

# MUNICIPAL Update

December 14, 2020



## Community Rink Affordability Grant Returns

The Government of Saskatchewan has reinstated the Community Rink Affordability Grant, with registration officially opening today, **December 14**.

The program provides funding for community-owned indoor skating rinks and curling rinks. A maximum of \$2,500 will be available per ice surface to help offset the expenses in eligible indoor skating and curling rinks for the 2020-21 operating season. The grant may be used to offset the cost of rink operations, minor capital upgrades, or to outfit the facility with COVID-19 safety-related expenditures.

[Register for the grant](#)

Municipalities of Saskatchewan has been advocating for the reinstatement of the grant since it was cut in 2017. We're pleased to see the grant return to help cover the costs of operating rinks in Saskatchewan's hometowns.



## Final Webinar of 2020 Tomorrow

Ransomware attacks and other cyber incidents victimize Canadian organizations of all shapes and sizes.

Protect your municipality by educating your staff and yourself about the dangers of phishing, maintaining patches and security updates to protect your infrastructure, and leveraging an experienced incident response team; these are all vital tools in the fight against cybercrime and exploitation of your organization.

**Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.** join Municipalities of Saskatchewan and Aon Cyber Solutions' Catherine Bertheau for our final webinar of 2020 *The Age of the Breach: Everyone Can Be a Target*.

[Register now](#)

[Improve Road Safety in Your Community](#)



### Traffic Safety Fund Grant

Applications for the [Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant](#) program are being accepted starting **January 1**.

Individuals representing municipalities and Indigenous lands/territories can apply for this grant to undertake traffic safety initiatives in their communities. Grants of up to \$100,000 per location are available. [Learn more](#).

### New PSE Locations

Is speeding an issue in your community? Apply to bring photo speed enforcement (PSE) technology to your community. New PSE technology locations will be recommended by the PSE Committee. Locations that may be eligible include high-risk, high-collision, and high-volume pedestrian areas. More information is available on SGI's website at [www.sgi.sk.ca/photo-speed-enforcement](http://www.sgi.sk.ca/photo-speed-enforcement).

If you have questions about either program, or to request an application form, contact the PSE Program Administrator at [PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca](mailto:PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca) or call 1-844-TLK-2SGI (1-844-855-2744) extension 6042.

The application deadline for both programs is **March 31**. All applications will be assessed by the PSE Committee, with decisions for the Traffic Safety Fund reached by June 30. The camera grant is reviewed and forwarded to Government of Saskatchewan for final decision.



## Virtual Regional Meetings

December 1 and 2



### A Wrap On Regional Meetings

Regional meetings came to a close on December 2. A big thank you to everyone that attended.

This year's regional meetings included elections for regional directors and regional alternates.

Your regional directors are:

- North - Councillor Gerald Roy, Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse
- Northeast - Councillor April Phillips, City of Melfort
- Northwest - Councillor Richard Beck, City of Warman
- Central - Mayor Bryan Matheson, Town of Lumsden
- East Central - Councillor Randy Goulden, City of Yorkton
- West Central - Mayor Rod Perkins, Town of Kindersley
- Southeast - Mayor Pat Jackson, Town of Kipling
- Southwest - Mayor Michelle McKenzie, Town of Maple Creek

In accordance with Municipalities of Saskatchewan bylaws, regions must have elected officials representing 10 or more member municipalities in attendance to hold elections. Elections in Municipalities of Saskatchewan's North and West Central Regions were postponed until a later date. Gerald Roy remains Northern Regional Director until the next Northern Regional Meeting and West Central Regional Alternate Rod Perkins fills the role of West Central Regional Director until the next regional meeting.

Presentations and recordings from the meetings will be sent out directly to registrants.

Thank you again to everyone who attended. While we couldn't meet in person, this was a valuable opportunity to get your feedback, hear your issues, and have discussions important to your hometown.



## Board of Revision Training for 2021 Revaluation

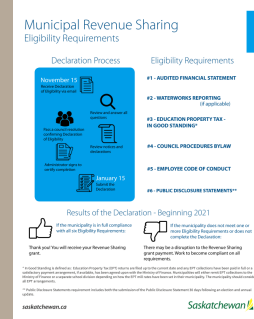
New online training is available to support municipal boards of revision for the 2021 property revaluation.

The online training, a mixture of pre-recorded and live-sessions, will cover topics including:

- Principles of administrative justice.
- Effective hearings/administrative tribunal proceedings.
- Rules of evidence for administrative tribunals.
- Plain language in administrative tribunal proceedings and decisions.
- Post-administrative tribunal hearing deliberation and decision writing.

The first live session is happening tomorrow from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. See the [full training schedule](#) and learn more.

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## MRS Declaration of Eligibility

To receive Municipal Revenue Sharing for 2021-22, municipalities are required to submit a Declaration of Eligibility to the ministry and ensure their municipality meets all eligibility requirements.

The Ministry of Government Relations has emailed municipalities their unique link and password for the online Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) Grant Declaration of Eligibility. The deadline for submission of the online Declaration of Eligibility is **January 31**.

If your municipality did not receive the email and it is not in your spam/junk folder, email the ministry at [grcompliance@gov.sk.ca](mailto:grcompliance@gov.sk.ca).

A completed declaration requires a resolution from council confirming the eligibility requirements the municipality meets.

[Learn more](#) about the requirements.

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## Baler Twine Recycling Project Launched in Saskatchewan

Baler twine is an essential agricultural tool to wrap and store hay, straw, and



## FCM Vision for Green, Inclusive Economic Recovery

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has released

silage, but at the end of its useful life, plastic twine is challenging to manage. Disposal in a landfill can result in the twine twisting around the wheels of landfill equipment and disposal by burning or burying is detrimental to the environment.

Cleanfarms has launched a pilot program in Saskatchewan to collect baler twine for recycling. The pilot will involve 30 collection locations.

[Read more](#) about the pilot program.

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[detailed recommendations](#) for federal post-COVID- economic recovery plans.

They urge a green and inclusive recovery that empowers local leaders to deliver results for Canadians on the ground while continuing to protect the frontline services they rely on. The recovery plan emphasizes public transit and community climate action. FCM also stresses the need for continued operating funding support so municipalities can protect frontline services and gear up for recovery.

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## Events

### Upcoming Events

**Municipalities of Saskatchewan Webinar -  
The Age of the Breach: Everyone Can Be a Target**  
December 15

**Virtual Convention and Tradeshow**  
February 7-10

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## VIRTUAL Convention and Tradeshow



## Convention 2021

### Last Chance to Save on Your Convention Registration

Bear Pit, Dialogue with Ministers, sector meetings, education and breakout sessions, networking, and the Municipal Marketplace. There's so much to do at Convention 2021.

Register now to not only attend all these great sessions, but also save on registration. The early-bird deadline for Convention 2021 is **December 22**.

Convention registration officially opened in November. 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](mailto:accounting@munisask.ca).

## Education Sessions at Convention 2021

We are thrilled to bring delegates both on-demand and live education sessions during Convention 2021.

### Live Sessions:

#### Education Session

- *Having a Strong Suit in Law and in Local Projects*

#### Breakout Sessions

- *Prompt Payment: Secure Your City Projects*
- *Working Side by Side: Government Relations' Role in Northern Communities*
- *Attracting Visitors: Understanding Tourism in Your Town and Village*
- *Working Together: Economic Development in Towns and Villages*

### On-Demand Content:

- *Building Robust Budgets*
- *Governance 101: What I Wish I Knew in My First Year on Council - **Session Preview***
- *Visualize Municipalities in 2039*
- *Leadership Lessons from Tristen Durocher's 44 Day Fast - **Session Preview***
- *Effective Communications in a Crisis - **Session Preview***
- *Lessen your Liability in an Environmental Crisis*

Check out the **Convention brochure** to learn more about each of the education and breakout sessions.

## Classifieds and Grants



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Village of Elbow: *Administrator* (December 14)
- Resort Village of Mistusinne: *Administrator* (December 18)
- Town of Wynyard: *Assistant Administrator* (December 31)
- Village of Viscount: *Administrator* (January 8)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- SaskCulture Community *Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant* (February 16)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (February 28)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (March 12)

- Town of Lanigan: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of White City: *Deputy Town Clerk* (When filled)

**For Sale:**

- *Garbage Truck*
- *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.

- *SGI Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (Opens January 1 and closes 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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