



President's Update

September 30, 2020

Notes from the September Board Meeting

The Municipalities of Saskatchewan Board of Directors gathered online September 25 for the final Board meeting before municipal elections on November 9.

During the meeting, the Board was presented with the logo for **Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention**. Earlier this month, we announced that [Convention is going virtual](#) for 2021. This year's logo embraces our virtual theme, **Stronger Together**, with:

- Map pointers that represent Municipalities of Saskatchewan members who are located across the province. There are **five pointers to represent cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities**.
- The overlap of the pointers represents, that while physically distanced, **members are coming together**.
- The word "Stronger" is bold to represent **strength**, and the "T" elongated to connect both words of the title, just as the virtual convention is designed to **connect Saskatchewan's hometowns**.



The board was also presented with a preliminary agenda approved by the Convention Planning Committee, who met on September 8. The **agenda for February 7-10** includes **two keynote speakers, live as well as on-demand education sessions, a virtual social, and more**. We'll keep you updated in [Municipal Update](#) and [Municipal Voice](#) as well as on the [Convention Page](#) of our website.

To help Municipalities of Saskatchewan's smallest members take advantage of Convention, we will once again be hosting a **program for hometowns with populations of less than 150 people**. The program, first introduced last year, invites municipalities with populations less than 150 to enter a draw to win free convention registration for two delegates. Three hometowns will be chosen. Watch your inbox and Municipal Update for more information.

On the topic of committees, the Board of Directors discussed including **municipal members on Municipalities of Saskatchewan's advocacy committees** to better engage with you, our members, and increase transparency. The change will take place in

March 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

Other topics of discussion during the Board meeting included the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre and Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Budget.

Provincial Election Advocacy

In my last update from the June 2020 Board Meeting, I reported that Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Board of Directors discussed priorities for the upcoming provincial election. The writ has now dropped and our provincial advocacy campaign is underway. You'll see us advocating for **continuation of the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP)** and **stable Municipal Revenue Sharing funding**. What do these two items have in common? They ensure that our communities have the support they need from the provincial government. We will be sending out more information about our advocacy campaign as it unfolds.

Submit Your Resolutions

Resolutions for Convention 2021 are being accepted until **November 1**. If your municipality has a resolution in mind, check out Municipalities of Saskatchewan's [Call for Resolutions](#) which includes a template you can use as a guide. If you want to review [past resolutions](#), see our website - resolutions are available online all the way back to 1997. Also, don't forget to review Municipalities of Saskatchewan's [Resolutions Policy](#).

At the conclusion of the Board meeting on September 25, we bid farewell to Executive Member for Regina/Saskatoon Mike O'Donnell and West Central Regional Director Al Heron who are not seeking re-election. We wish both Mike and Al all the best and thank them for their dedication to their community and all of Saskatchewan's hometowns.

Our next Municipalities of Saskatchewan Board of Directors meeting will be held on **December 4**.

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