



2024 **ANNUAL REPORT**

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Who is **SUMA**?

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) is the provincial voice of urban municipal governments representing cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities. We promote, protect, and defend the interests of our members.

MISSION STATEMENT

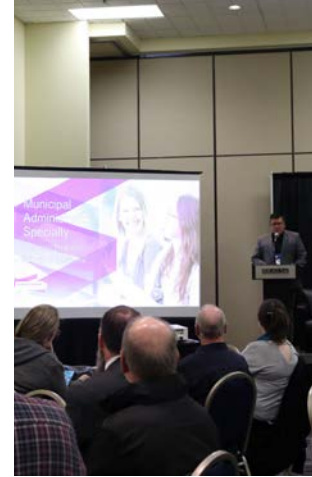
SUMA represents the collective strength of Saskatchewan communities in providing leadership in advocacy, education, and service excellence.

VISION

SUMA is recognized as the voice of Saskatchewan's urban communities/ municipalities.

VALUES

- **Independence:** We believe in protecting strong local autonomy
- **Member-focused:** We are a member-driven organization and consider the interests of all urban sectors prior to making decisions
- **Accountability:** We are accountable for our actions internally and externally
- **Innovative:** We believe in providing innovative and value-driven programs and services to our members
- **Transparency:** We take a fact-based approach to public policy
- **Respectful:** We respect each other, our members, and others that we work with



2024 Board of **DIRECTORS**

SUMA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of elected officials from all sectors and regions of the province.



Randy Goulden
President



Gerald Aalbers
Vice-President of Cities



Michelle McKenzie
Interim Vice-President of Towns



Mike Strachan
Vice President of Villages,
Resort Villages, and
Northern Municipalities



Lori Bresciani
Director
City of Regina



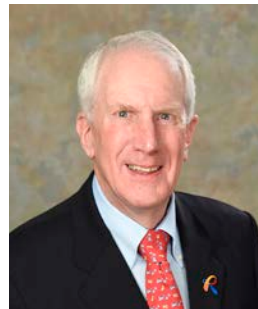
Randy Donauer
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City of Saskatoon



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Director
City of Saskatoon



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Director
East Central Region



Bob Hawkins
Director
City of Regina



Patricia Jackson
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Southeast Region



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City of Moose Jaw



Bryan Matheson
Director
Central Region



Sharon Schuenberg
Director
Southwest Region



Rod Perkins
Director
West Central Region



April Phillips
Director
Northeast Region



Gerald Roy
Director
Northern Region



Don Cody
Director
City of Prince Albert

SUMA Members

SUMA's strength lies in our membership. There are SUMA members in all provincial constituencies and all federal ridings. Representing communities of all sizes and all areas of the province, our members bring to the organization a wealth of knowledge, practical experience, and advice.

Membership in SUMA is voluntary and is open to cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities.

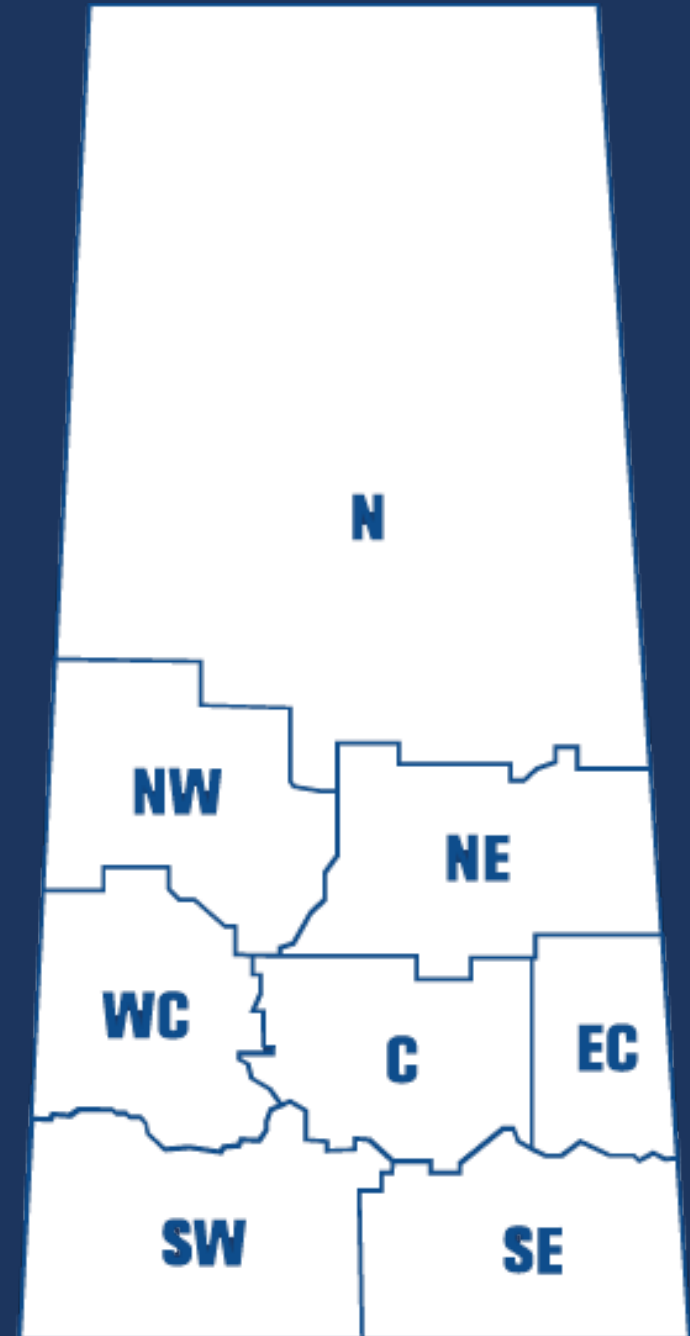
Our membership is comprised of 12 regions; eight of which are divided geographically and cover larger spans of the province, and four of which are stand-alone cities.

CITIES

- City of Moose Jaw
- City of Prince Albert
- City of Regina
- City of Saskatoon

REGIONS

- Northern Region
- Northwest Region
- Northeast Region
- West Central Region
- Central Region
- East Central Region
- Southwest Region
- Southeast Region



NORTHERN Region



DIRECTOR: Gerald Roy

NEW NORTH SETTLEMENTS

New North Settlement of Bear Creek
 New North Settlement of Brabant Lake
 New North Settlement of Descharme Lake
 New North Settlement of Garson Lake
 New North Settlement of Missinipe
 New North Settlement of Sled Lake
 New North Settlement of Southend
 New North Settlement of Stanley Mission
 New North Settlement of Uranium City
 New North Settlement of Wollaston Lake

NORTHERN HAMLETS

Northern Hamlet of Black Point
 Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake
 Northern Hamlet of Jans Bay
 Northern Hamlet of Michel Village
 Northern Hamlet of Patuanak
 Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill
 Northern Hamlet of Stony Rapids
 Northern Hamlet of Timber Bay
 Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake
 Northern Hamlet of Weyakwin

NORTHERN VILLAGES

Northern Village of Air Ronge
 Northern Village of Beauval
 Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows
 Northern Village of Cumberland House
 Northern Village of Denare Beach
 Northern Village of Green Lake
 Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse
 Northern Village of Pinehouse

CITY AND TOWNS

City of Flin Flon
 Town of Creighton
 Town of La Ronge

NORTHWEST Region



DIRECTOR: Vacant
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: Vacant

RESORT VILLAGES

Resort Village of Aquadeo
 Resort Village of Chitek Lake
 Resort Village of Cochin
 Resort Village of Greig Lake
 Resort Village of Kivimaa-Moonlight Bay
 Resort Village of Metinota
 Resort Village of Pelican Pointe
 Resort Village of Turtle View

VILLAGES

Village of Borden
 Village of Canwood
 Village of Debden
 Village of Denholm
 Village of Dorintosh
 Village of Edam
 Village of Glaslyn
 Village of Goodsoil

Village of Laird
 Village of Leask
 Village of Leoville
 Village of Loon Lake
 Village of Makwa
 Village of Marcelin
 Village of Marquis
 Village of Marsden
 Village of Maymont
 Village of Medstead
 Village of Meota
 Village of Mervin
 Village of Neilburg
 Village of Paradise Hill
 Village of Parkside
 Village of Paynton
 Village of Pierceland
 Village of Shell Lake
 Village of Speers
 Village of Waseca

TOWNS

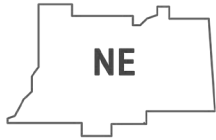
Town of Big River
 Town of Blaine Lake
 Town of Dalmeny
 Town of Duck Lake
 Town of Hafford

Town of Hague
 Town of Hepburn
 Town of Langham
 Town of Lashburn
 Town of Maidstone
 Town of Marshall
 Town of Osler
 Town of Radisson
 Town of Rosthern
 Town of Shellbrook
 Town of Spiritwood
 Town of St. Walburg
 Town of Turtleford
 Town of Waldheim

CITIES

City of Lloydminster
 City of Martensville
 City of Meadow Lake
 City of Warman

NORTHEAST Region



DIRECTOR: April Phillips
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: Vacant

RESORT VILLAGES

Resort Village of Candle Lake
 Resort Village of Elk Ridge
 Resort Village of Tobin Lake
 Resort Village of Wakaw Lake

VILLAGES

Village of Albertville
 Village of Alvena
 Village of Annaheim
 Village of Archerwill
 Village of Aylsham
 Village of Beatty
 Village of Bjorkdale
 Village of Christopher Lake
 Village of Codette
 Village of Englefeld
 Village of Fosston
 Village of Lake Lenore
 Village of Love
 Village of Meath Park

Village of Middle Lake
 Village of Mistatim
 Village of Muenster
 Village of Paddockwood
 Village of Pilger
 Village of Pleasantdale
 Village of Prud'homme
 Village of Quill Lake
 Village of Ridgedale
 Village of Smeaton
 Village of Spalding
 Village of St. Benedict
 Village of St. Gregor
 Village of St. Louis
 Village of Valparaiso
 Village of Weekes
 Village of Weirdale
 Village of Weldon
 Village of White Fox
 Village of Zenon Park

TOWNS

Town of Aberdeen
 Town of Arborfield
 Town of Birch Hills
 Town of Bruno
 Town of Carrot River

Town of Choiceland
 Town of Cudworth
 Town of Hudson Bay
 Town of Kelvington
 Town of Kinistino
 Town of Leroy
 Town of Naicam
 Town of Nipawin
 Town of Porcupine Plain
 Town of Rose Valley
 Town of St. Brieux
 Town of Star City
 Town of Tisdale
 Town of Vonda
 Town of Wakaw
 Town of Watson

CITIES

City of Humboldt
 City of Melfort

WEST CENTRAL Region



DIRECTOR: Rod Perkins
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: David Gillan

RESORT VILLAGES

Resort Village of Coteau Beach

VILLAGES

Village of Beechy
 Village of Brock
 Village of Broderick
 Village of Coleville
 Village of Conquest
 Village of Denzil
 Village of Dinsmore
 Village of Doddsland
 Village of Flaxcombe
 Village of Glenside
 Village of Harris
 Village of Kinley
 Village of Landis

Village of Lucky Lake
 Village of Macrorie
 Village of Major
 Village of Marengo
 Village of Milden
 Village of Netherhill
 Village of Perdue
 Village of Plenty
 Village of Smiley
 Village of Tessier
 Village of Tramping Lake
 Village of Vanscoy

TOWNS

Town of Asquith
 Town of Battleford
 Town of Biggar
 Town of Cut Knife

Town of Delisle
 Town of Eatonia
 Town of Elrose
 Town of Eston
 Town of Kerrobert
 Town of Kindersley
 Town of Kyle
 Town of Luseland
 Town of Macklin
 Town of Outlook
 Town of Rosetown
 Town of Scott
 Town of Unity
 Town of Wilkie
 Town of Zealandia

CITIES

City of North Battleford

CENTRAL Region



DIRECTOR: Bryan Matheson
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: Brian Strong

RESORT VILLAGES

Resort Village of Alice Beach
 Resort Village of B-Say-Tah
 Resort Village of Chorney Beach
 Resort Village of District of Katepwa
 Resort Village of Etters Beach
 Resort Village of Fort San
 Resort Village of Glen Harbour
 Resort Village of Grandview Beach
 Resort Village of Island View
 Resort Village of Kannata Valley
 Resort Village of Leslie Beach
 Resort Village of Manitou Beach
 Resort Village of Mistusinne
 Resort Village of Pasqua Lake
 Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach
 Resort Village of Shields
 Resort Village of Sunset Cove
 Resort Village of Thode
 Resort Village of Wee Too Beach

VILLAGES

Village of Abernethy
 Village of Aylesbury
 Village of Bethune
 Village of Bladworth
 Village of Brownlee
 Village of Buena Vista
 Village of Bulyea
 Village of Chamberlain
 Village of Clavet
 Village of Craven
 Village of Dilke
 Village of Disley
 Village of Drake
 Village of Dysart
 Village of Earl Grey
 Village of Edenvold
 Village of Elbow
 Village of Elfros
 Village of Eyebrow
 Village of Hawarden
 Village of Holdfast
 Village of Jansen
 Village of Kelliher
 Village of Kenaston
 Village of Lebret
 Village of Leross
 Village of Liberty
 Village of Lipton
 Village of Loreburn
 Village of Markinch
 Village of Meacham
 Village of Punnichy
 Village of Quinton
 Village of Semans
 Village of Silton

Village of Simpson
 Village of Strongfield
 Village of Tugaske
 Village of Viscount
 Village of Young
 Village of Zelma

TOWNS

Town of Allan
 Town of Balcarres
 Town of Balgonie
 Town of Colonsay
 Town of Craik
 Town of Cupar
 Town of Davidson
 Town of Dundurn
 Town of Foam Lake
 Town of Fort Qu'Appelle
 Town of Govan
 Town of Hanley
 Town of Imperial
 Town of Ituna
 Town of Lanigan
 Town of Lumsden
 Town of Nokomis
 Town of Pilot Butte
 Town of Raymore
 Town of Regina Beach
 Town of Southey
 Town of Strasbourg
 Town of Wadena
 Town of Watrous
 Town of White City
 Town of Wynyard

EAST CENTRAL Region



DIRECTOR: Jim Gallant
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: Nancy Brunt

RESORT VILLAGES

Resort Village of Bird's Point
 Resort Village of Melville Beach
 Resort Village of West End

VILLAGES

Village of Atwater
 Village of Buchanan
 Village of Calder
 Village of Dubuc
 Village of Ebenezer
 Village of Endeavour
 Village of Fenwood
 Village of Gerald

Village of Grayson
 Village of Hyas
 Village of Invermay
 Village of Killaly
 Village of Lintlaw
 Village of MacNutt
 Village of Neudorf
 Village of Pelly
 Village of Rama
 Village of Rhein
 Village of Sheho
 Village of Spy Hill
 Village of Stenen
 Village of Stockholm
 Village of Tantallon
 Village of Theodore
 Village of Togo

TOWNS

Town of Bredenbury
 Town of Canora
 Town of Churchbridge
 Town of Esterhazy
 Town of Kamsack
 Town of Langenburg
 Town of Lemberg
 Town of Norquay
 Town of Preeceville
 Town of Saltcoats
 Town of Springside
 Town of Sturgis

CITIES

City of Melville
 City of Yorkton

SOUTHWEST Region



DIRECTOR: Sharon Schauenberg
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: Vacant

RESORT VILLAGES

Resort Village of Beaver Flat
 Resort Village of North Grove
 Resort Village of South Lake
 Resort Village of Sun Valley

VILLAGES

Village of Abbey
 Village of Bracken
 Village of Cadillac
 Village of Caronport
 Village of Chaplin
 Village of Climax
 Village of Consul
 Village of Fox Valley
 Village of Frontier

Village of Golden Prairie
 Village of Hazenmore
 Village of Hazlet
 Village of Hodgeville
 Village of Kincaid
 Village of Limerick
 Village of Mankota
 Village of Mendham
 Village of Mortlach
 Village of Neville
 Village of Pennant
 Village of Richmond
 Village of Riverhurst
 Village of Rush Lake
 Village of Tompkins
 Village of Tuxford
 Village of Vanguard
 Village of Waldeck
 Village of Webb

TOWNS

Town of Assiniboia
 Town of Burstall
 Town of Cabri
 Town of Central Butte
 Town of Eastend
 Town of Gravelbourg
 Town of Gull Lake
 Town of Herbert
 Town of Lafleche
 Town of Leader
 Town of Maple Creek
 Town of Morse
 Town of Mossbank
 Town of Ponteix
 Town of Rockglen
 Town of Shaunavon
 Town of Willow Bunch

CITIES

City of Swift Current

SOUTHEAST Region



DIRECTOR: Patricia Jackson
DIRECTOR ALTERNATE: Marcel Roy

VILLAGES

Village of Alida
 Village of Avonlea
 Village of Belle Plaine
 Village of Briercrest
 Village of Carievale
 Village of Ceylon
 Village of Creelman
 Village of Drinkwater
 Village of Fairlight
 Village of Fillmore
 Village of Forget
 Village of Frobisher
 Village of Gainsborough
 Village of Glenavon
 Village of Glen Ewen
 Village of Halbrite
 Village of Heward
 Village of Kendal
 Village of Kennedy
 Village of Kenosee Lake
 Village of Kisbey
 Village of Lang
 Village of Macoun
 Village of Manor
 Village of Maryfield
 Village of McLean

Village of McTaggart
 Village of Minton
 Village of Montmartre
 Village of North Portal
 Village of Odessa
 Village of Osage
 Village of Pangman
 Village of Roche Percee
 Village of Sedley
 Village of Storthoaks
 Village of Torquay
 Village of Vibank
 Village of Wilcox
 Village of Windthorst

TOWNS

Town of Alameda
 Town of Arcola
 Town of Bengough
 Town of Bienfait
 Town of Broadview
 Town of Carlyle
 Town of Carnduff
 Town of Coronach
 Town of Fleming
 Town of Francis

Town of Grand Coulee
 Town of Grenfell
 Town of Indian Head
 Town of Kipling
 Town of Lampman
 Town of Midale
 Town of Milestone
 Town of Moosomin
 Town of Ogema
 Town of Oxbow
 Town of Pense
 Town of Qu'Appelle
 Town of Radville
 Town of Redvers
 Town of Rocanville
 Town of Rouleau
 Town of Sinaluta
 Town of Stoughton
 Town of Wapella
 Town of Wawota
 Town of Whitewood
 Town of Wolseley
 Town of Yellow Grass

CITIES

City of Estevan
 City of Weyburn

SUMA Staff

The staff at SUMA, under the direction of the CEO, are responsible for planning and delivering SUMA's annual convention, as well as developing and submitting a budget for approval. SUMA staff promote and protect the interests of urban governments, deliver group benefits, administer insurance and purchasing programs, and organize events, like the annual regional meetings and the municipal symposium.

The CEO acts as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the administrative staff at SUMA. The CEO is responsible for the curatorial aspects of the administration of policies, developing and fostering relationships with municipal organizations and government, and coordinating the overall activities and business affairs of SUMA.



Jean-Marc Nadeau,
MBA, LL.M., C.Mgr.
Chief Executive Officer



Sean McKenzie
Director
Advocacy Service



Lindsay Peel
Director
Corporate Services



Stephanie Bourassa
Education and Events Advisor



Katee Galandy
Manager of Strategic Member
Engagement and Events



Cheyenne Geysen
Advocacy and Communications
Advisor



Catherine Holland
Marketing and Sponsorship
Advisor



Tanisha Khan
Communications Advisor



Kerri Martin
Advocacy Advisor



Scott Meger
Manager, Group Benefits



Augustina Osaseri
Advocacy Advisor



Amanda Reid
Group Benefits Administrator



Mason Stott
Advocacy and Legal Advisor



Stephanie Wolos
Accountant



Heather Vanderaa
Executive Assistant

Message from the **PRESIDENT**



The word I think of in relation to 2024 is completion.

Every five years, the Board of Directors sets the direction of the organization with a strategic plan. It is our guiding star, setting the priorities for our work on behalf of members and within the Association. The strategic plan is a critical part of SUMA's governance. This high-level view of our work helps us be sure we are moving in the right direction.

In the 2021 – 25 strategic plan, we reiterated our core functions, tweaked our mission, vision and values, and set out five strategic priorities. Every initiative SUMA's administration undertook in the last five years could be tracked back to one of those priorities.

As of early 2025 most of those initiatives will have been completed, and in April the new Board will decide on a new strategic plan to guide its activities for the following five years. Completion.

The governance structure voted on at Convention 2024 – a seven-member Board with a caucus-based model for advocacy – will officially begin following the election of the President at Convention 2025. This means that 2024 is the last full year that SUMA will have an 18-member board of directors, and the last year our advocacy will be organized through the current committees. Another significant completion.

And finally, 2024 wraps up the final full year of my term as SUMA president. I am very proud of all the work our organization has accomplished, both on behalf of our members and internally, as we work to modernize and become more effective.

It is very satisfying to come to the end of this term and see so many successful completions, many of which you will read about in the following pages.

But I am even more excited to know that 2025 will begin a brand-new era for our organization, and I'd like to thank the Board and administration for their hard work and dedication over the past several years in getting us to this point.

As always, we thank you, our members. We look forward to serving you in 2025 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Goulden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Goulden, SUMA President

Message from the CEO



It's hard to believe we're already at the end of another year.

At Convention 2024, our membership voted on a brand new governance structure for SUMA. You will read more about this important milestone in the President's Message, but I would be remiss to not mention it as this process has formed a lot of the work we have done as an organization over the past several years.

Being both a municipal and provincial election year, 2024 was a very busy one for the entire team.

In the lead up to the provincial election, our advocacy team took on an entire provincial election campaign. The bulk of this campaign was done over social media. We put out video messages in both English and French laying out our asks for the next provincial government: more municipal revenue streams, re-writing of certain pieces of legislation to make municipal responsibilities easier to enforce, and for the province to stop downloading costs onto municipal governments.

The team created policies in brief to explain each of our positions (now permanently available on the Advocacy Section of suma.org), and drafted text posts with greater detail. Our pre-election social media campaign reached over 100,000 people. We will continue the momentum of this campaign now that the new Government has been formed, bringing our asks directly to the Provincial Government.

As always, our administrative team was very busy providing election supplies in the lead up to the municipal election. We shipped countless ballots to member municipalities all over the province.

Following the municipal election, we jumped into action to ensure the newly

elected could start off their terms on the right foot. One of the biggest resources we provide is the elected officials handbook which functions as a how-to guide for the newly elected, providing information on everything from the roles and responsibilities of a council member and CAO to tips and tricks for dealing with the public as an elected official, to the function of SUMA and how we are here to help.

We also created a page on our website that houses information on all of the resources provided by SUMA. Learn about capacity building opportunities: from webinars to our podcast, to a timeline and description of the events we offer each year; partnerships such as the Municipal Peer Network and the MLDP program; and SUMA's group benefits plan that all elected officials and municipal employees are eligible for. The newly elected resources page is a great starting point for those who are new to office.

Thank you for another great year at SUMA. The upcoming year, 2025, is a significant one for SUMA as it marks our 120th anniversary. We thank you for the privilege of serving your municipalities for so long and look forward to continuing our work together in 2025 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nadeau'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jean-Marc Nadeau, MBA, LL.M., C.Mgr.,
Chief Executive Officer

STRATEGIC Plan

After every municipal election, once the full Board is in place, SUMA creates a strategic plan for the term. It is our guiding star, setting the priorities for our work on behalf of members and within the Association. The strategic plan is a critical part of SUMA's governance. This high-level view of our work helps us be sure we are moving in the right direction.

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CORE FUNCTIONS



Advocacy - SUMA represents the interests of our members.

SUMA serves as the collective voice of urban government (cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities).



Group Programs - SUMA helps our members save money.

SUMA offers group benefits, insurance services, and purchasing programs that can reduce the costs of operations for municipal governments.



Capacity Building - SUMA provides our members access to resources.

SUMA provides information, connections, training, and tools to make local government operations more effective.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Strategic Priority: SUMA is recognized as the collective voice of Saskatchewan's urban communities/municipalities.

Outcome definition:

SUMA is representing the collective strength of Saskatchewan communities in providing leadership in advocacy, education and service excellence.

Measures:

1. Municipal elected officials feel SUMA is meeting their expectations
2. Municipal elected officials feel SUMA is important to their municipality
3. SUMA elected officials feel that SUMA membership provides a high degree of value

Strategic Priority: Unified Compelling Advocacy

Outcome definition:

Provide a strong, unified voice for issues that affect our members.

Measures:

1. Municipal elected officials feel that SUMA is meeting their advocacy expectations
2. Number of advocacy meetings per quarter with provincial cabinet ministers
3. Municipal elected officials feel that SUMA ensures municipalities speak with one voice when dealing with other orders of government

2024 Initiatives:

Provide a strong, unified voice for issues that affect our members.

- Develop a homelessness strategy
- Develop a provincial consultation protocol
- Municipal growth strategy
- Saskatchewan Police Act renewal

STRATEGIC Plan

Strategic Priority: Provide Strategic Communication

Outcome definition:

Ensure communications, marketing and partnerships are strategic.

Measures:

1. SUMA's elected officials feel that SUMA's communications are effective
2. SUMA's elected officials agree with SUMA's strategic direction

2024 Initiatives:

- Modernize SUMA's communications approach
- Develop a branding kit

Strategic Priority: Champion Modern Governance

Outcome definition:

Operate under an effective and modern governance structure.

Measures:

1. SUMA's elected officials feel that the organization operates effectively and efficiently
2. SUMA Board Members feel that they receive appropriate training to guide the organization effectively.

2024 Initiatives:

- Governance Review

Strategic Priority: Promote Capacity Building

Outcome definition:

Seek out new ways to help members build their capacity and augment the education portfolio.

Measures:

1. SUMA elected officials are very familiar with the work SUMA does
2. SUMA elected officials believe that SUMA is very important to their municipality

2024 Initiatives:

- Develop bylaw and policy templates
- Municipal Climate Change Action Center
- Develop SUMA's Truth and Reconciliation strategy



INTERNAL Committees

The Board has created internal subcommittees to ensure membership priorities and initiatives are met, and to account for the various responsibilities and policy areas SUMA encounters daily.

Convention Planning:

Responsible for planning and delivering SUMA's annual convention, as well as developing and submitting a budget for approval.

Bylaw Review and Governance:

Responsible for reviewing the purpose, organization, and effectiveness of SUMA's bylaws and governance policies.

Resolutions:

Responsible for reviewing and reporting on all resolutions and developing resolutions procedures for approval by the Board of Directors.

City Mayors' Caucus:

SUMA's City Mayors' Caucus brings together representatives from Saskatchewan's 16 cities to discuss issues of common concern and project a strong, unified voice on the most pressing and important local and provincial issues facing Saskatchewan's cities.

Environment:

Responsible for environmental matters regarding landfills, recycling, water and wastewater treatment, and other environmental matters that affect urban governments.

Public Safety and Health:

Responsible for matters that involve police and justice, fire and emergency planning, bylaw enforcement, public health, and doctor recruitment.

Intergovernmental Affairs:

Responsible for matters that fall outside of the scope of SUMA's other policy committees. Some of these responsibilities include reviewing and making recommendations regarding provincial or federal legislation, regulations and programs and services, participating in consultations, reviewing and providing recommendations on policy resolutions, and identifying potential issues and concerns.

Community and Economic Development:

Responsible for matters that involve transportation, parks and recreation, culture and heritage, immigration, and economic development.

Advocacy Initiatives:

Responsible for providing oversight on the special advocacy initiatives fund and the projects associated with the dedicated advocacy reserve fund.

Audit and Finance:

Responsible for: regularly reporting to the full Board about Committee activities, issues and related recommendations to assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities regarding



oversight of financial reporting processes; internal control systems; external audit; legal and ethical conduct; accountability for the use of assets; assisting the Board in setting the tone at the top by influencing corporate consciousness, communication and commitment to ethics and integrity; fostering an environment in which management directs due diligence towards the control, accountability and financial reporting functions of the Association; monitor and, where necessary, directing corrective action to improve relations and communication among the Board, the Committee, external auditors and senior management; and promoting the independence of the external auditors.

Human Resources:

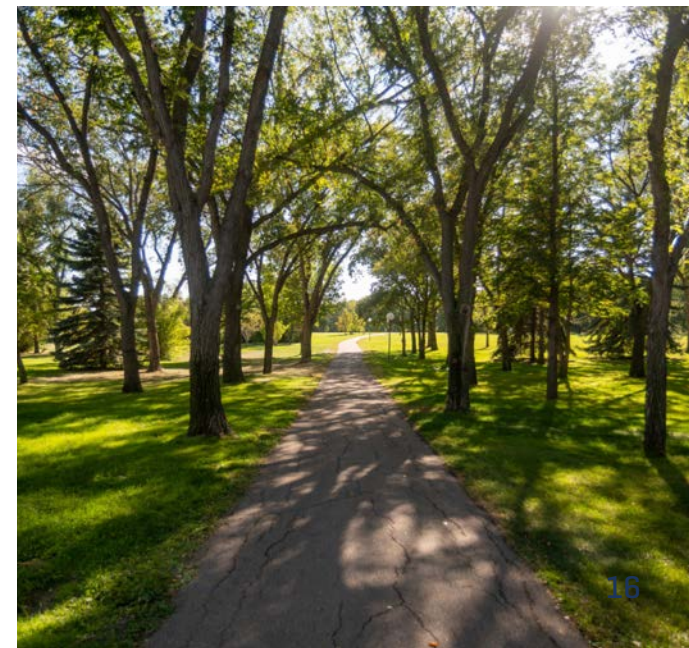
Responsible for assisting the Board of Directors of SUMA in their oversight of: the appointment, performance evaluation, and compensation of the Chief Executive Officer; and succession planning and development.

EXTERNAL Committees

The external committees are independent of SUMA and the Board of Directors and handle issues that are not under SUMA's control. These committees consist of members throughout various organizations who bring expertise on the subject matter.

SUMA is represented on several external committees including:

1. Area Transportation Planning Committee
 - Central | East Central
 - West Central
 - North Central
 - Northeast
 - North/Northwest
 - South Central
 - Southeast
 - Southwest
2. College of Medicine Admission Committee – University of Saskatchewan
3. Communities in Transition
4. CPSP/SUMA/SARM Policing Committee
5. Electronic Product Recycling Association
6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors
7. Multi-Material Recycling Program
8. Municipal Employees' Pension Plan
9. Municipal Forum
10. Municipal Sector Strategic Plan Tables
11. New Deal Partnership Committee (Gas Tax) Board
12. New Horizons for Seniors Program
13. Nuclear Waste Management Organization Municipal Forum
14. Photo Speed Enforcement Provincial Committee
15. Practitioner Recruitment and Retention Advisory Panel
16. Prov/Terr Infrastructure Component Review Committee
17. RCMP Contract Management Committee – Fed/Prov/Terr
18. Rural Highway Advisory Committee
19. SAMA Board of Directors
20. SAMA City Advisory Committee
21. SAMA Urban Advisory Committee (At Large)
 - <30,000 - City
 - <30,000 - City
 - <30,000 - Town
 - <30,000 - Town
 - <30,000 - Village
 - <30,000 - Village
 - <30,000 - SUMA Board Rep
 - <30,000 – SUMA Admin (Observer)
22. Saskatchewan Association of Resource Recovery Corporation
23. Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Water Council
24. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Board
25. Saskatchewan Environmental Code Advisory Committee
26. Saskatchewan In Motion Advisory Council
27. Saskatchewan Municipal Board
28. Saskatchewan Paint Recycling Advisory Committee
29. SUMAssure Board
30. Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan
31. UMAAS Board of Examiners
32. University of Regina Senate
33. University of Saskatchewan Senate
34. Water Security Agency Operator Certification Board
35. Western Canada Municipal Associations



MEMBER VALUE Proposition

SUMA is the voice of Saskatchewan's communities, providing advocacy, benefits, and resources to help you serve your community.

As a SUMA member you:

- Save money on employee benefits, insurance, and purchasing.
- Have access to resources including educational content, templates, and best practices.

- Have your concerns advocated for on issues such as infrastructure, revenue sharing, and community safety.
- Network and learn from other municipal leaders at SUMA's events.

Whether you are a city, town, village, resort village, northern municipality, or municipal district, SUMA is here to support you and represent your interests.

As a SUMA member, be proud to be part of a strong and united municipal sector in Saskatchewan.



We Give You Access to **RESOURCES**

To ensure that members are kept up-to-date on news and information, SUMA provides its members and stakeholders with the following resources and publications:

Webinars

SUMA webinars support municipal council and administration in continued learning right from your home or office. Thanks to sponsorship from SUMAssure, SUMA webinars are free to all elected officials and staff in SUMA member municipalities. In 2024 SUMA hosted 18 webinars that have been viewed over 900 times.

MuniCast Podcast

In the office, at home, or on the go, MuniCast brings you conversations on important municipal topics. In 2024 SUMA released a total of 13 episodes that provided information about SUMA, an overview of educational opportunities available to municipal officials, and conversations with key figures at Convention 2024. MuniCast is available on all major podcast platforms including Spotify, YouTube, Apple Podcasts, and Amazon music.

Social Media

SUMA has X (formerly known as Twitter), Facebook, and LinkedIn pages to communicate with members and to connect with the public and government officials to promote the interests

of all members. On X, SUMA has 2,060 followers and on Facebook SUMA has 1400 followers and 1100 likes on the SUMA page. In late 2024, SUMA started an Instagram page – you can follow us there at @sumaconnect. SUMA Advantage also has a Facebook group to give members the opportunity to share feedback on how the group purchasing program can save them time and money.

Municipal Voice

Municipal Voice is a partnership between SUMA and Craig Kelman and Associates and is the official print publication of SUMA. 3,800 copies of the 8.5x11” colour magazine are printed quarterly (extrapolated pass-along readership of nearly 11,400) and can also be downloaded on the SUMA website.

Year in Review

SUMA’s “Year in Review” has been drafted to provide members with a document chronicling SUMA’s initiatives throughout the year.

Legal Services

SUMA has partnered with Brownlee LLP to provide members free access to Brownlee’s Municipal Helpline. The helpline is an informal consultation service for municipalities and municipal-related entities (such as municipal corporations and authorities) that require brief

and informal guidance or consultation. Founded in 1935, Brownlee LLP offers the largest municipal law team in Western Canada. Their in-depth knowledge in all aspects of municipal law provides dependable, practical, and clearly communicated legal and strategic advice.

The Municipal Helpline is an informal, no-strings-attached consultation service for municipalities and municipal-related entities (such as municipal corporations and authorities) that require brief and informal guidance or consultation.

The Municipal Helpline was created because experience has shown that a 10- to 15-minute discussion of a legal matter when it first arises can often help avoid costly discussion, conflict, and litigation down the road. In short, our Municipal Helpline provides clarity, guidance, and peace of mind; allowing our municipal clients to take a more strategic approach to their legal needs, and to incur the cost of legal services only when actually needed. It is no wonder that so many municipalities see the Brownlee Helpline as their first and most important step in addressing their legal questions and issues.

Events And **TRAINING**

Virtual SUMA Sector Meetings (now the Virtual SUMA Summit) - January 2024

The SUMA Sector Meetings were an opportunity for all members to join SUMA online discuss priorities for their sector, hear from SUMA, take in a keynote presentation from Saskatoon educator and author Laura Lawrence, and participate in learning opportunities. 130 members attended in 2024.

SUMA Convention and Tradeshow April 14 - 17, 2024

SUMA has been bringing members together for an annual convention since 1906. The biggest SUMA event of the year, and one of the biggest conventions in the province - brings together delegates from across the province. This year, we gathered in Regina for the 2024 Convention and Tradeshow.

Our keynote speaker, David Colletto, presented us with an overview of the current political trends in Saskatchewan. He also laid out how those trends compare, contrast and connect to other provinces before expanding into what they could mean for the coming years. David is the founder of Abacus Data, one of Canada's most respected marketing data firms.

As always, we offered a wide range of educational sessions at Convention. Topics

included modernizing your understanding of property assessment from SAMA, learning about rapid response and hands-on disaster management from St. John's Ambulance, and restoring harmony in municipal roles and conflict resolution from Brownlee LLP.

We continued with the popular Dialogue with SUMA sessions introduced for the first time in 2022. This unique opportunity allowed our membership to have one-on-one time with each of SUMA's internal advocacy committees, to learn about what they are working on and voice their opinions on what could be advocated on in the future.

On Sunday, attendees had the opportunity to attend one of three off-site excursions: a tour of Government House and the Legislative Building, a screening of "Cities of the Future" at the IMAX, or a trip to Lumsden to tour the province's first micro-distillery and view their SMA winning solar power facility.

We once again brought the full range of social events to Convention, starting with the Welcome Reception, held at the Hotel Saskatchewan on Sunday, April 14. On Tuesday evening, attendees enjoyed the rebranded President's Gala and awarded long-serving municipal officials and employees with SUMA service awards. This year's event featured a silent auction in support of the Laurent Mougeot Scholarship Fund and entertainment provided by hypnotist Wayne Lee.

The 2023 Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMA'S)

Established in 2006, the SMAs celebrate the excellent and innovative practices of Saskatchewan's municipal governments. These awards are presented annually at the SUMA and SARM Annual Conventions.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards is a partnership between New North, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), the Rural Municipal Administrators Association (RMAA), the Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS), and the Ministry of Government Relations (GR).

The 2023 winners were:

- **Top Municipal Initiative:** New Mechanical Wastewater Facility - City of Lloydminster
- **Top Urban Municipal Initiative:** Southland Co-op Centre - Town of Assiniboia
- **Top Rural Initiative:** Municipal Centre – The Junction - RM of Prince Albert No. 461
- **Regional Cooperation:** Outlook – Rudy Joint Protective Services - Town of Outlook and RM of Rudy No. 284

Events And **TRAINING** *continued*

Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators May and September 2024

Thanks to funding through the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) program SUMA hosted two workshops on procurement for municipal administrators. Workshops were offered at no cost with the first one taking place in-person ahead of the UMAAS Convention, and the second one taking place virtually in September. This was the pilot year for this program and 67 administrators from SUMA member municipalities completed the training.

Virtual SUMA Candidate School June, August, and September 2024

2024 was a municipal election year, so SUMA brought back Candidate School. Candidate school is an opportunity for potential municipal election candidates to learn about being an elected official. Candidate School sessions consisted of two parts, Municipal Governance 101 and a “Hall” session specific to each sector (resort villages, cities, towns, villages, and northern municipalities). Over 1100 potential municipal candidates attended or viewed Candidate School sessions.



We Help You Save **MONEY**



SUMA is the benefit provider of choice when it comes to Saskatchewan municipalities. We insure over 300 municipalities which equates to providing coverage to 2400 municipal employees and their dependents. Municipalities of Saskatchewan’s Group Benefits program

offers a full line of benefits and coverage can be extended to full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees, as well as elected officials. Coverage is completely customizable based on your employee’s needs. Options include health, dental, vision, disability, life insurance, critical illness and accidental death and dismemberment benefits. Members also have access to Human Resources services and the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP), which provides counseling services accessible anytime and anywhere, along with a

wide range of work life and wellness services. SUMA also provides insurance for volunteer fire fighters and first responders. Volunteers are covered for injury whenever they are on duty and coverage can also be extended to provide 24-hour coverage. Volunteers may also participate in the EFAP program, which provides them with the tools needed to ensure they are performing at their best when entering a high-risk situation.

We Help You Save **MONEY** *continued*



In October 2020, SUMA transitioned its group purchasing to Kinetic GPO, a Canadian based group purchasing organization (GPO) with diverse contract offerings for the broader public sector and MASH entities across Canada.

Kinetic GPO was established with the specific purpose of reducing procurement cost by leveraging the purchasing power of group buying and saving members time by simplifying steps to procure. Kinetic GPO makes cooperative purchasing as simple as possible. *There is no charge to become a Kinetic GPO member, no volume commitments and membership is not an exclusive agreement.*

By becoming a member of Kinetic GPO, SUMA members can benefit from:

- Increased purchasing power
- Decreased workload
- Decreased time to a spend decision
- More spending dollars
- Improvement in best practices
- Lower purchasing risk
- Assurance of compliance to trade agreements
- Savings beyond price
- Continued growth

In addition to the legacy CentralSource contracts, Member municipalities can access an extensive list* of national contracts through Kinetic GPO which includes:

- Job Order Contracting: Gordian
- Elevator Consulting Services: KJA Consultants and Solucore
- Pest Control and Related Services: Orkin
- School Supplies and Related Items: Wintergreen
- Learning Management System Software: Premergency
- Energy Conservation Solutions and Related Services: Greenwave Innovations
- Energy Consulting and Related Services: Tradition Energy
- Online Business Marketplace for Good and Services: Amazon Business
- Project Management: Colliers
- Equipment and Tool Rental: United Rentals, Herc Rentals, and Sunbelt Rentals
- Alarm and Security Monitoring: Johnson Controls
- Supply of Tires, Accessories and Related Services: KalTire
- Office Suppliers: Hamster, Grand & Toy and Staples
- Electrical Vehicle Charge Stations and Services: ChargePoint and Flo
- Furniture Installation and Related Products and Services: Grand & Toy, Steelcase, Fellows (ESI) and Trendway
- Traffic Control Products: ATS
- Tractors, Implements, Attachments and Accessories: ACGO
- Paper Products: Imperial Dade
- Information Technology Equipment and Hardware Products: CDW
- Print Services and Equipment: CDW, Xerox and Ricoh
- Transportation, Golf Vehicles and Related Accessories: ClubCar
- Roofing Supplies and Services: Garland and Tremco
- Building Supplies, Services and Walk-In Option: Home Depot
- HVAC Equipment and Services: Trane
- Janitorial and Cleaning Supplies: Staples and Imperial Dade, Grand & Toy, Flexo and Swish,
- Playground and Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Site Accessories and Surfacing: GameTime, BCI Burke, Henderson, Blue IMP and Playcraft
- Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO): Grainger, Lawson, and Fastenal
- Grounds Keeping Equipment: Toro
- Surplus Auction and Related Services: GovDeals
- Automotive and Fleet, Parts, Accessories, Related Products and services: UAP/NAPA
- Sports Surfaces, Installation and Related Materials: Tarkett Sports Canada/Field Turf
- Rental of Uniforms, Mats, Mops, Towels and other Related Products and Services: Cintas
- Warehouse, Material Handling and Production Support Solutions: Global Industrial
- Supply of Various Bike Assesst, Including Parts and Accessories and Services: Western Cycle and Sweet Pete's
- Document Management, as well as Document, Media and Hardware Storage and Destruction Services: Iron Mountain
- Engineering Services: Associated Engineering, Engineering Link, WaterFedy and Design Works Engineering

*list as of January 1, 2024

We Help You Save **MONEY** *continued*

What is a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO)?

Group purchasing organizations primarily exist for one simple reason: to help businesses interested in buying similar products gain leverage through combined purchasing power.

Beyond savings what other value add services are offered?

Kinetic GPO actively manages contracts throughout their term. Key performance indicators are monitored, and the Kinetic team provides ongoing education for suppliers to ensure they are operating in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

What is the advantage of buying through Kinetic GPO?

Kinetic makes cooperative purchasing as simple as possible, yet the compliant process provides the legally required competition for their contracts. They do the work, you save the time and money.

Additional advantages are as follows:

- Voluntary access to contracts, with no spend or volume commitment;
- Continuously increasing choice of a wide range of collaboratively-sourced and competitively-priced products and services available through the contract;

- A fair, open and transparent procurement process to ensure compliance with both National and Regional trade agreements.
- Cost-efficient and time-saving way to meet your municipality's procurement needs

For additional information pertaining to group purchasing or on a Kinetic or CentralSource contract, please reach out to a member of the Kinetic GPO Western Office at 306-525-4395.



SUMAssure is your trusted insurance and risk solutions partner, providing exceptional expertise, service, and support to members in the areas of municipal property and liability insurance. SUMAssure is owned by participating member communities, administrated in partnership with Aon, and governed by a Management Board comprised of elected officials and municipal administration. The

strength of SUMAssure lies in its 251 members, consisting of Saskatchewan cities, towns, villages, resort villages, northern communities, and municipal related entities.

At the core of SUMAssure's mission is an unwavering focus on proactive risk management, helping to keep Saskatchewan communities safe. In 2024, SUMAssure announced to its members that they will be providing property valuations in partnership with Suncorp Valuations of all municipal property and equipment within their program at no additional charge to members. This means SUMAssure members will ensure they are adequately

insuring their properties to the proper value. This provides peace of mind in the event of a loss. Further, SUMAssure invested in Saskatchewan communities providing members of SUMAssure with a digital checklist platform to help identify and reduce risk in their communities. Lastly, SUMAssure remains committed to providing risk resources to members on such topics as cyber security and building a risk management culture.

SUMAssure is committed to being a partner in keeping Saskatchewan communities safe. For more information on SUMAssure, visit www.sumassure.ca.

We Represent Your **INTERESTS**

In 2024, advocacy meetings were conducted with various cabinet ministers, both federal and provincial, to bring your issues and concerns to all levels of government. We met with both cabinet and oppositional/shadow ministers to make sure the full story was delivered.

We have continued with virtual initiatives developed last year, such as video advocacy, using our social media channels to push our messages to a wider audience and play our part in the wider political conversation throughout the province and country.

New this year was the **“We are URBAN”** campaign. This initiative, continuing until Convention 2025, shines a spotlight on all the ways urban municipalities—from the smallest villages to the largest cities — serve their population. Whether it’s the new skating rink, water and sewer services, parks, or libraries, these are just some examples of facilities that make our cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities urban hubs bringing people together.

The campaign was largely based on social media, with communities submitting the landmarks, events, and features that make their municipality what it is. From annual festivals, rinks, treasured downtown, to highway landmarks, we’ve collected and showcased them on all our Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

For 12 weeks over the summer, several communities were home to billboards proudly declaring We are URBAN.

Our provincial election strategy, which you will read more about below, was the secondary piece of the We are URBAN campaign.

There were over 80 Board and Committee meetings held both internally and externally to further advance your interests, resulting in hundreds of reports and briefing packages written, and dozens of key decisions made.

Read about some of the successes that resulted from these meetings below.

SUMA SUCCESS STORIES

Provincial Election Strategy

2024 was a provincial election year for Saskatchewan. As part of the lead up to the election, SUMA conducted an advocacy campaign outlining the ways we wanted to see the next government work with and for our members. Our campaign identified one key theme, Municipal Autonomy and Sustainability, with three underlying issues to be addressed:

1. Municipal Revenues
2. Municipal Responsibilities
3. Provincial Downloading

We called on all provincial parties to present platforms that:

- Allow municipalities more opportunities to expand their revenue streams;
- Changing legislation to improve how

bylaws are enforced, assessments are conducted, and landfills administered; a re-write of the Police Act to better reflect policing in today’s world; and strong leadership on environmental issues

- Change and improve decision making processes and policies that lead to responsibilities being downloaded onto municipalities.

As part of our campaign, we created videos and informational text posts in English and French to be posted and shared on social media. The social media portion of our advocacy reached over 7,000 Saskatchewan Facebook users in a three-week timespan, and thousands more on LinkedIn. Our provincial election hub, hosted on our website, amassed over 2,000 views.

We also used traditional media, placing radio ads on Rawlco Radio. Our CEO and President gave a record number of interviews regarding the campaign and SUMA’s election asks.

All told, our provincial election campaign spanned just over a month.

Increased Funding for RCMP

Following significant discussions SUMA, their stakeholders, the RCMP and the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Government of Saskatchewan committed financially to the RCMP for additional front line police officers. Should the RCMP recruit and deploy additional front-line police officers in Saskatchewan, the Provincial government has promised to fund them.

We Represent Your **INTERESTS** *continued*

Updates to the Municipal Act

This spring, with the passing of Bill 153, the following three acts were amended:

- The Cities Act
- The Municipalities Act
- The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010

The amendments improved key areas related to assessment appeals, conducting electronic meetings and improved existing processes to ensure consistency across all three acts.

Additional changes were made to the regulations for each Act and were passed through Orders in Council 365/2024, 366/2024, and 367/2024 on July 11, 2024.

Assessment and Legislation Policy Working Group Updates

The City Mayors Caucus's Assessment Legislation & Policy Working Group developed five additional recommendations (outside of the 2022 International Property Tax Institute's Report) to improve Saskatchewan's property

assessment system, of which numerous received unanimous support from the members of the Group.

ADVOCACY

SUMA's 2022-24 Advocacy Priorities

- **Resolutions advocated on during 2024 (by year of resolution)**

2022 

Funding for Disposal and Demolition of Asbestos Debris

- SUMA met with the Minister of Environment in 2022 and called on the provincial government to establish a separate funding program, different

from municipal revenue sharing, to help municipalities demolish and properly dispose of asbestos in dilapidated buildings.

Funding for Landfill Closures

- In 2019, SUMA met with the Ministry of Environment to deliver a \$250,000 Landfill Environmental Site Assessment (LESA) program to support municipalities conducting environmental site assessments for closed or closing landfills. In 2022, SUMA met with the

same Ministry, requesting that the government establish a grant program similar to LESA and advocate funds in the 2022-23 provincial budget to ensure the proper closure of landfills in our communities.

RCMP Retroactive Salary Increases and Body Worn Camera Costs

- SUMA continues to advocate for the Federal Government to absorb the full costs of the retroactive pay resulting from new contract negotiations in 2021, as

ADVOCACY *continued*

RCMP Retroactive Salary Increases and Body Worn Camera Costs (continued)

well as the costs of Body Worn Cameras being implemented in 2024. The provincial Ministry of Justice has lent their support to this initiative.

Healthcare Recruitment and Retention

- During SUMA's November meeting with Premier Moe, healthcare recruitment and retention was a main topic of discussion. In December SUMA met with the Ministers of Health, and Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health to carry these conversations on, advocating for additional funding and training for nurses, better doctor remuneration, and improvements to ambulance services.

Addictions and Homelessness

- SUMA met with both the Ministers of Social Services and Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health to discuss the need for more treatment options in our province for both mental health and addictions issues, as well as better post-treatment follow up. We also discussed how both social housing and the Saskatchewan Income Support program affect both these issues.

2023

Homelessness and Liveable Social Support

- SUMA met with both the Ministers of Social Services and Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health to discuss the need for reform to the social support program in Saskatchewan. We know that having a stable, reliable, and safe place to live is a foundational need and reduces the incidence of mental health problems and addictions; domestic violence; hospital admissions; arrests and incarceration; and both violent crime and property crime.
- One of the first steps in solving the homelessness crisis being experienced by Saskatchewan's hometowns is to increase the amount of funding provided to those on social support programs.
- Additionally, there are approximately 3,000 vacant social housing units in the province. We requested these units be maintained, made fit for use, and made available to those that need them.

PST on Municipal Construction

- SUMA's City Mayor's Caucus put out a press release relating to PST on municipal construction. Based on data gathered by SUMA, medium-sized cities in Saskatchewan returned 24-39 per cent of their total Municipal Revenue Sharing grant back to the province in the form of PST on construction projects in 2021.

- We met with the Minister of Finance to advocate for changes to Municipal Revenue Sharing that would make municipalities whole for the money lost to PST on construction services.

Funding for Municipal Landfill Decommissioning and Reclamation

- SUMA has continued to advocate for funding for municipal landfill decommissioning and reclamation. We have met with the Minister of Environment several times and he and his staff have indicated Government of Saskatchewan is currently awaiting news from the Federal Government on a new funding agreement, and assured us that landfill decommissioning and reclamation is a priority for his Ministry.

2024

Greater Bylaw Enforcement Powers

- We have had extensive discussions with the province about this, focusing both on capacity to enforce bylaws, and the ability to prosecute them. This led directly to the announcement that came out from then-Minister Eyre just prior to the election about implementing municipal bylaw courts around the province. We will be having conversations with government over the next few months to see how we can see this implemented.

ADVOCACY *continued*

2024 *(continued)* 

Funding for the Library System

- We partnered with Praxis Consulting to do a deep dive into both funding models, and legislation surrounding libraries, so that we can effectively advocate for changes in Saskatchewan. We will begin mobilizing that information in our advocacy in 2025.

Increasing Number of Nurse Practitioners

- We have met with the Minister of Health and Rural and Remote Health in which health staffing more broadly is of significant focus. Utilization of Nurse Practitioners has also been part of the ongoing discussions with ministers.

Funding for Urban Parks

- This is an ongoing advocacy issue. We had a meeting with SPRA to discuss various opportunities including potential collaboration and support for municipal park funding.

Crop Spray Drift Notification

- We would seek opportunity to follow up with the federal ministry, as the provincial Minister has indicated that this responsibility is shared between both federal and provincial government.

Anti-Harassment Support

- We continue to advocate on this resolution with Government Relations.

Adding Unpaid Fines to Tax Rolls

- We have brought this to the attention of the Government and municipal bylaw courts are in part, a response to this resolution.

Providing More Support for Animal Control

- This has been part of a larger conversation around bylaw enforcement and will hopefully be addressed with the announcement of municipal bylaw courts. We have also provided comment in the media around this matter.

PARTNERSHIPS

SUMA engages in partnerships that provide benefits to SUMA member municipalities. Among these partnerships are:

SUMA/SARM Policy Moots

The SARM and SUMA policy departments meet to: gain a common understanding of the issues among members of both associations; propose and facilitate partnership opportunities;

develop tools and other initiatives that result in an improved legislative/ regulatory environment for Saskatchewan municipalities; improve communication and collaboration between urban and rural municipalities; and, to improve information sharing between the associations.

PARTNERSHIPS *continued*

Saskatchewan Municipal Asset Management

Asset management is a municipality's plan for how to manage municipal infrastructure in order to provide services to residents and other users in a way that meets their expectations and is financially sustainable into the future.

Saskatchewan Municipal Asset Management is Saskatchewan's first website dedicated to assisting municipal stakeholders in improving the knowledge and abilities in municipal asset management. The website is managed through a collaborative effort of municipal associations such as the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the Ministry of Government Relations, and individual municipalities that have participated in past asset management training activities and initiatives.

Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan

The seed for Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) was planted in the 1950s when a group of town clerks got together to discuss items of mutual interest. The group formed officially in 1957 and has always had the support of SUMA.

Through the years, UMAAS has established a good working relationship with SUMA and various provincial ministries.

For more information, visit www.umaas.ca.

Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP)

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) is a series of modules or workshops developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. The modules target specific issues of importance to urban, rural and northern municipalities. Mayors, reeves, councillors and municipal staff are able to benefit from this program that is designed to strengthen local government leadership.

MLDP is presently structured around six one-day modules. There are two sessions of modules held each year, a fall session and a winter session. Modules can be taken in any order based on the dates and locations that best suit your schedule.

SK Recycles

SK Recycles (formerly known as Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW)) launched its program in Saskatchewan on January 1, 2016. SUMA continues to work with and congratulates SK Recycles on their rebranding and the launch of the household packaging and paper recycling program in December 2024.

Through partnerships like these, we are confident that waste reduction and enhanced recycling efforts in Saskatchewan will significantly minimize waste diversion to our municipal landfills, thereby fostering a more sustainable future for our communities.



Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc. (SPRA) is a non-profit volunteer organization whose purpose is to promote, develop and facilitate parks and recreation opportunities throughout the province.

SPRA is recognized as the provincial organization representing parks and recreation in Saskatchewan. Active members of the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association represent more than 400 communities and partners province wide. SPRA provides a provincial voice allowing its members to promote and facilitate parks, recreation, and leisure opportunities throughout Saskatchewan.

PARTNERSHIPS *continued*

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (continued)

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For more information visit www.spra.sk.ca.

Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds Urban Municipal Water Best Management Projects

The Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW) is a non-profit organization representing 9 watershed groups throughout the province whose mandate is the protection of both ground and surface water. SAW is the principal advocate that represents the watershed group's interests and concerns before senior government.

One board member from each member Watershed is a representative on the SAW Board of Directors.

Saskatchewan Water Security Agency

Saskatchewan Water Security AgencyThe Federal and Saskatchewan governments through the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA) announced \$1 million funding for community flood plain mapping. The partnership will be a 50/50 cost share between the two levels of government. WSA identified the following municipalities at risk of flood damage:

- The cities of Melfort, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Weyburn, and Yorkton.
- The towns of Arborfield, Cudworth, Eastend, Foam Lake, La Ronge, Lashburn, Maple Creek, Tisdale, Wadena, Watson, and Wolseley.
- The villages of Air Ronge, Borden, and Gainsborough.

Water Council for Saskatchewan (Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce)

The Water Council for Saskatchewan (WCS) is an advisory body set up by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce as a water governance and management structure. Membership include stakeholders from private businesses, water stewardship, conservation agencies, academia, and municipal associations.

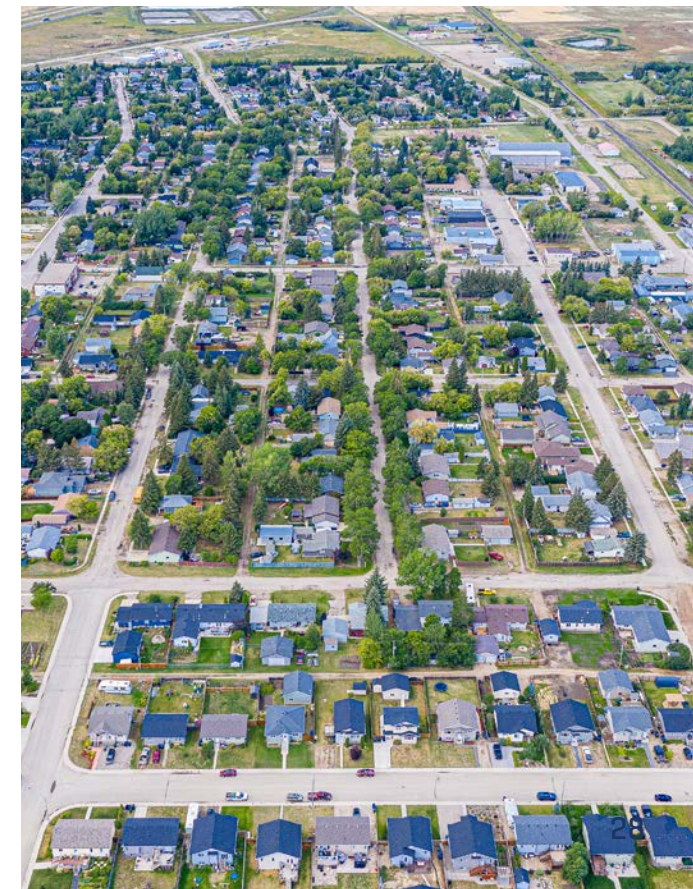
Prairie Skies Integration Network

Prairie Skies Integration Network (PSIN) operates from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, as part of Canada's Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) initiatives. PSIN fosters collaboration, promotes diversity, and builds inclusive communities across the South-Central region of Saskatchewan to ensure newcomers can thrive and contribute to the local economy. SUMA is a member of the Partnership Council, the decision-making body that supports PSIN's strategies and initiatives.

<https://psinetwork.ca/>

Urban Highway Connector Program Partnership

The Urban Highway Connector Program has been woefully under-resourced since its inception. While the agreements between cities and the province require MHI to pay for first rehabilitation on UHCP roads, these are done only on MHI's schedule, and based on available funding. The City of Prince Albert has successfully negotiated a partnership agreement that is available to be modelled by other cities.



PARTNERSHIPS *continued*

Municipal Immigration Network

In 2022, SUMA launched the Municipal Immigration Network (network). The network is open to municipal leaders including elected officials and administration from SUMA member municipalities.

The network will serve as a regional hub to provide municipalities with the opportunity to learn best practices in attracting, welcoming, retaining and integrating immigrants in Saskatchewan hometowns.

In addition, the network will help municipalities to promote regional collaboration and the benefits of diversity and inclusion. Also, the network will help municipalities identify barriers that immigrants face and recommend ways in addressing them.

Municipal Peer Network

The Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network is available to assist municipal leaders as they face diverse challenges in their role as an elected official or administrator. The Municipal Peer Network connects municipal officials and administrators with highly experienced mentors who can provide advice and suggest options to help resolve disputes. Mentors are veteran municipal administrators and elected officials who offer guidance and support from their own experiences to help resolve issues at a local level. There is no cost to the service and

conversations between a mentor and peer are confidential.

The Municipal Peer Network is a collaboration between SUMA, SARM, Government Relations, UMAAS and RMMA.

Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Association (SAISIA)

SAISIA is a non-profit organization that serves newcomers by providing settlement and integration agencies in Saskatchewan with access to professional development and opportunities to network, as well as links to resources they can use to strengthen and enhance their internal procedures, client programs and services.

SUMA has been collaborating with SAISIA on different issues including welcoming the Ukrainian displaced persons and the Afghanistan refugees.

Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise (ACF)

ACF is the principle spokesperson for the French-speaking community in Saskatchewan. The role and influence of ACF is to see the ongoing development of the Fransaskoise community.

SUMA is collaborating with ACF to assist our Fransaskoise members to become recognized as officially bilingual by the Government of Canada.

Eco-West Canada

EWC's activities thus include assisting rural and urban municipalities as well as other clients in developing and implementing green projects by capitalizing on the synergies created through local and regional action planning.

SUMA is working with Eco-West on the development of a Municipal Climate Change Action Centre in Saskatchewan.





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