

MUNICIPAL Update

November 29, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 30

Webinar - Immigration and You:
Understanding Immigration Programs and
Services

April 3-6, 2022

2022 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

HONOUR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES WITH A MERITORIOUS AWARD

Are there municipal employees in your community who have been serving for 20 years or more? Recognize their success, dedication, and involvement in the community with a [Meritorious 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 nomination](#)

Apply for Community, Culture, and Recreation Project Funding

Applications are being accepted for proposed community, culture, and recreation projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

This latest application intake has two phases.

- Phase 1, open now and closing **January 11**, is for project proposals at the "shovel ready" stage.
- Phase 2 is also now open and closes **May 10**. This is for more complex projects that may be at the conceptual stage and require more time to complete applications.

Types of proposed project applications that would be considered include:

- Improve cultural infrastructure, such as museums and Indigenous heritage centres.
- Upgrade indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and spaces.
- Improve community infrastructure, such as libraries, civic centres, and multi-purpose facilities, which can house the arts, volunteer groups, and service clubs.

[Learn more and apply](#)



Immigration and You: Understanding Immigration Programs and Services



Last Chance to Register for SUMA's Final Webinar of 2021

Tomorrow, from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**, SUMA will be joined by presenters from the City of Saskatoon, Regina Police Service, and the Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Immigration, for the webinar ***Immigration and You: Understanding Immigration Programs and Services***. As part of our Express Webinar Series, this webinar will feature three, 15-minute presentations discussing the immigration programs and services that are available and used to attract, welcome, and retain newcomers. Moderating this webinar is City of Moose Jaw Councillor Crystal Froese.

This SUMA webinar is free and open to everyone - members and non-members.

Register now for Immigration and You

Event Insight

Results

In the last edition of *Municipal Update* we asked "How do you feel about having an in-person Convention?"

The results were:

I'm excited for in-person - **54.1 per cent**

I'm nervous but will still be attending - **24.6 per cent**

I am not ready to attend in-person and would prefer virtual - **21.3 per cent**



FCM Releases Local Solutions for National Challenges

As Canada's 44th Parliament begins its work, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has presented a vision for Canada's recovery to new and returning members of Parliament.

FCM's document *Partners for Canada's Recovery* puts forward nonpartisan local solutions that create jobs and tackle some of Canada's biggest recovery challenges including:

- tackling the housing affordability crisis;
- ensuring that the recovery happens everywhere; and
- accelerating climate action.

FCM is also calling for urgent federal leadership to help municipalities overcome key hurdles to recovery. This includes providing emergency funding for transit systems that continue to face pandemic-induced revenue shortfalls. Municipalities are also calling on the federal government to cover all retroactive costs associated with the labour agreement it has negotiated with the RCMP for local contract policing. (SUMA has created a [letter template](#) for municipalities to send to the federal minister of public safety to support this call.)

Read Partners for Canada's Recovery



Complete MEPP's Member Satisfaction Survey for a chance to win \$100

The Municipal Employees Pension Plan (MEPP) has extended their survey deadline, so all MEPP members still have a chance to share their feedback and enter for a chance to win.

MEPP is looking for feedback on their communications and services. Once you complete the survey, you can enter your name into the draw to be one of five lucky winners of a \$100 gift card.

The survey ends on **November 30**.

[Share your feedback.](#)



Submit Procurement Reports by November 30

Whether it's agricultural products, natural resources, or other goods, about 70 per cent of the province's GDP depends on exports or export-supporting industries.

For business and industry to competitively access these markets, the province observes various trade agreements. Under these agreements, procurement data is required from Saskatchewan municipalities.

Municipalities are reminded to submit their procurement reports online by **November 30** to the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

Take the [Trade Agreement Reporting Survey](#)



Saskatchewan Violence Prevention Week - Free Online Training

November 28 - December 4 is Saskatchewan Violence Prevention Week. The week invites Saskatchewan people to raise awareness, build safer communities, and grow healthy relationships. The theme for 2021 is [Reach Out.](#)



FCM Seeking Partners for Municipal Development Project

FCM is recruiting Canadian municipalities to contribute to the implementation of its project [Partnerships for Municipal Development – Women in Local Leadership.](#) The project aims to improve the quality of life for women and girls by empowering women to participate in leadership and decision-making in local governance and by increasing local

In recognition of Saskatchewan Violence Prevention Week 2021, Safe Places Swift Current is providing 200 youth services providers with access to the **Respect in Sport Activity Leader** program. [See more.](#)

There is also free Trauma Informed Care training for frontline workers being offered in 2022. [Click to read more](#) about this training.

governments' ability to deliver inclusive municipal services that meet the needs of women and girls, especially those from marginalized groups.

Interested municipalities should review the Call for Expression of Interest, and [apply online](#) by **December 12.**

An **information session** regarding this call is organized on **December 1 at 12:00 p.m.**(Ontario time).



Provide Feedback on Saskatchewan's Greenhouse Gas Offset Protocols

The Ministry of Environment is inviting feedback on the draft greenhouse gas offset protocols.

Read the draft protocols:

- [Aerobic Composting](#)
- [Landfill Gas Capture and Combustion](#)

Comments can be sent to prairie.resilience@gov.sk.ca by **December 15.**



Apply for Targeted Sector Support Funding

The Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Steering Committee is once again accepting grant applications from municipalities under the TSS Initiative.

The TSS Initiative provides cost-shared grants, up to 75 per cent on eligible costs, to municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on regional co-operation, capacity building, and good governance.

[Learn more and apply](#) before **February 1.**

Trust is the new currency in today's connected collaborative world.

FranklinCovey Institute
Speed of Trust: Foundations Program

February 1, 2022
livestream 3:30 to 4:00 pm CST
\$199+gst

Sponsored by **Community Futures** | **Canada**

Delivery Partner: Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA)

Virtual Session on Building Trust

Trust is the new currency in today's connected collaborative world. Contrary to what most people think, creating trust is a



New Tourism Saskatchewan Pilot Program

Tourism Saskatchewan has introduced a new pilot program to support new

learnable skill. On **February 1**, the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance is offering **Speed of Trust: Foundations** from the Franklin Covey Institute. In this virtual session, participants will become competent in using the framework, language, and behaviors that lead to high-trust teams and partnerships.

[Learn more](#) about the program. The registration deadline is **January 24**.

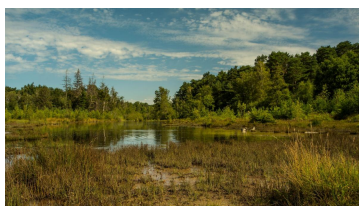
experience providers through the complete development process - from concept to promotion to delivery.

The program, **Achieving AWESome**, combines **training and development supports** together as one complete experience development journey.

Ideal candidates are people with no previous experience in developing or delivering a tourism experience to the travelling public; who have an interesting story to share; and are willing to invest time and resources to create an interactive, hands-on guest experience.

[Find out more](#) about Achieving AWESome.

ADVOCACY UPDATE



SUMA's Advocacy for a Wetland Policy

At the 2021 SUMA Convention, members passed a **resolution** calling for SUMA to advocate the Government of Saskatchewan, including the Water Security Agency, SaskWater, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Environment, to develop and adopt a wetland policy comparable to the policies currently in

place in Alberta and Manitoba.

We wanted to provide an update on our advocacy. Earlier this year we sent a letter to the Government of Saskatchewan, and more recently, we met with the Water Security Agency. SUMA will be meeting with the Water Security Agency on a regular basis. We will continue to update the resolutions page with information as it becomes available.



What Environmental Topic Matters Most to Your Community?

We recently asked you to take SUMA's environmental feedback survey and help shape our advocacy. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Based on your answers, we would now like to know:

Which of these environmental topics is most important to your municipality?

Waste management (recycling, landfills, composting, impacted sites)

Select

Water (wetland, aquatic invasive species)

Select

Adaptation (climate change, green infrastructure, electric vehicle charging)

Select

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health Orders Extended to January 31

Saskatchewan's COVID-19 restrictions have been extended through the holiday season to the end of January.

The province's current public health orders, introduced in September, have been extended to **January 31**. The orders mandate mask use in indoor public spaces and require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for public access to locations including restaurants.

[Read the orders](#)

Health Services Resuming

On November 3, targets were established for returning redeployed health care staff to their home positions by the end of November. As of November 19, **79 per cent of eligible Saskatchewan Health Authority staff** who were redeployed to address the COVID-19 case surge **have returned to their home positions**, exceeding the 75 per cent target. The result is that 193 services that were previously slowed have been fully resumed and 68 have been partially resumed.

[Learn more](#)

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Wadena: *Parks and Rec I* (December 3)
- Town of Wadena: *Public Works I* (December 3)
- SUMA: *Sponsorship and Tradeshow Coordinator* (December 5)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program *Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream - Shovel Ready Projects* (January 11)
- *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (January 15)
- *Targeted Sector Support Initiative*

- Village of Jansen: CAO (December 6)
- City of Lloydminster: *Application Support Analyst* (December 7)
- Town of Rocanville: *Administrator Internship* (December 8)
- Town of Maple Creek: *Chief Administrative Officer* (December 8)
- Town of Stonewall: *Asset Management Coordinator* (December 8)
- Town of Regina Beach: *Superintendent of Public Works* (December 23)
- Resort Village of Tobin Lake: *Administrator* (When filled)

For Sale:

- *Submersible pumps*

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

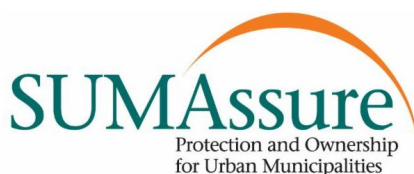
Find the latest listings by visiting the [classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

(February 1)

- *SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement Planning Grant* (February 15)
- *SGI Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program *Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream* (May 10)
- 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



Upcoming SUMAssure Webinar:
Taking Action to Prevent Arson

Tuesday, December 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This year two Saskatchewan communities were faced with the devastating loss of their arenas due to suspected arson. Many believe that arson cannot be prevented, but that is not entirely true. Although it can be difficult to predict, there are ways to reduce and prevent arson—and protect your assets.

Please join Aon Risk Control to learn what your community can do to prevent arson.

This webinar will be helpful to all municipal staff including administration, public works, facility managers, and elected officials.

Click [here](#) to register today.

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