

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17

Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

See all upcoming events.

Recapping SUMA Mayors' Summer School

Mayors from across the province were back in class last week at the SUMA Mayors' Summer School. Hosted at the University of Regina, the event brought together **47 Mayors** (including 8 online participants) for two days of learning, networking, and collaborative conversations.

Mayors' Summer School included education sessions and conversation on topics including:

- Challenges of municipal leadership in volatile political climates
- Identifying, managing, and avoiding conflicts of interest for Mayors
- Supporting civility in governance and strengthening community trust
- Lessons in regional cooperation in the Twin Rivers District
- The role of the Ombudsman in supporting Mayors
- Governance best practices for Mayors
- Resources for Mayors provided by SUMA and our partners

We had current and former elected officials presenting as well as other professionals in the municipal sector.

Mayors had the chance to gather for **networking** and conversation at an evening event at Cure Kitchen + Bar, where Mayor Bruce Fidler of the Northern Town of Creighton recounted his community's experiences with wildfires and emergency evacuations, offering insights about community resilience and emergency preparedness in the face of wildfires.

Want to hear more? CBC Blue Sky highlighted the Mayors' Summer School last week, featuring

interviews with SUMA President Randy Goulden, Mayors' Summer School presenter Mayor Dennis Helmuth (Rosthern), and Mayor Pat Jackson (Kipling). Listen here!

We hope many of you will join us next year for Council Summer School for Mayors and Councillors.



Share the News!

Is your entire council receiving *Municipal Update* emails? We encourage mayors, councillors, and administrators to **individually sign up to our newsletter** so our updates make it straight to your inbox. Please share this email with your colleagues and encourage them to sign up today!

Sign Up for Email Updates from SUMA

Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal

Recordings from the 2025 SUMA Regional Roadshow are now available! Available to elected officials and administration from SUMA member municipalities, the SUMA Member Portal hosts valuable resources for members including meeting recordings, webinars, and more.

Each municipality has one shared login for the Member Portal that should be distributed to all staff and members of council. Please contact your Chief Administrative Officer for access. We encourage you to revisit or share previous webinars and other relevant information with other staff or elected officials

If you are unsure of your login information, please contact communications2@suma.org for assistance.

Visit the SUMA Member Portal

ADVOCACY UPDATE

SUMA Calls for Unified Municipal Voice on Federal Infrastructure

Investment

Along with the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association, Concrete Saskatchewan, MERIT Contractors Association Saskatchewan, and the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Saskatchewan, SUMA sent a letter on July 18 to the Right Honourable Mark Carney and the Honourable Scott Moe calling on the federal and provincial governments to implement a new tri-party infrastructure program so municipalities can provide the critical infrastructure required to drive economic development and community growth in Saskatchewan. We called on both governments to advance trade corridors to better get our products to market, and to engage with municipal leaders across our province to identify additional solutions for supporting jobs and economic development in Saskatchewan.

We are pleased with the **response received from the Government of Saskatchewan**, which affirmed our calls for a tri-party infrastructure program that is long-term, predictable, and responsive to the needs of Saskatchewan communities and for engagement with municipal and industry leaders to advance municipal priorities.

Please read our joint letter **here** and the Honourable Scott Moe's response **here**.

Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) Fall Intake Announced

On March 10, the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada announced a 10-year agreement under the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF). The province will receive \$187.9 million through the CHIF program to address housing-enabling infrastructure priorities. In addition, the Government of Saskatchewan is committing approximately \$155 million toward this program. With the new fund, communities across Saskatchewan will be able to build or improve the critical infrastructure related to drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste in order to support more homes.



Last week, on August 21, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the intake opening for applications to CHIF. Applications are due by November 28.

CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau spoke on behalf of SUMA at the announcement event.

"Increasing the housing supply and affordability in our communities depends on our municipalities having the means to invest in the infrastructure that those houses will connect to," said CEO Nadeau. "We look forward to continuing collaboration between our municipal, provincial, and federal governments to ensure Saskatchewan communities can meet the needs of our growing province now and in the future."

For more information on how to apply, click here.

SUMA Gathers with the Government of Saskatchewan and the Official Opposition

SUMA President Randy Goulden joined a Roundtable with the Saskatchewan Party in Yorkton on August 20.

Topics discussed included next generation



infrastructure funding; public safety; healthcare; partnerships with First Nations and Métis; derelict buildings; and mental health, addictions, and houselessness.

Earlier in August, SUMA joined Policy Discussion tables hosted by the Saskatchewan New Democrats in Prince Albert, where we discussed **economy, crime, and public safety** with NDP MLAs and local leadership.

We are grateful for continued opportunities to discuss the priorities and needs of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities with our provincial counterparts.

Fall Caucus Meetings Scheduled

Our second caucus meetings have been scheduled for the fall. At these meetings, SUMA will give updates on work that has been done over the summer on the priorities each caucus identified at the spring meetings. Your contributions to these meetings will inform our continued work on strategies to advocate on behalf of our members on these issues.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Village/Resort Village Caucus: September 3

City Caucus: September 4
Town Caucus: September 11



Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Municipal Administrators

Haven't had a chance to participate in the *Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators*? Join us online on **September 17th** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for this comprehensive workshop on urban municipal procurement. Participants will be guided through a wide array of procurement essentials, from uncovering best practices to understanding mandatory requirements, policies, and cooperative buying groups. This workshop will explore topics including INCO terms, competitive bidding laws, and truth and reconciliation actions. Facilitator Larry Berglund will also address illegal supplier practices, service level agreements, working effectively with elected officials, and more!

This event will be held virtually and is open to administrators from SUMA member municipalities only. Space is limited so register soon to secure your spot.

Register now!

Have you already participated in the Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators? We will be hosting "Part 2" virtually on **October 22**. Keep an eye on Municipal Update and member emails for more information.



MuniCast: The Conversation Continues

MuniCast may be on a short break, but the journey through municipal governance doesn't stop here. Dive into past episodes filled with conversations about shaping the communities we live in. Tune in to real stories, thoughtful interviews, and powerful insights on leadership, education, reconciliation, and more. Whether you're a seasoned official or just curious about how local decisions impact everyday lives, there's something here for you. There are big changes coming for season 9 so hit play, get inspired, and be ready for what's next. MuniCast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, YouTube, and other major podcast platforms!

Listen now

OTHER UPDATES

SUMA Thanks Tisdale Mayor for His Service

SUMA wishes to thank former Mayor of the Town of Tisdale, Roy Skoglund, for his service. Mayor Skoglund resigned from his position earlier this month.

Mayor Skoglund also served as the Northeast representative on SUMA's Town Caucus. **An election to fill that position will be held in January at SUMA's sector meetings.** Keep an eye on Municipal Update for information on nominations, including dates.

Prairies Turn Challenges into Climate Solutions with GMF Funding

Prairie communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba drive economic growth while advancing sustainable solutions. From flooding and drought to aging roads and rising costs, they are using smart climate solutions to strengthen resilience.

With support from the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), they are turning landfill gas into clean energy, upgrading aging infrastructure, creating local jobs, boosting their economies and everyday life.



See how GMF funding has supported the Prairies

Call for Applications: First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV - Accelerated Program

Cando and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities are pleased to launch a call for an additional six new First Nation – municipal partnerships to participate in Cohort 3 of the First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV – Accelerated Program.

Since 2013 and over four cohorts of the program, CEDI has supported a total of 28 First Nation – municipal partnerships to build respectful and sustainable government-to-government partnerships and increase capacity to engage in long-term collaborative planning in community economic development and land-use.

This intake is best suited for partnerships with one First Nation and one municipality that have a preexisting relationship and preliminary ideas for collaborative community economic development initiatives.

Learn more about this unique program and about the Call for Applications process here.

Deadline for joint application submission is Friday, September 26th at 11:59pm MT.

Upcoming Courses in Saskatoon with Bloom Centre for Municipal Education

Bloom Centre for Municipal Education is offering two in-person courses in Saskatoon this October.

The *Municipal Leadership Workshop* is a two-day leadership workshop designed to equip municipal professionals with the critical skills



needed to lead effectively in local government. The course covers leadership fundamentals, strategic leadership, influential leadership for driving change, conflict resolution, ethics, and organizational culture. Attendees will gain insights into public value leadership and strategies for improving relationships between administration, elected officials, and the public. Click here for an overview of the workshop and more information. The *Municipal Leadership Workshop* takes place October 6th and 7th.

The *Operating Budget and Long-Term Tax Strategy Course* provides municipal professionals with the essential skills needed to build and manage an effective operating budget while implementing long-term tax strategies. Participants will learn how to balance budgets, allocate

resources efficiently, and implement priority-based budgeting methods. The course will also cover financial risk management, multi-year budget planning, and the key metrics needed to ensure fiscal sustainability. Click here for an overview of the course and more information. The *Operating Budget and Long-Term Tax Strategy Course* takes place October 8th and 9th.

Course fees are \$950 per registrant for each course. Group rates are available. Contact Bloom Centre for Municipal Education at https://bloomcme.com/contact for information on group rates.

Click here for more information and to register

Municipal Leadership in Addressing Substance Use Harms - Micro-Credential at USask!

This micro-credential program from the School of Public Health at the University of Saskatchewan is designed to provide municipal leaders (policy makers, community organizations, concerned citizens) with the essential knowledge and skills to address substance use harms in their local communities.



Course content is delivered in four focused modules:

- 1) The Substance Use Continuum & Role of Stigma in Health
- 2) Substance Use Interventions From Harm Reduction to Recovery
- 3) Evidence and Strategic Interventions for Municipalities
- 4) Public Policy, Engagement, and Advocacy

This **40-hour course** is delivered **asynchronously online over 8 weeks** and there are no prerequisites to enroll.

Register for the course by September 10, to start on September 15, 2025!

Questions? Email: Barb.Fornssler@USask.ca

IRCC: Online Survey on Economic Priorities and Categories for Express Entry

Canada's immigration system is critical to supporting our economy and building a stronger Canada for all. That's why Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) introduced category-based selection in 2023.

Category-based selection provides more flexibility to the way economic immigrants are selected through Express Entry, the online system IRCC uses to manage immigration applications from skilled workers. These categories also inform the eligibility criteria for the post-graduation work permit (PGWP), a temporary residence program which provides work experience opportunities to recent international graduates.

We regularly review these categories, and the overarching economic priorities that they support. This allows Express Entry to be more responsive to changing economic and labour market needs of

communities across the country.

If you're interested in providing your feedback on the priorities that the Government of Canada should consider to help address Canada's economic needs through category-based selection in 2026, IRCC invites you to respond to an online survey before September 3, 2025.

To read more about this year's engagement initiative and complete the online survey, click here.

If you have any comments or questions, email IRCC.Engagement-Engagement.IRCC@cic.gc.ca.

Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks Due September 1

Municipalities that must submit their 2024 public reporting on municipal waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations are required to do so by **September 1**. Emails were sent to each of these municipalities in July, along with a link to the online questionnaire and instructions on how to complete it.

Waterworks data is collected for assessing sustainability and improving transparency.

Failure to submit the information may affect eligibility to access funding under the Municipal Revenue Sharing program.

If you have any questions, please contact the financial management unit at the Ministry of Government Relations via email at waterworks@gov.sk.ca or phone 306-787-8859 or 306-787-2655.

Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Accessibility Plan: Survey

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is currently developing its **Accessibility Plan**, and is seeking input from residents and organizations across the province to ensure the plan is meaningful, inclusive, and impactful. **All urban municipalities are invited to participate in the Accessibility Survey, which is open until August 29, 2025**. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed here through the link: www.SPSA-ASA.com.

Your insights about experiences with accessibility—whether as an individual or as part of an organization—are vital to helping the SPSA identify, remove, and prevent barriers in the locations, services, and programs it provides. Hearing directly from Saskatchewan residents, organizations, and municipalities is a key part of building a plan that reflects real needs and priorities.

The plan will be publicly available starting on December 3, 2025.

If you have any questions about the survey or the SPSA's accessibility work, email spsaaccessibility@gov.sk.ca.

Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, through its Green Municipal Fund, has launched a new intake for the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA) funding program that supports the development of municipal climate adaptation plans, climate-focused asset management strategies, community-wide climate risk assessments, and capacity-building initiatives.

In the past year, **Eco-West Canada (EWC)** has successfully helped several municipalities in securing funding under this program and is now extending its support to communities in Saskatchewan. As a **partner of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and its new Municipal Eco-Action Centre**, EWC is well-positioned to assist Saskatchewan municipalities in navigating this opportunity.

To get started, municipalities will need to complete FCM's Climate-Ready Communities

Assessment Tool — an important first step in the application process. EWC can help guide your municipality through this assessment and the full funding application process afterward.

The deadline to submit applications to the LLCA program is **September 16**.

If your municipality is interested in developing a climate adaptation plan and pursuing funding through this opportunity, please contact Eco-West Canada to learn how we can support you.

Contact: spelletier@eco-ouest.com

SASK120: Discount for SUMA Members

Celebrate 120 years of Saskatchewan's history, communities, and economy at a **dinner and reception at the Remai Modern in Saskatoon on September 4, 2025**.

SUMA is a proud sponsor of **Sask120**, presented by the Western Canada Economic Forum and partners.

SUMA members have a special **discount code** to access discounted tickets. Email communications@suma.org for the discount code, and purchase your tickets at www.sask120.com/tickets.

To learn more about this exciting event, click here.

BuildGreen Saskatchewan Conference: Empowering the Prairies with Sustainable Building Solutions

Early Bird Online Registration is now open for BuildGreen Saskatchewan's 2025 Conference in Regina.

Hosted collaboratively by the Regina and Saskatoon ASHRAE Chapters, this landmark building decarbonization conference will take place on **November 12–13** at the University of Regina, Main Campus.

As our climate evolves, the BuildGreen Saskatchewan Conference is tailored to create direct opportunities for sharing knowledge on building more resilient structures in Saskatchewan and the Prairies.

Over two days, the conference will offer chances for knowledge sharing, networking, and strategic collaboration through:

- Social and technical presentations
- Panel discussions and breakout sessions
- Keynote address by Ginger Scoggins, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE, and ASHRAE Global Society President 2023-2024
- Vendor displays and a tradeshow

Register here

Alcohol Policy in Canadian Municipalities: Webinar Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the **first two webinars** of the Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation program's upcoming series *Alcohol Policy in Canadian Municipalities*.

Webinar 1: Introduction to Municipal Alcohol Policy

Wednesday, September 3

9:30am PT | 12:30pm ET | 1:30pm AT

Register here: https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/YtuuFqN3RZSgUCBAmIQM-Q

This webinar will introduce alcohol policy, why it matters, and what policy looks like at the various levels of government in Canada, with a focus on the role of municipal/local governments. Presenters will describe alcohol harms, costs and consumption data, and the rationale for policy approaches to reduce negative impacts. This session will introduce examples of local-level policies and strategies across Canada that have effectively balanced public safety concerns with community needs, as well as resources and tools available to help guide alcohol policy development and advocacy.

Webinar 2: A Legal Framework for Developing a Municipal Alcohol Policy

Thursday, September 11

9:00am PT | 12:00pm ET | 1:00pm AT

Register here: https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/BwzTmlEvQA2ggLaHt_jv0w

This webinar will explore the legal foundations for developing municipal alcohol policies. Provincial legal environments both empower and constrain municipalities. Presenters will describe the major powers commonly granted to municipalities, and provide examples of how these powers have been used to implement municipal alcohol policies in various jurisdictions across Canada.

Find out more about the webinar series here: https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/municipalalcohol/

Contact capecopcoord@uvic.ca with any questions.

This is an initiative of the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR) and the Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation Community of Practice (CAPE CoP) and is supported in part by funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Reconciliation Needs: Surveys from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner

SUMA is supporting the **Office of the Treaty Commissioner** (OTC) in conducting **two surveys** to understand reconciliation needs in Saskatchewan.

Survey for Municipal Leadership and Staff

The first survey is a **needs assessment relating to active and inactive Reconciliation Circles throughout Saskatchewan**. The purpose of this needs assessment is to determine how the OTC can best support the circles in collaboration with surrounding municipalities to advance Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations and Truth and Reconciliation in Saskatchewan. This 5-10 minute survey is for **municipal leadership and staff**.

Access the municipal leadership and staff survey here

Survey for Community Members

The second survey explores the **state of Truth and Reconciliation in Saskatchewan communities** as part of a broader effort to shape the OTC's strategy to advance good relations and the continuation of Reconciliation Circles throughout the province. This five minute survey is for **general community members**.

Access the community members survey here

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability; If you are unsure or do not wish to answer a

question, please feel free to skip it. Your participation is **voluntary and anonymous**. Responses will be used by OTC for evaluation purposes only.

Please only complete the survey that is most applicable to you. We encourage municipal leaders and staff to share the survey for general community members with their communities.

If you have questions or concerns about this survey or about the Reconciliation Circles, please contact **Darrelyne Bickel**, **Director of Public Policy & Development**, at dbickel@otc.ca.

Transition to Online Payments

SUMA is encouraging all municipalities to transition to online payments.

How to pay online

To pay SUMA invoices, please set up SUMA as a bill payee with your financial institution.

SUMA is set up as a bill payee with the financial institutions below. *Please note:* We have expanded to more Saskatchewan Credit Unions through Central One Billers, so some municipalities that previously could not find SUMA as a bill payee with their banks may now be able to utilize this option.

Bank Name	SUMA's Registered Name	Biller/Vendor ID
CIBC	SUMA	000013770-13781
ScotiaBank	SASK URBAN MUN ASSOCIATION	655M-72134
ВМО	SASKATCHEWAN URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION	22173165-65401
RBC	SUMA	16278
Credit Unions (through Credit Union Central)	SASK URBAN MUNICIPAL	14112
Credit Unions/Other (through Telepay)	SUMA	9809
Central One Billers	No info available	No info available

Once you find SUMA as a bill payee, you will need to set up two different accounts to pay as follows:

SUMA's Group Benefits

In early December 2024, your office would have received an email communication outlining the option to pay your group benefit premiums online. This message included your unique online account number required to facilitate these payments.

To pay group benefit premiums, the account number will be 8 digits starting with GB###### (e.g., GB123456).

If you do not have your account number, please contact the Group Benefits Department directly.

General SUMA Invoices

General SUMA invoices include all payments other than Group Benefits premiums, such as membership, VFF, Convention registration, education sessions registration, shipping labels, election

and pet supplies, and more.

The account number to pay general SUMA invoices through online banking is found on the bottom right of invoices. It will be an 8-digit number starting with AR###### (e.g., AR123456).

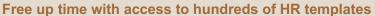
Partnership with People First HR Provides Assistance to SUMA Members

Does the thought of HR make your head hurt? We get it.

HR issues can be complex and difficult to navigate. That's why SUMA has partnered with **People First HR** to provide group benefit members with HR On Call support and access to 100s of HR templates.

Approved callers can get HR On Call support for topics such as:

- Creating a respectful workplace
- Employee relations
- Managing leaves
- Performance management guidance including employee discipline
- Termination
- Disability management consultation (accommodations, return to work, doctor notes)
- Legislation and best practice
- Requirements for policy development and workplace procedures



From recruitment to performance management, policies to respectful workplace (and so much more), with HR On Call you have access to hundreds of FREE HR templates to make supporting your team easier.

To learn more and access templates you need, email People First at hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com

Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Moves to a Continuous Process

TSS has moved to a continuous, rolling intake process. All completed applications in the application system will be reviewed on the spring closing date of April 30, and fall closing date of October 31.

Please view the <u>intake guide</u> for details on the TSS initiative, project eligibility, and the application process. The online application portal can be accessed <u>here</u>.

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Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract RFSO #24-13 for energy consulting and related services awarded to ECNG Energy Group. Whether you need carbon management, invoice management services or strategic energy procurement, ECNG Energy Group has you covered when it comes to energy management.



Utilizing cooperative contracts simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance and makes purchasing seamless.

Kinetic GPO is also excited to announce a special offer to boost your municipal savings! Enjoy a complimentary coffee and donut breakfast OR pizza party when you purchase from 5+ (breakfast) or 10+ (pizza party) Kinetic GPO contracts. This promo runs now through December 31st. For additional information on this special offer, contact Nicole Wieser at nicole@kineticgpo.ca.

All of the contracts available through Kinetic GPO offer a variety of innovative, sustainable, and quality solutions for Canadian educators and public sector organizations.

For additional information please contact your Kinetic GPO Vice President of Member Experience and Business Development, **Dana MacDonald** at dana@kineticgpo.ca.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Resort Village of West End: Part-Time Administrator (August 31)
- Town of Watrous: Administrator (September 9)
- <u>Village of Richmound</u>: *Administrator* (September 12)
- Town of White City: Manager of Finance (September 12)
- Town of Milestone and the RM of Caledonia No. 99: Chief Administrative Officer (September 22)
- Town of Rosthern: Public Works Lead Hand (until filled)
- Town of Qu'Appelle: Assistant Public Works Foreman (until filled)
- Town of Grand Coulee: Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- Town of Wolsley: Community
 Development Officer (until filled)
- Rural Municipality of Lacadena No. 228: Full-Time Foreman (until filled)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? Submit your ad on our website.

Find the latest listings by visiting the <u>classifieds</u> section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Saskatchewan Legion: Veterans Service Club Support Program (August 31)
- SGI: Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant (September 30)
- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor: First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund (Year-round)
- CMHC: Seed Funding (Year-round)
- CMHC: Affordable Rental Innovation Fund (Year-round)

For a full listing of grants, check the Grants section of our website under the Resources tab.

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