

MUNICIPAL Update

September 11, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12

Webinar - Your Municipality and SaskPower: A Q&A Session

September 26

Webinar - Retaining Municipal Employees and Council

Regional Meetings

October 10

Northwest Region (Warman)

October 11

West Central Region (Kindersley)

October 12

East Central Region (Yorkton)

October 13

Northeast Region (Kinistino)

October 16

Central Region (Lumsden)

October 17

Southwest Region (Assiniboia)

October 18

Southeast Region (Kipling)

See all [upcoming events](#).

Regional Meeting Registration Now Open

It's nearly October and soon SUMA will be on the road, visiting communities for regional meetings.

Open to mayors, councillors, and administrators from SUMA member municipalities, regional meetings are an opportunity to discuss common issues with others from your region, take in an education session, and get updates on what SUMA is doing for you. For those unable to make it in-person, there will be an online option available.

For more information and to register to attend your Regional Meeting [click here](#).

Not sure which region your municipality is in? [Find out here](#).





Are you curious about **small-scale renewable projects** in your municipality? Where does it make sense to work with SaskPower? Join the conversation and learn about how SaskPower is modernizing the distribution grid, the future of customer programs, what they've learned from watching other jurisdictions' experiences in this space and more! [Register here.](#)

If you can't make it to the live event, don't worry! A recording will be sent out to all registrants. All webinar recordings are also available on the SUMA member portal, accessible at suma.org/member-login.

If you have questions you would like answered during the session, put them in the Questions and Comments box on the registration form and we will ask them on your behalf.

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

Power Talks: An Energy Education Series by SaskPower

As the world continues to change and energy transitions are underway, SaskPower is working to replace options that communities have relied on for decades. The decisions made today will shape how power is produced in Saskatchewan for generations to come.



As we move through the energy transition, SaskPower wants to ensure you're fully informed. Join the energy education series, Power Talks, to learn more.

Sept. 20, 12 - 1pm:

The Business of Power: *Cost, Competitiveness and Funding the Clean Energy Transition*

Sept. 26, 12 - 1pm:

Power and the Environment: *Impacts, Trade-offs and Making Sound Choices*

Oct. 4, 12 - 1pm:

Connecting Power Grids: *Imports, Exports and Interties*

Oct. 12, 12 - 1pm:

Customer Renewable Programs: *Alternatives to Self Generation*

Register [here](#).

SUMA Service Awards Now Open for Nominations

Do you know a longstanding municipal employee or elected official? Celebrate them at Convention 2024 with a SUMA service award!

The **Meritorious Service Award** is granted to municipal employees in Saskatchewan urban municipalities who have served 20 years or more of employment. It recognizes their career success, dedication, and involvement in their local community.

The **Honorary Service Award** recognizes elected officials in Saskatchewan urban municipalities who have served 20 or more years on municipal council. It recognizes their long-term dedication to, and involvement in, their local communities.

The **Scoop Lewry Award** is presented in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local, provincial, and national basis. Those eligible to be nominated are elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials, personnel in the Ministry of Government Relations, and personnel in First Nations and Métis Relations. This award is dedicated to the memory of Scoop Lewry. Scoop dedicated his career to improving his community with a kind and humanitarian spirit. Nominations for SUMA's service awards are now open. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.



Saskatchewan Municipal Awards - Nominations open tomorrow!

Calling all municipalities! Tell us about your **innovative municipal initiatives** for a chance to **have your municipality celebrated** at the SARM and SUMA Conventions!



Established in 2006, the **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMA's)** celebrate the hard work of Saskatchewan's municipal governments, and aim to recognize their innovation and excellence. The SMA's are awarded to both rural and urban municipalities, and provides provincial exposure for their municipality and the initiative.

The 2023 Saskatchewan Municipal Awards will be given to:

- Top municipal led initiative (rural, urban, or cooperative)
- Top rural Municipal led initiative
- Top urban Municipal led initiative
- Regional cooperation (a joint initiative involving at least one rural and one urban municipality)

Winners are provided with a **professional video that highlights their community and showcases their municipality's project**. The video will be played at the SARM and SUMA Conventions and can be used as a free marketing tool for your community. Past winners have **used their videos to highlight their municipal initiative for national, and international awards**. Winning municipalities will also be provided with **an award that they can proudly display in their municipal office**.

Nominations are open from September 12 to November 21. For more information and to access the nomination form visit municipalawards.ca.

Municipal Panel: Overcoming Challenges and Building a Culture of Respect

On **September 20**, Respect in the Workplace is holding a **Municipality Roundtable webinar designed for Canadian municipal HR professionals and administrators**. As workplaces navigate an ever-evolving landscape, the importance of **fostering a culture of respect and addressing challenges related to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)**, has become paramount.



Sessions will bring together a dynamic panel featuring Marjorie Munroe, Human Resources Lead, Human Rights and Respectful Workplace with the City of Calgary and Michelle Phaneuf, Partner Workplace Fairness International. Hosted by Brad Blaisdell, VP of Workplace Solutions and Compliance at Respect Group, this panel will provide a **comprehensive understanding of the strategies, tools, and best practices that empower municipalities to build a thriving workplace culture**. From embracing mental health support frameworks to implementing effective EDI initiatives, our panelists will share real-world experiences, success stories, and actionable insights.

Reserve your spot [here](#) and join in on the learning!

Adoption of the 2020 National Fire Code of Canada

Periodically, under The Fire Safety Act, The National Fire code is adopted to update policies and regulations around fire. Before adoption, each code is analyzed to determine what amendments need to be made.



In 2022 and 2023, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) consulted various public safety and industry partners on The National Fire Code (NFC), The Fire Safety Act (TFSA), and The Fire Safety Regulations (TFSR), in an effort to improve fire safety.

During these discussions the SPSA announced the decision to postpone adoption of the 2020 NFC until January 2024. This decision was made to align with the proposed adoption date of the 2020 National Building Code of Canada; it also allowed Fire Code users more time to review changes.

Since then, the SPSA has moved forward and proposed the complete adoption of the 2020 NFC. However the existing amendments related to the Alternative Family Care Homes are intended to be retained. Notable changes between the 2015 NFC and the 2020 NFC involve the following:

1. Requirements for Building of Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction (Parts 2 and 5)
2. Emergency Planning (Part 2)
3. Large Farm Buildings (Parts 2 and 4)
4. Water-miscible Liquid Mixtures (Part 4)

These areas have undergone significant modifications to address specific fire safety considerations outlined in the 2020 NFC and have been through the federal public consultation phase as well. **If you have questions, you can reach Fire Marshal Wayne Rodger at wayne.rodger@gov.sk.ca.**

ADVOCACY UPDATES

The Saskatchewan Government Cabinet Shuffle and Our Advocacy Efforts

On August 29, the Saskatchewan Government announced a cabinet shuffle. We congratulate all ministers, new, reassigned and returning, on their appointments.

As an advocacy organization, **cabinet shuffles can pose a challenge as they have the potential to break up momentum on files.** However, we look forward to meeting with new Ministers once they have settled into



their roles to continue our work.

There are several major issues underway. In the Public Safety and Health portfolio, we continue to work on a renewal of The Police Act. **Prior to the shuffle, Minister Tell had been working with SUMA to modernize the Act. We will continue this work with Minister Merriman in his new position.**

As Minister Merriman switches his focus to corrections, policing, and public safety, his expertise on the Health portfolio will be missed, but **we look forward to continued cooperation with new Minister of Health, Everett Hindley.** We also welcome discussions with **Tim McLeod as the new Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health.**

Mental Health and Addictions will continue to be a cornerstone issue for SUMA and as always we will keep pushing forth with your resolutions.



2023 MLT Aikins CPHR Saskatchewan HR Professionals Seminar Saskatoon (In-person or Virtual)

As a human resources professional, it is important for you to be aware of **legal rights and risks in the workplace**. Join us for this intermediate-level hybrid/in-person seminar featuring labour and employment topics **tailored for HR professionals with less than 10 years of experience**. This seminar is brought to you by MLT Aikins in partnership with CPHR Saskatchewan.

Seminar Date and Time: **October 18, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

Reception Date and Time: **October 18, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

Click [here](#) to register.



The Water Security Agency is **helping individual landowners and local governments keep our waterways clear** of sediment and obstructions like deadfall and beaver dams.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 channel clearing and maintenance program. **Eligible applicants will receive a 50% rebate for their projects completed in 2023.**

Learn more about the program and apply [here](#).



Kinetic GPO

Connecting Municipalities to Brighter Futures

Want to increase your purchasing power or reduce costs? Learn about how Kinetic GPO helps municipalities save time and money. There is **no cost to become a member, no obligation or volume commitments, and membership is not an exclusive arrangement.**

Learn more about Kinetic GPO [here](#). For more information on becoming a member, please contact kerriann@kineticgpo.ca.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- SUMA: Administrative Assistant (Sep 18)
- Resort Village of Katepwa: Acting Chief Administrative Officer (Sep 23)
- Town of White City: Manager of Community Planning and Development (Oct 7)
- Town of Wadena: Manager of Parks and Recreation (Oct 29)
- Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, City of Flin Flon: Regional Economic Development Officer

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:

- Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant (Sep 30)
- SGI Community Grant Program (Sep 30)
- SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant (Sep 30)
- Veteran Affairs Community War Memorial (Oct 1)
- Veteran Affairs Community Engagement Partnership Fund (Oct 1)
- Community Rink Affordability Program (Jan 16)

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



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