

MUNICIPAL Update

September 8, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17

Virtual Procurement Bootcamp
for Urban Municipal
Administrators

See all [upcoming events](#).

SUMA Calls for Government Action as China's Tariffs Threaten Saskatchewan's Agricultural Economy

Saskatchewan communities are grappling with significant challenges following **China's imposition of a steep 75.8 percent tariff on Canadian canola seed, compounded by a 100% tariff on canola meal and oil introduced earlier in March 2025.**

These measures have escalated market uncertainties and intensified concerns over the future of trade relations between Canada and China.

Canola generates over **\$43 billion in economic activity** across Canada and supports an estimated **55,000 jobs** in Saskatchewan alone. **Many of these jobs are concentrated in urban municipalities**, including cities and towns that are home to processing facilities, logistics hubs, grain terminals, and export services essential to moving agricultural products to market. This interconnected infrastructure forms the backbone of Canada's canola export chain.

SUMA is taking action on behalf of canola producers and processors in the province. We have joined with the **Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS)** calling on the federal government to take action to ensure fair access to global markets.

Randy Goulden, President of SUMA, remarked, "Agriculture, and agricultural processing, are vital for the well-being of communities in Saskatchewan. They create jobs and generate significant economic benefits for our cities, towns, villages, and northern communities. SUMA is united with APAS in demanding government action on the tariffs and a commitment to expanding global trade opportunities. A flourishing agricultural sector leads to a prosperous Saskatchewan for everyone."

SUMA has also written directly to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, calling on the federal government to:

- Ensure Saskatchewan urban municipalities are included in any future relief, mitigation, or trade stabilization measures
- Support long-term trade diversification and regional economic development strategies

Read the full news release [here](#) and our letter to the Federal Government [here](#).



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Reminder: Access to SUMA Member Portal

Recordings from the 2025 SUMA Regional Roadshow are now available! Available to elected officials and administration from SUMA member municipalities, the **SUMA Member Portal** hosts valuable resources for members including meeting recordings, webinars, and more.

Each municipality has one shared login for the Member Portal that should be distributed to all staff and members of council. Please contact your Chief Administrative Officer for access. We encourage you to revisit or share previous webinars and other relevant information with other staff or elected officials.

If you are unsure of your login information, please contact communications2@suma.org for assistance.

[Visit the SUMA Member Portal](#)

SUMA CEO Regional Tour



SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau visited members in the southwest, west central, and central regions of the province last week as part of his Regional Tour.

At each stop, CEO Nadeau met with municipal officials and administrators to hear updates from the community and learn how SUMA can best offer support.

"Our larger events like Convention and Summer School are a great way to bring members together to discuss common issues and share solutions, but when it comes to understanding the distinct needs of our members--

especially our towns, villages, and resort villages--nothing compares to hearing directly from you in your community," he said.

Thank you to our members for joining us for conversations in the following urban municipalities:

- Village of Caronport
- Village of Mortlach
- Village of Chaplin
- Village of Vanguard
- Town of Gull Lake
- Village of Neville
- Village of Frontier
- Town of Eastend
- Town of Maple Creek
- Town of Leader
- Town of Eatonia
- Town of Kerrobert
- Town of Biggar

SUMA CEO Builds Cross-Border Partnerships in Montana

SUMA CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau recently returned from a successful trip to Montana from August 24–28, aimed at strengthening relationships in innovation, trade, and municipal collaboration.

Organized by Brit Fontenot, Bozeman's Director of Economic Development, the visit featured meetings with leaders from **Montana's Innovation Center, Bozeman Airport, Big Sky Economic Development Authority, and the Montana League of Cities and Towns**. Discussions focused on trade opportunities, municipal partnerships, and potential flight routes between Saskatchewan and Bozeman.

All parties agreed that greater collaboration would be of benefit: **Montana's League of Cities and Towns will attend SUMA's April convention, and SUMA has been invited to their annual gathering.** SUMA was also introduced to officials in North Dakota to expand regional engagement. Other highlights included:

- **A podcast invitation to Bozeman Mayor Terry Cunningham for SUMA's MuniCast.**
- **Advocacy around border reopening with the Montana Department of Commerce.**
- **Plans for a follow-up meeting in Regina post-convention.**

Accommodations were generously sponsored by the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce.

Updates from the Saskatchewan Marshals Service

SUMA President, Randy Goulden, and CEO, Jean-Marc Nadeau, met with Chief Rob Cameron and his deputy chiefs, Richard Lowen and Thomas Sierzycki on September 5 to discuss the rollout of the **Saskatchewan Marshals Service**.

The Marshals have launched their first regional office in North Battleford, and brought on a complement of 20 officers to-date. Full staffing of the service is not

anticipated until the end of 2026, and additional regional offices will not be brought online until the North Battleford office is fully staffed. Agreements are now in place with other police agencies in Saskatchewan, and the Marshals are responding to incidents, as needed, as part of the overall public safety system in the province.



SUMA Calls for Unified Municipal Voice on Federal Infrastructure Investment

Along with the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association, Concrete Saskatchewan, MERIT Contractors Association Saskatchewan, and the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Saskatchewan, SUMA sent a letter on July 18 to the Right Honourable Mark Carney and the Honourable Scott Moe **calling on the federal and provincial governments to implement a new tri-party infrastructure program so municipalities can provide the critical infrastructure required to drive economic development and community growth in Saskatchewan.** We called on both governments to advance trade corridors to better get our products to market, and to engage with municipal leaders across our province to identify additional solutions for supporting jobs and economic development in Saskatchewan.

We are pleased with the **response received from the Government of Saskatchewan**, which affirmed our calls for a tri-party infrastructure program that is long-term, predictable, and responsive to the needs of Saskatchewan communities and for engagement with municipal and industry leaders to advance municipal priorities.

Please read our joint letter [here](#) and the Honourable Scott Moe's response [here](#).

Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) Fall Intake Announced

On March 10, the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada announced a 10-year agreement under the **Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)**. The province will receive \$187.9 million through the CHIF program to address housing-enabling infrastructure priorities. In addition, the Government of Saskatchewan is committing approximately \$155 million toward this program. **With the new fund, communities across Saskatchewan will be able to build or improve the critical infrastructure related to drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste in order to support more homes.**



On August 21 the Government of Saskatchewan announced the intake opening for applications to CHIF. Applications are due by November 28.

CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau spoke on behalf of SUMA at the announcement event.

"Increasing the housing supply and affordability in our communities depends on our municipalities

having the means to invest in the infrastructure that those houses will connect to," said CEO Nadeau. "We look forward to continuing collaboration between our municipal, provincial, and federal governments to ensure Saskatchewan communities can meet the needs of our growing province now and in the future."

For more information on how to apply, click [here](#).

Fall Caucus Meetings Scheduled

Our second caucus meetings have been scheduled for the fall. At these meetings, SUMA will give updates on work that has been done over the summer on the priorities each caucus identified at the spring meetings. Contributions to these meetings will inform our continued work on strategies to advocate on behalf of our members on these issues.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Village/Resort Village Caucus: September 3

City Caucus: September 4

Town Caucus: September 11

Caucus meetings are attended by Caucus Representatives from each sector and region. You can find a list of all Caucus Representatives on our [website](#).

If there is a topic you would like discussed at the upcoming Caucus meetings, please reach out directly to your Caucus representative through their municipality. Contact information for all municipalities can be found on the Government of Saskatchewan's [Municipal Directory](#) or municipalities' own websites.

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES



09.17.25

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators

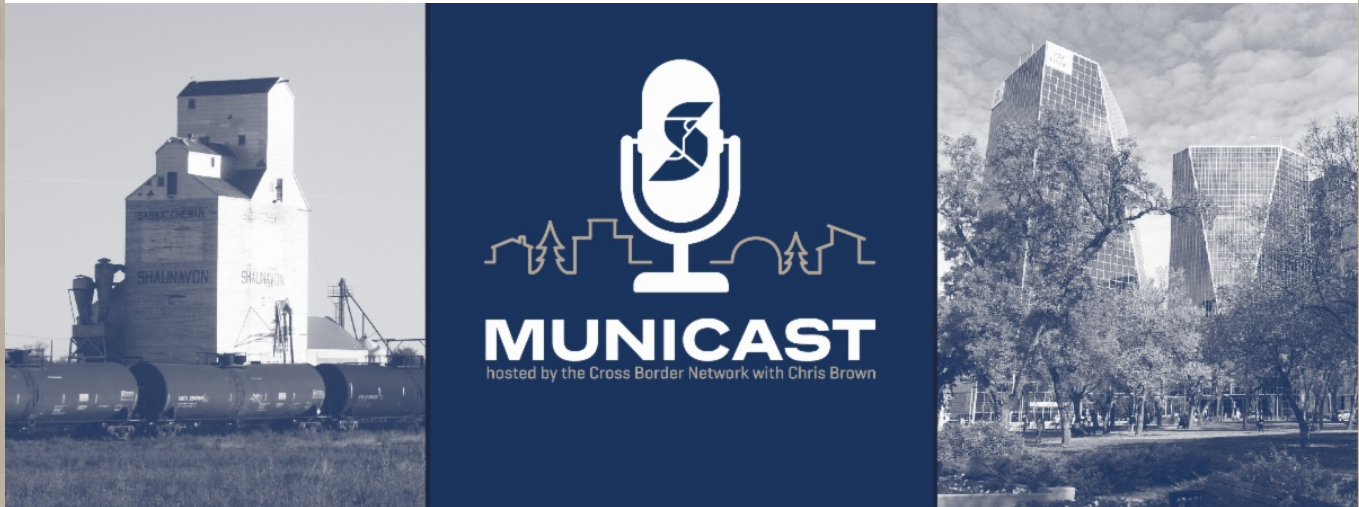
Virtual Procurement Bootcamp for Municipal Administrators

Haven't had a chance to participate in the **Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators**? Join us online on **September 17th** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** for this comprehensive workshop on urban municipal procurement. Participants will be guided through a wide array of procurement essentials, from uncovering best practices to understanding mandatory requirements, policies, and cooperative buying groups. This workshop will explore topics including INCO terms, competitive bidding laws, and truth and reconciliation actions. Facilitator Larry Berglund will also address illegal supplier practices, service level agreements, working effectively with elected officials, and more!

This event will be held virtually and is open to administrators from SUMA member municipalities only. Space is limited, so register soon to secure your spot.

Register now!

Have you already participated in the Procurement Bootcamp for Urban Municipal Administrators? We will be hosting "Part 2" virtually on **October 22**. Keep an eye on Municipal Update and member emails for more information.



MuniCast: Season 9 brings a new look, sound, and host!

SUMA is pleased to announce that this season, **Chris Brown of the Cross Border Network is taking over as the host of MuniCast**. Chris brings a wealth of experience from his work on Cross Border Network, where he has conducted over 850 conversations with municipal elected officials from across the country, including many SUMA members, our Board of Directors, and SUMA's CEO. Known for his open conversation style and insightful questions, Chris has helped bring local government into the public spotlight, making a strong contribution to the municipal sector.

While SUMA will continue to shape the podcast's content to ensure it remains relevant and informative for our members, you'll also notice some exciting updates. Season 9 will feature a fresh new look and sound, with **video interviews available on the MuniCast and Cross Border Network platforms and airing on RogersTV.**

Hear more about these exciting changes in this candid conversation as the outgoing host passes the torch to the next.



[Listen now](#)

MuniCast is available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [YouTube](#), and other major podcast platforms!



SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Nominations open September 9 to November 18

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards
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Saskatchewan Municipal Awards: Nominations open September 9

The **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs)** shine a spotlight on the bold ideas and outstanding leadership driving our communities forward. Whether it's an urban innovation, a rural breakthrough, or a powerful partnership between municipalities, the SMAs honour the very best in municipal-led initiatives.

SUMA is a proud partner of the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards, recognizing the innovation and leadership that shape Saskatchewan's future. Nominate a municipality and help share the success story that could inspire communities across the province! Nominations will be open from **September 9 to November 18**. Visit municipalawards.ca for more information and to access the nomination form.

OTHER UPDATES

SUMA CEO and Board Members Attend Western Canada Economic Forum SASK120 Event

SUMA is proud to be a sponsor of the **Western Canada Economic Forum's SASK120 event**, celebrating the anniversary of our province's creation, the Treaties that continue to underpin its existence, and the role of our communities in developing and sustaining our economy.

We were fortunate to have our CEO and four of our SUMA Board members in attendance at the event: **President Randy Goulden, VPs Randy Donauer and Lyle Herman, and our City Mayors Caucus Chair, Gerald Aalbers.**

Thank you to the Western Canada Economic Forum for a great event.



Thank you to the excellent speakers, including the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre, and Dr. Kathy Walker, the Treaty Commissioner of Saskatchewan, who reminded us not only of our history, but also of our obligations as Treaty People.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of our urban municipalities that provide the economic hubs for their regions and ensure that our provincial economy remains strong.

SUMA's Pet Tag and Animal Control Products Program is Ending

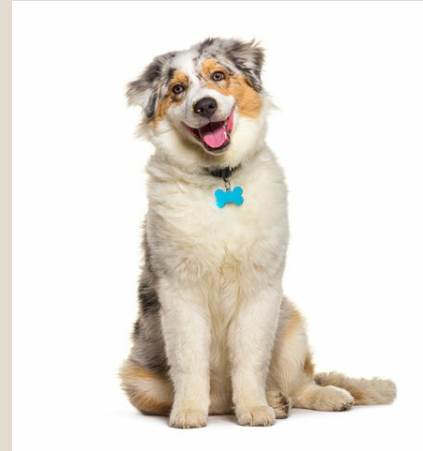
Since 2008, SUMA has provided members with **pet tag and animal control products** from Ketchum Manufacturing Inc. When this program was established, there were limited options for our members to find these types of supplies. SUMA stepped in to provide this program, offering a much-needed service to ensure pets are safely managed in your communities.

In today's online world, there are now many options to order pet tag and animal control products at competitive prices, so SUMA's role in managing this program is no longer needed moving forward.

We will be discontinuing the Ketchum pet tag and animal control products program as of December 31, 2025.

To place an order for products before the program ends, please visit our website.

Place final orders



Don't Miss Saskatchewan's Premier Economic Development Event!

Are you ready to unlock your community's economic potential? The **Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance's (SEDA) 2025 Paths to Prosperity Summit** is just around the corner, and this year's lineup is our most dynamic yet.

September 15 is the last chance for registration discounts.

Visit www.saskleaders.com to download the program, book a hotel room and register.

SUMA is a proud sponsor of this event.

Treaty Learning Journey 2: Living Our Treaties Conference

The Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) is hosting a two-day Treaty Learning Journey 2: Living Our Treaties Conference in Yorkton on October 20-21.

Join the OTC to learn more about:

- **Foundations of Treaty**
- **Intentions of Treaty**
- **Elder's dialogue on Treaty**
- **Strengthening good relations - living our intentions**
- **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)**

The OTC and Former Mayor of the City of Saskatoon Charlie Clark will present preliminary findings from research on strengthening good relations in Saskatchewan between First Nations and municipalities and all Saskatchewan residents.

View the informational brochure [here](#).

For more information or to register, please contact treatyeducation@otc.ca.

Community Airport Partnership Intake for 2026-2027 Now Open

The **Community Airport Partnership (CAP)** is a program that provides funding for regional, community-owned airports in Saskatchewan.

Funding is available for the rehabilitation, construction and capital improvements of airport infrastructure.

Eligible applicants include regionally focused, community-owned airports. Eligible airports should support:

- Economic development;
- Access to surrounding communities;
- Air ambulance and medevac operations;
- Commercial operations; and
- Aviation safety.

Typical projects would be pavement rehabilitation, slurry seals, overlays, lighting, GPS approach design, and Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). Security fencing around an airport may be considered eligible for safety reasons. Consideration will also be given to runway extensions where benefits can be documented for safety, regional economic, and social development reasons.

Applications may be made jointly with other communities, RMs, and businesses in their proposal.

Applications are accepted until October 15, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CT by email to cap.grant@gov.sk.ca.

Full 2026-2027 Program Application Guidelines and the application form can be found [here](#).

Any questions can be directed to the Ministry of Highways at 306-787-4942.

Program Launch: JSGS Excellence in Public Sector Leadership

The **Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy's Excellence in Public Sector Leadership (EPSL) Program** is designed to empower new and emerging public sector leaders to take the next bold step in their professional development.

What you can expect:

- Expert-led content from seasoned public leaders and practitioners
- Self-paced modules that connect directly to your current work
- Live online workshops for practical learning and peer exchange
- A network of like-minded public sector professionals

Registration

Your registration fee includes four months of weekly self-paced online learning and live online workshops, the assessment of your capstone report, certification, and your Public Sector Leader (PSL) designation.

Rolling intake registration means flexibility—we accept new participants each month. Spots are limited, so register early for the timing that works best for you.

Learn more and register

Help Shape the Future of Health Regulation in Saskatchewan

Help shape the future of health regulation in Saskatchewan! The **Saskatchewan Public Regulatory Advisory Network (SPRAN)** is recruiting public advisors to participate in conversations that will inform how regulated

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of health regulation in
Saskatchewan



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healthcare professional are regulated in the province. These advisors may include patients, caregivers, community advocates, and others whose perspectives reflect the diversity of Saskatchewan's public.

Apply by September 15, 2025.

Learn more at spran.ca and apply.
Questions? Contact info@spran.ca.

Call for Applications: First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV - Accelerated Program

Cando and the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** are pleased to launch a call for an additional six new First Nation – municipal partnerships to participate in Cohort 3 of the **First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV – Accelerated Program**.

Since 2013 and over four cohorts of the program, CEDI has supported a total of 28 First Nation – municipal partnerships to build respectful and sustainable government-to-government partnerships and increase capacity to engage in long-term collaborative planning in community economic development and land-use.

This intake is best suited for partnerships with **one First Nation and one municipality that have a pre-existing relationship and preliminary ideas for collaborative community economic development initiatives**.

Learn more about this unique program and about the Call for Applications process [here](#).

Deadline for joint application submission is **Friday, September 26th at 11:59pm MT**.

Prairies Communities Leading the Way with GMF Funding

Communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba drive economic growth while strengthening local resilience. From unpredictable flooding and drought to aging roads and rising costs, they are taking proactive steps that supports jobs, savings, and stronger infrastructure.

With support from the **Green Municipal Fund (GMF)**, they are turning landfill gas into clean energy, upgrading aging infrastructure, creating local jobs and boosting their economies and everyday life.



Explore how GMF transforms Prairie communities

Municipal Leadership in Addressing Substance Use Harms: Micro-Credential at USask!

This micro-credential
program from the School of

Public Health at the University of Saskatchewan is designed to provide municipal leaders (policy makers, community organizations, concerned citizens) with the essential knowledge and skills to address substance use harms in their local communities.

Course content is delivered in four focused modules:

- 1) **The Substance Use Continuum & Role of Stigma in Health**
- 2) **Substance Use Interventions - From Harm Reduction to Recovery**
- 3) **Evidence and Strategic Interventions for Municipalities**
- 4) **Public Policy, Engagement, and Advocacy**

This **40-hour course** is delivered **asynchronously online over 8 weeks** and there are no prerequisites to enroll.

Register for the course by September 10, to start on **September 15, 2025!**

Questions? Email: Barb.Fornssler@USask.ca

Micro-Credential

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School of Public Health


8 weeks


Evidence-Based
Policy Options


Partnership
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Community
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Online course starts September 15, 2025

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Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, through its Green Municipal Fund, has launched a new intake for the **Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA)** funding program that supports the development of municipal climate adaptation plans, climate-focused asset management strategies, community-wide climate risk assessments, and capacity-building initiatives.

In the past year, **Eco-West Canada (EWC)** has successfully helped several municipalities in securing funding under this program and is now extending its support to communities in Saskatchewan. As a **partner of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and its new Municipal Eco-Action Centre**, EWC is well-positioned to assist Saskatchewan municipalities in navigating this opportunity.

To get started, municipalities will need to complete FCM's **Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool** — an important first step in the application process. EWC can help guide your municipality through this assessment and the full funding application process afterward.

The deadline to submit applications to the LLCA program is **September 16**.

If your municipality is interested in developing a climate adaptation plan and pursuing funding through this opportunity, please contact Eco-West Canada to learn how they can support you.

Contact: spelletier@eco-ouest.com

Share Your Voice: Survey on Development and Planning in Canadian Municipalities

What challenges are municipalities across Canada facing? How are small urban communities and rural municipalities making informed decisions, when most research and resources are directed toward large urban centres?

The **McGill University School of Urban Planning** is studying how small urban and rural areas get the job done. If your work involves housing, transportation, community development and engagement, land use, rural development, urban design, developing public policy, or project management at the municipal level in Canada – we're looking to hear from you! **The survey only takes 10-15 minutes** to complete, and the results will help us understand how to do a better job of supporting Canadian municipalities.

Curious to see what we find? Upon completing the survey, you'll get the opportunity to sign up to be among the first people to receive the summary of results!



Take the survey

Partnership with People First HR Provides Assistance to SUMA Members

Does the thought of HR make your head hurt? We get it.

HR issues can be complex and difficult to navigate. That's why SUMA has partnered with **People First HR** to provide group benefit members with HR On Call support and access to 100s of HR templates.

Approved callers can get HR On Call support for topics such as:

- Creating a respectful workplace
- Employee relations
- Managing leaves
- Performance management guidance including employee discipline
- Termination
- Disability management consultation (accommodations, return to work, doctor notes)
- Legislation and best practice
- Requirements for policy development and workplace procedures



Free up time with access to hundreds of HR templates

From recruitment to performance management, policies to respectful workplace (and so much more), with HR On Call you have access to hundreds of FREE HR templates to make supporting your team easier.

To learn more and access templates you need, email People First at hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com

Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Moves to a Continuous Process

TSS has moved to a continuous, rolling intake process. All completed applications in the application system will be reviewed on the **spring closing date of April 30**, and **fall closing date of October 31**.

Please view the [intake guide](#) for details on the TSS initiative, project eligibility, and the application process. The online application portal can be accessed [here](#).



Kinetic GPO

Kinetic GPO is pleased to announce a new competitively solicited and publicly awarded contract RFSO #25-05 for traffic control products and services awarded to **ATS Traffic and **Universal Group**.**

A new competitively solicited and awarded contract for water treatment chemicals, supplies and services, RFSO #25-06, has been awarded to **Chem International**.

Utilizing cooperative contracts simplifies the procurement process, saves time and money, ensures compliance and makes purchasing seamless.

Kinetic GPO is also excited to announce a special offer to boost your municipal savings! **Enjoy a complimentary coffee and donut breakfast OR pizza party when you purchase from 5+ (breakfast) or 10+ (pizza party) Kinetic GPO contracts.** This promo runs now through December 31st. For additional information on this special offer, contact Nicole Wieser at nicole@kineticgpo.ca.

All of the contracts available through Kinetic GPO offer a variety of innovative, sustainable, and quality solutions for Canadian educators and public sector organizations.

For additional information please contact your Kinetic GPO Vice President of Member Experience and Business Development, **Dana MacDonald** at dana@kineticgpo.ca.

CLASSIFIEDS AND GRANTS



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Village of Richmond: Administrator (September 12)
- Town of White City: Manager of Finance (September 12)
- City of Lloydminster: City Clerk (September 19)
- Town of Milestone and the RM of Caledonia No. 99: Chief Administrative Officer (September 22)
- Town of Biggar: Deputy



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SGI: *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant* (September 30)
- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor: *First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Seed Funding* (Year-round)
- CMHC: *Affordable Rental Innovation Fund* (Year-round)

For a full listing of grants, check the

Administrator (September 26)

- [Town of Battleford](#): *Manager of Public Works (January 2, 2026)*
- [RM of Sherwood No. 159](#): *Manager of Finance (until filled)*
- [Town of Rosthern](#): *Public Works Lead Hand (until filled)*
- [Town of Grand Coulee](#): *Chief Administrative Officer (until filled)*
- [Rural Municipality of Lacadena No. 228](#): *Full-Time Foreman (until filled)*

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