

# MUNICIPAL Update

October 18, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 28**

Webinar - SaskPower: The Future of Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan

**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](#).



## What Environmental Issues are Most Important to Your Community?

SUMA operates internal committees to ensure membership priorities and initiatives are met, and to account for the responsibilities and policy areas SUMA encounters daily.

Our Environmental Committee, responsible for environmental matters that impact hometowns, would like to know **what environmental issues are the most important to your community**.

Each municipality is invited to take a **short, three question survey** and let us know what environmental issues matter most to your municipality. The results from this survey will help shape SUMA's advocacy.

[Take the survey](#)



## SaskPower: The Future of Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan



### Learn About the Future of Nuclear Power in the Next SUMA Webinar

SaskPower is on track to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from power generation in Saskatchewan by at least 50 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. They're now aiming for net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 or earlier. To achieve this, the company is evaluating the full range of zero-emissions options, including nuclear power from small modular reactors (SMRs).

Curious about nuclear power and what's involved in an SMR project? Join SaskPower on **October 28** from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** for a conversation about nuclear power and small modular reactors. In the webinar **SaskPower: The Future of Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan**, SaskPower's SMR project team will share their plans and gather your feedback.

**Register for the webinar**

### Event Insight

#### Poll Results

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

Something educational (learn about a municipal service or project) - **51.4 per cent**

A tourist attraction - **32.4 per cent**

I'm not interested in an excursion - **16.2 per cent**



### Apply for a Rink Affordability Grant

Applications for the the Rink Affordability Grant program are being **accepted from now until January 15**.

The program, designed to help with the costs associated with running locally-owned rinks, provides communities, First Nations, schools, and non-profits with an annual grant of \$2,500 per indoor ice surface.

The program is administered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Learn more and  
apply



## New in 2022 for SUMA Group Benefit Program Subscribers

SUMA has partnered with **People First HR Services** to provide subscribers with unlimited on-demand professional HR advice by phone and email. **Starting January 2022**, get **free support** and make solid HR decisions - this service retails for \$100 per month.

But wait, there's more! For one-time only, from January to December 2022, **vision care coverage will increase by an additional \$250** and eye care exam maximums will go to unlimited - as long as it is reasonable, of course. Those expensive designer frames will be even easier to afford.

More information will be emailed directly to all subscribers in the upcoming months. Interested in becoming a SUMA Group Benefits Program subscriber? Contact **306-525-4390** to learn more about vision and dental coverage and all other offerings.



## New Pricing for Shipping Labels

Effective **November 15**, the **price of shipping labels** through SUMA's shipping labels program **is increasing**.

The pricing change reflects an increase in Canada Post's fuel surcharge. Canada Post has increased their fuel surcharge to 14 per cent, up from 5 per cent in October 2020.

New shipping label pricing:  
**XPressPost 1.36K - \$363.80**  
**XPressPost 5K - \$488.78.**

Even with the new prices, you will continue to save with SUMA's shipping label program. Purchasing shipping labels through SUMA's program **saves your municipality approximately 40 per cent** when compared to the cost of purchasing shipping labels directly from Canada Post.

As of November 15, SUMA will also no longer offer priority post mailing labels. More information about SUMA's shipping labels program can be found on the **[SUMA website](#)**.



## Have You Registered for Regional Meetings?

SUMA regional meetings are happening



## SGI Wants Your Feedback on E-Scooters

E-scooters are a form of "last mile"



online **November 2** and **3**. Have you registered?

Regional meetings are an opportunity for municipal administration and elected officials to receive updates on what SUMA is doing, take in an education session, and discuss common regional issues with peers.

Register by clicking the link for your region.

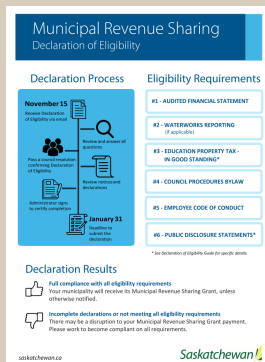
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transportation that are gaining popularity in major urban centres around the world. Many major urban centres in Canada are currently piloting e-scooter programs or have adopted permanent e-scooter programs. In most jurisdictions, legislative amendments were required (both provincial and municipal) to legalize the use of e-scooters.

SGI is looking to gather feedback from municipalities surrounding the operation of e-scooters in your jurisdiction. **Take the survey** before **November 1**.

Please send responses, or any questions to **[autofundpartnershipsupport@sgi.sk.ca](mailto:autofundpartnershipsupport@sgi.sk.ca)**.



## Get Ready to Fill Out The Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility

Each year, municipalities must report their compliance with eligibility requirements to receive their Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) Grant by completing an online Declaration of Eligibility form.

The Ministry of Government Relations will be emailing the unique link and password for the online MRS Declaration of Eligibility form to each municipality on **November 15**. If you do not receive the email on November 15, be sure to check your spam/junk folder. Still can't find the email? Email **[grcompliance@gov.sk.ca](mailto:grcompliance@gov.sk.ca)**.

The Declaration of Eligibility requires a resolution from council and the deadline to submit the declaration is **January 31, 2022**. Municipalities will want to include the Declaration of Eligibility on the November, December, or January council meeting agenda to ensure the resolution from council is made before the deadline. A sample resolution can be found in the **Declaration of Eligibility Guide**.



## Share Your Thoughts on Droughts in Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is conducting a review of Saskatchewan's drought risk, which has a view toward sharing insights and proposing options for managing current and future drought impacts. This review is being conducted in partnership with members from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Government Relations, and the Water Security Agency. This project has two main objectives: 1) Study the impact of drought on Saskatchewan communities; and 2) Propose options for mitigating and responding to those impacts.

The SPSA wants to hear your perspective on drought risks in Saskatchewan. To participate and share your thoughts, please respond to this short survey by clicking the following link: **Saskatchewan Drought Risk Review Survey**. The survey will take only 15 - 20 minutes to complete. The survey will be open until **November 12**.

If there are any questions about the survey, please contact Mac Osazuwa-Peters by email at **[mac.osazuwa-peters@gov.sk.ca](mailto:mac.osazuwa-peters@gov.sk.ca)** or phone at 306-519-9372.



## Apply for the Inclusive Community Initiatives Fund

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched the first round of applications for the Inclusive Community Initiatives fund. A total of 20 to 25 projects of **\$5,000 to \$10,000** each will be funded through two rounds of applications.

FCM is **accepting applications for projects that are aimed at strengthening the capacity of communities to support women**, particularly those who are underrepresented, to run for, assume, and/or remain in leadership positions in local government.

The Inclusive Community Initiatives is through the Canadian Women in Local Leadership project, a three-year project implemented to build on the success of FCM's Toward Parity in Municipal Politics and Diverse Voices. The project aims to address the systemic barriers that women face running for municipal office, while also improving the context and environment once elected to ensure their full participation once in office.

See the [call for proposals](#) and the [budget/workplan](#) for more information. Apply by **November 5**.



## Community Investment Funding

The CanExport Community Investments program is **accepting applications from Canadian communities seeking financial support for their foreign direct investment initiatives**.

The program is designed to support Canadian communities seeking to improve their capacity to attract, retain, and expand foreign direct investment to create jobs, support innovations, and increase exports.

For the purpose of the program, foreign direct investment refers to international businesses establishing or expanding operations in Canada. The program does not fund initiatives related to mergers and acquisitions, investments from other parts of Canada, trade, or export.

This program provides reimbursement of up to 50 per cent of eligible expenses.

See their "[How to Submit an Application for Funding](#)" to learn about program eligibility.

Applications are being accepted until **November 12**.

## ADVOCACY UPDATE



### SUMA Meets with Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety

On October 7, SUMA's Executive Committee met with the Honourable Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, to discuss municipal concerns. During the meeting, SUMA and Minister Tell discussed:

- the need to re-write *The Police Act*;
- RCMP policing costs;
- crime and gangs in smaller communities; and
- changes to bylaw enforcement.

Regarding policing costs, SUMA's Executive Committee voiced concerns with 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. We've asked the provincial government to support our position with their federal counterparts. To assist our advocacy, we launched a letter writing campaign, with a [template letter that municipalities can send](#) to the Minister of Public Safety. During the October 7 meeting, Minister Tell and her staff committed to not only advocating for the federal government to absorb the cost of the retroactive salary adjustments, but to take the matter to dispute resolution if necessary.

Minister Tell also agreed that *The Police Act* needs to be re-written, and she supports alternative options for municipalities to enforce and prosecute/adjudicate bylaws. During the meeting, she also noted that the throne speech will introduce several measures to address crime occurring in small urban and rural municipalities.

## CONVENTION



### Tips for Managing Your Convention 2022 Hotel Reservations

Last month we opened hotel reservations for our 2022 Convention and Tradeshow. We are once again using our hotel booking system, [Resiada](#), which allows you to view prices for all Convention hotels, see where they are located, check their availability, and book rooms. After booking, until you receive your hotel confirmation numbers just before Convention, you can also use Resiada to make changes to your reservations.

#### Changing or Cancelling Your Reservation

All reservation information is currently contained in Resiada. Therefore, the hotels are unable to make changes to any reservations at this time. **To make changes**, or to cancel a room, simply **click the "Edit Reservations Now" button in the Group Reservation Acknowledgment email** sent when you first made reservations. Can't find the email? Let us know and we will resend it.

#### Introducing the Waitlist

If there is a hotel that you are interested in booking, but it already sold out, you can **join the waitlist** for that hotel and **be automatically updated if rooms become available**.

#### Want to Stay Longer?

**We have secured additional rooms at select Convention 2022 hotels for those looking to arrive on April 2 or stay until April 7.** You can see what hotels have availability those days by visiting Resiada. If you have existing reservations, click the "Edit Reservations Now" button in your Group Reservation Acknowledgment email to see if extra nights have been added at your hotel.



### Resolutions for Convention 2022

Convention resolutions are one way SUMA members can get their issues to the forefront. As per SUMA's Resolutions Policy, resolutions can be submitted anytime during the year, but the deadline for Convention 2022 is currently **November 1**. With Convention moving from February to April, we know that the November 1 date no longer fits, and the Resolutions Committee will be meeting to discuss extending the date to reflect the new date of Convention.



To get started with resolutions, check out the full [Call for Resolutions](#), which includes a template you can use as a guide. You can also view SUMA's current [Resolutions Policy](#) and see [past resolutions](#) on SUMA's website.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### COVID-19 Vaccine Policy Templates for Municipalities

Since the provincial government introduced proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test requirements for all Government of Saskatchewan employees and for public access to select businesses and event venues, SUMA has heard from members requesting templates for municipal proof of COVID-19 vaccination policies.

SUMA has created **two policy templates for SUMA municipalities** interested in introducing proof of COVID-19 vaccination requirements for employees and visitors.

The templates are available to all SUMA municipalities and can be found in the Member Portal on the SUMA website.

[Visit the member portal](#)

### Proof of Vaccination Requirements Expanded

A new Public Health Order has come into effect, adding some businesses and retail outlets to the list of venues requiring proof of vaccination or negative test for public access.

Proof of vaccination or a negative test is required at point of entry to access:

- Seated dining in all restaurants including fast food restaurants;
- Liquor manufacturers conducting retail liquor sales; and
- Liquor stores with an integrated permit that also hold a liquor restaurant or tavern permit.

[See the full details](#)

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



**Classifieds**



**Grants**

### Positions Available:

- Resort Village of Aquadeo: *Chief Administrative Officer* (October 20)
- SUMA: *Advocacy and Targeted Sector Support Coordinator* (October 24)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Manager of Public Works* (October 29)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (November 5)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Planning and Development Manager* (November 5)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- Village of Elbow: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Village of Bethune and RM of Dufferin No. 190: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Wadena: *Public Works and Utilities Manager* (When filled)
- Town of Dundurn: *Acting Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Oxbow: *Public Works Director* (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)
- Town of Hafford: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Rosthern: *Recreation Manager* (When filled)

### For Sale:

- *Super Duty Handi-Van*

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.

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- *SGI Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- *Federation of Canadian Municipalities Inclusive Community Initiatives* (November 5)
- *Government of Canada CanExport Community Investments Program* (November 12)
- *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.



# MUNICIPAL UPDATE ADVERTISEMENT



## LAFOIP Program Training for Municipalities

### Managing Access and Privacy in Saskatchewan: Advanced Course

November 2, 2021, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

This course is a great opportunity to gain advanced training in establishing, operating and maintaining an information governance program for compliance with Saskatchewan access and privacy legislation.

Designed for both public and private-sector Information and Privacy Officers and a wide range of provincial, municipal, school, university, health, and non-profit leaders and officials, including elected officers, department managers, communications staff, legal or regulatory officers, information managers, IT security, and any staff managing an information-intensive program.

[Register here.](#)

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