

MUNICIPAL Update

July 2, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3

MuniCast release - S6:E6
Expanding Broadband Access
with SaskTel

August 14

Candidate School -
Northern Municipalities

August 16

SUMA Golf Tournament hosted
by the Town of Maple Creek

See all [upcoming events](#).

Webinar Recordings Available on SUMA's Member Portal

Looking for recordings of previous SUMA webinars? All webinar recordings are available on the **SUMA member portal**, at suma.org/member-login.

If you have 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 for assistance.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

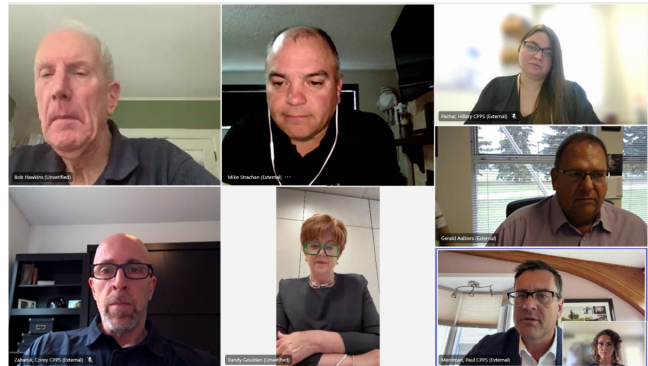
Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Updates

On June 27, SUMA staff met with the **Provincial Disaster Assistance Program** to discuss potential changes to the program. We will be soliciting feedback from our membership on these changes in the coming weeks.

Also on June 27, **SUMA's executive met with Corrections, Policing and Public Safety**

Minister Paul Merriman. Discussions were held around the **Police Act Renewal, police recruitment/retention, bylaw adjudication and enforcement, and the Saskatchewan Marshall's Service**. We thank Minister Merriman for his continued engagement with SUMA as we work to address issues important to Saskatchewan's hometowns.

On June 25, SUMA staff and executive met with **Saskatchewan Marshall's Service Chief Marshall Rob Cameron** to receive an update on the Marshall's Service roll out.



Building and Maintaining Relationships

On June 26 SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau and President Randy Goulden had the pleasure of attending the **retirement dinner for Minister Don McMorris**. SUMA has worked closely with Minister McMorris for many years, in particular for the last several in his role as Minister of Government Relations. We thank Minister McMorris for his service and dedication to this province and our municipalities.

On June 19, **SUMA executives attended the Saskatchewan NDP Caucus meeting** in Saskatoon to speak about issues related to municipal autonomy and sustainability. Topics covered in the discussion were **municipal revenues, municipal responsibilities, and downloading of costs by the province**.

As you know, municipalities must run balanced operating budgets, but have only property taxes and grants from other orders of government for streams of income. On behalf of our municipalities, **SUMA has been asking for access to more revenue streams and substantial changes to our assessment and revenue systems** to better meet needs.

SUMA also delved into talk about landfills; the Police Act, bylaw enforcement, mental health and addictions and programs which impact those issues, such as SIS and SAID; and environmental leadership. **We have expressed our concerns over these issues to the government regularly, and now our concerns now being shared again with both parties in advance of the election.**

These issues are a priority for SUMA because they are important to our member communities. SUMA is open to discussions about these topics will all orders and bodies of government.

We are URBAN.



Help us launch our BRAND NEW Instagram account and have a chance to win some great summer prizes!

As you travel across Saskatchewan this summer, keep an eye out for billboards showcasing SUMA members proudly declaring **We are URBAN**. Snap a photo or video and share it with us for your **chance to win 1 of 4 weekly prize packs** valued at \$200 or a **Grand Prize pack** valued at \$650! Each week you will have a new opportunity to win a summer prize pack. All entries will be eligible for the Grand Prize draw.

How to enter:

1. Follow us on **Instagram** at [@suma.connect](https://www.instagram.com/suma.connect)
2. Post a photo or video of a "**We are URBAN.**" billboard on your **PUBLIC** Instagram page with the hashtag **#WeareURBAN** **OR** Share your photo with us on [memoryKPR](https://www.instagram.com/memoryKPR).

For complete contest details and more information [visit our website](#).

Learn more about We are URBAN.

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



In season 6 of MuniCast we are uncovering "Who is SUMA?".

Episode five, ***Serving Members: Membership, Funding, and Supplies***, features a conversation about the value of membership, ordering election supplies, connecting members to legal support, and more information on the funding opportunity available through the Targeted Sector Support initiative.

The work done in corporate services is often done behind the scenes, but does a lot to support SUMA members. In this discussion led by Jean-Marc Nadeau, CEO of SUMA, learn more about the behind the scenes work that SUMA engages in to support members.

[Listen to Municast!](#)

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Bring your A-game and and best luau attire for the chance to **be crowned Luau royalty on August 16.**

The **Town of Maple Creek** will be hosting the **34th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament** at the Maple Creek Golf Course and the Cypress Hills Golf Course. Players dressed in their best luau attire will be competing to be crowned as the King or Queen of the Luau at each course!

Stick around for dinner, an awards ceremony and dance. Return on Saturday, August 17 to celebrate with the town at the Maple Creek Street Festival in the

heritage district!



Registration fees:

Golf Tournament and Banquet **\$150**

Banquet ONLY **\$30**

Registration closes on **July 15**. Register soon to secure your spot!

[Learn more and register.](#)

Interested in hosting the 2026 SUMA Golf Tournament?

The host municipality for the SUMA Golf Tournament is selected two years in advance. The SUMA Golf Tournament will be hosted by the Town of Maple Creek in 2024, and the Town of Outlook in 2025.

Nominations to host the 2026 SUMA Golf Tournament can be submitted to the Town of Maple Creek at golf2024@maplecreek.ca. The deadline to submit your nomination is **July 15**. Any SUMA member municipality can submit a nomination.

[The nomination form can be accessed here.](#)

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

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.

Government Relations Proposes Opening Municipal Acts

The Ministry of Government Relations is proposing to open the three municipal Acts for amendments in the 2025-26 legislative session. The legislation concerning municipal governance

—[The Cities Act](#), [The Municipalities Act](#), and [The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010](#) — is periodically reviewed and amended to respond to changing policy needs and stakeholder concerns. These three Acts will be reviewed concurrently for the greatest possible alignment and consistency; however, **any suggested amendments are encouraged, whether they are common to all three or specific to one particular Act.**

SUMA will have issues that we've collected and considered through our resolutions which we will bring forth. However, **we encourage our members to take part in the process and respond to the review.** View the consultation timeline graphic [here](#). To take part in the process and **make suggestions for amendments please contact advocacydir@suma.org.**

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](#).**

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](#).

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For more information on the program's different services and how to apply for the program, please visit [Commercial Energy Optimization Program \(saskpower.com\)](http://CommercialEnergyOptimizationProgram.saskpower.com)

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Town of Macklin: *CAO* (July 15)
- 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)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

Find the latest listings by visiting the [classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

- *Family Violence and Prevention Program* (July 19)
- 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.

