

MUNICIPAL Update

November 20, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21

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

November 22

MuniCast: Reconciliation Saskatchewan with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner

November 23

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

November 28

MuniCast: Indigenous Engagement with SaskTel

January 16

SUMA Virtual Sector Meeting

See all [upcoming events](#).

Webinar 11.21.23
2:00-3:00 p.m.

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

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Do you want to ensure your municipalities roads are safe? Are you wondering how you can access funds to support road safety?

Join us on **Tuesday November 21 at 2:00 p.m.** for the webinar **Creating Safer Roads: Guardrails and accessing funds for improved road safety**. In this webinar ATS Traffic, a Kinetic GPO partner, will tell us about funding opportunities available to municipalities for improved road safety, and how guardrails can ensure safety on the road ahead.

Learn more here

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 a morning focused on legal considerations for municipalities in the virtual

Sector Meeting

Tuesday January 16
9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Join us online to discuss sector specific issues with your peers and discover new ideas during SUMA's **Virtual Sector Meeting** on **January 16** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

workshop **Emerging Trends in Municipal Law** presented by Partners and Associates from Brownlee LLP. **This event is free to all SUMA member municipalities.**

Sessions during this workshop will cover a variety of topics, including:

- The impact of a recent Supreme Court decision out of Annapolis on municipal regulation of land use
- Regional Partnerships and Collaborations
- The LAFOIP Act and recent decisions made by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, and
- Tools for effective management and accommodation of mental illness in the workplace

[Register here](#)

We will spend the morning together to hear a brief update on SUMA's governance review and advocacy work, updates from SUMA partners, and a keynote presentation.

For the afternoon, we will break out into our sectors – cities, towns, and villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities – to share your successes during hometown proud, take in an education session, and discuss sector relevant issues in an open forum. **Discussions at sector meetings are driven by members.** We encourage you to bring topics for discussion during the open forum.

This meeting is open to representatives from all SUMA member municipalities. **The cost to attend is \$40 per person.**

[Register here](#)



New episodes of MuniCast available soon!

We took a short break from MuniCast, but we're back with two brand new episodes! In season 5 of MuniCast SUMA is hosting conversations that **address truth and reconciliation for municipalities.**

In Episode 2, **Reconciliation Saskatchewan with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner**, listen in to our conversation with Rhett Sangster and Shaid Heimbecker from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner about the progress of reconciliation in Saskatchewan and resources that municipalities can access to start, or enhance, their reconciliation work. Episode 2 will be released on **November 22.**

In Episode 3, **Indigenous Engagement with SaskTel**, learn about how SaskTel is connecting communities throughout Saskatchewan, and the value of partnering with Indigenous led organizations. Episode 3 will be released on **November 29.**

CONVENTION 2024



Last Chance to 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](#).

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.

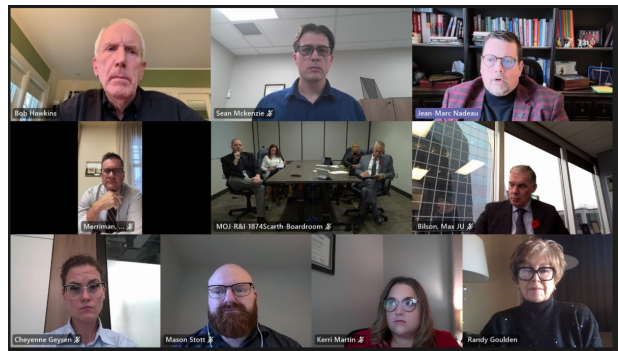
The [Scoop Lewry Award](#) is presented in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local, provincial, and national basis. Those eligible to be nominated are elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials, personnel in the Ministry of Government Relations, 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.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Continued Work and Collaboration with the Province

On November 6, SUMA's executive met with **Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Paul Merriman** and several CPPS representatives, as well as Deputy Attorney General Max Bilson to discuss issues important to Saskatchewan's hometowns.



We touched on many issues around policing: the need for a **renewal of the provincial Police Act**; **RCMP recruitment and retention**; and cost containment within the RCMP, as well as overcrowding in provincial jails. Lastly, we discussed **bylaw adjudication reform** and the need for change at the Provincial Mediation Board.

SUMA also has upcoming meetings with the **Ministers of Health and Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health**, and one with the **Minister of Social Services**.

On November 15 and 16 SUMA hosted the City Mayors' Caucus meeting where the focus remained on **mental health and addictions, and homelessness**, among other items important to our hometowns. We issued a [news release](#) following the meeting.

As we persist with our advocacy efforts, we look forward to continued collaboration and cooperation with the Government.

Election Supplies and Ballots

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.



For ballots, SUMA members must ensure orders are placed a **minimum of 15 business days prior to advance poll date; this will allow ballots to arrive in time.** Please note **SARM members are only able to order supplies from SUMA, 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

Peer to Peer: Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network

Municipal leaders can face diverse challenges and sometimes may need extra support. The Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network is available to assist.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network connects municipal administrators and elected officials with highly experienced peers, who can provide guidance, coaching, and a variety of options to help address local issues, use best governance practices, better understand roles and responsibilities, and other related matters. There are currently nine volunteer mentors who have widespread experience as administrators, mayors, reeves, and councillors. Mentors can be reached by phone and all conversations are confidential and free of charge.



To learn more or to find a mentor at www.saskpeernetwork.org.



Help Select the Province's Future Medical Students

The University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine is looking for **volunteer assessors** for their virtual multiple mini interviews **on January 27 and 28.**

Who are we looking for:

- Health professionals and members from the community that will offer a balanced, fair and diverse perspective to help inform our selection decisions.
- Assessors who are comfortable with virtual technology as we will be hosting our Multiple Mini Interviews synchronously using an online platform.

If you would like to volunteer for the Multiple Mini Interview, please complete the online volunteer form [2024 Assessor Registration Form](#) by **December 1**. It must be understood that this is a volunteer position and students/staff/faculty will **not be compensated or reimbursed for their time**.

SUMA Receives Philanthropy Award for work on Laurent Mougeot Scholarship

SUMA received the **Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist award** from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, South Saskatchewan on November 14.

The award **recognizes our leading municipal advocacy work and our establishment of the Laurent Mougeot Scholarship**, which supports future students of the Municipal Administration Diploma at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.



Participate in Saskatchewan's Aviation Strategy Survey

The Government of Saskatchewan (Ministry of Highways) is currently undertaking a project to **develop a provincial aviation strategy**. The strategy will assess the value of the aviation sector as a key enabler in supporting economic and social development in the province.



This survey intends to capture the extent to which your organization **depends on commercial and/or general aviation for its operations**, as well as your **unique knowledge about Saskatchewan's aviation industry**. Please consider both passenger and cargo activity while responding to this survey. Your response to this survey will **help us understand the future of aviation across the province**.

You can complete the survey [here](#) until **December 15**.

Expanded Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program, Call for Applications

Public Safety Canada is pleased to announce that the **Expanded Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program (Expanded SIP)** call for applications is now open and accepting requests for funding.

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until **March 31** at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT), or until all funding has been allocated. All projects supported through the expanded SIP must be completed and all funding spent by **March 31**.

In addition to the recipients and activities currently eligible for funding through the SIP, the expanded SIP will:

- allow for the provision of funding for time-limited security personnel;
- support security measures at additional publicly accessible, community-based facilities used by Canadian, privately run, not-for-profit organizations, such as daycares and office spaces.

To apply and learn more about eligibility, please visit [Public Safety Canada's website](#).

SUMA and Public Sector Network Local Government Roadshow

SUMA is 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.



Free Online Training Tools Through Enough Already

Launched in 2020, Enough Already is a **multi-stakeholder coalition determined to address and prevent workplace sexual harassment in Saskatchewan**. Enough Already is committed to working with government, business, industry associations, unions and community organizations to make workplaces throughout Saskatchewan safe for everyone.

Recently, Enough Already **launched a free anti-harassment [online training tool](#)** that communities may find helpful. To access more information about Enough Already and other course modules, click [here](#).

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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.



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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.**

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- 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)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: Administrative Assistant II (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)
- City of Ituna: Chief Administrative Officer (Jan 8)
- 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.



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.

