

MUNICIPAL Update

November 15, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16

Webinar - Economic Sustainability: Now and In the Future

November 30

Webinar - Immigration and You: Understanding Immigration Programs and Services

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

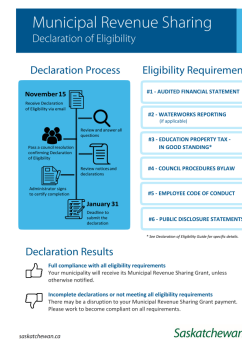
RECOGNIZE A LONG-SERVING ELECTED OFFICIAL IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Are there elected officials in your community that have been serving for 20 years or more? Recognize their commitment to outstanding municipal service with an **Honorary Service Award** from SUMA.

Nominations are being accepted until **January 13, 2022**.

Award winners will be recognized during the 2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow.

Submit a



Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility

Today, the Ministry of Government Relations is emailing municipalities their unique link and password to access the online Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility Form.

Municipalities are required to report their compliance with eligibility requirements to receive their Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant.

The deadline to submit the Declaration of Eligibility is **January 31**. A resolution from council is required, so municipalities are encouraged to include the Declaration of Eligibility on the November, December, or January council meeting agenda.

If your municipality does not receive the email, be sure to check your spam/junk folder. If the email is not there, email grcompliance@gov.sk.ca requesting the email be re-sent.

See the Declaration of

Two Express Webinars Happening this Month

Join SUMA for two express webinars this month, one focusing on economic sustainability and the other on immigration programs and services.



Economic Sustainability: Now and In the Future

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?

From **10:00 - 11:30 a.m. tomorrow**, learn ways your community can bounce back toward the path of economic sustainability and how you can prepare for unseen events in the future.

[Register for Economic Sustainability](#)

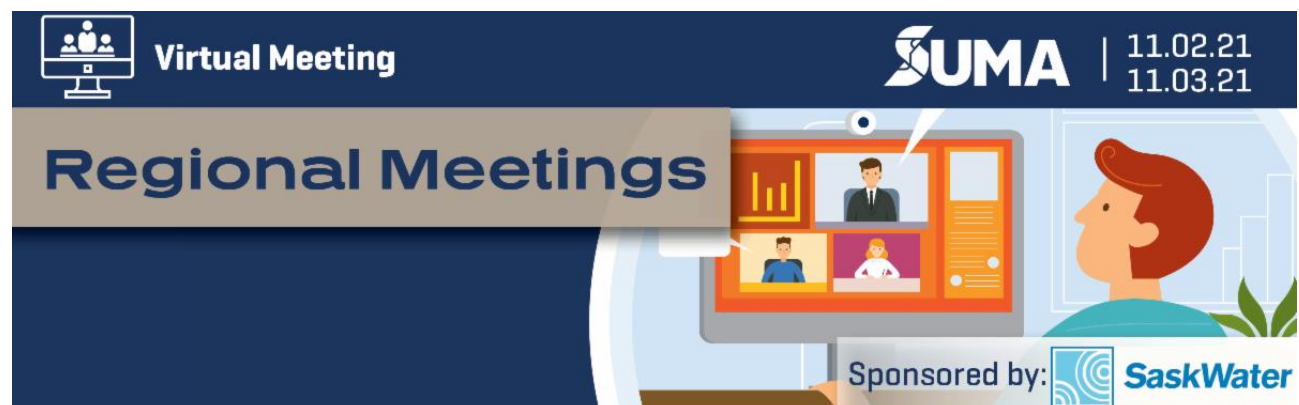


Immigration and You: Understanding Immigration Programs and Services

In June, we held the webinar ***Working with Newcomers to Build Sustainable Communities*** which focused on how working with newcomers can enhance community development and sustainability. On **November 30 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** learn more about the immigration process and how you can participate.

This webinar will include a discussion on the immigration programs and services that are available and are used by other stakeholders to attract, welcome, and retain newcomers in Saskatchewan.

[Register for Immigration and You](#)



A Wrap on Regional Meetings

Regional meetings came to a close on November 3. A big thank you to everyone that attended one of our two virtual events. We value this chance to get your feedback, hear your issues, and learn about your successes.

Recordings of the meetings, as well as pdfs of the presentations, are available in the [member portal](#) on the SUMA website.

Event Insight

Results

In the last edition of *Municipal Update* we asked "What did you think of Season 1 of MuniCast?"

I loved Season 1 and can't wait for Season 2 - **45.5 per cent**

It was ok - **9.1 per cent**

MuniCast wasn't for me - **0 per cent**

I haven't listened yet but I am planning to - **36.4 per cent**

I didn't know SUMA had a podcast - **9.1 per cent**

New Poll

SUMA is planning for an **in-person Convention** in Regina from **April 3-6, 2022**. In July, as the province removed COVID-19 restrictions and before Saskatchewan's fourth wave, we asked in our poll you how you felt about in-person events.

In this poll, we wanted to check in.

How do you feel about having an in-person Convention?

I'm excited for in-person!

Select

I'm nervous but will still be attending.

Select

I am not ready to attend in-person and would prefer virtual.

Select



Province Introducing Amendments to Saskatchewan's Trespassing Act

The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced **changes to [The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021](#)**, to create stronger penalties for trespassing and make it easier to take legal action against trespassers.

The new legislation increases the maximum penalty set out in the act to **\$25,000 for repeat offenders trespassing on the same property** and adds **imprisonment of up to six months** as an available penalty. It also introduces a **\$200,000 maximum penalty for a corporation** that is complicit in a trespassing offence.

It also establishes that **property owners can take civil legal action against trespassers** who enter or engage in activity on their premises without permission and **places the onus on the trespasser** to justify why they are on the property.

The changes support previous amendments to *The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021* that are scheduled to come into force on **January 1**.



Exciting News for SUMA Group Benefit Program Subscribers

SUMA's Group Benefits Program has not one, but two, exciting things coming in 2022.

First, SUMA has partnered with **People First HR Services** to provide subscribers with unlimited on-demand professional HR advice by phone and email. **Starting January 2022**, get **free support** and make solid HR decisions.

Second, you'll have more money to spend on vision care through SUMA's vision plan. Eye care maximums will go to unlimited – as long as it is reasonable, of course. And for one-time only, from January to December 2022, **vision care coverage will increase by an additional \$250**. Those expensive designer frames will be even easier to afford.

More information will be emailed directly to all subscribers in the upcoming months. Interested in becoming a SUMA Group Benefits Program subscriber? Contact **306-525-4390** to learn more about vision and dental coverage and all other offerings.



Effective Today: New Prices for Shipping Labels

The **price of shipping labels** through SUMA's shipping labels program **has changed**.

Shipping labels are now:
XPressPost 1.36K - \$363.80
XPressPost 5K - \$488.78

This 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 2020.

Even with the new prices, you 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.

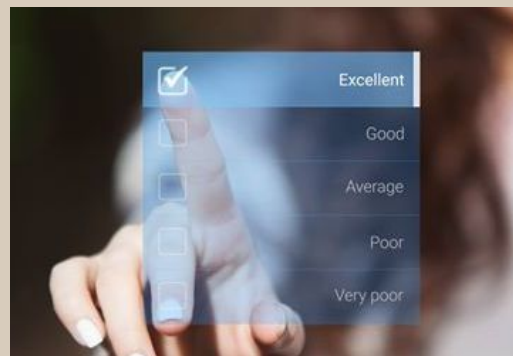
SUMA has also discontinued offering priority post mailing labels. More information about SUMA's shipping labels program can be found on the **SUMA website**.



Update on FCM's Green Municipal Fund

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has released the 21st annual report of the **Green Municipal Fund**.

This year's report is about initiatives that are enabling deep systemic change and



Share Your Thoughts on MEPP

Complete the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan (MEPP) Member Satisfaction Survey for a chance to win \$100.

MEPP is looking for feedback on its communications and services. Everyone who completes the survey is eligible to

moving the country closer to net-zero emissions by 2050.

[Read the report.](#)

enter their name into the draw to be one of five lucky winners of a \$100 gift card!

The survey ends on **November 21**. [Take the survey.](#)



Access Funding, Talent, and Solutions with Mitacs

Municipalities can access funding, talent, and solutions to challenges through Mitacs, a not-for-profit organization that fosters growth and innovation in Canada. Through Mitacs's internship programs, municipalities can access a range of research expertise and specialized skills from Canada's postsecondary institutions to advance innovation, policy, and local projects.

Mitacs interns — ranging from college and polytechnic students, university undergraduate and graduate students, to postdoctoral fellows — can help municipalities address a broad range of challenges from infrastructure renewal including waterways and roads, to agricultural and food supply issues, to COVID-19 pandemic-related concerns.

[Learn more.](#)



Province Creating Provincial Protective Services Branch

The Government of Saskatchewan is creating a Provincial Protective Services Branch within the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.

The branch will unite conservation, highway patrol, and Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Officers, inmate transport and court security deputy sheriffs, and community safety officers with the Provincial Capital Commission under one organizational structure.

The transition will come into effect in the spring of 2022, with the branch becoming fully operational throughout 2022-23. In the long term, the transition will relieve RCMP officers of their inmate transport responsibilities. These duties will be fully transferred to provincial inmate transport and court security deputy sheriffs in the branch. See the [full media release](#) for more information.



Join the CIF
Peer Review Committees



Nominations Open for
Saskatchewan Waste

Minimization Awards

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is inviting applications from individuals throughout Saskatchewan who are interested in serving on one of their regional peer review committees. Openings are available for their north, central and provincial committees for the 2022-24 term.

Peer review committees are responsible for reviewing applications for their Community Grant Program and providing informed funding recommendations to the CIF Board of Directors.

[Apply by November 30.](#)

Is your municipality going the extra mile to reduce waste? The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council is accepting nominations for the Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards.

These awards recognize excellence in waste reduction in Saskatchewan and are intended to promote leadership and inspire all sectors of the province to undertake waste reduction activities.

See the [awards criteria](#) and [submit a nomination](#).



Register Before November 30 and Get Unlimited Seats to Collaborate on Asset Management

To support municipalities in their asset management journey, Asset Management Saskatchewan is offering a deal on their Asset Register and the State of Infrastructure Report (SOTIR) course.

Purchase one seat in the SOTIR course before November 30 and **get unlimited seats** for your team to collaborate with.

Access to the course will end on February 28, 2022 when Asset Management Saskatchewan's MAMP 3 Project ends.

[Learn more and register.](#)



Saskatchewan Economic Development and Leadership Forum Next Week

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) is hosting their Saskatchewan Economic Development and Leadership Forum virtually next week on **November 24 and 25**. Their program features international presenters and small discussion forums, award recognition, and networking.

SUMA members are eligible to save 15 per cent on 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.](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Changes Announced for Saskatchewan Income Support Program

Earlier this month, SUMA's Executive Committee met with the Honorable Lori Carr, Minister of Social Services, to express concerns with Saskatchewan's income support program. SUMA's City Mayors' Caucus (CMC) echoed those concerns during the CMC meeting held virtually November 4. Saskatchewan's city mayors recognized

that the program was designed to help the province's most vulnerable, but instead, they were seeing an increase in homelessness in their communities. See the [full media release](#) from the CMC.

On November 12, the Ministry of Social Services announced it is increasing support for Saskatchewan Income Support clients with complex challenges who are at risk of homelessness. [Read more about the increased support.](#)



Report on Innovations in Municipal Bylaw Adjudication

In July, we invited municipalities to take a bylaw enforcement survey as part of the municipal bylaw project that SUMA was undertaking.

The purpose of the project was to look into different methods for adjudicating and enforcing bylaws. As part of the project, a report on innovations in municipal bylaw adjudication was created.

[Read the report](#)



Last Chance to Take SUMA's Environmental Issues Survey

November 17 is the last day to take SUMA's environmental issues survey and tell us what environmental issues are most important to your community.

[Take the survey](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

Province Introduces Legislation to Create Safe Zones Around Hospitals

The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced legislation to create and enforce safe access zones around hospitals.

The legislation, *The Public Safety (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021*, was introduced in the Saskatchewan legislature on November 10 to amend *The Public Health Act, 1994*. It creates a 50-metre safe access zone that would prevent sidewalk protests near hospitals that could potentially result in delays or harassment for people going into the facilities.

Lawful labour picketing will still be allowed. The safe access zone provision in the legislation will expire two years after the legislation comes into force.

[Read more](#)

80 Per Cent of Eligible Saskatchewan Residents Fully Vaccinated

As of November 8, 80 per cent of eligible Saskatchewan residents had received at least two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Learn
more

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Hepburn: *Administrator* (November 29)
- Town of Wadena: *Parks and Rec I* (December 3)
- Town of Wadena: *Public Works I* (December 3)
- Town of Rocanville: *Administrator Internship* (December 8)
- Village of Elbow: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Midale: *Administrator* (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.




Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (January 15)
- *Targeted Sector Support Initiative* (February 1)
- *SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement Planning Grant* (February 15)
- *SGI Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- *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.

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