

URBAN Update

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SUMA Webinars Happening in June

Don't miss out on these two great SUMA webinars happening in June. Learn best practices for prosecuting bylaws in ***How to Prosecute Bylaws***, and find out how to turn every interaction with a resident into a positive encounter in ***Building Positive Relationships With Residents***.

How to Prosecute Bylaws

You give out a ticket or notice for a bylaw infraction. But now what? How do you collect that fine or make sure that infraction is remedied? Find out in the webinar *How to Prosecute Bylaws*.

Register now to learn best practices for prosecuting bylaws, from service to court to collecting fines. Join Troy Baril and Jacey Safnuk from Miller Thomson LLP tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

[Register for How to Prosecute Bylaws](#)

Building Positive Relationships With Residents

It's not easy to turn every interaction with a resident into a positive encounter. But a negative experience in the municipal office can not only impact a resident's view of the municipality, it can also affect community morale.

Join SUMA, in partnership with UMAAS, on **June 27 at 10:00 a.m.** to learn key skills required to foster positive relationships between municipal government and its residents.

[Register for Building Positive Relationships With Residents](#)

Thank You For Helping Us Advocate!

Thank you to all the municipalities who sent a letter to Saskatchewan's Minister of Finance advocating for a portion of the cannabis excise tax revenues.



In the last month, nearly 50 Saskatchewan hometowns sent a letter.

During the month of May, President Barnhart also met with Saskatchewan Party MLAs and the Saskatchewan NDP caucus to speak about the importance of sharing cannabis excise tax revenues with Saskatchewan communities. On June 1, SUMA's Executive Committee met with Minister Bernadette Jordan, the Minister of Rural Economic Development, to discuss topics important to Saskatchewan hometowns, including cannabis excise tax revenues. And last week, SUMA sent out a [media release](#) calling on the provincial government to share a portion of cannabis excise tax revenues.

SUMA will continue to advocate for a cannabis excise tax revenue sharing agreement.

Have questions about cannabis excise tax? Check out our [frequently asked questions](#).



Municipal Symposium: The Future of Municipal Development

Register Now for the SUMA Municipal Symposium

In a May Urban Update, we asked what education session topic most interested you. The topic with the most votes - regional economic development. Join SUMA from **July 28-30 in Moose Jaw** to talk economic development at the first SUMA municipal symposium. Explore the topics of governance,

infrastructure, and public safety as they relate to municipal economic development over the two-and-a-half-day event that will include a keynote address, presentations, panel discussions, and breakout group discussions.

[See the full event listing](#) for more information, including an itinerary. Speaker information will also be available soon.

[Register for SUMA's Municipal Symposium](#)



Share Your Stories

As the voice of Saskatchewan's hometowns, SUMA is always looking for the stories of our members. We want to hear about your green projects and your legal cases.

Do you have a success story about how your municipality is leading the way on green initiatives?

We are showing how members are leading the way on climate change on our website. [Email us](#) your story so we can share it.

Has your community been in court or before a tribunal lately?

You can help us spot new legal precedents and keep pace with municipal law trends, and help your fellow members build on your success or avoid risk. [Share your court or](#)

SMA Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the [Saskatchewan Municipal Awards](#) (SMA). If your municipality is doing something innovative to better your community or you're collaborating with neighbouring municipalities to achieve regional goals, you're encouraged to submit a nomination for the 13th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards, sponsored by Affinity Credit Union.



Connect with a Mentor

Contact a mentor through the Saskatchewan Municipal Peer Network. The network connects municipal administrators and elected officials with highly-experienced peers who can provide guidance, coaching, and advice.

Find a mentor and learn more at www.saskpeernetwork.org.



Green Municipal Fund

Apply by **August 1, 2019** for funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) [Green Municipal Fund](#). The fund provides capital for innovative environmental projects that improve the quality of the air, water, and land and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Find Professionals Easily

Starting the search for professionals can be a daunting task. SUMA has you covered with the [Professional Services Directory](#). Check the directory if you're looking for: communications and advocacy services; HR and labour relations consultants; community planners; lawyers; accountants; project managers; municipal engineers; or management consultants and strategic planners.

Advocacy Update



Legislation Consultation

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts on the proposed changes to Saskatchewan's municipal acts: *The Cities Act*, *The Municipalities Act*, and *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*. SUMA's municipal legislation survey gathered nearly 100 responses and the legislation webinar on May 14 had 286 registrants, making it SUMA's largest

webinar yet.

SUMA also presented the draft amendments to nearly 120 hometowns at three different meetings across the province: at the City Mayors Caucus Legal and Legislative Working Group; the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting; and the City Mayors' Caucus.

The responses from the survey, the webinar, and the meetings have all been sent to the Ministry of Government Relations.

Events



Upcoming Events

SUMA Webinar: How to Prosecute Bylaws
June 18

**SUMA Webinar: Building Positive Relationships
with Residents**
June 27

31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament
July 4-5

**SUMA Municipal Symposium: The Future of
Municipal Development**
July 28-30

Did you know...

Regional Meetings will be happening this October. Watch the [event listing](#) and Urban Update for more information.

Central Region
October 1 - Wadena

Northeast Region
October 2 - Melfort

Northwest Region
October 3 - Duck Lake

West Central Region
October 4 - Eston

Southwest Region
October 7 - Shaunavon

Southeast Region
October 8 - Whitewood

East Central Region
October 9 - Yorkton

Classifieds and Grants



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Positions Available:

- Town of Pilot Butte: *Chief Administrative Officer* (June 21)
- Town of White City: *Financial Clerk* (June 21)
- Town of Langham: *Director of Economic and Community Development* (June 25)
- Village of Craven: *Administrator* (June 26)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

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

- Town of White City: *Public Works Operations Technician* (July 5)
- Town of Hafford: *Administrator* (When filled)
- RM of Wilton No. 472: *Assistant Administrator* (When filled)
- RM of White Valley No. 49 and Town of Eastend: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- RM of White Valley No. 49 and Town of Eastend: *Assistant Administrator* (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.

(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.

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

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