



2025 SUMA Convention

Call for Submissions for Education Sessions

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Sunday, April 13 – Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) is inviting proposals for education sessions during the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan April 13 to 16. This call is open from September 17 to October 17, 2024.

Who Attends?

Approximately 1,000 delegates attend the SUMA 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.

Why Present?

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. **We encourage municipalities with established best practices or partnerships to consider submitting a presentation proposal.** Presenting at the SUMA Convention provides:

- Exposure for the resources and services offered by you and your organization.
- A chance to elevate the knowledge base of Saskatchewan's municipal leaders.
- Networking opportunities.
- Opportunity to build relationships with SUMA, the voice of Saskatchewan's hometowns.

Sessions are recorded and are available to SUMA members on the SUMA member portal following the event.

Session Format

SUMA is looking for innovative and engaging presentations that will captivate the audience. We encourage submissions outlining presentations that go beyond the lecture format and incorporate participation from the audience through group work, polling, question and answer, tangible resources, and any other ideas you have. Sessions are 1 to 1.25 hours in length. The session types are:

- Education sessions – relevant to all member municipalities
- Cities breakout (1) – relevant to municipalities with a population greater than 5000
- Towns/Villages breakout (2) – relevant to municipalities under 5000
- Northern member breakout (1) – relevant to northern municipalities

SUMA also offers optional excursions for members. If you have a facility or service in the Saskatoon area that would be interested in hosting an excursion, contact education@suma.org.

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Session Objectives

The theme for the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is **We are URBAN**. As members come together for the first time following the municipal election, SUMA would like to celebrate the strength of our communities as a part of the urban family. This theme creates an environment of inclusion and education by shining a light on all the ways urban municipalities—from the smallest villages to the largest cities—serve their population. We are looking for topics that are current and focused on key aspects of urban municipal government that will be beneficial to elected officials and municipal administrators. In Saskatchewan, urban municipalities include cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities. We are seeking sessions that reflect an understanding of Saskatchewan's urban municipal landscape and the challenges of urban municipalities of all sizes, particularly of those with populations under 5,000.

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

- **Hot topic:** Mock council meeting
- **Hot topic:** Dealing with harassment from citizens
- **Hot topic:** Cyber security
- **Hot topic:** What municipalities should know about AI
- Conflict of Interest for Municipal Officials
- Roles of a municipality in mental health and addictions
- Municipal relationships with First Nations communities
- Property assessment
- Online presence for municipalities, staff, and elected
- Regional Collaboration
- Municipal Economics

How to Apply

Please send this completed form to education@suma.org by October 17, 2024 to be considered for the 2025 SUMA Convention.

Other Information

A complimentary one-day registration for the day of the presentation will be provided to presenters. Selections will be made based on several criteria, including topics and benefits to delegates.

If you are interested in convention sponsorship opportunities or having a booth in the tradeshow, contact marketing@suma.org for more information.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization:

Contact Person:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

PROPOSED SESSION TITLE:

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

SESSION OVERVIEW:

What size municipality is your presentation most relevant to? (Select all that apply)

- City
- Northern Municipality
- Resort Village
- Town
- Village

Please indicate which topic(s) will be covered in your presentation

Briefly describe the content and how it links to our theme and session objectives.

SESSION FORMAT:

What format will your session be presented in?

- Lecture
- Pannel discussion
- Multiple presenters
- Fireside chat
- Other (please describe):

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What interactive opportunities will you be using?

- Small group work
- Polls
- Q & A
- Worksheets/activities
- Other (please describe):

Indicate how you intend to make it unique and interactive.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Please list 2-3 learning outcomes or 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 2025, would you be interested in SUMA contacting you regarding other opportunities such as workshops, webinars, podcasts, etc.?

Yes

No

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