

## URBAN Update

July 2, 2019



### FCM Poll: Canadians Trust Municipal Governments Most to Deliver Better Quality of Life

A nation-wide poll, conducted by Abacus Data and commissioned by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), confirms that Canadians view municipal governments as the most trusted order of government to improve quality of life in their communities.

In the poll, 61 per cent of respondents said they feel their municipal government best understood the challenges facing their community, compared to the provincial or federal orders of government. More than half of respondents also said municipal governments were the order of government best placed to improve quality of life of residents in their community.

When asked for their views on allowing municipal government greater control to manage local infrastructure projects, 86 per cent of respondents agreed it was a good idea. And 83 per cent also agreed that municipal government should have greater control in choosing those projects.

[See the full results](#)



### A Win for Saskatchewan Hometowns

At Convention 2018, members passed a [resolution](#) advocating for existing street lighting to be converted to LED.

In 2019-20, [SaskPower will replace](#) about 8,800 streetlights with LED fixtures in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, and Lloydminster.

This work is part of a 10-year project to convert all of SaskPower's roughly 98,000 streetlights in the province to LED.



## Convention 2020: Award Nominations

Do you know of individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding service in the municipal field? Recognize their contributions to the community with an award presented at Convention 2020.

- **Meritorious Service Award:** for Saskatchewan urban municipal employees who have served at least 20 years
- **Honorary Service Award:** for elected officials who have served at least 20 years on council
- **Scoop Lewry Award:** for elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials, and employees of the Ministry of Government Relations

Complete award nominations are due by **October 2**. No late submissions will be accepted. For more information on all the awards that will be given out at Convention 2020, check out the [awards page](#) on our website.



### Mark Your Calendars for 2019 Regional Meetings

Don't let summer distract you from setting aside time to attend this fall's regional meetings. Dates and locations are set. Municipal administration and elected officials are encouraged to join us as we talk

about SUMA and discuss common issues and successes within the region. Mark your calendars and watch the [SUMA event listings](#) for more details on the meetings as they become available.

Region	Date	Location
Central	October 1	Wadena
Northeast	October 2	Melfort
Northwest	October 3	Duck Lake
West Central	October 4	Eston
Southwest	October 7	Shaunavon
Southeast	October 8	Whitewood
East Central	October 9	Yorkton

### Don't Miss SUMA's Municipal Symposium

Join in the discussions at the **SUMA Municipal Symposium: The Future of Municipal Development**. From **July 28-30** in Moose Jaw, municipal officials, subject experts, and academics will be exploring the topics of governance, infrastructure, and public safety as they relate to municipal economic development.

See the [event listing](#) for more information, including an itinerary and accommodations.

[Register now!](#)

### Have You Joined the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network?

Foster resilient hometowns that proactively prevent crime by joining the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network. The network provides RCMP and its partner agencies with the ability to communicate directly with the public on matters of crime prevention and community safety.

Sign up and receive notifications by text message, email, or phone.

[Join the Network](#)

## Help Us Spot New Legal Precedents

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

[Share your court or tribunal decisions](#) with us (regardless of outcome), and help us spot new legal precedents and keep pace with municipal law trends. Sharing your cases can also help your fellow municipalities build on your success or avoid risks.

## Saskatchewan Privacy Commissioner's 2018-19 Report Released

The 2018-19 Annual Report for the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, focusing on modernizing legislation, is now available. See how many files have been opened, learn about compliance rates, and read proposed changes to access and privacy legislation.

[Read the report](#)

## Advocacy Update



### Prompt Payment

SUMA, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, has sent a letter requesting temporary exemption for municipalities under the new prompt payment legislation, and full consultation on the development of the regulations.

### Electricity Costs

We are also sending a letter to Saskatchewan's Minister of Environment and the CEO of SaskPower highlighting municipal concerns regarding the costs of electricity for rinks, and that some power bills in Saskatchewan are still listing a "municipal surcharge" though these charges were redirected in the 2017-18 budget.

## Events



### Upcoming Events

**31st Annual SUMA Golf Tournament**  
July 4-5

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

**Regional Meetings**  
October 1-9

**Event Insight**

At Convention 2019, SUMA introduced the new SUMA Convention app. The app has everything you need to know about Convention, from schedule and speaker biographies to interactive venue maps and live resolution updates. With this new technology, and to further reduce the environmental impact of Convention, SUMA is looking to discontinue the Convention handbook in 2021. At Convention 2020, both the handbook and app will be available to delegates.

*Please note: Prize ballots will be in the delegate bags instead of inside the handbook for Convention 2020.*

Which will you be using at Convention 2020?

**I'll be using the app**

**Select**

**I'll be using a combination of the app and the handbook**

**Select**

**I'll be using the handbook**

**Select**

## Classifieds and Grants



### Classifieds

#### Positions Available:

- Town of Wapella: *Administrator* (July 3)
- Town of White City: *Public Works Operations Technician* (July 5)
- Town of Watrous: *Assistant Administrator* (July 12)
- Grandview Municipality (Manitoba): *Chief Administrative Officer* (July 22)
- Town of Leader: *Chief Administrative Officer* (July 26)
- City of Regina: *Director of Roadways and Transportation* (When filled)
- Town of La Ronge: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Hafford: *Administrator* (When filled)



### Grants

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- 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)
- SaskCulture *Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding* (October 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- SaskCulture *Museum Grant Program* (November 30)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year-round)
- Office of the Provincial Interlocutor *First Nations and Métis Community Engagement*

- RM of Wilton No. 472:  
*Assistant Administrator (When filled)*

**For Sale:**

- Town of Central Butte:1978  
*Chevy C65 Fire Truck*

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.

*Project Fund (Year-round)*

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

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

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