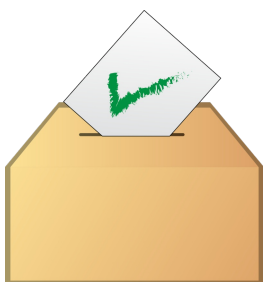


# MUNICIPAL Update

November 2, 2020



## Best Practices for Municipal Elections

The general election for Saskatchewan's cities, towns, and villages is taking place Monday, November 9. Elections Saskatchewan has developed a number of tools to help municipalities plan their elections in a way that will aid in safer voting for voters and for election workers. The tools include [best practices for election day](#), [special voting opportunities](#), and [personal protective equipment](#).

See all the COVID-19 electoral best practices

## What to expect as an elected official

As part of local government elections, the City of North Battleford created a short video on what to expect as an elected official. Check out their video which features Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Saskatoon/Regina Executive Member Mike O'Donnell.



## Getting to Know Saskatchewan's Local Governments

A Local Government Week Forum



## Learn More About Local Governments in Saskatchewan

November 9-15 is Local Government Week. Local governments in Saskatchewan are the order of government closest to the people, representing the local voice of Saskatchewan residents. Their work impacts the lives of residents every day.

To help educate the public on the importance of local government and the role they play, Saskatchewan's Local Government Week Committee has created *Getting to Know*

*Saskatchewan's Local Governments*. In this free one-hour virtual session, residents can learn about local government in Saskatchewan and ask a panel of experts their local government questions.

This webinar is open to everyone. We encourage you to invite residents in your community to this free forum on **November 12** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Register for the  
webinar**

Local Government Week is a partnership between the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, Municipalities of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.



### **Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities: Save the Date**

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is offering two virtual Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities (MLRR) workshops.

As a part of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP), MLRR is developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. The workshops, for new and returning council members and municipal staff, provides essential information on council procedures and municipal roles.

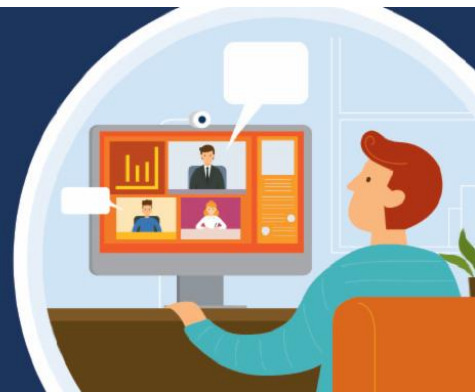
The first workshop is taking place **December 8**. Can't make it? Attend the session on **March 2**.

Watch your inbox next week for more information on the upcoming session on December 8. Attending the **workshop will count as a credit** towards the completion of MLDP.



## Virtual Regional Meetings

**December 1 and 2**



### **Elect Your Regional Representatives December 1 and 2**

Municipal administration and elected officials are invited to join Municipalities of Saskatchewan for virtual regional meetings this December. Regional meetings will include elections for regional and alternate regional directors for Municipalities of Saskatchewan's eight regions.

Meetings are happening online:

#### **December 1**

- North
- Northwest
- Northeast
- West Central

#### **December 2**

- Central
- East Central
- Southwest
- Southeast



### Public Lecture on Saskatchewan's Municipal Elections

Municipal elections are often overshadowed by provincial and federal elections. While municipalities may be considered subservient to senior levels of government, they have a great deal of influence and impact on the daily lives of citizens. Low voter turnout is a perennial problem – but is it because things are going well or because citizens literally think “you can’t fight city hall”? Is 2020 going to be different? The municipal sector faces enormous challenges – financial pressures, the environment, the economy and a range of social issues from opioid abuse to homelessness dominate the landscape. Join Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy on November 4 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. for a virtual panel discussion on the 2020 Saskatchewan municipal elections.

On the panel is:

- Malcolm Eaton, former Mayor of Humboldt
- Deb Higgins, former MLA for Moose Jaw Wakamow, and former Mayor of Moose Jaw
- Mike O’Donnell, Councillor, Regina City Council
- Tiffany Paulson, lawyer / former Saskatoon City Councillor

This lecture will be available via Zoom. [Register online.](#)

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### Rapid Housing Funding

The Government of Canada, through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, launched the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI), a \$1 billion program to help address urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians, especially in the context of COVID-19, through the rapid construction of affordable housing.

Municipalities, along with provinces, territories, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, as well as non-profit organizations, can apply for funding through RHI's Projects Stream which contains \$500 million in available funds. Applications are being accepted until **December 31**.

[Learn more about the Rapid Housing Initiative.](#)

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## Applications Open for Women in Local Government Scholarships

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is proud to offer awards and scholarships to outstanding women in the field of municipal politics.

Applications for their Women in Local Government Scholarships are now open. The scholarships, for women in secondary school, CEGEP, and university, are to encourage students in their studies of women in politics as well as their community involvement.

### Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship

This scholarship is open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council.

### Mayor Andrée P. Boucher Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to two female college or university students deemed to have submitted the best research paper on a topic related to women in politics.

Learn more about the [awards available from FCM](#).

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## River Under Threat - Invasive Species and their Potential Impacts to the Health of the Saskatchewan River System

On November 12, Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin is hosting the webinar River Under Threat - Invasive Species and their Potential Impacts to the Health of the Saskatchewan River System.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature has identified invasive species as the second largest threat to biodiversity world wide. The Saskatchewan River system is not immune to invasive species: aquatic plants and mussels to fish species to terrestrial plants and insects are all starting to infiltrate the river and may cause detrimental effects to the long-term health of the river ecosystem.

This webinar, sponsored by the City of Saskatoon, will talk about some of the invasive species that are moving into the river valleys and what their potential impacts can be to human health, biodiversity, and water quality.

[Register online.](#)

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## Events



### Upcoming Events

**Local Government Week Webinar:  
Getting to Know Saskatchewan's Local Governments**  
November 12

**Municipalities of Saskatchewan Webinar:  
Virtual Convention and Elections:  
What You Need to Know**  
November 17

North, Northwest, Northeast, and West Central  
Virtual Regional Meeting  
December 1

Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast  
Virtual Regional Meeting  
December 2

Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities  
Save the date - December 8

Virtual Convention and Tradeshow  
February 7-10

## VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



## Convention 2021

### Receive Your Convention Invitation - Add Convention to Your Safe Sender List

Registration for Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow opens in less than a month! On **November 16**, the main contact for your municipality will receive an email with the link and password to register your municipality for Convention.

To make sure your municipality receives the registration email, you are encouraged to **add [munisask-noreply@streampoint.com](mailto:munisask-noreply@streampoint.com) to your safe sender list**. If you do not receive the email on November 16, we encourage you to check your junk, spam, or blocked email for the registration invitation.

### New Convention Experience, New Lower Price

Whether this will be your first convention or your eighth, Convention 2021 is guaranteed to provide you with a new convention experience. You'll still have the opportunity to hear from provincial officials, meet (virtually) with other municipalities in your sector, and attend informative education and breakout sessions. But we're adding in some new features too - **two keynote speakers, on demand educational content**, and an **exciting social event**.

All of this content is available at a new registration price. With Convention moving online for 2021, we have reduced the registration fee. The early-bird member rate for the virtual convention and tradeshow is **\$185 per registrant**. Early-bird pricing is available until **December 22**.

Have questions about Convention going virtual? We've done our best to answer the most [frequently asked questions](#). Have a question that we haven't answered? Email [events@munisask.ca](mailto:events@munisask.ca).

## Virtual Convention and Elections: A Webinar on What You Need to Know

Learn more about Municipalities of Saskatchewan's virtual convention and tradeshow, as well as running for our Board of Directors, in a webinar on **November 17**.

In the webinar *Virtual Convention and Elections: What You Need to Know, 2021* Convention Chair Randy Goulden will discuss what to expect at the upcoming convention and Municipalities of Saskatchewan staff will outline the nomination process for running for Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Board of Directors.

Learn more and register for the  
webinar

## Classifieds and Grants



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of White City: *Development Officer* (November 6)
- Town of La Ronge: *Administrative Assistant* (November 13)
- Town of La Ronge: *Chief Administrative Officer* (November 23)
- Town of Churchbridge: *Certified Water Operator* (When filled)
- District of Katepwa: *Office Assistant* (When filled)
- Town of Naicam: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Bengough: *Public Works/Water Treatment Plant Operator* (When filled)

Have a position to fill or an item to



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association *Forever... In Motion Grant* (November 15)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year round)

#### Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:

- *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

For a full listing of grants, check the

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## Municipal Update Advertisement

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