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SUMA Appreciates Municipal Funding in 2019-20 Budget

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) appreciates the provincial government's support of Saskatchewan's cities, towns, villages, and northern municipalities in today's budget.

"Urban municipalities understand the difficulties of preparing a balanced budget with limited resources," said SUMA President Gordon Barnhart. "We appreciate the provincial government's recognition of hometowns, through direct funding such as revenue sharing and shared funding such as the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program."

Municipal revenue sharing will increase by \$10 million to \$251 million for 2019-20. Urban municipalities welcome the additional funding after revenue sharing related to PST decreased last year.

The budget also provides for shared infrastructure funding, with the province contributing up to 33 per cent of the funding for municipal infrastructure projects approved through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

"Our hometowns are responsible for the infrastructure residents rely on every day," said President Barnhart. "This funding will help build stronger communities."

SUMA is also pleased with the increase in funding for transit assistance and investment in Saskatchewan's northern highways.

However, SUMA is disappointed that PST will continue to be placed on municipal construction projects, and that the budget does not address sharing of the cannabis excise tax. SUMA will continue to advocate for changes to both on behalf of Saskatchewan's hometowns.

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