

# MUNICIPAL Update

October 10, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Regional Meetings

**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)

**October 24**

Webinar - Municipal Fundraising:  
What to Expect

**November 23**

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

See all [upcoming events](#).



**SUMA Virtual Workshop**  
11.23.23  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Emerging Trends in Municipal Law**

Presented by  **BROWNLEE LLP**  
Barristers & Solicitors

**Exclusively for SUMA members**, on **Thursday November 23** from **8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** join us for the virtual workshop, **Emerging Trends in Municipal Law**, focused on legal considerations for municipalities. This workshop will be presented by Partners and Associates from **Brownlee LLP**.

Topics will include:

- **Constructive Taking: The Impact of Annapolis on Municipal Regulation of Land Use**
- **Regional Partnerships and Collaborations in Providing Municipal Services**
- **LA[FOIP] Confidential: A need to know of the LAFOIP Act and recent OIPC decisions**
- **Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Tools for Effective Management and Accommodation of Mental Illness in the Workplace**
- **Bear pit session**

This workshop is free to all SUMA member municipalities. Learn more about each presentation and the speakers on the [registration page](#).

SUMA has permanently disconnected its fax line.

If your municipality needs to contact anyone at our organization, **please reach out to us via email at [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org) or give us a call at 306-525-3727.**

Thanks for moving into the future with us and our communications.



Lunch n Learn  
Webinar

SUMA

10.24.23  
12:00-1:00 p.m.

## Municipal Fundraising: What to Expect



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On **Tuesday October 24** at **12:00 p.m.** learn how a community of 11,000 partnered with a volunteer-led charity to fundraise for a \$44M regional recreation centre. Join His Worship Mayor Kent Muench, City of Martensville, and Stephanie Hughes, Vice President at DCG, for the webinar ***Municipal Fundraising: What to Expect*** as they share lessons and tips from the recent Lace 'Em Up Capital Campaign.

If you can't make it to the live event, don't worry! All webinar recordings are also available on SUMA's member portal, accessible at [suma.org/member-login](https://suma.org/member-login).

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

## Regional Meetings Start Today!

SUMA is travelling to a municipality near you for our regional meeting tour. These 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. The 2023 regional meetings will also continue consultations on SUMA's governance review.

For more information on your Regional Meeting click [here](#).

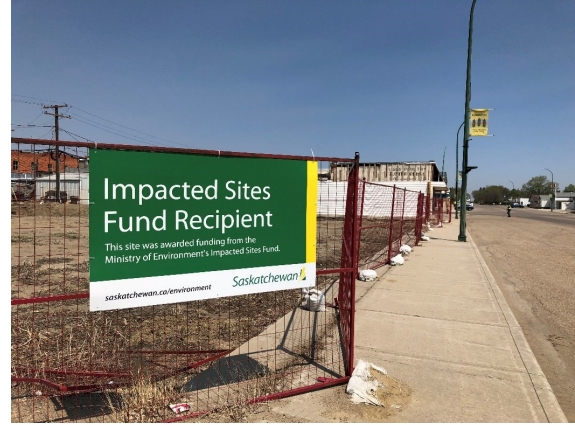


## Impacted Sites Fund

Established in 2019 by the Ministry of Environment, the Impacted Sites Fund provides **financial support to municipal governments to assess and clean up sites so they can be used for future development.** Some example of impacted sites include ones abandoned to municipalities in tax

arrears or those that have contaminated soil and water from former gas stations or laundromats. The program is funded from fines collected when a violation occurs under *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*.

Municipalities and municipal partnerships can apply for funding by filling out an application form and submitting it through the Ministry of Environment's [Online Portal](#). Applicants may be eligible for 100 per cent funding to complete environmental site assessments, or between 25 and 100 per cent funding for the clean-up, depending on the level of risk associated with the impacts.

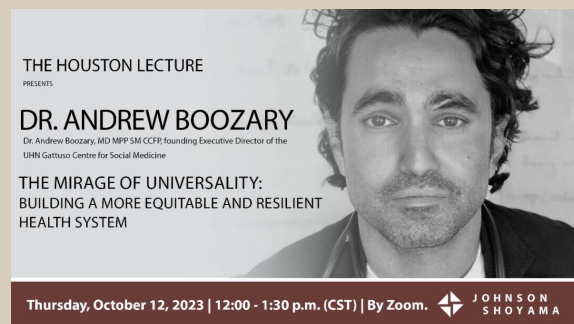


The Town of Shaunavon was the first successful applicant and has received \$71,974 to date to complete environmental site assessments at an abandoned car dealership property.

For more information about the Impacted Sites Fund, including submission guidance and eligibility criteria, visit [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).

## Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy's Annual Houston Lecture

On October 12<sup>th</sup> the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy will be hosting its annual Houston lecture. This year's speaker is **Dr. Andrew Boozary** whose lecture, "The Mirage of Universality: Building a more equitable and resilient health system", will review the prevailing inequities within the healthcare system.



The lecture intends to **expand our understanding of health beyond the conventional boundaries**. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Boozary will discuss how it exacerbated chronic health disparities, shining a spotlight on **structural discrimination as a fundamental contributor to these disparities**. The lecture will conclude with a look at **innovative interventions and strategies to implement into our system**.

To listen to the lecture and learn more about the Houston lecture series, please [click here](#).

## MLDP Education Sessions

**Strategic Communications for Municipalities**  
October 16 or 17, 2023 – Virtual Session

**Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace**  
October 24, 2023 – In Person Session

Paynton Community Hall; Address: 205 1<sup>st</sup> St East, Paynton, SK, S0M2J0

**Economic Development Fundamentals**  
October 26, 2023 - Virtual Session

**Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities**  
Oct 31/Nov 1, 2023 – Virtual Session

**Municipal Leaders Roles and Responsibilities**  
Nov 30, 2023 – Virtual Session

Register [here](#) for any of the educational sessions.



Municipal Leadership  
Development Program

## Learn More About the Targeted Sector Support Program

Municipalities have until **November 30** to apply for project funding through the Targeted Sector Support Initiative (TSS), a cost-shared grant program.

The TSS initiative provides support to municipalities **partnering on projects focused on inter-community collaboration, help build capacity and promote good governance**. Funding streams include **capacity building, regional co-operation and municipal transition, and relationship building and dispute resolution**. Successful projects are eligible to receive **75 per cent of eligible costs** to the maximum amount of \$100,000. Project partners are responsible for the remaining 25 per cent of the eligible costs.

Previously approved projects include training to enhance the governance skills of municipal officials; developing regional emergency plans; undertaking a municipal district feasibility study; and land use analysis maps.

Interested municipalities can learn more and apply [here](#).

## MMSW What We Heard Report Now Available

**MMSW has released its What We Heard consultation summary report.**

The What We Heard report provides a summary of consultation activities Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) undertook regarding the draft Program Plan, and the resulting feedback from stakeholders. **The draft program plan is in response to The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations, 2023, which came into effect on March 31.**

MMSW submitted the revised plan to the Ministry of Environment on September 26 for review. More details are available on the MMSW [website](#).

## Order Your 2024 Pet Tags Through Ketchum

**Order your pet tags before the end of the 2023 year.** Keep in mind that lead time on all orders is 3-4 weeks. If you would like your pet tags by January 2024, you must order by November 2023. If you are in need of other products and want to bundle them with your pet tag order, you can do so by going [here](#). More information on pet tags is also available [here](#). Please note that there is a **new \$10 flat fee on all orders**.

# ADVOCACY UPDATES

## Building Relationships to Advance Advocacy

SUMA's Regional Meetings, taking place this week and next, will include **third round of consultations on our governance structure**. After these consultations have taken place, we plan to put our governance structure to a **vote during the 2024 Annual General Meeting**.

Regional Meetings are an important time to connect with other municipalities and share thoughts on ideas and issues, and SUMA is looking forward to connecting with members from all of our regions.

Recently, our President, Randy Goulden, and CEO, Jean-Marc Nadeau, travelled to Edmonton to support our sister organization, Alberta Municipalities, during their annual convention. **Collaboration is essential to advocating at the federal level**, so building coalitions with our sister organizations is critical to success.

SUMA's Board of Directors met in Saskatoon on September 22 for our quarterly meeting.

As we near the end of the year, SUMA looks forward to continued advocacy developments, and will keep working on issues important to our hometowns.

## Mental Health, Addictions, and Housing Advocacy Update

Mental health and addictions remains SUMA's cornerstone advocacy issue. As such, we were pleased with the Government of Saskatchewan's recent announcement of an **Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions**.



According to the release, the intent of the Action Plan is to create **500 new addictions treatment spaces and a central intake system that makes care more accessible and responsive**. Work will begin immediately with a promise of \$49.4 invested in total by the fifth year of the plan. The plan also commits to a cross-governmental approach, involving collaborative initiatives between the ministries of Health, Social Services, Education and Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety.

We **commend the province and acknowledge the investment it has made in taking this step towards sustainable change**.

That said, we feel it prudent to acknowledge that **without livable social support and changes to direct payment for SIS and SAID, the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis will continue**. We are hopeful that the newly announced central intake system will incorporate in person consultations and applications. There is clear evidence the central call centre application process for SIS and SAID has proven disastrous for our most vulnerable community members.

We are hopeful this new announcement will **aim at addressing barriers to accessing services, such as funding of community regular community ID clinics**.

**155 new supportive housing spaces are a great start** and we urge the government to consider how imperative it is to have these spaces as low barrier as possible, aiming to keep families together whenever possible.

In conclusion, we wish to **acknowledge and commend this step** and we look forward to continuing to work with the Government and many other stakeholders to make progress on this file.

## Convention 2024



Introducing the Theme of Convention 2024

The theme for Convention 2024 is **reFRESH, reNEW, reFOCUS**. With SUMA's proposed changes in governance, we want to approach 2024 with a **"fresh new focus,"** connecting with our members more than ever to increase engagement and provide education on who we are and who we represent. Watch this space and our website for updates.



## Reservations Not Open Until January

We know you are as excited about #SUMA2024 as we are, but there is **no need to book your hotel rooms just yet!**

We will once again be using the reservation system Resiada to reserve rooms for Convention 2024. **The system will open in mid January** in conjunction with registration for the event.

## Submit a Nomination for SUMA's Service Awards

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 open until **January 4**. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.



## Nominate your municipality for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award

The **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMA) program celebrates Saskatchewan's municipal governments**, and aims to share knowledge amongst municipalities through best practices,

promoting cooperation between rural and urban municipalities, and awarding municipal driven projects.

The 2023 Saskatchewan Municipal awards will be awarded 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)

Nominations are open until **November 21**. Learn more about the program and how to nominate



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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](mailto:kerriann@kineticgpo.ca).



[wsask.ca](http://wsask.ca)

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](#).

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Nipawin: General Manager of Corporate Services (Oct 13)
- Town of Colonsay: Town Foreman (Oct 14)
- Town of Blaine Lake: Chief



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Targeted Sector Support Initiative (Nov 30)
- Community Rink Affordability Program (Jan 16)

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

Administrative Officer (Oct 14)

- RM of Corman Park: Director of Corporate Services (Oct 16)
- RM of Meota: Selling Fire Truck (Oct 19)
- Town of Rosthern: Utility or Public Works Operator (Oct 21)
- Town of Raymore: Public Works Assistant Foreman (Oct 26)
- Town of Wadena: Manager of Parks and Recreation (Oct 29)
- Town of Grenfell: Director of Recreation, Culture and Promotion (Oct 29)
- Resort Village of Katepwa: Acting Chief Administrative Officer (Nov 5)
- Town of Biggar: CAO (Nov 6)
- Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, City of Flin Flon: Regional Economic Development Officer (Nov 12)

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.

Resources tab.

