

During an interview with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, which resulted in an article published May 8, 2020, President Gordon Barnhart expressed opinions regarding municipal restructuring. The opinions expressed in the article were strictly his own and do not represent the opinions of the Municipalities of Saskatchewan Board of Directors or the direction of the organization.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is not in favour of municipal amalgamation, particularly forced amalgamation. The Board of Directors adopted a [policy in February 2017 specifically stating that municipal amalgamation is unnecessary](#). Municipal autonomy is essential in preserving local identity and meeting local priorities.

Our recent rebranding from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association to Municipalities of Saskatchewan was not to encourage or initiate amalgamation between municipalities or between our organization and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities. The rebranding was designed to embrace the strength and breadth of all our hometowns - Saskatchewan's cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities.

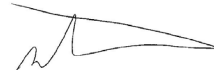
Sincerely,



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