

URBAN Update

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Population Determining Additional Liquor Stores in Hometowns

In 2015, the Saskatchewan government announced the change to an expanded private liquor store model. At that time, the government committed to establishing a new population-based policy to allow for additional retail liquor stores once the transition to the new liquor retail model

was complete.

The new policy was announced **May 9**.

Key points include:

- Communities must have a minimum population of 500 in order to be eligible for a retail liquor store. The number of stores allowed increases with population. See the Government of Saskatchewan's [retail liquor store backgrounder](#) for more information.
- If someone expresses interest and there is a permit available in that community, an online auction will be used with the highest bidder receiving the opportunity to apply for the permit. The applicant must meet the requirements for holding a retail store permit.
- The process will only be triggered if interest is expressed in a community where there is at least one available retail liquor permit.
- Auctions will initially take place quarterly. Notices will be sent to community officials, advertised in the local newspaper, and posted on SLGA's website prior to the auction beginning.

There may be limited cases where communities with less than 500 had a retail outlet close in the past five years (when the previous process to obtain an off-sale was suspended). In such cases, these communities will be eligible for a retail liquor store.

Regulations to enable this new process are expected to be complete in the coming weeks. Once that happens, interested individuals/businesses can express interest in a permit and SLGA will launch the initial auction process.



Survey: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics

A SUMA study of newly elected council members in 2016 found that women occupy 14 per cent of mayors positions and 28 per cent of councillors' seats in Saskatchewan. In April, following the successful education session [Women in the Game](#) at Convention 2019, SUMA held the webinar *Toward Parity at the Council Table*. During the webinar,

Stephanie Hoey, project manager for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) *Toward Parity in Municipal Politics* initiative, spoke about a move to greater equality and gathered feedback on overcoming barriers to participation in municipal politics.

You have another chance to share your thoughts by taking FCM's toward parity survey before **June 1**.

[Take the survey](#)



Help Advocate for a Cannabis Excise Tax Sharing

The [2018 federal budget](#) recognized that the cannabis excise tax would be shared on a 75/25 basis, with 75 per cent of duties going to provincial and territorial governments and the remaining 25 per cent to the federal government.

The budget also stated "it is the federal government's expectation that a substantial portion of the revenues from this tax room provided to provinces and territories will be transferred to municipalities and local communities, who are on the front lines of legalization."

There is still no agreement for Saskatchewan's municipalities to receive a portion of the cannabis excise tax. Help advocate for a cannabis excise tax sharing agreement in the province by sending a letter to Saskatchewan's Minister of Finance. If you are sending a letter, don't forget to also send a copy to SUMA.

[Template - Cannabis Excise Tax Letter](#)

Questions? Please contact Sean McKenzie, SUMA's Director of Advocacy Services, by [email](#) or at 306-525-4388.



Workshop and Meetings Recap

Thank you to all the SUMA members who attended events over the last two weeks! We know it was busy for not only us, but also you with our Building the Best Workplaces workshop, the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting, and the City Mayors' Caucus. We appreciate everyone who took part in these activities.

The workshop on building the best workplaces happened on **May 8** in Prince Albert, attendees hearing from workplace policy experts,

talking workplace harassment, and learning how to deal with difficult residents. The Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting happened the following day. Nearly 75 participants joined us for the full-day meeting, which featured discussions on common issues and shared solutions, a presentation by RCMP Corporal Mel Zurevinsky, and an address from Minister of Government Relations Warren Kaeding. On **May 14 and 15**, Saskatchewan's city mayors met in Estevan for the City Mayors' Caucus. At this year's caucus, topics of discussion included gang violence reduction, the Urban Highway Connector Program, Bill C-69, and cannabis excise tax.

Does Your Community Know About CAP?

The Community Airport Partnership (CAP) Program was established by the Saskatchewan government to help rehabilitate and upgrade regional airports.

The program provides capital contributions to airport infrastructure, supporting safe airport operations, general aviation operations and commercial air charters, air ambulance and medevac operations, and local and regional economic development. The maximum provincial contribution under CAP is \$275,000 per year.

If your hometown has a regional airport, share your program feedback by taking a short survey.

[Take the survey](#)

Last Day to Share Your Thoughts On Potential Changes to Drinking Water Guidelines

The Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water has prepared potential revisions to its [drinking water quality guideline on cadmium in drinking water](#). The Water Security Agency (WSA) relies on these Canadian guidelines to form provincial standards.

If the cadmium guideline is adopted as a drinking water standard in the province, the WSA will propose a monitoring schedule for cadmium in drinking water.

Share your feedback on these potential revisions by emailing your comments to: water-eau.SC@canada.ca.

Hit the Greens with SUMA Members this Summer

The Town of Spiritwood is proud to host the 31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament on **July 4-5**, at the Spiritwood Golf Club. Registration is open until **June 14**. See the [event listing](#) on our website for more information. Be sure to take this opportunity to visit with fellow SUMA members!

Funding: SARCAN Public Space Recycling Grant

Saskatchewan residents have indicated that lack of immediate or convenient access to recycling receptacles outside the home are one of the major reasons they wouldn't recycle containers for beverages consumed outside the home or workplace.

Increase recycling container access in your community with a SARCAN Public Space Recycling Grant. [Find out more.](#)

Events

Upcoming Events



31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament
July 4-5

SUMA is starting to plan education sessions for Convention 2020.

Which education session topic most interests you?

Safety in the workplace

Select

Communicating with the public and media

Select

Making fair decisions - abiding by the code of ethics

Select

Regional economic development

Select

Energy efficiency and cost reduction for public buildings

Select

Council succession planning

Select

Emergency preparedness

Select

Classifieds and Grants



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Positions Available:

- Town of Duck Lake: *Public Works Assistant* (May 24)
- Town of Duck Lake: *Facilities Attendant/Public Works Laborer* (May 24)
- Village of Englefeld: *Administrator* (May 30)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SARCAN *Public Space Recycling Grant* (June 30)
- TD Bank *Friends of the Environment Fund* (July 15)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program - Annual Grant* (October 1)

- Village of Prud'homme:
Administrator (When filled)
- Town of Outlook: *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.

- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year-round)
- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor *First Nations and Métis Community Engagement Project Fund* (Year-round)

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

Urban Update Advertisement

Half-Day Seminar on Saskatchewan's New Construction Landscape: Mandatory Adjudication & Prompt Payment

Dates: May 29 (Regina) | May 30 (Saskatoon)

Locations: Ramada Plaza, Regina | Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon

The government has passed Bill 152, creating a new mandatory adjudication and prompt payment scheme that will impact new construction as well as renovation/capital repair work on existing facilities. These changes will fundamentally affect your contracts and disputes with contractors. And they could take effect as early as the end of 2019.

Learn how these looming changes will impact your municipality. Gain practical insights to keep your projects running smoothly. [Register online now.](#)

Thank you for reading this week's Urban Update. We welcome your comments.

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