual convention is an event where municipal decision makers come to network, share leading practices, and find collaborative partners to support their communities moving forward. You can expect 50-250 participants in your session.

## ***Why Present?***

- Great exposure for you and your organization
- Help elevate the knowledge base of Saskatchewan's municipal leaders
- Excellent networking opportunity
- Build relationships with SUMA, the voice of Saskatchewan's hometowns

## ***Session Format***

SUMA is looking for innovative and engaging presentations that will captivate the audience. We encourage presentations that go beyond the lecture format and incorporate participation from the audience. You are encouraged to discuss how your presentation will stand out in the fillable form below.

## ***Session Objectives***

The theme for the 2023 SUMA Convention is *Tune In*. Knowledge is power, and convention delegates have indicated that one of the most important aspects of convention is gaining knowledge. *Tune In* embraces that aspect of learning from each other, from speakers, and from provincial leaders. Your presentation should focus on awareness and knowledge of issues important to urban municipalities in Saskatchewan.

We are looking for creative, out-of-the-box speakers to share their knowledge. We are open to suggestions for topics; however, we have identified the following topics as main concerns to urban municipal governments:

- Mental health and addictions
- Treaties, language, and culture
- Property assessment
- Municipal economics



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- Municipal governance principals
- Women in politics
- Freedom of information
- Environmental wellbeing

## ***Other Information***

We will provide a complimentary one-day registration for the day of the presentation. As a not-for-profit association, SUMA does not typically provide honoraria for session presenters but is willing to consider all submissions that are accepted.

Selections will be made by the Convention Planning Committee based on several criteria, including topics and benefits to delegates.

Sessions are recorded and made available on YouTube following convention.

## ***How to Apply***

Please send this completed form to [education@suma.org](mailto:education@suma.org) by November 4, 2022 to be considered for the 2023 SUMA Convention.



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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization:

Contact Person:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

## SESSION TITLE:

Please provide a session title that is creative, concise, and descriptive.

## SESSION OVERVIEW:

Briefly describe the content and how it links to our theme and session objectives. (50-75 word maximum)

## SESSION FORMAT:

Indicate your preferred format and how you intend to make it unique and interactive.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

List two or three learning outcomes and takeaways for the delegates.

## MONETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Indicate honoraria for session presenters as well as any additional expenses such as travel, hotel, etc. to be covered by SUMA.

If your submission does not fit with Convention 2023, would you be interested in SUMA contacting you regarding other opportunities such as workshops, webinars, or articles in our quarterly publication?

**Yes**

**No**

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