

URBAN Update

April 8, 2019



Funding Available for Impacted Sites

In November 2018, SUMA, in consultation with you, provided feedback on funding to clean up abandoned, environmentally impacted sites.

Municipalities can now apply for funding through the [Impacted Sites Fund](#). Administered by the Ministry of Environment, the fund provides financial support to municipal governments to clean up

impacted sites so they can be used for future economic or social development opportunities.

What is an impacted site?

An abandoned, impacted site is an area such as a former gas station or laundromat, that has been contaminated.

Who can apply for funding?

- Cities;
- Towns;
- Villages;
- Hamlets;
- Northern municipalities;
- Rural municipalities;
- Regions; or
- Local boards of a municipal government authority

How do we apply?

Municipalities and municipal partnerships can apply for funding by filling out an application form and submitting it through the Ministry of Environment's online portal.

How will funding be distributed?

Applications will be prioritized by ministry officials, taking into consideration the technical information derived from the [National Classification System for Contaminated Sites](#) score that assess the severity

How are contaminated sites scored?

Scores range from 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest priority for cleaning up. Sites that receive a score:

- of 70 to 100 will be eligible to receive up to 100 per cent of the costs to clean up the site;
- of 50 to 69.9 will be eligible to receive up to 75 per cent of the costs to clean up the site;
- of 37 to 49.9 will be eligible to receive up to 50 per cent of the costs to clean up the site; and
- below 37 will be eligible to receive up to 25 per cent of the costs to clean up the site.

of contamination

Apply now

SUMA has also introduced a [Contaminated Sites Policy](#). The policy calls on the provincial government to ensure the Impacted Sites Fund is easily accessible and adequately funded to ensure municipalities can remediate abandoned or orphaned sites quickly and properly.



Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting this May

Last week, town, village, and northern sector members received an invitation from Rodger Hayward, Vice-President of Towns, and Mike Strachan, Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities, to the 2019 Sector Meeting. On **May 9**, mayors, councillors, and

administrators from these sectors will come together in Prince Albert to discuss current issues with others from similar-sized communities. If your hometown is interested in introducing topics for discussion, please contact [Sean McKenzie](#), SUMA's Advocacy Services Manager.

For more information, or to register, view the [event listing on our website](#).

Register for the Sector Meeting



Capacity Building: SUMA Workshop on Building the Best Workplaces

Saskatchewan's hometowns employ more than 13,400 people to do the jobs that touch the lives of residents daily. But with increasing pressures to reduce costs and

limited pools of qualified candidates, it can be difficult to find and retain the best people for the job to provide the services your community needs.

Join SUMA in **Prince Albert on May 8** for our workshop *Building the Best Workplaces* and learn how to make your municipality the most attractive place to work so you can find, and keep, the employees that enhance your hometown. Hear from workplace policy experts, talk workplace harassment, and learn how to deal with difficult residents.

If you're attending the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting on May 9, this is a great way to make the most of your trip to Prince Albert. All SUMA members are invited to join us for the workshop at the Art Hauser Centre in Prince Albert from **1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on May 8**. Member registration is \$65 per person. See the [event listing on our website](#) for more information and to register for this capacity building opportunity.

Register Now

SUMA Webinars This April



SUMA is pleased to be offering two more great webinars this month! Learn best responses to lawsuits in **What To Do When You're Sued** and make sure you're up to date with freedom of information and privacy law in **LA FOIP 101: What Municipalities Need to Know**.

What To Do When You're Sued

Being taken to court can be stressful and confusing - it's hard trying to properly respond to allegations while navigating the litigation process. In this SUMA webinar, Jennifer Pereira, QC, will discuss the best responses to lawsuits, and what you can do to protect your municipality, prepare your case, and avoid unnecessary costs.

Take in this webinar on **April 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Register for What To
Do When You're Sued**

LA FOIP 101: What Municipalities Need to Know

Amendments to The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LA FOIP) came into effect last year. Join us for this FREE webinar to learn best practices for responding to access requests and your duties in protecting personal information.

The webinar will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on **April 29**.

**Register for LA FOIP 101:
What Municipalities Need
to Know**

For more information on these webinars, and other educational opportunities, visit our [event listings](#).

Get Ready to Golf

The Town of Spiritwood is hosting the 31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament at the Spiritwood Golf Club on **July 4 and 5**.

For only \$110, you will receive supper on Thursday night, and on Friday, breakfast, 18 holes of golf, a cart, and lunch. Plus a chance to win a custom fit jacket. If you're not a golfer, you can still take part in the other activities for \$55.

For more information and to register, see the [brochure and registration form posted](#) on our website. Fees and forms are due by **Friday, June 14**.

Join the FCM Brownfield Renewal Network

Are you looking for information on how to identify, navigate, and reduce barriers to brownfield redevelopment? If you've ever faced challenges due to lack of funding, had questions around liability, or are looking for new opportunities to redevelop brownfield sites in your community, join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Leadership in Brownfield Renewal (LiBRE) network.

If you become a member before May 1, you can join FCM June 10-11 in the City of Windsor, Ont. to connect and meet other members of the network. [Learn more and apply today](#).

**Know What's Happening In
Your Community with the**

**Share Your Feedback on the
Municipal Peer Network**

Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network

Do you want to receive emails or text messages about crime happening in your community? Sign up for the [Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network](#).

Citizens can sign up to receive advisories from their local RCMP detachments by text message, email, or phone. RCMP and its partner agencies use the network to communicate directly with the public on matters of crime prevention and community safety.

Sign Up

If you've contacted a mentor with the [Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network](#), you're invited to share your feedback on the experience by taking a short survey. The survey will help evaluate if the network is working for municipal administrators and elected officials.

The information gathered from the survey will be sent to the Ministry of Government Relations where it will be analyzed and used by the Advisory Committee of the Municipal Peer Network and the peer mentors to assist making future decisions for the program.

Take the survey

Events



Upcoming Events

SUMA Webinar - What To Do When You're Sued
April 16

SUMA Webinar - LA FOIP 101: What Municipalities Need to Know
April 29

SUMA Workshop - Building the Best Workplaces
May 8

Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting
May 9

31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament
July 4-5

The [Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program](#) (ICIP) includes funding for green infrastructure projects.

Which green projects are you interested in submitting for ICIP funding?

Decommissioning landfills

Select

Renewable energy

Select

Contaminated site remediation

Select

Municipalities are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for all projects

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Alameda: *Assistant Foreman* (April 15)
- District of Katepwa: *Chief Administrative Officer* (April 15)
- Resort Village of Grandview Beach: *Administrator* (April 25)
- Town of Wadena: *Director of Public Works and Utilities* (When filled)
- RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- RM of Rudy No. 284: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Village of Lipton: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Hepburn: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of La Ronge: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Valleyview: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

Find the latest listings by visiting the [SUMA Classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SaskCulture *Culture Days Funding Assistance* (April 15)
- SaskCulture *Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Leadership Grant* (April 15)
- Government of Canada *Building Communities through Arts and Heritage - Local Festivals* (April 30)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Expression of Interest* (April 30)
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association *Community Cultural Diversity Inclusion Grant* (May 1)
- Saskatchewan Arts Boards *Artists in Communities* (May 1)

For a full listing of grants, check the [Grants](#) section of our website under the Resources tab.

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