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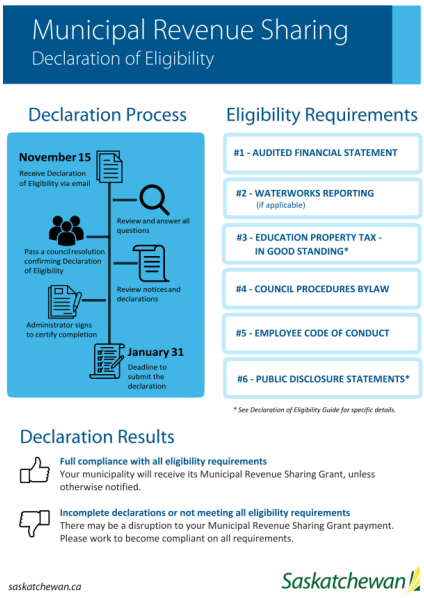
MUNICIPAL Update

January 11, 2021



Deadline Fast Approaching: Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant

To avoid your municipality's Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant for the 2021-22 year from being withheld, ensure your municipality submits its online Declaration of Eligibility by **January 31** and that your municipality meets all eligibility requirements.

A completed declaration requires a resolution from council confirming the eligibility requirements the municipality meets. The ministry does not require a certified copy of the resolution unless the municipality is contacted for a random audit. Administrators who have not yet submitted the online declaration will want to ensure the Declaration of Eligibility is on the January council meeting agenda for a resolution from council.

The unique link and password for the online Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant Declaration of Eligibility was emailed to each municipality on November 13. If you did not receive the email, email grcompliance@gov.sk.ca requesting the email be re-sent.

See the Declaration of Eligibility Guide and Infographic for more information

Municipalities of Saskatchewan Call for Executive Committee Nominations

Elections for three positions on Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Executive committee are held at the first convention following municipal elections. **Nominations for the three positions - President**, **Vice-President of Towns**, and **Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities - are now open.**

Those interested in running are required to **submit nomination papers**. Nominees must have their **papers signed by two other elected officials** from any Municipalities of Saskatchewan member municipality in good standing. Nominations must be **submitted 15 days prior** to the election date, with elections scheduled to take place **February 8**.

Nomination papers

Don't Miss Tomorrow's Webinar on Community and Economic Development

Tomorrow from **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**, join us for our first webinar of 2021 and learn about:

- **Supporting older adults** during COVID-19 and beyond. Encouraging an age-friendly community results in a healthier, safer community for all ages.
- The 2018 review of the **Urban Highway Connector Program** and the changes that are being implemented as part of the review. The changes are happening in 2021 and will require participating municipalities to sign a program agreement.
- The **Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP)** and how municipalities can benefit. EFAP is a 24-hour support system for health, work, and life counselling solutions.

This webinar is the first in Municipalities of Saskatchewan's new **Express Series**. In the Express Series, hear from multiple presenters on multiple topics in a quick-fire presentation round with more time for your questions.

Register for the webinar

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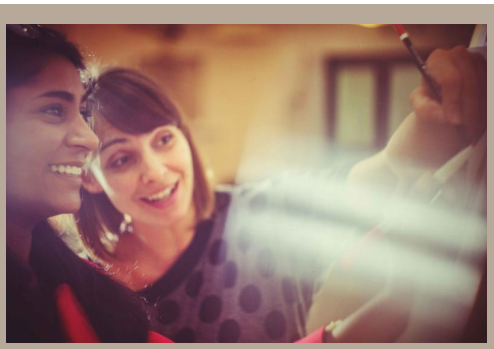
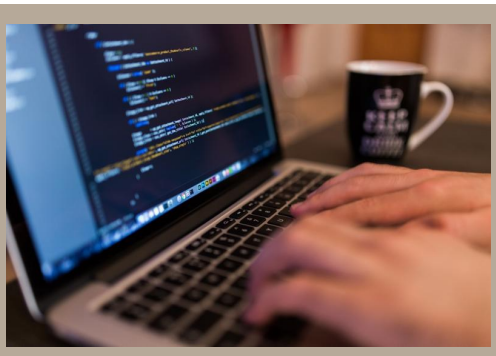
2021 Municipalities of Saskatchewan Membership Due January 31

Last month we sent members all the information needed to renew your membership for 2021. Please be sure to have your payment and updated information to us by **January 31**. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any membership benefits.

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



Application Intake for TSS



Universal Broadband Fund

Cost-Shared Grants Coming Soon

Targeted Sector Support (TSS) is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing ($1.5 million per fiscal year) used to encourage inter-community collaboration and good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The funds are used to support projects that help advance the priorities set by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee consists of representatives from Municipalities of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities (New North), and the Ministry of Government Relations.

The Steering Committee will soon be accepting applications for funding under this program. The application period is expected to run from **January 25** to **March 5**.

To apply, check the Government of Saskatchewan TSS webpage, once the anticipated application window opens.

Deadlines Approaching

In November, the federal government launched its Universal Broadband Fund. This $1.75 billion fund will help connect communities to high-speed Internet across the country and includes a $150 million Rapid Response Stream to accelerate shovel-ready projects.

In response to the urgent need for broadband expansion, the intake and selection process for the two project streams are on accelerated deadlines:

- The deadline for the rapid-response stream is **January 15.** Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.
- The deadline for the regular project stream is **February 15.**

If you are interested in applying but unsure where to begin, a detailed application guide is available online, or you can connect directly with a dedicated UBF team at ISED by telephone: 1-800-328-6189 or email: get-connected@canada.ca.

70 Road Safety Improvement Projects Approved

A total of 70 road safety improvement projects in 66 communities across Saskatchewan have been approved for grants from the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund.

Projects include speed display signs and other speed reduction initiatives, as well as funding for intersection and crosswalk improvements.

Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants are awarded twice each year, and applications for new photo speed enforcement (PSE) locations are evaluated once annually. The PSE

Changes to CentralSource Programming

CentralSource programming has changed as Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) has ended their agreement with the group purchasing program effective yesterday, January 10. This means any programs that were available to Municipalities of Saskatchewan members through the RMA agreement no longer exist. The impacted programs have been removed from the CentralSource page on the Municipalities of Saskatchewan website.

Fortunately many of the programs available through the RMA agreement

Committee is accepting applications for the next round of Traffic Safety Fund grants, as well as applications for new PSE camera locations. The deadline for both applications is **March 31**.

See the list of grant recipients.

are now available as part of CentralSource's partnership with Kinetic GPO.

It was announced in October that CentralSource is transitioning its programming to Kinetic GPO to expand the value for Municipalities of Saskatchewan members.

Events

Upcoming Events

Municipalities of Saskatchewan Express Webinar Series: Community and Economic Development
January 12

Virtual Convention and Tradeshow
February 7-10

Municipal Leaders Roles and Responsibilities Virtual Workshop
March 2

Convention 2021

Submit Your Video Questions for the Bear Pit

Bear Pit will be a little different at Convention 2021. Delegates will still have the chance to ask cabinet their municipal questions, but we want them asked through video. We know not everyone has access to video on their computer, but most have a smart phone or camera. So we're asking **elected officials, municipal staff,** and **New North members who are registered to attend Convention** to record their **60 second question** and upload it using the link below. Submit your video by **Friday, January 15** and then be sure to log in to Convention on February 10 to hear the answer to your question. Only questions from registered Convention delegates will be asked.

Submit your video question

Did you know?
30 Days to Access All Convention Content

With Convention going virtual, delegates not only have access to the on-demand education sessions, live sessions, and tradeshow booths during the four days of Convention, but for **30 days** after. All registered delegates will be able to browse tradeshow booths, watch or re-watch on-demand sessions, and see recordings of the live sessions for 30 days. This means if you're unable to attend the live event, you won't miss a minute because you'll be able to watch the recordings when it's convenient for you.

However, to vote in resolutions, Municipalities of Saskatchewan's AGM or Executive elections, or to ask representatives from the provincial government your questions during the Dialogue with Ministers, you must attend live.

To see everything Convention has to offer, check out the **2021 Convention Brochure**. Wondering why you should attend Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow? Click below to hear a few great reasons from Convention Chair, Randy Goulden.

Classifieds and Grants

Classifieds

Positions Available:

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Town of Alameda: *Administrator* (January 15)
- Town of Pelly and RM of St. Philips No. 301: *Administrator* (January 15)
- City of Lloyminister: *Business Retention Specialist* (January 22)
- RM of Bratt's Lake and the Village of Wilcox: *Administrator* (February 1)
- Resort Village of Kannata Valley: *Administrator* (February 8)
- Resort Villages of Shields and Thode: *Chief Administrative Officer* (February 15)
- Town of La Ronge: *Administrative Assistant* (When filled)

For Sale:

- *Swenson Spreader*

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

Find the latest listings by visiting the Classifieds section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

- Government of Canada *Universal Broadband Fund: Rapid Response Stream* (January 15)
- Government of Canada *Universal Broadband Fund* (February 15)
- SaskCulture Community *Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant* (February 16)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (March 12)
- SGI *Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (March 31)
- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year round)

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

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