

MUNICIPAL Update

November 30, 2020



Post-Election Survey for Municipalities

The 2020 general municipal elections have concluded. To learn from the election experiences of municipalities across Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Government Relations is asking municipalities to participate in a post-election survey. This survey is open to municipal staff, election officials, and council members.

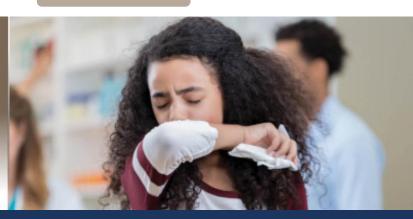
The deadline to respond to the survey is **December 31**.

The ministry will review the responses and report back on what they heard. A summary of the submissions and next steps will be posted online in late spring 2021.

Take the survey

Saskatchewan Health Authority COVID-19 Town Hall

the modelling and projections



Virtual Town Hall with the Saskatchewan Health Authority

As COVID-19 cases continue to increase in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is escalating its response. Things are changing rapidly and the requirements placed on your community present unique challenges to you as municipal leaders.

On **December 3 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**, join the Saskatchewan Health Authority and:

- Receive an update on offensive and defensive COVID-19 strategies.
- See a presentation on modelling and projections for Saskatchewan.
- Hear the provincial call to action and shared vision.
- Learn plans for changes to hospital service in the province.

Come prepared with your questions for SHA leadership in this can't miss virtual meeting.

To join this online event

- 1. Go to https://skhealth.webex.com/skhealth/j.php? MTID=ec0d8e932bf8791bd70e79ab4d9ccd088
- 2. Enter the event password: g4vB3pMh99F
- 3. Click "Join Now".
- 4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen to join the teleconference.



Learn Your Roles and Responsibilities in the MLRR Workshop

A part of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP), our Municipal Leaders' Roles and

Responsibilities (MLRR) workshop is developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. On **December 8**, learn about the counciladministration dynamic, the importance of open and transparent government, municipal law, and more. See the agenda for more information.

If you can't make it to the session on December 8, Municipalities of Saskatchewan will be hosting a second session on **March 2**. More information will be available following Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow.

Register for the MLRR workshop



Virtual Regional Meetings





Regional Meetings Start Tomorrow

Municipalities of Saskatchewan's virtual regional meetings start tomorrow with the North, Northwest, Northeast, and West Central Regional Meeting. The Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast meeting will follow on December 2. During the meetings, municipal administration and elected officials will receive updates on what Municipalities of Saskatchewan is doing and take in an education session on governance. You will also share your successes, discuss common regional issues, and elect your Regional Director and Alternate Regional Director.

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 Katee Galandy at events@munisask.ca if you have any questions or if your link to attend is missing.



Qualified Administrator Requirements

Recent legislative amendments to *The Urban Municipal Administrators Act* will require all urban municipalities and northern municipalities, regardless of population, to appoint a qualified administrator. This amendment takes effect on **January 1**.

Prior to the recent amendments, urban municipalities with a population less than 100 and northern municipalities smaller than 500 were not required to appoint a qualified administrator.

Information about administrator qualifications, as determined by the Urban Board of Examiners pursuant to *The Urban Municipal Administrators Act*, can be found on the Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan website under the "Board of Examiners" tab.

Questions about administrator qualifications? Contact Joyce Aitken, Urban Board of Examiners Secretary, at joyaitken@sasktel.net.



Fall Construction Tender

In September, the province released \$437.4 million in new highway projects in its 2020 Fall Tender.

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure publishes tender plans in the spring and fall to allow industry time to prepare to bid on upcoming projects. The fall tender schedule was released earlier than ever before.

The fall tender includes:

- Highway 8 resurfacing north of Moosomin;
- Highway 11 bridge work near Lumsden;
- Highway 12 passing lanes north of Martensville;
- Highway 14 passing lanes west of Saskatoon to Asquith;
- Highway 16 passing lanes west of Yorkton to Springside;
- Highway 16 passing lanes east of Clavet to Highway 6 junction;
- Highway 18 paving partnership with Lake Alma;
- Highway 45 resurfacing near Outlook;
- Highway 55 grade and paving near Carrot River;
- and passing lanes in the Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Kindersley areas.



Nominations Open for Saskatchewan Waste



Ministry of Trade and Export

Minimization Awards

Who do you know that is doing award-winning work in waste minimization?

The Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards recognize excellence in waste reduction in Saskatchewan.

Nominations close **February 5, 2021**. **Learn more**.

Development - Procurement Reports

Municipalities are reminded to submit their procurement reports online by **December 1** to the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ministry of Trade and Export Development at tradeprocurementreporting@gov.s k.ca.

Advocacy Update



Advocacy During the Provincial Election

Following the drop of the writ for Saskatchewan's provincial election, Municipalities of Saskatchewan started a Provincial Election Advocacy Campaign, highlighting the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP) and stable Municipal Revenue Sharing - programs that help ensure the sustainability of Saskatchewan's municipalities.

To help share Municipalities of Saskatchewan's message with not only provincial candidates but also the public, a series of short videos and still images were released on social media. In total, our posts reached a total of 482,881, and had a total of nearly 3.13 million impressions.

Thank you to everyone that shared the images and videos.

Events



Upcoming Events

North, Northwest, Northeast, and West Central
Virtual Regional Meeting
December 1

Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast Virtual Regional Meeting December 2

Virtual Town Hall with the Saskatchewan Health Authority
December 3

Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities

December 8

Virtual Convention and Tradeshow February 7-10

VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



Convention 2021

Don't Miss Your Chance to Save on Registration

At Convention you will have the opportunity to hear from the Premier and the Minister of Government Relations, network with municipalities in your sector and from across the province, and attend informative education and breakout sessions which build on our theme: *Stronger Together*.

Don't miss your chance to not only participate in Convention but also save on registration. The early-bird deadline for Convention 2021 is **December 22**.

Convention registration officially opened November 16. If you have not received your invitation to register, we encourage you to check your junk, spam, or blocked email for this registration invitation.

If you are unable to locate the registration invitation sent to your municipality's main contact email, please contact the Municipalities of Saskatchewan office by phone at 306-525-3727, or email accounting@munisask.ca.

Answering Your Convention Questions

Whether this is your first Municipalities of Saskatchewan convention, or you just want to be prepared for Convention 2021, this document will help you get the scoop. For example:

What are Executive elections?

Elections for three Municipalities of Saskatchewan Executive positions are held at the convention following municipal elections. At Convention 2021 elections will be held for:

- President
- Vice-President of Towns
- Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities The presidential election is taking place at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, February 8. Vice-presidential elections will follow at 2:00 p.m. during Sector Meetings.

Who can vote in Executive elections?

All elected officials representing a Municipalities of Saskatchewan member municipality in good standing are eligible to cast one vote in the election of the President. To vote, an elected official must be in attendance at the Municipalities of Saskatchewan convention and be a registered convention delegate.

Each elected official representing a Municipalities of Saskatchewan town, village, resort village, or northern municipality who is in attendance at the annual convention and who is a registered convention delegate can cast one vote for their sector representative during Vice-President elections held during the Sector Meetings.

A link to vote will be sent out to all eligible elected officials registered to attend Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow.

If you have questions about Convention going virtual, be sure to check out our Virtual Convention FAQ.

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Maple Creek: *Director of Operations* (December 11)
- Town of White City: *Deputy Town Clerk* (When filled)
- Village of Viscount: Administrator (January 8)
- Village of Elbow: Administrator (December 14)
- Resort Village of Mistusinne: Administrator (December 18)

For Sale:

Portable Radar Speed Sign

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:

- SaskCulture Community
 Cultural Engagement and
 Planning Grant (February 16)
- SGI Community Grant Program (February 28)
- 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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