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Local Government Week Proclaimed in Saskatchewan

The first-ever Local Government Week has been proclaimed in the province at the joint request of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA).

Saskatchewan's Government Relations Minister Warren Kaeding officially proclaimed the Week, which runs from November 12 to 16.

"Mayors, reeves, chairs, councillors, trustees, and administrative officials all contribute to shaping the quality of life delivered to our province's citizens and their families. They all play key roles in working with their neighbouring communities and other government partners. On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, it's a pleasure to have this week recognize their valuable contributions and insights that help keep this great province strong," said Kaeding.

"SARM understands the important role reeves and councillors play in governing RMs," said SARM President Ray Orb. "We are committed to building capacity at the local level and are pleased to recognize Local Government Week."

"Local governments are responsible for the services and infrastructure that many residents rely on daily," said SUMA President Gordon Barnhart. "Local Government Week provides a formal opportunity to highlight this work and more."

The call to recognize Local Government Week with an official proclamation from the province emerged through discussions between the partner organizations as an excellent opportunity to increase awareness and engagement in the province's systems of local democracy.

"Locally-elected governments are the voice of the people and provide connection and accountability to communities," said SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson. "Decisions are best made at the grassroots level and local governments have credibility and relationships with their communities."

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