

# MUNICIPAL Update

March 10, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 12

MuniCast S8:E1: Diversity and Inclusion in Economic Development with SEDA, SAISIA, Town of Tisdale, and 9ja Foodie

### March 26

MuniCast Bonus Episode: Behind the Badge with Chief Marshal Robert Cameron

### April 9

MuniCast S8:E2: Bylaw Enforcement for Public Safety with City of Yorkton and the Town of Allen

### April 13 - 16

2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow

See all [upcoming events](#).

## Saskatchewan Responds to U.S. Tariffs

SUMA strongly opposes the U.S. administration's decision to impose tariffs on Canada, a move that will have serious consequences for our economy, businesses, and local communities. These unjustified tariffs not only threaten jobs and disrupt critical supply chains but undermine decades of cooperation and economic prosperity. We stand united with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in our shared determination to ensure that municipal voices are heard and respected at all levels of government.

We are heartened by the efforts being made on the federal level and in many provinces to combat these measures. We encourage all Premiers to work together and with their federal counterparts, using all economic levers at their disposal to push back on these unjustified actions. We urge the U.S. administration to reconsider this harmful decision and to work collaboratively with Canada to strengthen our trade relationship. We also call for immediate discussions between Canadian and U.S. officials to resolve this issue before further damage is done.

For the Government of Saskatchewan's response to the U.S. tariffs, please see the attached letter from Hon. Eric Schmalz [here](#).

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## Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal

SUMA wishes to remind members of the many resources available on the [SUMA Member Portal](#), including [recordings from the 2025 Virtual Summit and webinar recordings](#).

Each municipality has one shared login for the member portal that should be distributed to all staff and members of council. Please contact your Chief Administrative Officer for access. We encourage you to revisit or share previous webinars with other staff or elected officials.

Visit the **SUMA Member Portal** here.

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Broadband Connectivity

The **Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee** (SBAC) is a cross-sector and community-based group of provincial, local, and Indigenous organizations, and networks. The Committee was formed through a collective concern over the issues and lost opportunities for all citizens related to broadband connectivity across the province. SUMA is co-chair of the SBAC.

SBAC's key focus is to assist with addressing long-standing issues affecting broadband connectivity and advise and direct actions leading to a shared strategy, investment, and vision.

#### The Need for Change:

1. Saskatchewan continues to receive the lowest per capita investment from the Federal Government.
2. Persistent digital divide for individuals living on First Nations and in rural and remote communities.
3. 53% of the province does not have access to broadband 50/10 high-speed (the CRTC's national standard).
4. Saskatchewan is currently the only province without a provincial plan related to improving broadband infrastructure.
5. A large portion of the Saskatchewan population lives in rural areas, where connectivity is a concern.

#### Call to Action:

As a committee, SBAC has outlined five key calls to action for the Provincial and Federal Government to develop a Provincial Broadband Plan and receive greater investment in broadband infrastructure – outlined in the [2025 SBAC Briefing Note](#).

To further SBAC's cause, our ask of you is to continue to raise this issue and ask questions with your local MLA and the Provincial Government. Together, we can achieve broadband parity for all Saskatchewan residents, regardless of address.

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### Policy Brief: A Case for Renewal of Municipal Revenues in Saskatchewan

Municipal governments in Saskatchewan face significant challenges. An over reliance on property taxes, coupled with the need to address expanding social issues, service to citizens and infrastructure challenges has put enormous fiscal pressure on municipalities. It's time to consider solutions that will make municipal governance more sustainable.

Click [here](#) to read more about the renewal of municipal revenues in SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau's recent article published by the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

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### Canada Post Review

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) has contacted a SUMA member for support for maintaining Canada Post as a public service. SUMA is aware that if Canada Post is privatized, municipalities could face challenges such as higher costs, reduced services, labour disputes, and more. We believe we can play a role in this by formally addressing municipal concerns and

advocating for public review and stakeholder review before any changes are made.

We encourage municipalities to participate in the following ways:

- If your municipality has been contacted by CUPW, hold council discussions and determine a stance on the issue.
- Consider writing letters to the Federal Government outlining concerns and impacts on your municipality. Correspondence can be directed to [steven.mackinnon@parl.gc.ca](mailto:steven.mackinnon@parl.gc.ca)
- Monitor policy developments and stay up to date on the issue.

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## SUMA Caucus Results

Congratulations to everyone elected to sit on a SUMA caucus:

### Villages:

SW: Nora McLearn - Mayor - Village of Neville.

NW: Ken Huber - Councillor - Village of Goodsoil.

NE: David Duhaime - Councillor - Village of Bjorkdale

SE: Josh Vass - Mayor - Village of Pangman

### Towns:

SE: Greg Wall - Councillor - Town of Carnduff

NW: Dennis Helmuth - Mayor - Town of Rosthern

NE: Roy Skoglund - Mayor - Town of Tisdale

WC: Deb Winder - Mayor - Town of Delisle

C: Lamatia Robinson - Councillor - Town of Colonsay

EC: Gina Rakochy - Councillor - Town of Canora

SW: Michelle McKenzie - Mayor - Town of Maple Creek

There are **open positions** in the following regions:

### Villages:

East Central

Central

West Central

An email has been sent out to the impacted regions from SUMA encouraging your mayor or councillor to put their name forward by **March 6**. For more information, please contact the SUMA office at [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org).

**Each SUMA member city is required to appoint an elected official to sit on SUMA's Cities Caucus.** Submit your mayor or councillor by **March 15** by emailing [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org).

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## Resources for Newly Elected Officials

Congratulations to all those who have been elected or re-elected to serve as mayor or councillor in their community.

SUMA recognizes the unique challenges faced by urban municipalities, and is here to provide **tools and support to help ensure the next four years are as successful** as possible for you, your fellow council members, and your municipality as a whole.

To help you get started on the right foot, we have put together a **list of resources for elected officials**. These tools are useful whether it's your first term or tenth, so we encourage all elected officials to bookmark [this page](#) and revisit it often.

# We are URBAN.

**SUMA** | 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow | April 13-16 Saskatoon, SK

As members from across Saskatchewan come together for the first time following the municipal election, SUMA would like to celebrate the strength of our communities as a part of the urban family. This year, help us create an environment of inclusion and education by shining a light on all the ways urban municipalities—from the smallest villages to the largest cities—serve their population.

Convention 2025 promises to be a busy four days, from excursions and education sessions, to the Bear Pit. See the [agenda](#) for a list of times and sessions. For more detailed information, check out the [2025 Convention Brochure](#).

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## Early Bird Reminder

Registration for the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow is open and the early-bird deadline is **March 12**. Take advantage of **early-bird pricing** and be entered to **win a complimentary registration for Convention 2025**.

An email with the link and password to register was sent to the main contact for your municipality. If your municipality did not receive your invitation to register, please check your junk mail. Not there? Email [registration@suma.org](mailto:registration@suma.org).

If you have any questions about registration, please contact the SUMA office by phone at 306-525-3727, or by email at [registration@suma.org](mailto:registration@suma.org).

We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Registration Closes April 3

Registration for the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow will close on **April 3 at 4:00 p.m. CST**.

**No late registrations will be accepted.**

### Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations made by April 3 at 4:00 p.m. CST will incur a \$100 fee per registrant. **No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after April 3**, regardless of the reason. Substitutions are permitted without any additional charges.

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## Hotel Booking System Closes March 10

Delegates are responsible for arranging their own hotel accommodations. If you have not yet booked your rooms for Convention 2025, please do so as soon as possible!



For booking, SUMA is once again using the hotel booking system Resiada. With Resiada, you can view prices for each hotel, see where they are located, check their availability, and book your rooms, all through a single website.

**To ensure accurate availability, all accommodations at participating Convention 2025 hotels must be booked through Resiada.**

Resiada will remain open for booking and changes to reservations until **March 10. Remember to cancel any hotel rooms you do not need.** After this date, you will need to contact the hotel directly to make changes to your reservation.

[Click here to access Resiada and reserve your rooms!](#)

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## Presidential Election: Call for Nominations

An election for SUMA President will take place on **April 15** during the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow, and nominations are now open.

**Any mayor or councillor from a SUMA member municipality in good standing is eligible to run for President**, including those who have previously been elected to a SUMA Caucus. While Caucus representation is replacing the former regional director positions on SUMA's Board of Directors, **the President of the Board will continue to be elected from the floor at Convention.**

Those interested in running are required to **submit nomination papers 15 days prior** to the election date, by 11:59 p.m. CST on March 31. Nominees must have their **papers signed by two other elected officials** from any SUMA member municipality in good standing.

All candidates who have filed their nomination papers before March 22 are eligible to submit a **one-page platform document** (not exceeding 1,000 words) with photo that will be posted to the SUMA website and included in a one-time-only email to SUMA member municipalities.

### [Learn more about what it means to be SUMA President](#)

Before submitting your nomination papers, please take the time to **read more about what it means to be President of the SUMA Board of Directors.**

The position of President is a significant time and travel commitment. In addition to chairing quarterly Board meetings, the President sits as ex-officio on all caucuses and can attend any caucus meeting they choose. The President is typically expected to attend as many events as possible - Convention, the Virtual SUMA Summit, and the Regional Roadshow, to name a few.

The President is the face of the organization and therefore is often the first point of contact for members, other government officials, and many partner organizations. The President is also required to be available for media requests.

Being on the Board of Directors, whether as President or sitting on a caucus, means you'll need to keep your eye on things that impact the bigger picture; SUMA advocates for issues that impact all urban municipalities in Saskatchewan. It involves working closely with other orders of government, provincial and federal. You will also be a main point of contact for all other Board and caucus members, and work closely with SUMA administration. It is bigger than just your community.

SUMA represents all Saskatchewan urban municipalities - from the smallest of villages to the largest of cities - and that starts with the President of the Board of Directors. If you're ready to take on that challenge, we encourage you to submit your nomination.



Submit a nomination here.

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## Showcase Your Municipality at #SUMA2025

What makes your municipality special?

We are looking for **fun, interesting, or unique facts about SUMA member municipalities** to be shared as entertainment during breaks at Convention. Think "hometown proud," but shorter! Our MC will work these municipal tidbits into his script for times when delegates are waiting for the action to begin. Please keep your submissions to a maximum of 30 words.

If you have a fact to share, please email [communications2@suma.org](mailto:communications2@suma.org) by April 3.

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## Dinner Entertainment at the President's Gala

We are excited to announce the dinner entertainment scheduled for the President's Gala and Awards Ceremony: **sand artist Kelly Choo** will be performing at the Tuesday evening social event.

Sand art is more than just drawing — it is a powerful medium that conveys meaningful messages. Kelly's raises awareness of important social issues such as anti-bullying, drug prevention, smoking cessation, multicultural awareness, and self-esteem building. Through performances and videos, she aims to inspire people and create genuine moments of connection and empathy.

During dinner, Kelly will use the movement of sand and tea to take us on a journey through 120 years of SUMA. Become inspired as the sand turns into a masterpiece that unfolds like a captivating film.



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Learn more about Convention 2025 here.

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**REASONS TO ATTEND**

**SHAPE POLICY**  
 Convention is an opportunity to influence policy both locally and provincially. Shape S.U.M.A.'s policy direction through needs, ideas, sector meetings, and the dialogues with SUMA sessions. The annual board of and dialogue with ministers sessions provides delegates with the opportunity to put their municipal issues before the provincial government, as well as the media.

**NETWORKING**  
 There are plenty of people to meet and plenty of opportunities to network. Shine a spotlight on your community as you connect with colleagues, peers, SUMA Board and staff members. Network with provincial and federal decision makers at the SUMA Convention during the President's Gala, sessions, all breaks, and in your sector meeting.

**MUNICIPAL MARKETPLACE** Presented by Kinetic GPO  
 • Sunday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 • Monday, April 14, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 • Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

One of the largest of its kind in Canada, SUMA's tradeshow features booths with products and services that municipalities use every day. It's one of the best ways to connect with exhibitors on April 14, and April 15. Tour the booths on Sunday, April 13 between 4:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. in advance of the official opening during the Early Access Reception.

**SUMA CONVENTION APP**  
 SUMA will once again be using the SUMA Convention app for 2025, meaning everything you need to know about Convention is available at your fingertips.

- Make your own schedule
- Participate in live polls
- Ask questions during education sessions from the comfort of your seat
- Show others what they're missing by posting in the event feed
- See what others are saying about Convention on the social wall
- Never get lost with the interactive maps

Convention Brochure

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**REGISTRATION FAQs FOR MEMBERS**

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

You'll need to gather the details for all attendees from your municipality before you begin the registration process. As soon as you enter a delegate in the registration system they are considered registered – even if you don't complete their registration. **Only enter delegates that have confirmed their attendance.**

Here is a list of details you'll need to gather and confirm before you start:

**The Basics**

- Who is in charge of registration? Your municipality will be registered as a group and not as individuals, so it is important to assign one person (such as a CMO, administrator, or clerk) to handle the registration process.
- Who is attending from your municipality? Make sure you have the correct spelling of their names and email addresses.
- What category will each attendee fall under?
  - Voting delegates
  - Non-voting delegates
    - Municipal employees/tradeshow observers – municipal employees wishing to attend the tradeshow only. (Municipal employees are able to attend the tradeshow for free but must be registered as a tradeshow observer in the convention registration system.)
- How many voting delegates are allotted to your municipality and which council members will be assigned voting privileges?
- Will your council members be attending in-person or participating online? Make sure you know the preference of each council member you are registering.
- NEW! As a part of our We are Urban campaign, SUMA will be giving a t-shirt to each in-person delegate to celebrate the strength of our communities and our unity as part of the urban family. Please check with your delegates and let us know their preferred t-shirt sizes.
- What education, breakout, and dialogue sessions will each of your delegates attend? See the promotional brochure for more details.
- Are your in-person delegates interested in participating in one of the two optional excursions? See the promotional brochure for details on the excursions.
- Will you need additional event tickets? One ticket to the Welcome Reception and President's Gala is included in each delegate registration. Additional tickets for the Welcome Reception can be purchased for \$75. President's Gala tickets can be purchased for \$100 per ticket.

**Special Circumstances**

Does your municipality have to register a SUMA Board member? If yes, you should have received a promotional code. If not, please contact Heather Vanderaa at 306-525-4391 or [execstat@suma.org](mailto:execstat@suma.org).

Are any of your attendees receiving a service award? (This would include Honorary Service, Meritorious Service, Scogg Leamy and Life Membership awards). If you have award recipients, you should have received a promotional code. If not, please contact Chyenne Geysen at 306-525-4390 or [communications@suma.org](mailto:communications@suma.org).

Member Registration FAQ

# CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



SASKATCHEWAN  
 MUNICIPAL  
 AWARDS

## Winners Announcement

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are sponsored by



SUMA is pleased to announce the winners of the **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards** for 2024. The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards celebrate the innovative practices of Saskatchewan's municipal governments. Four innovative projects from 10 municipalities are being recognized in the 18th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.

This year's winners have shown excellence in sustainable land stewardship, accessibility, cooperation, and addressing community needs.

The winners of the 18th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are:

**Top Municipal Initiative: *Bredenbury Community Daycare*** (Town of Bredenbury)

**Top Rural Municipal Initiative: *RM of Enniskillen Grazing Project*** (RM of Enniskillen No. 3)

**Top Urban Municipal Initiative: *Plewis Automotive Group Inclusive Park*** (City of Swift Current)

**Regional Cooperation: *Fire Chief Collaboration/School, EMO Committee, and CSO Program*** (Twin Rivers District: Towns of Duck Lake, Hauge, Hepburn, Rosthern, and Waldheim and the RM's of Rosthern No. 403 and Duck Lake No. 463)

Please see the [full media release](#) for details about the excellent initiatives undertaken by these municipalities.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards will be presented at SARM and SUMA's upcoming Conventions.



# MuniCast

A SUMA Podcast

## Bonus Episode

### Eventful Conversations with Trevor Moore

#### Convention 2025 MC

## Bonus Episode: Eventful Conversations with Trevor Moore

Want to get to know MC Trevor Moore before Convention 2025? Tune in to the latest episode of **MuniCast!**

Trevor is a neurodivergent husband, father, and entrepreneur who lives life as a mental health advocate, chronic pain warrior, kindness crusader, and over-thinker in recovery. As a professional emcee, host, speaker, and corporate standup comedy magician with 17 years of experience at the microphone, Trevor understands how to steer the rhythm, focus, and feel of any event. His intimate and interactive style, engaging attitude, and refreshing and upbeat persona is sure to entertain guests at this year's Convention.



In this episode, **Eventful Conversations with Trevor Moore**, discover what audience members can expect as he guides us through Convention 2025. Learn more about Trevor, how he will incorporate his vast hosting and speaking experience, and his hopes for attendees to walk away inspired.

[Listen now!](#)

MuniCast is available on most major podcast platforms including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), and [YouTube](#).



# SUMA Golf Tournament

★ JULY 11 ★

OUTLOOK RIVERVIEW GOLF COURSE  
Hosted by the Town of Outlook

Golf Tournament



Swing into Action at the 35th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament, hosted by the Town of Outlook

The Pirates of the South Saskatchewan River will be setting sail for the **Town of Outlook!** Join us for the **35th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament** hosted by the Town of Outlook on **Friday, July 11** at the **Outlook Riverview Golf Course**. The theme is Pirates of the South Saskatchewan River, so don your finest pirate attire, and get ready for a swashbuckling good time!

Come a day early and enjoy a **social evening** on **Thursday, July 10** to network with your peers while enjoying wings, beer, pickle ball, bowling, and more! On July 11 expect a day filled with 18-holes of golf, hearty laughter, and, of course, treasure-worthy prizes. Following the tournament a banquet and awards ceremony will take place. Set your course for an unforgettable event where camaraderie and competition come together on the greens.

Registration is now open!

[Learn more and register!](#)



Webinar

SUMA

03.25.25  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

## Climate Ready Infrastructure: How to Access Free Expert Support for your Community

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### Webinar: Climate Ready Infrastructure: How to Access Free Expert Support for Your Community

Is your infrastructure climate ready? **Your municipality could be eligible for FREE expert support** to enhance sustainability while reducing costs. Join on **Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.** for the webinar **Climate Ready Infrastructure: How to Access Free Expert Support for your Community**. This will be an interactive info session on the **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS)**—a new initiative that connects municipalities with top climate experts to help ensure **your current and future infrastructure projects are low-carbon and climate-resilient**.

This session will cover:

- How the CRIS works to support public infrastructure in smaller communities
- The program offerings, including cost savings and long-term sustainability benefits for municipalities
- How to register your public infrastructure project to access expert support tailored to your community's infrastructure needs
- A live Q&A with Climate Leads

This is a unique opportunity to connect with experts, explore how CRIS can support your municipality's climate-ready infrastructure goals, and get answers to your questions.

The **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service** is delivered by the **Canadian Urban Institute (CUI)** and funded by the **Government of Canada**.

Webinars are free to all SUMA members, there is a fee of \$45 + GST and PST for non-members to attend.

Register now!

SUMA webinars are free to all SUMA members, there is a fee of \$45 + GST and PST for non-members to attend.

**SUMA's webinar program is sponsored by SUMAssure.**



## Need to Catch Up On a Webinar?

All webinar recordings are available on the **SUMA Member Portal**.

Each municipality has one shared login for the Member Portal that can be distributed to all staff and members of council. We encourage you to revisit or share previous webinars with other staff or elected officials. If you are unsure of your login information, please contact [communications2@suma.org](mailto:communications2@suma.org) for assistance.

A recording of SUMA's latest webinar, **2025 Property Re-evaluation: What Municipalities Need to Know**, is now available to be viewed at any time. Presented by SAMA, this webinar includes an update on the 2025 revaluation process, information on SAMA's diligent assessment work, and the latest scoop on the governance aspects of SAMA's operations.

**Visit the SUMA Member Portal.**

## OTHER UPDATES

### Rural Sask 2025: Highlight Your Small Urban Community

The **Conseil économique et coopératif de la Saskatchewan (CÉCS)** invites you to **participate to the 3rd edition of Rural Sask, on March 14**. This is the perfect event to showcase your town, village, or resort village and its assets.

Why participate?

- Attract new residents by highlighting your services and advantages.
- Present what makes your community unique.
- Build connections with families and workers motivated by the small urban lifestyle.

Event details:

- Location: TCU Place, Saskatoon
- Address: 35 22 St E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0C8
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to shine and invest in the future of your community. We look forward to welcoming you to this day dedicated to the future of Saskatchewan's small urban communities.

To register, click [here](#).

### Climate Ready Infrastructure Service

The Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) is **now accepting project submissions from local governments and communities across Canada**. This new program, delivered by the Canadian Urban Institute, **connects smaller municipalities with top climate and infrastructure experts to help strengthen infrastructure investments for long-term sustainability**.

Local governments with **populations under 30,000** can register projects at any stage of development to receive specialized expertise, decision-making support, and capacity-building opportunities tailored to their needs.

Learn more and register [here](#).

The Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts is facilitated by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the Government of Canada.

## Partnership with People First HR Provides Assistance to SUMA Members

Does the thought of HR make your head hurt? We get it.

HR issues can be complex and difficult to navigate. That's why SUMA has partnered with **People First HR** to provide group benefit members with HR On Call support and access to 100s of HR templates.

**Approved callers can get HR On Call support for topics such as:**

- Creating a respectful workplace
- Employee relations
- Managing leaves
- Performance management guidance including employee discipline
- Termination
- Disability management consultation (accommodations, return to work, doctor notes)
- Legislation and best practice
- Requirements for policy development and workplace procedures



### Free up time with access to Hundreds of HR templates

From recruitment to performance management, policies to respectful workplace (and so much more), with HR On Call you have access to hundreds of FREE HR templates to make supporting your team easier.

To learn more and access templates you need, email People First at [hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com](mailto:hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com)

## Funding from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada, Sean Fraser, announced the launch of **new capital project intakes under the Active Transportation Fund and the Rural Transit Solutions Fund**.

### Rural Transit Solutions Fund

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund supports the **development and expansion of locally driven transit solutions, by helping residents of rural, remote, Indigenous and Northern communities** conduct their day-to-day activities, like access services, go to work, school, medical appointments, and visit loved ones. A minimum of 10% of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund's funding will be allocated to projects that benefit Indigenous populations and communities.

As of December 16, 2024, applications for the Capital Projects stream are being accepted through the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's [Applicant Portal](#). Applications will be accepted from all applicants until **March 4 (3:00 p.m. EST)**, while applications from Indigenous recipients will be accepted until **April 8 (3:00 p.m. EST)**. Before applying, applicants are encouraged to review the information in the [Capital Projects stream Application Guide](#) and follow the [Capital Projects stream Step-by-Step Guide](#). The Rural Transit Solutions Fund [webpage](#) is also an excellent reference.

Applicant inquiries can be directed to the respective programs at [ATF-FTA@infcc.gc.ca](mailto:ATF-FTA@infcc.gc.ca) and [RTSF-](#)



## Micro-Credential Course: Municipal Leadership in Addressing Substance Use Harms

Micro-Credential

### MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE USE HARMS

School of Public Health

8 weeks | Evidence-Based Policy Options | Partnership Ideas | Community Solutions

Online course starts April 1, 2025

**LEARN MORE:**

[www.tinyurl.com/MunicipalLeadershipMCUsask](http://www.tinyurl.com/MunicipalLeadershipMCUsask)

[Barb.Fornssler@usask.ca](mailto:Barb.Fornssler@usask.ca)

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

SUMA is pleased to announce the next enrollment of the University of Saskatchewan's new **micro-credential course**, from the School of Public Health, called ***Municipal Leadership in Addressing Substance Use Harms***, starting April 1. This is a 40 hour, 8-week asynchronous online course. It is equivalent to 1 university credit unit. The class will be taught by **Dr. Barbara Fornssler**, an Assistant Professor at the School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan, and by **Jennifer Chouinard BA BSW MPP**, a PhD Candidate at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina.

The course addresses the following four topics:

1. The Substance Use and Addictions Continuum: The Role of Stigma in Health
2. Substance Use Interventions: Harm Reduction and Prevention; Health and Wellness Promotion; Treatment and Recovery
3. Evidence and Strategic Intervention: Municipal Leadership
4. Public Policy, Engagement, and Advocacy

This is a **policy-focused course**, ideal for professionals looking to:

- Refine their skills in articulating the complexities of substance use and stigma.
- Apply evidence-based strategies for reducing substance use harms including prevention, treatment and recovery services.
- Develop and evaluate policies in partnership with a range of health system and community stakeholders.
- Communicate effectively with the public to align health initiatives with local support services.

Course tuition is \$750 plus taxes and fees. It comes with a certificate and digital badge upon completion. If cost is a barrier to enrollment, please [email Dr. Fornssler](mailto:Barb.Fornssler@usask.ca) directly.

For more info and to register please visit the course registration page: [PUBH M01A Municipal Leadership in Addressing Substance Use Harms | University of Saskatchewan \(usask.ca\)](https://www.usask.ca/school-of-public-health/municipal-leadership-in-addressing-substance-use-harms/).

## Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Moves to a Continuous Process

**TSS will be moving to a continuous, rolling intake process.** All completed applications in the application system will be reviewed on the **spring closing date of April 30**, and **fall closing date**



of October 31, 2025.

Please view the [intake guide](#) and [fact sheet](#), both of which outline the changes and updates to the program. The online application portal can be accessed [here](#).

## Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada **launched its application intake for the \$1 billion direct delivery stream of the [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#)** (CHIF).

They are now accepting proposals from eligible applicants, such as municipalities and Indigenous communities, for projects with total eligible costs ranging between \$1 million and \$100 million, under a continuous intake stream while the intake remains open, until **March 31 at 3:00 pm ET**.

Projects may be pulled for assessment at various times during the intake period, with projects being recommended for approval prior to the intake closing on **March 31** and on May 19 at 3:00 p.m. ET for Indigenous applicants.

In order to support Indigenous-led projects, at least 10 per cent of the funding envelope will be dedicated to eligible Indigenous recipients.

For more information, please consult these resources:

- [Applicant Guide](#)
- [Guide for Indigenous Applicants](#)
- [How to access the funding portal](#)
- [CHIF website](#)

Please feel free to direct any questions to the CHIF team at [chif-fcil@infcc.gc.ca](mailto:chif-fcil@infcc.gc.ca).

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Apply for a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant\* to help your community fund important traffic safety projects such as crosswalks, speeding signs, and school zone signs.

Visit <https://sgi.sk.ca/community-grants-programs> for more information and how to apply.

Application deadlines March 31 and September 30.

\*Grants are fully funded from the proceeds of photo speed enforcement.



Safer roads,  
safer communities

**SGI** Saskatchewan



**Kinetic GPO**

CDW Canada is pleased to be an Apple Authorized Reseller for Apple technology through their

awarded Kinetic GPO contract RFSO #21-12 catering to IT solutions and services.

CDW is your trusted technology partner for Apple products and services as well as other OEM solutions that complement the entire Apple ecosystem.

Whether you need to deploy devices with charging carts, ruggedized cases, deploy an MDM solution, leverage AppleCare+ for schools or refresh your Apple fleet, CDW offers personalized support.

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## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- [Town of Shaunovan](#): Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- [Town of Shaunovan](#): Assistant to Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)
- [Town of Davidson](#): Operations Manager (March 14)
- [Town of Lampman](#): Maintenance Personnel (March 14)
- [Town of Wawota](#): Public Works Employee (March 14)
- [Town of Wolseley](#): Chief Administrative Officer (March 14)
- [Town of Shellbrook](#): Chief Administrative Officer (March 15)
- [Town of Raymore](#): Request for Tender - Sale of 2014 New Holland Tractor and Loader (March 17)
- [RM of Meadow Lake](#): Manager of Public Works (March 21)
- [Town of Kindersley](#): Chief Administrative Officer (March 28)
- [RM of Wilton #472](#): Municipal Clerk II (March 31)
- [Town of Raymore](#): Temporary Full-Time Town Maintenance/Public Works Employee (April 3)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Office of the *Provincial Interlocutor: First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Seed Funding* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Affordable Rental Innovation Fund* (Year-round)
- CHIF Fund: *Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund* (March 31)
- TSS: *Targeted Sector Support Grant* (April 30)

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- [Air Ronge](#), Deputy Chief  
Administrative Officer/Manager of  
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