

Economy

Issue

Municipalities are heavily affected by outside economic factors that can impact their revenue and investments. Issues like supply chain disruptions, border closures, and potential U.S. tariffs threaten the economies that they depend on, while trade barriers between provinces and territories make it harder to shift to more stable Canadian markets. The removal of key services, such as postal services, and unnecessary levels of taxation make the ongoing survival of our communities even more challenging.

Areas of Focus

- Getting products to market/supply chain
- Border services
- Inter-provincial trade barriers
- Return of carbon tax revenue to municipalities
- Canada Post

Ask/Key Messages

SUMA is calling on the next Federal Government to:

1. Through the National Supply Chain Office, work with the Provinces/Territories to monitor and react to supply chain disruptions that have a negative impact on economic competitiveness.
2. Ensure all current border crossings in Saskatchewan are maintained, and require extensive municipal consultation by the Canadian Border Services Agency before any attempts to reduce hours or shut crossings.
3. Take a leadership role with all Provinces/Territories to initiate the discussion on identifying and eliminating inter-provincial trade barriers.
4. Exempt municipalities from the carbon tax entirely or provide rebates to municipalities for the costs of the carbon tax, effective immediately.
5. Refrain from any closure or reduction in service at any Canada Post Offices, particularly those in smaller municipalities and remote and northern communities.
6. Ensure municipal concerns are considered in review of Canada Post, including preserving Canada post as a public service, emphasizing its importance to municipalities, particularly regarding postal banking, EV infrastructure, and affordable mail delivery.