

# MUNICIPAL Update

October 23, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 24**

Webinar - Municipal Fundraising: What to Expect

**November 7**

Webinar - Empowering Municipalities: Strategies for Welcoming, Integrating and Engaging Newcomers

**November 23**

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

See all [upcoming events](#).



**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** and is free to all SUMA member municipalities.

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 here](#)



## Municipal Fundraising: What to Expect



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.

[Register here](#)

## Regional Meetings In Retrospect

The 2023 Regional Meetings have ended, and SUMA, our Regional Directors, and our partners thank all those who joined us for the meetings.

What a pleasure it was to gather, network, hear updates from our municipalities, learn from educational sessions, and speak on issues common to our regions.

For those wanting to revisit information shared during the meetings, **the following items are available on the [member portal](#):**

- Greetings from SUMA President Randy Goulden, Minister Don McMorris, and the Regional Meeting sponsor, SaskWater
- Governance review
- Advocacy update
- Messages from our partners, SUMAssure, Kinetic GPO, and Municipal Peer Network
- Education sessions regarding the RCMP, and diplomatic leadership

We are proud of all our hometowns and their work to enhance the lives of their residents. Thank you for joining us.



## Application Period for the Community Rink Affordability Program Now Open

The Community Rink Affordability Grant Program is now open and accepting

**applications** from communities across Saskatchewan.

**The provincial government has committed \$1.6 million in 2023-24 for the program** which, provides funding for community-owned indoor skating and curling rinks.

In 2022-23, a total of the 581 ice surfaces received funding, including 376 skating rinks and 205 curling rinks. A \$2,500 grant is available for each ice surface, per year for municipally-owned facilities, schools, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations.



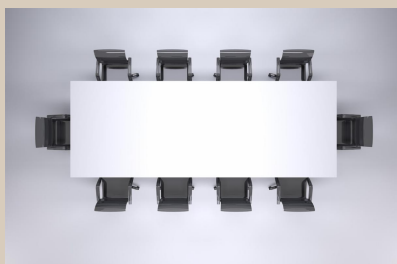
To learn more and register for the Community Rink Affordability Grant program, please complete the form on the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association's [website](#) **Applications can be submitted until January 15, 2024.**

## The Building and Technical Standards Branch 2020 Code Adoption Presentations

**The Building and Technical Standards Branch will be hosting workshops in Saskatoon on November 9, and in Regina on November 16, to highlight the significant changes to the 2020 codes.**



The workshop will be of interest to building owners and managers, industry, municipal officials, building officials, fire inspectors, designers and other code users. For more information or to register, please go to the following [visit here](#).



### An Update on the SUMA Board of Directors

SUMA's Board of Directors will soon see some temporary changes: **the position of Northwest Regional Director and its alternate will remain vacant starting November 15.**

**Richard Beck, current Director of the Northwest Region, will take on the role of TSS Coordinator starting**

**November 15.** Richard's new position means he will be stepping down from the Board of Directors.

In such situations our procedures usually push forth an alternate. However, **Jamie Martens, the current alternate, submitted her nomination papers to the Saskatchewan Party and will be stepping down as the Director of the Northwest Region. An election for the Northwest Region Director will take place during the 2024 Convention.**

Thank you to both Richard Beck and Jamie Martens for their service to the Board thus far.

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

**Forging Relationships: Advocacy as a Shared Responsibility**

A large part of advocacy is about forging relationships. It is a collective effort where we are responsible for finding solutions to problems affecting our hometowns. **Many of SUMA's advocacy issues reach beyond municipal borders, and problems like Mental Health and Addictions are country-wide, impacting the lives of many.**



**We want to see a more significant collective effort to find a solution;** this is why SUMA and our Board believe in working with sister organizations, other governmental bodies, the Provincial Government, and its Official Opposition. **SUMA President Randy Goulden recently accepted an invitation to speak at the 2023 NDP Convention on October 27.**

**President Goulden will highlight the work SUMA has done thus far, especially regarding Mental Health and Addictions, which will remain a cornerstone advocacy issue for SUMA until we see more progressive changes.** The province took some steps in the right direction last week by opening more shelters and beds; while this works toward helping, more must be done. The Mental Health and Addictions crisis is great and multi-faceted, and we must all take responsibility to come together and find a sustainable solution.

**SUMA will continue to work with all bodies of government, organizations, and opposition who wish to see a better future for all residents across Saskatchewan.**

## Convention 2024



### Hotel 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.

### Convention 2024: Call For Education Submissions Now Open

SUMA is inviting **proposals for education sessions** at the **2024 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow** in Regina **April 14 to 17.**

Do you know of an organization or individual that municipalities could benefit in learning from? Does your municipality have expertise that could be shared with others? We are looking for **topics that are current and focused on key aspects of urban government** that will be beneficial to elected officials and municipal administrators of villages, towns, northern municipalities, resort villages, and cities.



We are looking for **creative, out-of-the-box speakers to share their knowledge**. We are open to suggestions for topics; however, we have identified the following topics as main concerns to urban municipal governments:

- Municipal succession planning
- Roles and responsibilities of elected officials
- Emergency response preparedness
- Municipal customer service
- Regional collaboration
- Cyber security
- Municipal relationships with First Nations communities
- Mock council meeting
- Municipal boundary alterations
- Property assessment
- Roles of a municipality in mental health and addictions

For more information click [here](#).

The call for submissions closes on **November 9**.



## Resolution Deadline is January 31

As the 2024 Convention and Tradeshow approaches, we encourage members to submit their resolutions. **The deadline to submit resolutions is January 31.**

Resolutions are a way to get municipal issues in front of provincial decision makers and the media, and help shape SUMA's advocacy. Before getting started, review the [Resolutions Policy](#), and see [past resolutions](#).

For more details and a template you can use as a guide, look at the [Call for Resolutions 2024](#) or login to the [member portal](#) for the same information.

## ADVERTISEMENTS



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Our Channels Flowing.**

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 Water Security Agency 

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 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)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Targeted Sector Support Initiative (Nov 30)
- Community Rink Affordability Program (Jan 15)

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

- Town of Biggar: CAO (Nov 6)
- Town of Creighton, Village of Denare Beach, City of Flin Flon: Regional Economic Development Officer (Nov 12)
- RM of Morris No.312: Selling a Grader (Nov 14)
- Town of Lemberg: Chief Administrative Officer (Nov 14)
- Town of Kipling: Chief Administrative Officer (Nov 16)

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