

# MUNICIPAL Update

November 6, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 7

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

### November 21

Webinar - Creating Safer Roads: Guardrails and accessing funds for improved road safety

### November 23

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

See all [upcoming events](#).

Virtual Workshop

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

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

Presented by **B** BROWNLEE LLP  
Attorneys & Solicitors

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

This event is **exclusively for SUMA member municipalities**. **There is no cost to your municipality to attend.**

Learn more  
here

Lunch n Learn  
Webinar

**SUMA** | 11.07.23  
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Empowering Municipalities: Strategies for  
Welcoming, Integrating and Engaging Newcomers

Sponsored by **SUMAssure**

Are you passionate about fostering diversity, inclusion, and a sense of belonging in your municipality? Do you believe that welcoming, integrating and retaining newcomers is key to building stronger communities?

Join us on **Tuesday November 7 at 12:00 p.m.** to discover how you can enrich your hometown by creating welcoming environments for newcomers from diverse backgrounds. In the webinar **Empowering Municipalities: Strategies for Welcoming, Integrating, and Engaging Newcomers** you will learn about successful strategies for helping newcomers adapt to and stay in their new hometowns.

Presenters will discuss the importance of community engagement and social connection in helping newcomers thrive in their new communities. They will also cover how attracting, welcoming, integrating and retaining newcomers can lead to a more prosperous, dynamic, and resilient local community. Our esteemed panel of speakers includes representatives from municipalities, the Saskatchewan Government's Ministry of Immigration and Career Training, non-profit organizations, immigrant support groups, newcomers, and individuals with firsthand experience in welcoming newcomers. They will share their stories and insights to inspire and guide you on this journey

[Register here](#)

## CONVENTION 2024



### Small Community Support Initiative

The SUMA Convention and Tradeshow provides municipalities of all sizes with **educational opportunities, access to other government officials - both municipal and provincial - and the chance for collaboration.** We know that not all municipalities have the opportunity to attend due to financial barriers. To address those barriers, SUMA launched the Small Community Support Initiative. Through the initiative, communities with **populations of less than 150** people have the chance to win **complimentary**

**registration** for two delegates to our annual convention.

For 2024, SUMA is offering **three municipalities** with populations of less than 150 people the chance to send **two representatives to Convention 2024** happening April 14-17 in Regina.

*Please note: Populations are based on 2021 census data. Municipalities must be a SUMA member in good standing to be eligible. A municipality can only be awarded once per election term.*

If your municipality is interested in the chance to win complimentary registration, [apply here](#) by **January 9.**

Applications will be reviewed to ensure eligibility. All eligible applications will be entered into a random draw and the three successful municipalities will be notified by **January 11.**

**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.



## 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.

## 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

## 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 your municipality [here](#).

Government Relations, and personnel in First Nations and Métis Relations.

Nominations for SUMA's service awards are open until **January 4**. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

Celebrate municipal excellence with the



SASKATCHEWAN  
MUNICIPAL  
AWARDS

Nominations open September 12 to November 21, 2023

## Election Supplies and Ballot Ordering Processes

Since the 1997 election, SUMA has been offering **election forms, supplies and ballot printing** to our members. It provides a one-stop shop for all SUMA members with the assurance that supplies will be up-to-date, and a staff member available to answer questions or refer them to the appropriate contacts at Government Relations.



Recently there have been some **updates to our ordering processes**. SUMA members can still order ballots and supplies, but please make sure to order ballots a **minimum of 15 business days prior to advance poll date** to ensure ballots arrive in time. The same policy applies for SARM members, but please note **members of SARM can only order supplies from SUMA and not ballots**.

### Member Advantages

- Substantial cost savings, based on bulk purchasing of supplies and bulk processing of ballots
- Election forms as prescribed by *The Local Government Election Act* accurately reproduced ready for use on election day
- Forms and supplies shipped using the most cost effective method for each individual municipality (within one to two business days of order receipt)
- When the order is received by the SUMA office within 15 business days prior to the advance poll date, guaranteed processing of ballot orders to meet the limited turn-around time between close of nominations, advance poll, and election dates. Orders received less than 15 business days prior to the advance poll date cannot be guaranteed.

### Member Order Forms:

- **Election supplies** (PDF document)
- **Ballots** (PDF document)
- **SARM Members only: Election supplies** (PDF document)

**Election Scheduling Tool:** Visit [Publications Saskatchewan](#) for an interactive Election-Byelection Scheduling Tool

## Canada's Placemaking Community

Canada's Placemaking Community is a project of the Healthy Communities Initiative, and **on November 7, the project will launch *The Power of Placemaking***, a snapshots document that **shares evidence and stories about the relationship between placemaking and wellbeing**.



If you are a community builder, local leader, urbanist, activist, placemaking practitioner, or just someone who cares about your local community – this online place is for you!

Canada's Placemaking Community works to share inspiration using stories and events, facilitate knowledge exchange, connect like-minded community leaders, and amplify activities taking place at the local level across the country. Learn more, connect with others, and access placemaking resources at <https://placemakingcommunity.ca/>.

## Grants Available for Facilitating Independence

Facilitating Independence is a process that focuses on **supporting older adults to live as independently as they wish to, in their location of choice**. The goal is to provide **supportive services and options** which allow older adults to live a meaningful and freely chosen life, in their home and community. The intent of the Facilitating Independence Grant funding is to **experiment and support trial projects to learn more about innovative, sustainable models that will enable older adults to age well at home**. Learnings from the projects may be valuable to other communities in the province.



Grant funding was provided to 13 organizations in 2023. Based on the success of the first Facilitating Independence grant program in 2023, the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) has another **approximately \$200K in 2024 for one-time funding for micro-grants/seed money to organizations that serve older adults, community groups, or other interested organizations to develop/pilot new approaches for providing supportive services to older adults**. Additional information on this opportunity including the application process, eligibility criteria, and timelines, is available on the SSM Website at: <https://skseniorsmechanism.ca> Grant applications will be accepted by SSM until **November 25**.

## The Community Initiative Fund is Looking for Volunteers

The Community Initiatives Fund is **inviting applications from individuals throughout Saskatchewan who are interested in serving on one of their four regional Peer Review Committees**. Openings are currently available for our North, Central, South, and Provincial committees for the 2024-26 term.



Peer Review Committees are responsible for **reviewing applications** for our Community Grant Program and **providing informed funding recommendations** to the CIF Board of Directors. .

## Tourism Diversification Program Now Open

Tourism Saskatchewan's Tourism Diversification Program is **accepting applications until December 14**. The program helps established operators and Indigenous organizations/communities to **diversify their business by either developing new experiences, expanding seasonal operations and/or attracting new markets**.



The program has three streams of funding available:

- New Market(s)
- Seasonal Usage Expansion
- New Experiential Product Development

Program information and FAQs are available at [business.tourismsaskatchewan.com](https://business.tourismsaskatchewan.com).

For more information, contact Bob Kadis at 306-933-5903, [bob.kadis@tourismsask.com](mailto:bob.kadis@tourismsask.com) or Carey Baker at 306-933-7498, [carey.baker@tourismsask.com](mailto:carey.baker@tourismsask.com).



## Amendments to *The Workers' Compensation (Extending Firefighter Coverage) Amendment Act, 2023*

The Government of Saskatchewan introduced amendments to *The Workers' Compensation (Extending Firefighter Coverage) Amendment Act, 2023*.

The amendments introduced include changes to the following: the definition of the term worker; privacy provisions; appeal tribunal decisions; coverage of expenses associated with transporting a deceased worker's body; compensation to a worker's dependent children; medical review panel process; permanent functional impairment award; independence allowance amount; and presumptive occupational disease coverage.

You can read a copy of the bill [here](#).

## SUMA and Public Sector Network Local Government Roadshow

SUMA is once again partnering with Public Sector Network on their upcoming [Local Government Virtual Event](#), happening **November 24**.

This event will showcase key projects, best practices, and valuable insights to empower local government to embrace continuous change, foster a culture of innovation, and deliver exceptional citizen services.

[Registration is free for public sector employees](#). Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of this conversation.

Join Us!  
**Local Government Virtual Event**  
Embracing Connection and Resilience for a Future-Proof Local Government  
November 24th | Online  
FREE for public sector - Link in description!  
SUMA  
PUBLIC SECTOR NETWORK

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT  
**SASKATCHEWAN'S POWER FUTURE.**

FUTURE SUPPLY PLAN  
2030 AND BEYOND

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## Contribute to SaskPower's Future Supply Plan

SaskPower is developing a long-term future supply plan, and has several opportunities for you to share feedback.

### Future Supply: Immersion

- Want to dive into the nuances of supply planning? Join the two-part virtual Future Supply: Immersion workshops coming up on **Nov. 7, 8, 14, and 15**.
- Learn more and register at: [Contribute to the Future Supply Plan | Engage SaskPower](#)

### Future Supply: Essentials

- Join the two-hour, in-person and online workshop intended for those who are keen to grow their knowledge of supply planning. Experts will visit five Saskatchewan cities and

offer three online sessions to hear from you!

- Register [here](#) for a workshop near you.

#### Future Supply: Discovery

- Explore potential pathways to net zero from the comfort of your home or office with the Discovery activity kit. Include family, friends, coworkers, or students and learn and engage on your own terms.
- Order your Discovery kit starting **Nov. 1.** at [Future Supply Discovery Kits | Engage SaskPower](#)

#### Future Supply: Survey

If you only have 10 minutes to spare, this is the way to give us your feedback quickly! Survey opens on **Nov. 9** at [saskpower.com/futuresupplysurvey](https://saskpower.com/futuresupplysurvey)

## Winners of Saskatchewan's 2023 Communities in Bloom Program



### Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to announce the **winners of Saskatchewan's 2023 Communities in Bloom program** and recognize all 33 of the provincial

participants after a successful year. Participants enhanced their communities and were evaluated by the following criteria: **Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant & Floral Displays.** Participants are recognized with a Bloom Rating, and through the program's Special Recognition Awards and Photo Contest.

For more information, please view the [backgrounder](#) and [media release](#).

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Throne Speech Acknowledges Mental Health, Addictions and Housing Issues

The Government of Saskatchewan's recent Throne Speech focused on **homelessness, mental health, and addictions.** SUMA is pleased to see the province giving attention to these issues. We have **continually advocated for more action on the homelessness crisis and the shortage of healthcare professionals in our province.** Many of the coming promised changes and implementations are a direct result of our advocacy.



**The implementation of the Provincial Approach to Homelessness is a positive step.** We are also pleased to hear about **expanded support for second stage housing to protect those suffering from interpersonal violence, and the previously announced complex needs emergency shelter spaces** as these projects will have a positive impact not only on the homelessness crisis but also mental health and addictions within our province. We welcome all these developments, but encourage the Government to take this a step further and **amend the SIS and SAID programs to address continuing issues experienced by Saskatchewan's most vulnerable population.**

**The Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions is also a direct result of advocacy from SUMA and many other partners and NGOs throughout the province,** and we are pleased to recognize the 500 new addictions treatment spaces across the province, as well as expanded mental health services for children and youth. We again encourage the Government to continue this

positive momentum by **considering safe consumption sites for those who are not ready for treatment**. For those who are, we advocate for **changes to the current 28-day treatment model**, which research shows is lacking in its efficacy, and **more resources for aftercare**.

Other positive news out of the Throne Speech are the **nursing loan forgiveness program** and the continued work on the Health Human Resources Action Plan. SUMA has been advocating for this government to address the **recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals, particularly in small urban centres**, for several years and we will continue to push for more action on this important file.

## ADVERTISEMENTS



**Want to increase your purchasing power or reduce costs?**

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](#). View Kinetic's current list of programs and contracts [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**



**Grants**



### Positions Available:

- 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)
- City of Warman: City Manager (Nov 25)
- City of Melfort: City Treasurer (Nov 25)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: Executive Assistant/Office Manager (Nov 27)
- RM of Milton No. 292, RM of Antelope Park No. 322 and Village of Marengo: Administrator (Dec 2)
- Town of Raymore: Assistant Foreman (Dec 3)
- Town of Battleford: Community Planner (Feb 7)
- Town of Battleford: Director of Corporate Services (Feb 7)

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:

- 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.

