

URBAN Update

September 23, 2019

ELECTION 2019

Federal Election Online Forum



Join SUMA for a Federal Election Forum

In advance of the federal election, SUMA is hosting a **free two-hour federal election forum** exclusively for SUMA members. On **September 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**, SUMA will be joined by a Saskatchewan representative from the Conservative Party of Canada, the Green Party of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada, and the People's

Party of Canada.

In this **online forum**, hear how each party plans to work with municipalities to address hometown concerns and have your own questions answered.

[Register for the forum](#)



Shape Saskatchewan's Building Standards Act

The Ministry of Government Relations is conducting stakeholder consultations to update *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*. Coming into force in 1988, the act has only had minor amendments since.

Help shape SUMA's response by taking a short survey.

[Take the survey](#)

Last Chance to Register for Regionals

Regional Meetings are almost here. From **October 1 to October 9**, President Barnhart and SUMA staff will be touring the province for



SUMA's 2019 Regional Meetings.

If you want the chance to network with SUMA and fellow municipal officials, register by clicking on the link for your regional meeting below. Today is the last day to register!

[Central](#) - October 1

[Southwest](#) - October 7

[Northeast](#) - October 2

[Southeast](#) - October 8

[Northwest](#) - October 3

[East Central](#) - October 9

[West Central](#) - October 4



Submit Your EOI for Targeted Sector Support

Municipalities are reminded to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Targeted Sector Support Initiative by **September 30**, and encouraged to partner with other communities on proposed projects.

Targeted Sector Support is a portion of Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1.5 million for 2019-20) that will be used to encourage inter-community collaboration and good governance in all Saskatchewan municipalities. The funds will be used to support projects that advance the priority areas of inter-community collaboration and capacity development.

[Learn more and submit your EOI](#)



4th Annual Intelligent Cities Summit October 7-8 in Toronto, ON

From Vancouver to Cape Breton, cities, towns and more from across Canada will participate.

Confirmed participants include:

- City of Toronto
- City of Vancouver
- City of Saskatoon
- City of Seattle
- Bangkok
- City of Chicago
- Jakarta City Government
- City of Mississauga
- Milan Municipality
- City of Tampere
- Ville de Magog
- Town of Newmarket
- City of Boston
- York Regional Municipality
- City of Airdrie
- Manchester City Council
- Town of Oakville
- Municipality of Bayham
- City of Grand Prairie
- Cape Breton Regional Municipality

And many, many more!

For speaker overview and the agenda: [Download the Brochure](#)

REGISTER TODAY with a unique 20 per cent discount with code: SUMA

Limited spots left, so register now: [CONFERENCE WEBSITE](#)

Convention 2020: Last chance to nominate

Don't miss your chance to recognize long-serving and outstanding members of your municipal team at Convention 2020.

The [Meritorious](#) and [Honorary Service Awards](#) are a great chance to recognize long-serving employees and elected officials.

And don't forget about the [Scoop Lewry Award](#), designed to recognize someone with outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis.

All these prestigious awards will be presented at the President's Banquet at Convention 2020. Nominations are due **October 2**.

Do You Know A Deserving Volunteer?

Saskatchewan has the highest rate of volunteerism in Canada, so chances are you know someone you could nominate for the [Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal](#).

Do you know someone who reaches outside their personal activities to help others and make daily life in Saskatchewan better for everyone?

Are they a Canadian citizen who is a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan?

[Nominate](#) them now!

You have until **October 18** to show your appreciation for this outstanding volunteer. Recognizing volunteers is not only a way to say thank you but also showcases the role models in Saskatchewan.

Beneath the Surface: Aquatic Toxicology Tests Help Identify Pollutants in Waterbodies

Aquatic toxicology is the study of the adverse effects of human-made materials (e.g., chemicals) on aquatic organisms. It's a relatively new scientific field, but researchers are making progress on how it can be applied to environmental protection.

At SRC Environmental Analytical Laboratories' Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory, experts conduct aquatic toxicity tests to evaluate the effect of mine effluents, municipal wastewater discharges and chemical products on aquatic organisms.

These tests provide industry and municipalities with quantitative and qualitative data that can be used for reporting requirements and to make operational decisions.

For more information, see the [full post](#) on the Saskatchewan Research Council's blog.

Free 10 Minute Trainers - Module 2: Roles and Responsibilities Now Available

The 10 Minute Trainers are short group training sessions designed for municipal council members and facilitated by the administrator. Each 10 Minute Trainer module consists of three sections. Each section includes short videos and questions designed to engage municipalities in discussions about local issues.

The first 10 Minute Trainers module focused on council procedures. The second module explores the roles and responsibilities of municipal administration and council members. The module provides an opportunity to discuss what the different roles and responsibilities look like and what problems may arise when the roles and responsibilities are not clear.

[Explore the modules](#).

Empowering Saskatchewan Women Event

Proclaim Waste Reduction Week in Your Community

Join people from across the province at the Our Voice Our Province Empowering Saskatchewan Women event happening in Moose Jaw on **October 19**.

The one-day event is bringing people together to have a conversation about women in local politics. The day will be filled with women in leadership sharing their stories, what inspired them, how they overcame challenges, and the important and unique roles they play in changing their communities.

Join the conversation by purchasing tickets today.

[Purchase tickets](#)

Municipalities are dedicated to reducing the amount of waste that ends up in the landfill. At Convention 2019, member municipalities called for the [reduction of single use plastics](#).

This October, to further profile your community's dedication to waste reduction, why not proclaim **October 21-27** Waste Reduction Week in your municipality?

To learn more about proclaiming Waste Reduction Week in your municipality, visit the [Waste Reduction Week website](#). Here you'll find a proclamation certificate designed for municipalities, as well as other resources.

Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program

The application deadline for the fall intake of the Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program is **October 1**.

The program is open to municipalities, health regions, schools, school divisions, libraries, universities, and incorporated nonprofit organizations.

If your municipality has a project idea that would enhance the quality of life for residents, apply today. The program funds projects that fall under one of three funding themes:

- healthy growth and development of children and youth
- individual and community wellbeing
- nonprofit and community leadership

See the [program guidelines](#) for more information.

Rail Safety Week September 23-29

As part of Rail Safety Week, **September 23-29**, Canadian Pacific (CP) and the Canadian Pacific Police Service will be conducting rail safety blitzes in communities across their network, with participation from other police agencies and schools to educate motorists, pedestrians, and the general public about rail safety.

CP will also be running a RailSense campaign on social media, highlighting dangerous behaviour near the tracks, and Operation Lifesaver's #STOPTrackTragedies campaign will tell personal stories of those affected by railway crossing and trespassing incidents.

Municipalities are encouraged to engage with the campaigns to raise community awareness about rail safety to help reduce avoidable accidents, injuries, and damage caused by collisions between trains and vehicles or pedestrians.

WCB Resource Centre

The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) has launched a new [Employer Resource Centre](#) to help employers navigate the workers' compensation system.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic Offering Free Training for Under Represented Groups Looking to Explore Trades

To help women, Indigenous peoples,

The centre is designed to answer employer questions, provide support materials, and connect employers with the right person at WCB. Have questions about where to start when applying for WCB coverage, injury prevention education materials, and what to do when an injury happens? Check out the new Employer Resource Centre [online](#) or call 1-833-961-0042.

newcomers, and persons with disabilities explore or start a career in the trades, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is removing barriers for under-represented groups to better support a skilled, inclusive, certified, and productive workforce. Funding is provided by the Government of Canada's Skilled Trades Awareness and Readiness (STAR) Program.

[Learn more.](#)

Advocacy Update

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Advocacy this Federal Election

SUMA is ready to advocate for Saskatchewan hometowns this federal election. With the official kickoff of the 2019 federal election campaign, SUMA launched its [Federal Election Advocacy Hub](#). The hub is dedicated to providing hometowns with information on SUMA's advocacy campaign during the 43rd federal election. On the hub, there is information on key issues, letters municipalities can send to local media, a letter your municipality can

send to the candidates in your constituency, online resources, links to SUMA's social media platforms and recent media articles relating to the issues SUMA is championing.

The key issues SUMA is advocating on this federal election fall under three themes:

- A New Federal-Municipal Relationship
- Tools to Building Sustainable Communities
- A Say in Infrastructure Funding

SUMA's issues also align with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) platform of [building better lives](#). FCM officially launched their platform September 12 as municipal representatives from across the country, including SUMA President Gordon Barnhart, were attending FCM's Board of Directors Meeting, discussing the matters important to Canadian municipalities this election.

Events



Upcoming Events

SUMA Webinar: Federal Election Forum
September 26

Regional Meetings
October 1-9

Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns
February 2-5

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- RM of Hoodoo: *Administrator* (October 1)
- Town of Maidstone: *Administrator* (October 31)
- Town of Saltcoats: *Administrator* (When filled)
- Town of Rosthern: *Finance Clerk* (When filled)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)

For Sale:

- Village of Craven: *2008 Volvo Grader* (October 12)
- *Hockey Rinks* (November 4)

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.



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Government of Saskatchewan *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)

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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