

MUNICIPAL Update

July 29, 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](#).



Practice Your Swing Like a Royal!

The **deadline to register** for the **34th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament** and luau **has been extended to August 6!**

Bring your A game and best luau attire for a chance to be crowned king or queen. **The Town of Maple Creek will be hosting**, and the tournament will take place on **August 16** at the Maple Creek Golf Course and the Cypress Hills Golf Course.

Don't leave after the golf tournament and luau! Come back 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**

[Learn more and register.](#)

Meeting with the Saskatchewan Conservative caucus

Today SUMA met with the **Saskatchewan Conservative caucus to discuss advocacy issues** important to our municipalities. We discussed the need for a **new municipal growth framework**, speaking to concerns relating to downloaded costs from other orders of government and the need for additional revenue streams for municipalities to draw from. We also touched on **next generation infrastructure funding and inflation**, the relationship between municipalities and **housing, RCMP policing**, and, as always, our cornerstone advocacy issue - **mental health and addictions**.



SUMA is open to discussions with all orders of government who believe in making urban municipalities a great place to live, work and play. We thank the Saskatchewan CPC for their time and look forward to continued collaboration on these files and more.

Urban Libraries Get a Small Boost

SUMA is pleased with the recent **partnership between SaskTel and the Ministry of Education** leading to **upgrading internet bandwidth in small urban libraries** across the province. This upgrade will help support many libraries and the services they provide to residents in our municipalities. Libraries are integral community hubs in our urban centres and we are encouraged to see this investment as recognition of that fact.

We hope that the Government of Saskatchewan will continue this progress by considering other issues we have been advocating for, such as **funding changes and an opening of The Public Libraries Act**.

Read about the recent partnership between SaskTel and the Ministry of Education [here](#).

Thanks for Completing the Property Assessment Reform Survey

Five ideas for further reform to Saskatchewan's property assessment system were developed by SUMA's Assessment Legislation and Policy Working Group, and a survey was sent out to our membership. **Thank you to those who participated in the survey**. Your feedback is appreciated.

We are URBAN.



Our cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities are urban hubs bringing people together.

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Participate in the **We are URBAN.** campaign by **submitting a photo and description of things from your community that you want 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.** Have you found all the participating municipalities? Keep an eye out for billboards of these communities:

- Balgonie
- Bethune
- Birch Hills
- Bredenbury
- Chaplin
- Codette
- Davidson
- Delisle
- Foam Lake
- Hanley
- Langham
- Marshall
- Paynton
- Radisson
- Watson

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.

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 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.

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.

Listen to MuniCast!

Webinar Recordings Available on SUMA's Member Portal

All webinar recordings are available on the **SUMA member portal**, at 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 for assistance.

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.

Election Resources for Citizens Running for Council

The Ministry of Government Relations, in consultation with the municipal associations (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan and Rural Municipal Administrators' Association), developed the following **resources geared toward citizens who are thinking about running for municipal council**:

- **[Guide – Consider Running for Municipal Council](#)** – A citizen's guide for candidacy in municipal elections.
- **[Videos](#)** – Four pre-recorded videos that break down the guide content into shorter video clips by topic.
- **[Poster](#)** – A poster that contains a QR code that the public can use to go to saskatchewan.ca where the new resources are located.
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As an administrator, you're encouraged to communicate the availability of these resources to the public by:

- Displaying the poster in the municipal office and/or public spaces frequented by your citizens.
- Printing copies of the poster and/or guide to have available in the office.
- Including the poster on the municipality's website.
- Including information in upcoming mailouts of the municipality.

Changes to the Electronic Equipment Stewardship Regulations

Saskatchewan is considering changes to [The Electronic Equipment Stewardship Regulations](#). The Ministry of Environment completed a review of the regulations in 2023 and wants to understand how proposed changes may impact your municipality, business or organization.

We invite you to review the Ministry of Environment's [Summary of Proposed Changes](#) and **provide written feedback to advocacy1@suma.org by September 3, 2024**.

Thank you for participating in the engagement process. Your feedback is appreciated and will provide insight into the ministry's proposed changes to The Electronic Equipment Stewardship Regulations.

Funding Available to Hire a Recreation Practitioner

Looking to enhance recreation in your community and surrounding area? **The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA)'s Regional Recreation Practitioner Pilot Program can support you in employing a full-time recreation practitioner.**

The program provides support to a service area to employ a full-time recreation practitioner, responsible for managing recreation services within a designated geographic area. SPRA will provide financial support over a 1-year period to subsidize the position, as well as ongoing support for the practitioner and the service area.

A service area is a partnership of at least 3 organizations, including at least one First Nation, urban or rural municipality in a designated geographical area.

Simply team up with your community and two additional partners and collaborate with each other to complete the application form by August 14, 2024. If you care about vitality and wellbeing of your community, you won't want to miss out on the opportunity to have a skilled recreation practitioner in your area!

To learn more, visit: <https://www.spra.sk.ca/funding/our-grants/>

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CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- City of Martensville: *Communications Specialist* (July 25)
- City of Yorkton: *Business Liaison* (July 30)
- City of Yorkton: *GIS Analyst* (July 30)
- City of Melfort: *Director of Corporate Services* (August 2)
- City of Meadow Lake: *City Manager* (August 11)
- City of Flin Flon: *Works and Operations Foreman* (August 16)

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.



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Regional Recreation Practitioner Pilot Program* (August 14)
- 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.