

Urban Update



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Crisis Support Line Now Open

To help those impacted by Friday's tragic event, Morneau Shepell has opened its national crisis support hotline to those in need of emotional support.

This **24/7 support line is open to anyone and everyone**. By calling the line at **1-844-751-2133**, individuals can access counselling support and/or referrals to community resources.

Please share this information with employees, friends and family.

Reminder: Changes to LA FOIP

Do you know about the changes to The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LA FOIP)?

Proclaimed amendments to the LA FOIP came into effect **January 1, 2018**. Some of the amendments include requiring local authorities to help applicants get information and a duty to protect personal information, extending LA FOIP to include police services, increasing the penalties for offences, and creating a new offence for snooping.

For more information on municipal duties with access to information, please visit the [Government of Saskatchewan website](#) or the [Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner website](#). You can also check out our Convention 2018 education session [Shining a Light on Open and Transparent Government](#) on YouTube.

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**Time is Running Out
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Your first call for savings

Capacity Building: SUMA Webinar on Resolving Disputes

[Register now](#) for the second session in our SUMA Fundamentals Webinar Series, "Resolving Disputes" on **April 19** at 10:00 a.m.

In this one-hour session, Amanda Willcox from the Ministry of Justice and Anna Robinson from the Ministry of Government Relations will share tips for calming conflicts and tools for resolving disputes, so your council and staff can stay focused on moving your hometown forward. For more information and to register, visit the [event listing on our website](#).

Town, Village and Northern Sector Meeting

Members preferred the combined Sector Meeting, so we're doing it again in 2018. On Friday, town, village, and northern sector members would have received an invitation from Rodger Hayward, VP of Towns, and Mike Strachan, VP of Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities, to the 2018 Sector Meeting. On **May 9 and 10**, mayors, councillors, and administrators from these sectors will come together in Regina to discuss current issues with others from similar-sized communities. We've prepared a [draft itinerary and agenda](#) for the event, but if your hometown is interested in introducing topics for discussion, please contact our Senior Policy Advisor, [Sean McKenzie](#).

The two-day event will also include an evening meet and greet with provincial MLAs the evening prior to the Sector Meeting. For more information, or to register, [view the event listing on our website](#).

Capacity Building: SUMA Workshop on Cannabis Legalization

Legalized recreational cannabis is coming. Federal and provincial legislation will provide a framework for Saskatchewan hometowns to build their own bylaws, but it's only helpful if you understand what's happening and

April 28 marks the deadline for Municipal World subscription renewals. Offered exclusively to SUMA members, a 12-month subscription is **\$31.99** plus GST. That's a discount of 46 per cent!

Every renewal and new subscription will be entered to win a complete set of educational books including:

- *Making a Difference: Cuff's Guide for Municipal Leaders Vol. 1 and 2*
- *12 Strategies for Re-Energizing Your Community*; and
- *Guide to Good Municipal Governance*.

For the latest information, news, views and trends in local government, [sign up or renew your subscription](#) today.

For a complete list of member programs, visit [SUMAdvantage](#) online or email [Lisa Rawlings](#) at SUMA with any questions.

EFAP for First Responders Launching May 1

On **May 1, 2018** we will officially launch our Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) for Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders (VFF). Issued by Shepell - the largest EFAP provider in Canada - the program includes immediate and confidential support for any work, health or life concern, including:

- mental health struggles;
- relationship issues;

how it affects your hometown. Come and learn about the opportunities, pitfalls, and responsibilities your hometown has as we move toward cannabis legalization.

Whether you are already in Regina for the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting and want to make the most of a trip to Regina, or you just want to learn more about cannabis legalization, this is a workshop you do not want to miss! All SUMA members should have received an email invitation on Friday to join us at Regina's DoubleTree Hotel from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on **May 9**. Registration is \$65 per person. [Check out the event listing on our website](#) for more information and to register for this capacity building opportunity.

- anger;
- sadness;
- increased use of alcohol or drugs;
- suicidal thoughts;
- financial worries;
- legal questions; and
- family concerns.

EFAP is dedicated to supporting volunteer members and their families with 24/7/365 services.

Watch for more information and an application in the coming weeks.

Get Ready to Golf

The Town of Hudson Bay is hosting the 30th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament at the Hudson Bay Golf Club, Thursday and Friday, **July 12-13**. For only \$110, you will receive supper and entertainment on Thursday night, and on Friday, breakfast, 18 holes of golf, a cart, and lunch. If you're not a golfer, you can still take part in the other activities for \$55. For more information, and to register, consult the [brochure and registration form posted on our website](#). **Fees and forms are due Friday, June 15.**

UMAAS Convention this June

The Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) will be hosting their annual convention **June 5-8** at the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel.

[Registration](#), [agenda](#) and [bus tour information](#) are now available.

Funding: Low Carbon Economy Challenge

Does your community have an ingenious idea to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Your project could be eligible for funding through the Government of Canada's [Low Carbon Economy Challenge](#).

A total of \$500 million in funding is being awarded for Canadian ingenuity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate clean growth in support of Canada's clean growth and climate action plan.

The challenge is broken into two streams. The Champions stream will provide \$450 million in funding to all eligible applicants, including municipalities of all sizes. Apply before the **May 14 deadline**.

The second stream is limited to Indigenous communities and organizations, small and medium-sized businesses,

Classifieds

Positions Available

Town of Eston: Public Works Assistant Manager (April 19)

Town of Eston: Assistant Administrator (April 19)

Town of Midale: Administrator (May 15)

Resort Village of Grandview Beach: Administrator (June 4)

For Sale

Town of Maidstone: Equipment

not-for-profit organizations, and small municipalities. This stream is set to open later in 2018.

Find out how to apply [here](#).

Capacity Building: Asset Management Workshops

Act quickly to participate in an asset management workshop focusing on Gas Tax requirements.

Asset Management Saskatchewan, in partnership with SUMA and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), is offering the in-person workshop "[Keeping Pace with Changing Asset Management Requirements](#)." Seven sessions are happening across the province now until the end of April. The workshop is geared to municipal staff and elected officials. Registration is required.

The next free [asset management webinar](#) is happening **April 23**.

Get all the details and sign up to be the first to hear about new sessions from [Asset Management Saskatchewan](#).

AIMM to Stop Invasive Mussels

Help stop the spread of invasive mussels with the [2018 Saskatchewan Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring \(AIMM\) Program](#).

Invasive mussels such as zebra and quagga mussels pose a serious threat to lakes and waterways in western Canada.

There were no confirmed sightings of invasive mussels in 90 Saskatchewan waterbodies sampled in 2017, but the mussels have been found in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and 34 states including North Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

AIMM is designed to stop the spread of the pesky mollusks in Saskatchewan.

Interested in keeping Saskatchewan's waterbodies free of invasive mussels? [Learn more online](#), or contact the Ministry of Environment by phone at 1-800-567-4224 or [email](#).

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

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines

- SaskCulture [Culture Days Funding Assistance](#) (April 16)
- SaskCulture [Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Leadership Grant](#) (April 17)
- Government of Canada [Building Communities through Arts and Heritage - Local Festivals](#) (April 30)
- Saskatchewan Arts Board [Artists in Communities](#) (May 1)
- Government of Canada [Low Carbon Economy Challenge Champions Stream](#) (May 14)

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

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