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<u>Asset Management, Revenue Sharing on Agenda for Saskatchewan's</u> Southwest Hometowns

Municipal leaders from 19 hometowns in southwest Saskatchewan gathered in Assiniboia September 26 to discuss the matters important to their communities.

Topics of asset management and revenue sharing dominated the conversation at the Southwest Regional Meeting hosted by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA).

"Our hometowns are responsible for everything from roads and bridges to landfills, water, waste water, recreational facilities, and more," said Dale Domeij, Southwest Regional Director for SUMA and Mayor of Mortlach. "Yet municipalities receive only 10 cents from every tax dollar collected. Asset management can aid in stretching these dollars and making the most out of municipal infrastructure. But other funding is essential to providing the best quality of life for our residents."

Representatives from Saskatchewan's southwest hometowns also received updates on topics including cannabis legalization, vehicle for hire regulations, and multi-material recycling.

The Southwest Regional Meeting is one of seven regional meetings being hosted by SUMA from September 26 – October 4.

"Regional meetings are an opportunity for municipal officials to discuss challenges and share ideas with fellow leaders from their region," said SUMA President Gordon Barnhart.

Leaders who attended the southwest regional meeting represented:

Assiniboia Cadillac Central Butte Coronach Gravelbourg Herbert Lafleche Leader Maple Creek Neville Mortlach Mossbank Ponteix Rockalen Shaunavon Stewart Valley Val Marie Webb

Willow Bunch

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