



2026 SUMA Convention

Call for Submissions for Education Sessions

Regina, Saskatchewan
Sunday, April 12 – Wednesday, April 15, 2026

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) is inviting proposals for education sessions during the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in Regina, Saskatchewan April 12 to 15. This call is open from September 16 to October 16, 2025.

Who Attends?

Approximately 1,000 delegates attend the SUMA Convention, including **elected officials, city managers, and chief administration officers from cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities** throughout Saskatchewan. Our annual convention is an event where municipal decision makers come to network, share leading practices, and find collaborative partners to support their communities.

Why Present?

Being a presenter is an outstanding way to share your knowledge and expertise, leading to professional visibility, recognition, credibility, and influence in the future of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities. **We encourage municipalities with established best practices or partnerships to consider submitting a presentation proposal.** Presenting at the SUMA Convention provides:

- Exposure for the resources and services offered by you and your organization.
- A chance to elevate the knowledge base of Saskatchewan's municipal leaders.
- Networking opportunities.
- Opportunity to build relationships with SUMA, the voice of Saskatchewan's hometowns.

Sessions are recorded and are available to SUMA members on the SUMA member portal following the event.

Session Format

SUMA is looking for innovative and engaging presentations that will captivate the audience. We encourage submissions outlining presentations that go beyond the lecture format and incorporate participation from the audience through group work, polling, question and answer, tangible resources, and any other ideas you have. Sessions are 1 to 1.25 hours in length. The session types are:

- Education sessions – relevant to any Saskatchewan municipality regardless of size
- Cities breakout – relevant to municipalities with a population greater than 5000
- Towns/Villages breakout – relevant to municipalities under 5000
- Northern breakout – relevant to northern municipalities

SUMA also offers optional excursions for members. If you have a facility or service in the Regina area that would be interested in hosting an excursion, contact education@suma.org.

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Session Objectives

The theme for the 2026 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is **Foundation of Urban Strength**. Saskatchewan's urban municipalities thrive on strong foundations, delivering municipal services, guided by dedicated leadership, and enriched by vibrant communities. SUMA is a cornerstone of urban strength, empowering urban municipalities through advocacy, education, and programs and services that drive progress. Submissions should aim to share solutions and amplify the voice of the cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities of Saskatchewan. We are seeking sessions that reflect an understanding of Saskatchewan's urban municipal landscape and the challenges of urban municipalities of all sizes.

We are open to topic suggestions; however, we have identified the following topics as main concerns to urban municipal governments this year:

- **Conflict of Interest**
- **Sustainable development**
 - Economic development
- **Truth and reconciliation**
- **Regional cooperation**
- **Funding**
 - Tax tools
 - Grants
- **Municipal responsibilities**
 - Development and building permits
 - Council governance
- **Municipal success stories**
 - Proactive approaches

Submissions that incorporate more than one of the listed topics will be strongly considered. We are looking for creative, out-of-the-box speakers to share their knowledge. In your submission, please ensure you explain the ways that you will keep the audience engaged and informed.

How to Apply

Please send this completed form to education@suma.org by October 16, 2025 to be considered for the 2026 SUMA Convention.

Other Information

Selections will be made based on several criteria, including topics and benefits to delegates. If you are interested in convention sponsorship opportunities or having a booth in the tradeshow, contact marketing@suma.org for more information.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization:

Contact Person:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

PROPOSED SESSION TITLE:

Please provide a session title that is creative, clear, and descriptive.

SESSION OVERVIEW:

What size municipality is your presentation most relevant to? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ City
- ☐ Northern Municipality
- ☐ Resort Village
- ☐ Town
- ☐ Village

Please indicate which topic(s) will be covered in your presentation

Briefly describe the content and how it links to our theme and session objectives.

SESSION FORMAT:

What format will your session be presented in?

- ☐ Lecture
- ☐ Panel discussion
- ☐ Multiple presenters
- ☐ Fireside chat
- ☐ Other (please describe):

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What interactive opportunities will you be using?

- ☐ Small group work
- ☐ Polls
- ☐ Q & A
- ☐ Worksheets/activities
- ☐ Other (please describe):

Indicate how you intend to make it unique and interactive.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Please list 2-3 learning outcomes or takeaways for the delegates.

MONETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Indicate honoraria for session presenters as well as any additional expenses such as travel, hotel, etc. to be covered by SUMA.

If your submission does not fit with Convention 2025, would you be interested in SUMA contacting you regarding other opportunities such as workshops, webinars, podcasts, etc.?

Yes

No

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