



A MESSAGE FROM THE President

March 10, 2021

Notes from the March Board Meeting

The full Board of Directors met last week to discuss matters important to Saskatchewan's hometowns and strategize on how Municipalities of Saskatchewan can best serve our members.

Strategic Planning

After every municipal election, once the full Board is in place, we create a **strategic plan for the term**. The plan is our guiding star, setting the priorities for our work on behalf of members and within the association. The strategic plan is a critical part of Municipalities of Saskatchewan's governance. This high-level view of our work helps us be sure we are moving in the right direction.

On **March 4** the Board met virtually for a strategic planning exercise during which we discussed our **perception of the association, where we are now, and where we want to go from here**. We talked about the need for a governance review. We also discussed the rebranding from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) to Municipalities of Saskatchewan.

The Board will be meeting again this month to finalize our strategic plan for 2021-25. An overview of our 2017-21 strategic plan is available at www.munisask.ca and the 2021-25 plan will be posted once complete. We will also be sure to send out a copy to all members, so be sure to watch your email.

The Board met again online **March 5** for our regular Municipalities of Saskatchewan Board of Directors Meeting.

Rebranding Vote

Rebranding dominated the conversation at the Board meeting. The Board recognized member concerns regarding the name change and the process used to adopt the name Municipalities of Saskatchewan. At Convention 2021, during the AGM, we announced that a vote on the name change would occur at the AGM in 2022. However, to provide members with an opportunity to **have your say on the name** as soon as possible, on March 5 the Board of Directors instructed staff to proceed with an **electronic membership vote** on the name change **by June, 2021**.

Members on Advocacy Committees

During the Board meeting, we also accepted **seven municipal members to sit on our four advocacy committees**.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan operates internal committees to ensure

membership priorities and initiatives are met, and to account for the responsibilities and policy areas Municipalities of Saskatchewan encounters daily. In September, to **better engage with you** and **increase transparency**, the Board approved a motion to have elected officials from member municipalities join our advocacy committees.

Thank you to the 27 municipal leaders who expressed interest in joining our advocacy committees. The seven members were randomly chosen, with consideration given to ensure that different sectors are represented. Joining the committees are:



Public Safety and Health

- Councillor Greg Wall, Town of Carnduff



Community and Economic Development

- Councillor Crystal Froese, City of Moose Jaw



Environment

- Councillor Robb LaRochelle-Horner, Village of Manitou Beach
- Councillor Doug Ramage, City of Warman



Intergovernmental Affairs

- Councillor Thomas Durocher, Village of Beauval
- Councillor Morley McMillan, Village of Plenty
- Councillor Jamie Martens, City of Martensville

On March 5 the Board also set the **resolution priorities for 2021** and directed Municipalities of Saskatchewan staff to **follow-up with the Minister of Environment regarding a Municipal Climate Change Action Centre**.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled to take place on **June 25**.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan
Unit 305 - 4741 Parliament Ave., Regina, SK.
306-525-3727
munisask@munisask.ca
munisask.ca

