

# MUNICIPAL Update

July 15, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 14**

Candidate School -  
Northern Municipalities

**August 16**

SUMA Golf Tournament hosted  
by the Town of Maple Creek

**September 11**

Candidate School - Municipal  
Governance 101: Cities, Towns,  
and Villages

**September 12**

Northern Members Meeting

**September 17**

Candidate School - Town Hall

**September 18**

Candidate School - Village Hall

**September 19**

Candidate School - City Hall

See all [upcoming events](#).

## Saskatchewan Property Assessment Reform

Five ideas for further reform to Saskatchewan's property assessment system were developed by SUMA's Assessment Legislation & Policy Working Group. Please take a moment to share your thoughts on SUMA's advocacy regarding these five topics by completing the survey below.

[Complete the survey.](#)

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### Advocating for Changes to the Three Municipal Acts

As you know, last month Government Relations proposed opening the three municipal acts -- *The Cities Act*, *The Municipalities Act*, and *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*. Periodically, these acts are amended and reviewed to respond to changing policy needs and stakeholder concerns.

**SUMA has heard back from our municipalities and will be sending a letter to Government Relations to advocate for changes to the three acts.** Thank you to those who took part in the process and submitted suggestions to our Director of Advocacy. Currently, consultations are ongoing, and the three acts will be opened for review and amendments in 2025 during the fall Legislative sessions.

## We are URBAN.



Participate in the **We are URBAN.** campaign by **submitting a photo and description things from your community that you would like to highlight.**

**We are URBAN.** shines a spotlight on all the ways urban municipalities—from the smallest villages to the largest cities—serve their population. Whether it's the new skating rink, water and sewer services, parks, or libraries, these are just some examples of facilities that make our cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities urban hubs bringing people together.

**Throughout the campaign we are using memoryKPR to collect submissions.** All we need you to do is submit a picture and a brief explanation of what you choose to highlight! If you have them, include your social media tags and information. We'll tag you to draw more traffic to your pages!

[Learn more about We are URBAN.](#)

As you travel across Saskatchewan, you'll see billboards of communities proudly declaring, **We are URBAN.** If you have a **community operated billboard** and want to **participate in the We are URBAN. campaign**, let us know by contacting [communications@suma.org](mailto:communications@suma.org).

**Have you heard about our contest** with \$1650 in prizes? Submit a photo of a **We are URBAN.** billboard for a chance to win! For complete contest details [visit our website.](#)

## CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

# SUMA CANDIDATE SCHOOL

Learn about being an elected official in this virtual session for potential municipal election candidates.



Check [www.suma.org/events/candidate-school](http://www.suma.org/events/candidate-school) for more information and to register.

Candidate School is a FREE virtual opportunity for potential municipal election candidates to learn about being an elected official.

## **Municipal Governance 101: Northern Municipalities**

### **Northern Municipal Hall**

August 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## **Municipal Governance 101: Cities, Towns, and Villages**

September 11, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### **Town Hall**

September 17, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### **Village Hall**

September 18, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### **City Hall**

September 19, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**SUMA is seeking your support in sharing these events to potential elected officials** in your municipality. Please share information about the event in your community and on social media **using the resources provided by SUMA**. Resources including a printable poster, social media graphic, and text for emails and social media posts are available on our [website](#).

Candidate School sessions consist of two parts, Municipal Governance 101 and a "Hall" session specific to your sector. During Municipal Governance 101 participants learn how democracy works, the roles and responsibilities of council, ways to navigate conflicts of interest, and challenges unique to their sector. The "Hall" session is a question and answer period where attendees can ask their municipal governance questions.

[Access promotional resources here.](#)



At home, in the office, or on the go, listen to MuniCast on all major podcast platforms!

MuniCast is the podcast that discusses municipal leadership and unique perspectives on local governance. Previous episodes have included conversations with individuals and organizations to explore the core principles and challenges municipal leaders face. Episodes from the last 6 seasons cover topics including, mental health and addictions, lessons in leadership, truth and reconciliation for municipalities, getting to know SUMA, and more. All episodes are available to be listed to at any time.

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## Webinar Recordings Available on SUMA's Member Portal

All webinar recordings are available on the **SUMA member portal**, at [suma.org/member-login](https://suma.org/member-login). During the summer months, there will be no new webinars, however, we'll return to our regular schedule in the fall.

If you missed any webinars that you would like to revisit or share with other staff or elected officials in your municipality, they can be accessed 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.

If you are unsure of your login information, please contact [communications2@suma.org](mailto:communications2@suma.org) for assistance.

## CONVENTION 2025

### Join the 2025 Convention Focus Group

To help SUMA gain a better understanding of convention from a members' perspective, we are once again hosting a convention focus group.

The **focus group for Convention 2025 will meet once virtually** in **August 2024**. Following the meeting, a report detailing the focus group discussion will be taken to the Convention Planning Committee and the information to guide decisions for Convention 2025.

The **focus group is open to elected officials and administration** from SUMA member municipalities who are interested in sharing ideas and feedback to help shape our next convention.

We encourage members to express their interest to ensure that different sectors and regions are

represented. If you are interested in joining please **express your interest by July 24** by [filling out the form](#).

**Express interest in joining the Focus Group**

## OTHER UPDATES

### 2024 Municipal Election Information from SUMA

SUMA began offering election supplies and ballot printing during the 1997 election year. Members can take advantage of our bulk purchasing savings and friendly customer service when preparing for their municipal elections/byelections.

#### Member Advantages

- Substantial cost savings, based on bulk purchasing of supplies and bulk processing of ballots.
- Supplies shipped using the most cost effective method for each individual municipality (usually within 3-5 business days of order receipt).
- When the order is received by the SUMA office within **15 business days prior to the advance poll date**, guaranteed processing of ballot orders to meet the limited turn-around time between close of nominations, advance poll, and election dates. Orders received less than 15 business days prior to the advance poll date cannot be guaranteed.
- Members will be invoiced directly from SUMA.

#### Election Supplies and Ballot Order Forms

- [Election supplies](#) (PDF document)
- [Ballots](#) \*SUMA MEMBERS ONLY\* (PDF document)
- **SARM Members only:** [Election supplies](#) (PDF document)

#### Contact Information

Please scan and email forms to [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org)

#### Handy References & Links

- Electoral Forms - Print Your Own: Visit the [Publications Saskatchewan](#) to download and print your own Election Forms.
- Can't find what you're looking for? Forms may also be found at [the King's Printer](#).
- [The Local Government Election Act, 2015](#)
- [The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015](#)
- [Election Procedures for Municipalities](#)

### Municipal Administrator's Corner – Elections Resources

2024 is a general election year for all municipalities in Saskatchewan. **Cities, towns, villages, and northern municipalities will hold their general elections on November 13.** Election day for **resort villages is July 27**. (Northern municipalities may move their election date earlier by decision of council).

To learn about amendments to [The Local Government Election Act, 2015](#) and [The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015](#), please check out the document [Information Bulletin: Amendments to The Local Government Election Act, 2015](#).

The Advisory Services and Municipal Relations branch has also updated several resources to assist election officials in carrying out their municipal election. [The Election-Byelection Scheduling Tool](#) is a great resource to map out the municipal election process and become

familiar with the legislated dates and publishing requirements. [The Local Government Election Guide](#) for Saskatchewan municipalities has also been updated and is available to help municipal election officials understand the municipal election process and perform their duties.

For additional questions regarding municipal election legislation or these resources, please contact the Advisory Services and Municipal Relations branch at **306-787-2680** or by email at [muninfo@gov.sk.ca](mailto:muninfo@gov.sk.ca).

## Become Involved in Creating Regulated Child Care Centres

The Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch, invites you to **participate in a live one-hour webinar on Municipal Involvement in Regulated Child Care**.

The webinar is intended for municipalities to learn about regulated child care in Saskatchewan and gain an understanding of the role municipalities can play.

To accommodate schedules and support your participation, the live webinar will be delivered twice:

- Thursday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 15 at 9 a.m.

Please register online by visiting [Municipal Involvement in Regulated Child Care](#) prior to July 15. There is no cost to participate.

Participation capacity will be limited to 25 participants per session. A meeting link will be sent upon registration.

To learn more about how your municipality can support child care development, visit [Start a Regulated Child Care Centre](#).

## Clean Up Abandoned Impacted Sites through the Impacted Sites Fund

Is there an abandoned impacted site (such as a former gas station or laundromat) in your community? **Apply to the provincial government's Impacted Sites Fund** for funding towards assessment and clean up!

The Impacted Sites Fund is designed to **address contaminated areas that have been left abandoned and pose a risk to the environment**. The fund is available to municipalities to assess and remediate impacted sites acquired through tax arrears.

**With this funding, you can contribute to a cleaner environment, enhance public safety and create economic and social development opportunities in your community.** Read about the [Town of Shaunavon](#) – the first successful applicant for funding. In the summer of 2023, the town received an additional \$35,174 to fully characterize the impacts at the site.

Learn more about the fund [here](#).

## Community Rink Affordability Grant

The Government of Saskatchewan's **Community Rink Affordability Grant program** saw **another successful year, granting 585 communities across the province with funding in 2023-24 year**. This grant helps our member municipalities support, build, and maintain rinks across the province, which are often the heart of communities. This is the sort of collaborative effort that helps keeps our communities strong. You can **read about this year's funding and recipients [here](#)**.

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## CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Battleford: *Accounting and Utility Clerk* (July 16)
- Town of Southey: *Finance and Administrative Assistant* (July 19)
- Northern Municipal Services: *Northern Municipal Finance Advisor* (July 19)
- City of Martensville: *Communications Specialist* (July 25)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Family Violence and Prevention Program* (July 19)
- *Regional Recreation Practitioner Pilot Program* (July 19 release date)
- Saskatchewan Legion: *Veteran Service Club Grant* (August 31)

For a full listing of grants, check the **Grants** section of our website under the Resources tab.

- City of Yorkton: *Business Liaison* (July 30)
  
- City of Yorkton: *GIS Analyst* (July 31)

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