

# MUNICIPAL Update

November 1, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 16**

Webinar - Economic Sustainability: Now and In the Future

**April 3-6, 2022**

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).



## LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE

Does your municipality have a project or a practice that you think other communities would be interested in? Nominating it for a Saskatchewan Municipal Award is a great way to highlight your project and share it with other communities facing similar challenges. We know there are many innovative projects happening in municipalities across Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are a chance to celebrate that excellence and innovation. Nominations close on **November 5 at 4:00 p.m.** Learn more and submit your nominations at [www.municipalawards.ca](http://www.municipalawards.ca).

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are



## Targeted Sector Support Initiative Accepting Applications

Applications are being accepted for Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative funding from now until **February 1, 2022**.

The TSS Initiative provides cost-shared grants for projects undertaken by two or more Saskatchewan communities which lead to:

- improved inter-community relationships and co-operation
- enhanced governance
- increased administrative capacity
- assistance for municipal transitions

TSS funding is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing used to encourage inter-community collaboration and good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities.

See the [TSS application guide](#) for more information.

**Virtual Meeting** | **SUMA** | 11.02.21  
11.03.21

# Regional Meetings

Sponsored by: **SaskWater**

The banner features a dark blue header with a white icon of a computer monitor showing a virtual meeting. Below the header, the text 'Regional Meetings' is prominently displayed in a large, bold, blue font. To the right, there is an illustration of a person with red hair looking at a screen that shows a virtual meeting with three participants. The background includes a bar chart and a city skyline.

## Regional Meetings Start Tomorrow

SUMA's virtual regional meetings start tomorrow with the Northwest, Northeast, and West Central Regional Meeting. The Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast Regional Meeting will follow on November 3. During the meetings, municipal administration and elected officials will receive updates on what SUMA is doing and take in an education session on attracting and retaining qualified administrators. You will also share your successes and discuss regional issues.

If you registered to attend, you should have received an email from Zoom with your unique link to access the regional meetings. Can't find the link? Be sure to check your junk box. Please email [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org) if you have any questions or if your link to attend is missing.

### Still need to register?

**Register for the Northwest,  
Northeast, and West Central  
Regional Meeting**

**Register for the Central, East  
Central, Southwest, and  
Southeast Regional Meeting**

**Express Webinar Series** | **SUMA** | 11.16.21  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

## Economic Sustainability: Now and In the Future

Sponsored by **SUMAssure**  
The Summit Association for Urban Municipalities

The banner features a dark blue header with a white icon of a laptop. Below the header, the text 'Express Webinar Series' is prominently displayed in a large, bold, white font. To the right, there is an illustration of a glass jar filled with coins, with a small green plant growing out of the top. The background is a soft, yellowish-green gradient.

## Join the Next SUMA Webinar and Learn About Economic Sustainability

Since March 2020, municipalities have been responding to the challenges created by COVID-19, including the economic struggles. Though Saskatchewan continues to grapple with the fourth wave, municipalities are starting to ask, "what next?" How do communities shift from responding to the pandemic to not only recovering but possibly emerging stronger and more resilient than before?

On **November 16** from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**, in the SUMA webinar **Economic Sustainability:**

**Now and In the Future**, learn about ways your community can bounce back towards the path of economic sustainability and how you can prepare for unseen events in the future.

Part of our Express Webinar Series, this webinar will feature seven speakers, each presenting for seven minutes.

**Register for the  
webinar**

## Event Insight

This year, SUMA introduced MuniCast, a SUMA podcast. With MuniCast you can listen to conversations on important municipal topics. This season MuniCast covered topics including governance, recreation, toward parity at the council table, the council-administration dynamic, and building smart communities.

We'd like to know:

What did you think of Season 1 of MuniCast?

**I loved Season 1 and can't wait for Season 2!**

Select

**It was ok.**

Select

**MuniCast wasn't for me.**

Select

**I haven't listened yet but I am planning to.**

Select

**I didn't know SUMA had a podcast.**

Select



## Community Safety Officer Program

Looking to promote safety and enhance bylaw compliance in your hometown? Has your municipality considered a Community Safety Officer (CSO)?

CSOs are municipal employees who carry out high priority, low risk enforcement of bylaws and select provincial statutes. A CSO can provide a uniformed presence in your hometown,

liaise with schools and community groups, and target enforcement of municipal bylaws and traffic laws.

Check out the [fact sheet](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) to learn more about the program.





## Help Update the Railway Proximity Guidelines

The Proximity Guidelines were established in 2003 to build common approaches for the prevention and resolution of issues that arise when people live and work near railway operations. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) promote the guidelines through the Proximity Initiative.

The guidelines are intended for use by municipalities and provincial governments, municipal staff, railways, developers, and property owners when new developments in proximity to railway operations are proposed.

As the Proximity Guidelines have been available for municipalities to use for nearly 20 years, FCM is reaching out to communities across the country to gather important data that will highlight areas that need to be emphasized as they prepare to update the Guidelines by 2023.

[Take the questionnaire.](#)



## Join the Ministry of Environment's Composting Focus Group

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment is looking for members for a focus group to develop the Composting Chapter of the [Saskatchewan Environmental Code](#).

The Saskatchewan Solid Waste Management Strategy committed to developing new code chapters for transfer stations and composting facilities, to be implemented by 2022-23.

The Ministry of Environment is looking to bring together a focus group to provide advice and guidance from unique perspectives. Members will be selected based on the needs of the focus group and the individual's expertise, while ensuring a diverse number of perspectives are represented.

If you are interested in being a member of the focus group, provide a brief (no more than one page) description of your knowledge, experience, or interest in the composting code chapter development to [waste.management@gov.sk.ca](mailto:waste.management@gov.sk.ca) by **November 15**.



## Fall and Winter Webinars by the Employment Standards Division

This fall and winter, the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety's Employment Standards Division is offering a series of free webinars on various employment standards topics such as:

- payroll requirements
- layoff and terminations



## New Pricing for Shipping Labels

Effective **November 15**, the **price of shipping labels** through SUMA's shipping labels program **is increasing**.

The pricing change reflects an increase in Canada Post's fuel surcharge. Canada Post has increased their fuel surcharge to 14 per cent, up from 5 per cent in October

- overtime, overtime banks, and vacation entitlements.

Visit their [training page](#) to see the webinar schedule, register for upcoming webinars, and view recordings of previous webinars.

The Employment Standards Division also provides customized webinars for interested employers and groups. A minimum of 20 attendees is required.

Have questions? Contact the Employer Services team at **1-833-354-6914** or email [saskjobs@gov.sk.ca](mailto:saskjobs@gov.sk.ca).

2020.

New shipping label pricing:  
**XPressPost 1.36K - \$363.80**  
**XPressPost 5K - \$488.78.**

Even with the new prices, you will continue to save with SUMA's shipping label program. Purchasing shipping labels through SUMA's program **saves your municipality approximately 40 per cent** when compared to the cost of purchasing shipping labels directly from Canada Post.

As of November 15, SUMA will also no longer offer priority post mailing labels. More information about SUMA's shipping labels program can be found on the [SUMA website](#).



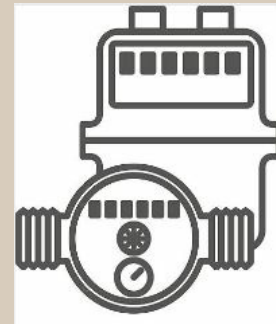
## Virtual Saskatchewan Economic Development and Leadership Forum November 24-25

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) is hosting their Saskatchewan Economic Development and Leadership Forum virtually from **November 24-25**.

Their program features international presenters and small discussion forums, award recognition, and networking.

SUMA members are now eligible to **save 15 per cent** on their registration. To save, simply use the code **SUMA** at checkout when registering online. (Note: This discount is only available for registrations purchased after October 18.)

[Learn more and register.](#)



## International Damage Prevention Symposium November 16-18

Learn about underground mapping, hear global success stories in the reduction of utility damages, and take in a panel presentation on the pros and cons of release of utility maps vs. dispatching locate service providers at the International Damage Prevention Symposium.

This signature Canadian Common Ground Alliance event attracts more than 265+ damage prevention management professionals and decision makers from across Canada, including municipalities, emergency management, surveyors, and provincial regulators.

Municipalities have the opportunity to attend for free. For free event admission, email the Utility Engineering and Survey Institute at [info@uesicanada.org](mailto:info@uesicanada.org).



## Accessibility Legislation Engagement Report Now Available

In the 2019 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that new legislation would be introduced aiming at removing and preventing accessibility barriers for people with disabilities. The new legislation would look at the design of public spaces, information and communications, service animal certification, public sector procurement, public sector employment, and public transportation.

The first phase of engagement for the new legislation ran from February 4 - March 31, 2021 and included surveys and opportunities to ask a question or share a vision for a more accessible Saskatchewan.

A report outlining the feedback heard during public engagement is now available. [See the report.](#)



## WEST Recommendations for a Prosperous Western Canada

In October, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST) released its final comprehensive report with recommendations to the federal government, as well as a bold vision for a prosperous western Canada.

Since 2019, WEST has brought together urban and rural municipal leaders from Canada's four western provinces to address the economic challenges facing western communities. The final report outlines recommendations that would help support western communities and the industries they rely on.

Read WEST's final report: [Opportunity and prosperity: the future of western Canada.](#)

## ADVOCACY UPDATE



### SUMA's Takeaways from the Throne Speech: Policing and Mental Health

On October 27, Premier Scott Moe delivered the Speech from the Throne, opening the second session of 29th Legislature. The speech featured plans to expand policing and increase support for people dealing with addictions.

#### Policing

SUMA was pleased to see the provincial government acknowledge the issues of gang and drug trafficking in Saskatchewan's hometowns through their commitment to increased police presence, particularly the expansion of crime reduction teams. However, SUMA believes that focusing solely on enforcement ignores the opportunity to deal with crime proactively, through education and intervention. We are calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to pair its increase in enforcement with a full review of *The Police Act* and focus on reducing crime through early intervention and programming, via inter-ministry partnerships and working with stakeholders, including municipalities.



### Mental Health and Addictions

SUMA has been advocating for increased mental health and addictions support, and we were very pleased to see provincial commitment toward increasing addictions treatment spaces and other supports. However, much more is needed.

SUMA is calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to address this crisis by increasing the number of mental health care providers and supports in the province and working collaboratively with municipalities and non-governmental organizations to identify solutions to ongoing mental health programming issues in Saskatchewan.



### Shape SUMA's Advocacy - Take Our Environmental Issues Survey

SUMA operates internal committees to ensure membership priorities and initiatives are met, and to account for the responsibilities and policy areas SUMA encounters daily.

SUMA's Environmental Committee, responsible for environmental matters that impact hometowns, is asking: **What environmental issues are most important to your community?**

Take a short, three question survey and let us know which environmental issues matter most to your municipality. The results from this survey will help shape SUMA's advocacy.

[Take the survey](#)

## CONVENTION



### Recognize a Community Leader

Do you know an elected official, administrator, SUMA official, or personnel in provincial government who has demonstrated a higher standard of public engagement? Have they made an outstanding contribution on a local, provincial, and national level? Nominate them for a Scoop Lewry Award!

For more information on all of our service awards visit our [website](#). Nominations close **January 13, 2022**.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Vaccinations for 5 to 11-year-olds

Pfizer-BioNTech is expected to provide the first pediatric COVID-19 vaccine available to children age five to 11 years old and the Government of Saskatchewan has announced that it expects to have enough Pfizer vaccine to provide 100 per cent coverage of first doses.

Pending Health Canada approval, first shipments could arrive in Saskatchewan the week of November 8. Delivery dates are subject to change.

Parents of children five to 11 years of age will be able to seek out immunization at community

Read  
more

## Protecting Yourself at Work from COVID-19

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is sharing basic health and safety measures that can prevent the spread of COVID-19 among workers.

All workers should:

- Always self-monitor for symptoms;
- Stay home whenever you are sick and seek a COVID-19 test;
- Wear a mask while at work;
- Keep six feet of distance between you and others in the workplace;
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer;
- Practice proper sneezing/coughing protocols;
- Maintain a regular schedule to clean and disinfect common areas (doorknobs and shared spaces such as boardrooms and lobby seating areas); and
- Get vaccinated. Vaccination is one of the strongest safety measures people have to protect themselves, co-workers, family, friends, patients and residents.

Workers who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate immediately for at least 10 days. Workers not fully vaccinated who have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 should self-isolate for 14 days as a precaution.

## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Chief Administrative Officer* (November 5)
- Resort Village of Candle Lake: *Planning and Development Manager* (November 5)
- District of Lakeland: *Development Officer* (November 8)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities *Inclusive Community Initiatives* (November 5)
- Government of Canada *CanExport Community Investments Program* (November 12)
- *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (January 15)
- *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (February 1)



- Village of Elbow: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Midale: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Village of Bethune and RM of Dufferin No. 190: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Hafford: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- Town of Rosthern: *Recreation Manager* (When filled)
- Town of White City: *Manager of Finance* (When filled)
- Town of White City: *Recreation, Parks and Culture Manager* (When filled)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

Find the latest listings by visiting the [classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

- Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program *Green Stream – Landfill Decommissioning* (Applications accepted until funding fully allocated)

For a full listing of grants, check the [Grants](#) section of our website under the Resources tab.

## MUNICIPAL UPDATE ADVERTISEMENT



### Order Your Pet Tags from Ketchum Before It's Too Late

Only two months until the end of 2021. Now is a good time to get your pet tag orders in to ensure delivery before the end of the year! The lead time on all orders is 3-4 weeks.

SUMA partnered with Ketchum Manufacturing Inc. in 2008 to provide members with a discount on animal control products, pet tag licenses, and other municipal related tags. The program is administered through the SUMA office.

Download the [order form](#) for product details. For more information, visit the [Ketchum website](#) or view all products available in the [Ketchum Catalogues](#).

SUMA | [suma.org](http://suma.org)

Join Our Mailing List

