

MUNICIPAL Update

October 5, 2020



Provincial Election Forum



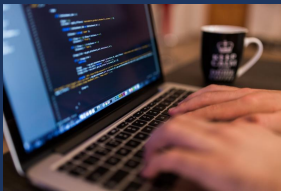
Ask Your Questions at the Provincial Election Forum

It's official - the writ has dropped and campaigns for Saskatchewan's provincial election are underway. In advance of the provincial election on October 26, Municipalities of Saskatchewan is hosting a free provincial election forum.

On **October 8** from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**, join Municipalities of Saskatchewan for this online forum and hear how the Saskatchewan Party and New Democratic Party plan to work with municipalities to address hometown concerns. Be sure to come prepared with your questions.

This forum is exclusively for Municipalities of Saskatchewan members.

[Register now](#)



\$10 Billion Announced For New Major Infrastructure

On October 1 the Government of Canada announced \$10 billion in new major infrastructure funding through the Canada Infrastructure Bank's (CIB) Growth Plan. The plan was designed to create jobs and strengthen economic growth.

The Growth Plan invests in five major initiatives:

- \$2.5 billion for clean power to support renewable generation and storage and to transmit clean electricity between provinces, territories, and regions, including to northern and Indigenous communities.
- \$2 billion to connect approximately 750,000 homes and small businesses to broadband in underserved communities.
- \$2 billion to invest in large-scale building retrofits to increase energy efficiency and community sustainability.

- \$1.5 billion for agriculture irrigation projects.
- \$1.5 billion to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission buses and charging infrastructure.

Learn more about the CIB Growth Plan



Virtual Regional Meetings



December 1 and 2

Regional Meetings Online this December

We love visiting you in your communities for regional meetings. But to ensure your safety and the safety of all Municipalities of Saskatchewan members and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are moving regional meetings online for 2020. This December, we will be hosting virtual regional meetings to discuss your region's common issues and learn from your successes.

Be sure to mark your calendars:

December 1

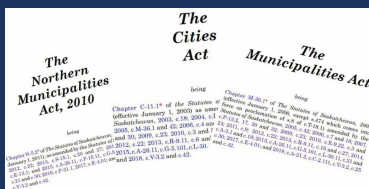
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December 2

- Central
- East Central
- Southwest
- Southeast

Municipal administration and elected officials are invited to join the regional meetings, which will be taking place over two days instead of seven. On the day of the meeting for your region, you will initially join your peers from other regions to receive an update on what Municipalities of Saskatchewan is doing for you and an education session on governance. Then, you will breakout into a meeting with others from your region to talk about your successes, discuss common regional issues, and elect your Regional Director and Alternate Regional Director.

Watch your inbox for an agenda and the link to register.



Amendments to the Municipal Acts

In July 2020, Bill 194 reached Royal Assent, implementing multiple amendments to the acts governing Saskatchewan's municipalities.

Some of the amendments came into force upon Royal Assent, other sections will come into force on January 1, 2021, and others come into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

See a summary of the major changes:

The Municipalities Act

The Cities Act

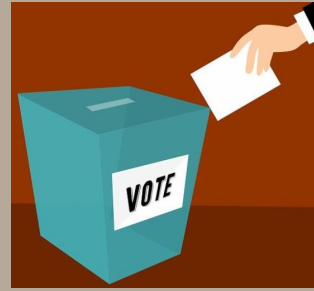
The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010



SEDA Virtual Forum: Be the ChangeMaker

Resetting the future of communities is the theme of the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance's (SEDA's) Be the ChangeMaker Virtual Forum.

[Learn more](#) about the forum happening **December 2**.



Resources to Ensure Safe Municipal Elections

Municipalities of Saskatchewan has introduced a new elections section on our [COVID-19 resources page](#). In this section you'll find resources designed to help you ensure safety during the upcoming municipal elections.

Resources include the Government of Saskatchewan's [Best Practices for Municipal Elections During COVID-19](#) and Elections BC's [Safe Voting Places: COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).



Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Winner of Crime Stoppers International Award

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers has been recognized by Crime Stoppers International. Saskatchewan's program is the 2020 recipient of the Productivity Award: Total Property Recovered. The award is given to a program serving a population between 300,000 and 1 million.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers has had a 1,400 per cent increase in total property recovered/seized.

[See the award video](#).



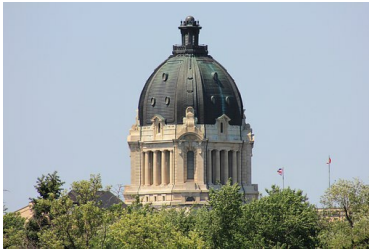
COVID Alert App in Saskatchewan

[Canada's COVID Alert app](#) is now available to Saskatchewan residents. Once downloaded, subscribers may participate in digital COVID-19 exposure alerts.

The national COVID Alert app uses Bluetooth technology to detect when users are near each other. If a user tests positive for COVID-19, they can choose to let other users know about potential exposure risk without sharing any personal information.

The app is available in the Apple and Google Play app stores.

Advocacy Update



Municipalities of Saskatchewan Provincial Election Advocacy Campaign

The writ has dropped and Municipalities of Saskatchewan's provincial advocacy campaign is underway. You'll see us advocating for **continuation of the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP)** and **stable Municipal Revenue Sharing funding**.

What do these two items have in common? They ensure that Saskatchewan's communities have the support they need from the provincial government. We will be sending out more information about our advocacy campaign as it unfolds.

Events



Upcoming Events

Provincial Election Forum
October 8

Virtual Regional Meetings
December 1 and 2

Virtual Convention and Tradeshow
February 7-10

VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



Convention 2021

Small Community Support Initiative

The Municipalities of Saskatchewan convention provides municipalities of all sizes with educational opportunities, access to other government officials - both municipal and provincial - and the chance for collaboration. But not all municipalities have the chance to attend due to financial barriers. To address those barriers, Municipalities of Saskatchewan launched the Small Community Support Initiative.

Three municipalities with populations of less than 150 people have the chance to **win two complimentary registrations for Convention 2021**. Since Convention 2021 is virtual,

there are no hotel or travel costs, just the cost of registration.

The Small Community Support Initiative is open to all Municipalities of Saskatchewan members who have populations of less than 150 people, based on 2016 census data.

If your municipality is interested in being a part of this initiative, apply by **October 30**.

Apply for the Small Community Support Initiative

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Municipalities of Saskatchewan: *Advocacy and Communications Advisor* (October 9)
- Village of Waseca: *Certified Level 1 Water and Wastewater Operator* (October 16)
- Village of Quinton: *Administrator* (October 30)
- City of Lloydminster: *Executive Manager, Community Development Services* (October 30)
- Town of Unity: *Director of Public Works* (When filled)
- RM of White Valley No. 49 and Town of Eastend: *Assistant Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Gravelbourg: *Assistant Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Naicam: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Bengough: *Public Works/Water Treatment Plant Operator* (When filled)
- Town of Wakaw and RM of Fish Creek No. 402: *Joint Chief*



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SaskCulture *Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding* (October 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association *Forever... In Motion Grant* (November 15)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year round)

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:

- *COVID-19 Resilience Stream* (October 30)
- *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

Administrative Officer (When filled)

- Town of Foam Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer (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.

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

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