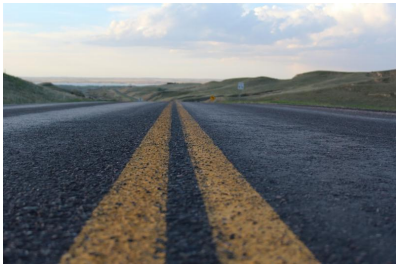


URBAN Update

July 29, 2019



Share Your Thoughts on Highway Improvement Fees

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure is planning to collect fees from new developments adjacent to provincial highways. Recently, the Ministry organized consultation sessions for stakeholders, including municipalities, to provide feedback on the proposed Highway Improvement Fees.

Take SUMA's short Highway Improvement Fee survey to share your thoughts on the proposed fees. The survey closes **August 7**.

[Take the Survey](#)



Help Grow the Gas Tax Fund

By doubling this year's Gas Tax Fund (GTF) transfer, the 2019 federal budget recognized that the GTF works, and that it needs to grow.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is calling on all federal parties to commit to a permanent doubling of the Gas Tax Fund transfer to municipalities - with a predictable annual growth rate that better reflects economic growth and construction costs. Permanently doubling the transfer would build on what's working and move more vital projects forward.

Share your local success and help tell the story of how a permanently doubled GTF could build better lives. Take action by sharing FCM's GTF recommendations with federal candidates with just a few clicks, starting [here](#).

Want to know how much funding your municipality is getting with the 2019 top-up? See the [Gas Tax Fund allocations list](#).

Community Safety Officer Program

Looking to promote safety and enhance bylaw



compliance in your hometown? Has your hometown considered a Community Safety Officer (CSO)?

CSOs are municipal employees who carry out high priority, low risk enforcement of bylaws and select provincial statutes. A CSO can provide a uniformed presence in your hometown, liaise with schools and community groups, and target enforcement of municipal bylaws and traffic laws.

Check out the [fact sheet](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) to learn more about the program.

We want to know: Does your municipality enforce bylaws?

Yes - we have the capacity and tools in place to enforce our bylaws

We try, but lack the capacity and tools

We try, but have difficulty accessing court time

We don't for other reasons



The 2019 Service Award winners. Nominate a long-serving municipal employee or elected official for an award now!

Convention 2020: Nominate to Celebrate

Service Awards

Show gratitude to long-serving municipal employees and elected officials by nominating them for the [Meritorious](#) and [Honorary Service Awards](#) presented at the President's Banquet during Convention 2020.

You can also recognize an individual for outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis by nominating them for the [Scoop Lewry Award](#).

Visit the [Convention 2020 awards page](#) on the SUMA website for more information on these awards. The deadline to submit a nomination is **October 2, 2019**.



First place winners of the 2018 Saskatchewan Municipal Awards - Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex (Town of Moosomin).

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

Take the time to celebrate the successes, innovations, and excellence in your municipality through a nomination for the [Saskatchewan Municipal Awards](#). Nominations are open until **September 6, 2019**.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are sponsored by:



Fall Asset Management Training Opportunities

After seeing great turnout from the last series of webinars and workshops, Asset Management Saskatchewan (AM-SK) is pleased to offer more training this fall.

The goal of this series is to build awareness and provide basic technical assistance for small urban and rural municipalities in Saskatchewan. Starting with a FREE webinar series, "The Building Blocks of the Asset Management Process." The first round of the three part webinar series begins **September 23**, with another round offered in November. The following dates and topics are ready for registration.

FREE Asset Management Webinar Series:

September 23 or **November 18:**
[Levels of Service Development](#)
September 25 or **November 20:**
[Risk Management](#)
September 30 or **November 25:**
[Long Term Financial Plan](#)

Then, coming up in October, AM-SK will be hosting the three-day NAMS Canada training workshop across Saskatchewan. NAMS is a proven training program designed specifically for municipal government employees to integrate the efforts of the disciplines of public works, finance, administration and political leaders. The training will take place in the following cities and dates:

In Person Workshops:

October 22-24: [Regina](#)
October 8-10: [Saskatoon](#)
October 29-31: [Prince Albert](#)

For more information about Asset Management Saskatchewan, visit www.assetmanagementsk.ca.

Call for Proposals: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Toward Parity in Municipal Politics program is looking for local initiatives that will strengthen opportunities or reduce barriers for women to fully participate in local government.

Successful demonstration projects will promote opportunities or address a barrier that is hindering women from participating fully in municipal politics. Projects must align with one or more of the following pillars:

- Improved access to information
- Enhanced inclusion
- Increased support
- Improved governance and structure

Toward Parity's national consultations have prioritized interventions that focus on mentorship, increasing access to information, and breaking down informal networking and decision-making. While projects are welcome in any category, priority will be given to initiatives that support these areas of intervention.

Projects are eligible for up to \$5,000 in funding. The grants are intended to be either seed funding to foster a new idea and gain support for gender equality in the community or to scale up an idea or initiative that has shown promise.

Projects must be implemented between **September 2019 and June 1, 2019**.

See who can apply and learn more about submitting an application by visiting [FCM's website](#).

Advocacy Update

Internet in Saskatchewan

On July 23, the Government of Canada announced \$11.2 million in funding for FlexNetworks to bring new or improved internet



access to 21 communities between Regina and Saskatoon. FlexNetworks is contributing \$3.7 million, bringing the total investment to \$14.9 million.

The funding, from the federal [Connect to Innovate program](#), is improving internet for residents in communities including Etters Beach, Glen Harbour, Shields, Simpson, Thode, and Zelma.

Internet access provides citizens, businesses, and institutions access to information and creates new opportunities.

Events



Upcoming Events

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

Regional Meetings
October 1-9

Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns
February 2-5

What time of day would work best for you to attend SUMA webinars?

The morning webinars are working great

Select

I would rather have webinars over the lunch hour

Select

I prefer webinars in the afternoon

Select

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Kerrobert: *Operations Team Leader* (August 29)
- City of Meadow Lake: *Director of Finance/City Treasurer*



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- FCM *Green Municipal Fund* (August 1)
- Government of Saskatchewan

(September 6)

- Town of Lumsden and RM of Lumsden: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Choceland: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of La Ronge: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)

For Sale:

- Village of Young: *Equipment* (August 1)

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.

Targeted Sector Support - Expression of Interest (September 30)

- *SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund* (September 30)
- *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)

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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