

MUNICIPAL Update

December 28, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11, 2022

Webinar - Strengthening Municipal Governance: Targeted Sector Support at Work

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

One Month Left to Submit Resolutions

With the SUMA convention moving to the spring for 2022 and beyond, the deadline for resolutions has changed.

Submit your resolutions by **January 31, 2022** to have them brought forward at the 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow April 3-6 in Regina.

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.



Application Deadline Approaching for Phase 1 of New ICIP Intake

Municipalities and other eligible applicants are reminded that **January 11** is the Phase 1 application deadline for community, culture, and recreation projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

This deadline is for projects at the "shovel-ready" stage. Submitted project applications will also be considered in the second intake phase.

Phase 2, which is for more complex projects needing more time to complete applications, will remain open until **May 10**.

This will be the last opportunity to apply for these types of projects under ICIP in Saskatchewan, to allow future intakes to focus on other types of infrastructure.

[Learn more and apply](#)



Strengthening Municipal Governance: Targeted Sector Support at Work



Join Us For Our First Webinar of 2022

Strengthening Municipal Governance: Targeted Sector Support at Work

The Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative provides cost-shared grants to municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on regional co-operation, capacity building, and good governance. Since 2020, 56 grants totaling more than \$1.9 million have been approved, and applications are currently being accepted for more funding.

On **January 11** from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**, join SUMA for the webinar **Strengthening Municipal Governance: Targeted Sector Support at Work**, to find out more about the initiative. Hear from previous grant recipients and learn about the successful projects in their communities, get the inside track on what makes a strong application, and discover the supports available to communities looking to apply for funding.

If you'd like to know more about the initiative, are wondering how you can use TSS funding in your community, or want to submit an application and are looking for guidance, this webinar is for you.

[Register for the webinar](#)



One Month Left to Renew Your SUMA Membership for 2022

Earlier this month we sent members all the information needed to renew your membership for 2022. Please be sure to have your payment and updated information to us by **January 31**. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any membership benefits.

Renewing your membership for another year gives you access to our money saving programs. It also supports our advocacy and capacity-building work. We appreciate your support all year long.



Highlights from the Federal Mandate Letters

On December 16, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau provided mandate letters to cabinet, outlining the objectives that each federal minister will work to accomplish as well as the pressing challenges they will work to address. The letters had a focus on environmental policies, fighting climate change, and creating a more diverse and inclusive Canada.

Below are some highlights. To see all the letters, click the button below.

[Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples](#)

All 38 mandate letters direct the ministers to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and to work in partnership with Indigenous Peoples to advance their rights.

Assess contract policing in consultation with partners, including municipalities

Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino is to engage with provinces, territories, and municipalities that contract RCMP services to better connect the RCMP with community social support workers, as well as conduct an assessment of contract policing in consultation with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous partners, and stakeholders.

Ensure municipal priorities are reflected in the federal agenda

Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure, and Communities, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, is to lead the federal government's work in maintaining open and collaborative relationships with every province and territory, with the goal of working to serve and improve the lives of Canadians and engage with lead ministers to ensure a well-coordinated and strategic approach on key priorities. This also includes ensuring that municipal priorities are reflected in the federal agenda and that open lines of communications with their elected leaders are maintained.

The minister is also tasked with continuing to make meaningful investments in infrastructure, support communities through additional investments to increase air quality and indoor ventilation, create open-access climate toolkits to help infrastructure owners, and work with provinces and territories to develop an approach to better support the economic growth of small and medium-sized communities.

Protect firefighters from toxic flame retardants

Federal Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos has been tasked with creating a new action plan to protect Canadians, including firefighters, from dangerous exposure to toxic flame retardants.

According to Health Canada, these chemicals can be found in appliances and electronics, as well as polyurethane foam products found in mattresses, pillows, and even children's toys.

Create new urban parks in all 13 provinces and territories

To ensure all Canadians have access to green space, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault is to establish at least one new national urban park in every province and territory, with a target of 15 new urban parks by 2030.

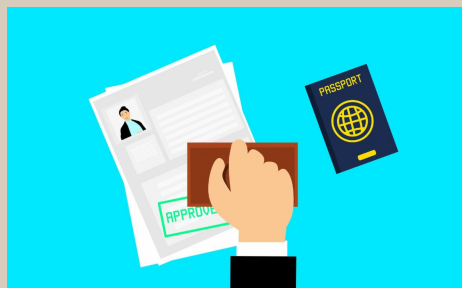
Minister Guilbeault is also to "accelerate the important work of adapting to the impacts of climate change."

[See all the mandate letters](#)



Federal Government Moving to Ban Single Use Plastics By End of Next Year

The Government of Canada is moving forward with a plan to address plastic pollution in the long term that includes a ban on certain single-use plastics in the short term.



New Immigration Pilot Program: Hard-To-Fill Skills

Last month, the Government of Saskatchewan announced a new pilot under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program.

The Hard-To-Fill Skills Pilot is intended to address hard-to-fill positions in the province

On **December 21**, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, and the Minister of Health, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, announced that draft regulations prohibiting certain single-use plastics have now been published for public comment. The federal government's intent is to finalize the regulations and bring the ban into force as early as late 2022.

[Read more.](#)



Submission Deadline for Feedback on Long-Term Management of Radioactive Waste Extended

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has been engaging with Canadians and Indigenous peoples to help shape Canada's strategy for the long-term management of radioactive waste. Over the past year, they have conducted public opinion research, hosted a three-day **Radioactive Waste Summit**, as well as community engagement sessions, roundtables, and technical sessions with various interested groups.

As part of their larger engagement efforts, they are welcoming formal submissions through the radwasteplanning.ca website. The **submission deadline has been extended until December 31, 2021**. If you're interested in sending a formal submission, [click here](#) to access the submission page.

including the health, manufacturing, construction, hospitality, and retail sectors. It will enable Saskatchewan employers to recruit workers through overseas missions, or other international recruitment activities, into these select jobs that face significant recruitment challenges.

[Learn more.](#)



Construction Codes Act Coming Into Force

The Construction Codes Act (the CCA) will come into force on **January 1**. The CCA will repeal and replace *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards* (the UBAS Act) as the legislation which governs the construction and occupancy of buildings in Saskatchewan. This includes the adoption of three new regulations:

- *The Building Code Regulations*;
- *The Energy Code Regulations*; and
- *The Plumbing Code Regulations*.

Local authorities are responsible for administering and enforcing the CCA, *The Building Code Regulations* and *The Energy Code Regulations*. Saskatoon, Regina, Lloydminster, and the Global Transportation Hub are also responsible for administering *The Plumbing Code Regulations* in their jurisdiction, with the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan responsible for administering the plumbing code throughout the balance of the province.

[Learn more.](#) Local authorities, administrators, and building officials who have questions on the CCA should contact Building and Technical Standards Branch at 306-787-4113 or btstandards@gov.sk.ca.

COVID-19 Guidance Over the Holidays

The Government of Saskatchewan is strongly recommending that individuals take advantage of rapid COVID-19 self-test kits before gathering with friends and family this holiday season. A list of locations [where the free test-kits can be found](#) is available online.

If hosting, consider opportunities to increase ventilation by opening windows for a couple minutes now and then. See some [handy tips for easy ways to enhance ventilation at home](#).

Do not attend or host social gatherings if feeling unwell.

Vaccination Clinics and Testing Over Christmas

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) will continue to offer vaccinations and booked drive-thru and walk-in testing over the holiday period. However, hours may be subject to change on short notice so everyone is encouraged to check the website for the latest Information on clinic availability at [COVID-19 Vaccine Walk-in Clinic](#).

Anyone with COVID symptoms is advised to seek testing immediately. Symptomatic individuals can book COVID tests online through the [SHA Patient Booking System](#) or visit a [drive-thru or walk-in testing site](#). Anyone who receives a negative test result but continues to experience COVID-19 symptoms should be retested.

Provincial COVID-19 Reporting Over the Holidays

From **December 24-27** the provincial website and COVID-19 dashboard were not updated. **Today**, the website will include a total accumulated number of positive cases over the four-day period as well as a breakdown of cases by day.

The website and dashboard will also not be updated on the New Year's weekend and government statutory holiday of **January 1-3**. The website and dashboard will resume with total accumulated numbers and breakdown of cases by day on **January 4**.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Blaine Lake: *Administrator*



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure

(January 3)

- Town of Wynyard: *Director of Leisure Services* (January 14)
- Resort Village of Tobin Lake: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Village of Young: *Administrative Assistant* (When filled)
- Town of Lampman: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Lampman: *Administrative Assistant* (When filled)

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.

Program Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream - Shovel Ready Projects (January 11)

- *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (January 15)
- *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (February 1)
- *SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement Planning Grant* (February 15)
- *SGL Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream* (May 10)
- *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.

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