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City Mayors Talk Common Concerns at Semi-Annual Caucus

City mayors and managers are meeting in Estevan today for the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) City Mayors' Caucus to discuss issues important to the province's largest municipalities.

"Saskatchewan's city mayors are working hard each day to improve the lives of residents," said Mayor Fraser Tolmie, chair of the City Mayors' Caucus and Mayor of Moose Jaw. "The City Mayors' Caucus is an opportunity to come together and discuss common issues and potential solutions."

The City Mayors' Caucus brings together the mayors of Saskatchewan's 16 cities, offering not only a forum to discuss issues but also an opportunity to project a strong and unified voice on local and provincial issues facing municipalities.

Topics of discussion at today's meeting included gang violence reduction, the Urban Highway Connector Program, and Bill C-69. City representatives also discussed the cannabis excise tax. At Convention 2019, SUMA members passed a resolution advocating for the provincial government to implement a cannabis excise tax sharing agreement.

"Communities are responsible for controlling cannabis production, sales, and consumption," said Mayor Tolmie. "Our municipal bylaws regulate zoning and public consumption, and our bylaw officers, building inspectors, and police ensure laws and codes are followed. An agreement giving municipalities 33 per cent of total cannabis excise tax revenues collected in the province would help hometowns handle these local costs related to cannabis."

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