

MUNICIPAL Update

October 4, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13

MuniCast Release - Episode 6: Toward Parity at the Council Table with Mayor Sandra Masters and Councillor Crystal Froese

November 2

Northwest, Northeast, and West Central Virtual Regional Meeting

November 3

Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast Virtual Regional Meeting

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

BOOK YOUR ROOM FOR CONVENTION 2022

Hotel reservations for Convention 2022 are open!

Book your hotel room using Resiada, our one-stop shop for all participating Convention 2022 hotels. On Resiada, you can view prices on each hotel, see where they are located, check their availability, and book your rooms.



SUMA Advocating for Federal Coverage of Retroactive Salary Costs for RCMP

SUMA remains concerned about the retroactive salary increases for RCMP officers. We know that having these costs downloaded to municipalities, on top of the agreed upon salary increase, will put many municipalities in a dire financial situation, particularly as our communities are still recovering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with the Western Canadian Municipal Associations of Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, **we are actively advocating for the federal government to cover these retroactive increases.** As part of that initiative, we have launched a letter writing campaign and we invite you to contribute. We have created a template letter that you can send to the Minister of Public Safety, with an area for personalizing the potential financial impact on your community's budget.

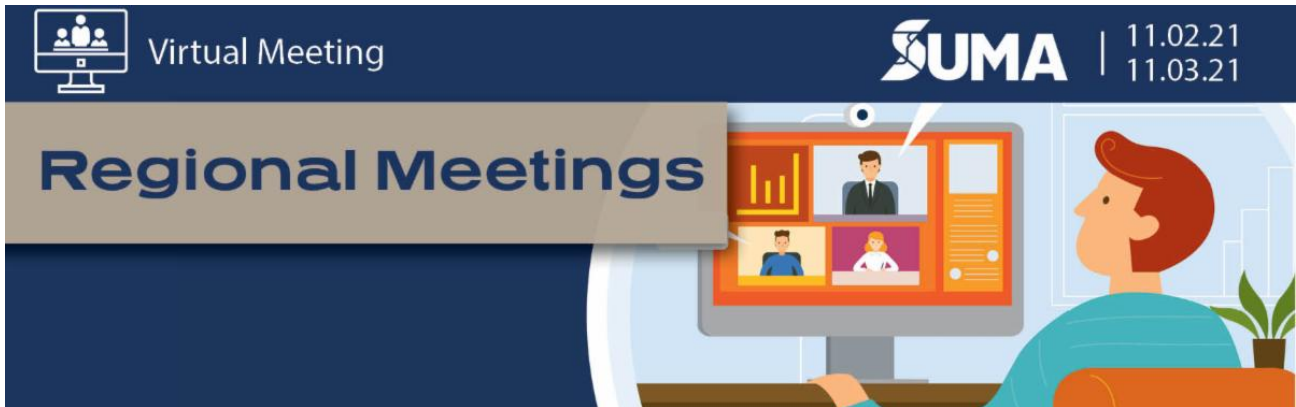
SUMA is also calling on the provincial government to support our position with their federal counterparts, to ensure that these costs aren't simply offloaded to municipalities, who have the fewest tax tools

To ensure accurate availability, all accommodations at participating Convention 2022 hotels must be booked through Resiada.

[Book your accommodations.](#)

available to them, and who can't run deficit budgets.

**Download the template letter
to the Minister of Public
Safety**



Regional Meetings Online Next Month

Municipal administration and elected officials are invited to join SUMA for virtual regional meetings in November. Receive updates on what SUMA is doing and take in an education session. Also share your successes and discuss common regional issues with your peers and regional director.

Meetings are happening online:

November 2

- Northwest
- Northeast
- West Central

November 3

- Central
- East Central
- Southwest
- Southeast

Not sure which meeting to attend? [Find your region.](#)

**See the tentative agenda for
the Northwest, Northeast, and
West Central Regional
Meeting**

**See the tentative agenda for
the Central, East Central,
Southwest, and Southeast
Regional Meeting**

**Register for the Northwest,
Northeast, and West Central
Regional Meeting**

**Register for the Central, East
Central, Southwest, and
Southeast Regional Meeting**

Note: An election for a Regional Director and Regional Alternate will be held during the West Central Regional Meeting. All voting delegates (mayor or council) from the West Central region are asked to register by **October 28**.

Event Insight

[Poll Results](#)

In the last edition of *Municipal Update*, we asked "What webinar topic most interests you?" These are the results:

Municipal budgeting - **51 per cent**

Conflict resolution - **20.4 per cent**

Municipal innovation (Targeted Sector Support projects) - **20.4 per cent**

Reconciliation - **6.1 per cent**

Pedestrian safety - **2 per cent**

New Poll

Convention 2022 and beyond has been moved to the spring, which not only provides a chance for better weather, but also more opportunities to explore the host city. As we work to plan Convention 2022 in Regina, we would like to know:

What type of excursion most interests you?

Something educational (learn about a municipal service or project)

Select

A tourist attraction

Select

I'm not interested in an excursion

Select



Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms in Residential Buildings

The Government of Saskatchewan amended *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Regulations* to require every building with a residential occupancy to have carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms installed by **July 1, 2022**, regardless of the initial date of the building's construction.

Local authorities and their building officials are being encouraged to take a passive approach to enforcement. After July 1, 2022, if building officials are present for another reason (e.g., a permit inspection) and notice the building is not in compliance with the new requirement, they could write an order to have the owner install the missing alarms.



Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program

QUEST, Eco-West Canada, the Community Energy Association, and other participating partners are seeking small to mid-sized communities interested in accelerating projects and plans to save energy and emissions to participate in a three-year Net Zero Communities Accelerator Program.

The purpose of the program is to establish a community energy and emissions accelerator to equip a group of communities with tools and knowledge to develop and implement high-impact projects and community energy and emissions plans, and understand the economic benefit they can provide.

[Read more.](#)

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is **October 17**. [Download the backgrounder](#) for more information.



Cleanfarms 2021 Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collection
Northern Saskatchewan – October 4 to 8

Farmers! Got unwanted pesticides or livestock/equine medications?

Safely dispose of unwanted or obsolete agricultural pesticides and livestock/equine medications – **no charge!** Take them to the following locations on the dates noted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Check for Event Locations & Dates here:

CARROT RIVER Thursday, Oct. 6 Bridgeway Pharmacy 306-768-6884	LOYALMISTERS Thursday, Oct. 6 Vester Agri (Loyal) Inc. 306-589-7576	NICHOLS Thursday, Oct. 7 Richardson Pharmacy Parkburg 306-328-4484	ROSETOWN Thursday, Oct. 7 O. Marc Agri Centre Inc. 306-685-5056	SPRINGWOOD Wednesday, Oct. 6 (E. Marc) Ag Centre Inc. 306-685-5057
HAMBOLT Thursday, Oct. 7 Hambolt Co-op 306-225-5950	LUZELLE Wednesday, Oct. 6 Buck Pharmacy 306-727-4411	ROSEDALE Thursday, Oct. 6 Tanya's Pharmacy 306-224-2222	ROTHMANN Thursday, Oct. 4 Star 1 Centre 306-224-2222	UNYK Monday, Oct. 4 UNYK Co-op 306-224-2222
LESTER Friday, Oct. 5 306-438-5886	MALDEN LAKE Thursday, Oct. 7 Meadow Lake Co-op 306-236-5644	NORWICH Thursday, Oct. 6 Norwich Community 306-224-2222	SAUNDERSVILLE Friday, Oct. 6 Saundersville Co-op Agri Centre 306-553-3838	WYVINDALE Monday, Oct. 4 Co-op 181 306-612-2244
LIBERTY Friday, Oct. 6 Horsing Up Horseshoes 306-847-2040	MELROSE Monday, Oct. 4 Pharmacy Services Inc. 306-752-2443	POPEYE Friday, Oct. 6 Pharmacy 306-889-2172	PRINCE ALBERT Wednesday, Oct. 6 Nurse Ag Solutions 306-889-2172	ROBEY Wednesday, Oct. 6 Robey Pharmacy 306-768-5647

• Next Cleanfarms collection in this area is July 2024.
• COVID-19 social distancing measures may be in place.
• For collection dates elsewhere or the Province, go to [cleanfarms.ca/unwanted-pesticides-and-med](#)

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Cleanfarms Unwanted Pesticide and Medication Roundup

From October 4-8, Cleanfarms is collecting unwanted agricultural pesticides and obsolete livestock, equine, and poultry medications in northern Saskatchewan.

Click on the poster above to find a location near you.



Cyber Security: Listen to the Cyber Safe Cities Podcast Series

In recent years, municipal governments have faced increasing threats from cybercrime. A new podcast series looks at ways Canadian municipalities can ensure they are cyber safe.

Funded in part by Public Safety Canada and brought to you by the Municipal Cybersecurity Best Practices Initiative, listen to the Cyber Safe Cities Podcast series.

[Learn more and listen.](#)

CONVENTION

CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE WITH THE SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Has your municipality done something you want to share? Do you know of something another municipality has done that you think should be celebrated? Nominate the community for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award!

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards celebrate the excellent and innovative practices of Saskatchewan's municipal governments. Nominations for the 15th annual awards are being accepted until **November 5 at 4:00 p.m.**

Click here to access the nomination form: www.municipalawards.ca/nomination-form

Click here to learn more about the SMA program: www.municipalawards.ca

This year's award program sponsor is:



When you nominate a municipality you are automatically entered for a chance to win an Ogio golf bag and 12 Titleist ProV1 golf balls (approximately a \$300 value) courtesy of program sponsor Affinity Credit Union.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Community Champions Toolkit - Resources for Communities

In order to assist communities, businesses, and organizations with managing the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has designed a “Community Champions Toolkit”. The toolkit contains self-service tools for addressing common communications needs related to COVID-19 vaccines and immunization. These resources are designed to help provide valuable information and guidance necessary for managing COVID-19 at the local level. By providing a centralized set of resources, the Saskatchewan Health Authority is hoping it can help mitigate misinformation and assist communities to implement consistent practices and communication.

The materials in the toolkit will be periodically revised and updated as additional information, processes, and tools are developed, so be sure to check back regularly for updates.

[View the toolkit and find additional resources](#)

Businesses and Venues Requiring Proof of Vaccination or Negative Tests

Effective **October 1**, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result are required in Saskatchewan for public access to a range of businesses, event venues, as well as for all Government of Saskatchewan ministry, crown, and agency employees.

[See the full details](#)

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Village of Wilcox: *Maintenance Operator-Foreman* (October 9)
- Village of Waseca: *Administrator/CAO* (October 15)
- Resort Village of Aquadeo: *Chief Administrative Officer* (October 20)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Manager of Public Works* (October 29)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- Village of Elbow: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Midale: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Dundurn: *Acting Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Wadena: *Public Works and Utilities Manager* (When filled)
- Town of Oxbow: *Public Works Operator* (When filled)
- Town of Whitewood: *Level 2 Water Treatment Plant Operator, Level 1 Wastewater Operator* (When filled)
- Rural Municipality of Dundurn No. 314: *Administrator* (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:

- Infrastructure Canada *Rural Transit Solutions Fund - Planning and Design Grant* (October 7)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

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

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