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SUMA Pleased With Investment in Urban Governments

Urban governments in Saskatchewan are pleased with the provincial government's continued support for our cities, towns and villages in their efforts to help our province grow.

"Saskatchewan's villages, towns and cities are experiencing unprecedented growth," said Mayor Debra Button, SUMA President. "Urban governments across the province are on the frontline, providing the services and infrastructure we need to attract business and new residents. The government's investment in our communities will go a long way to helping us meet the demands of growth."

SUMA is concerned that there is no new allocation for infrastructure funding due to the lack of details surrounding the new Building Canada Fund. SUMA has been reassured by the Government of Saskatchewan that once the program is finalized by the federal government there will be provincial resources available.

"Saskatchewan's villages, towns and cities have been repeatedly promised support by the federal government to meet the challenges posed by aging infrastructure," said Mayor Debra Button, SUMA President. "But despite the immediate need for infrastructure investment in our communities, we are still left waiting for details and risk missing an important construction season."

SUMA will continue to work with the provincial government to address the growing challenge of aging infrastructure and the need to build new infrastructure.

"Saskatchewan is a growing province and this directly impacts SUMA members – 82 per cent of the population lives in our villages, towns, cities and Northern communities" said President Button. "We look forward to continuing a healthy and productive relationship with the provincial government."

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Founded in 1905, SUMA is the voice of urban Saskatchewan. Collectively, our members represent 82 per cent of the people of Saskatchewan.