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Towns, Villages, and Northern Municipalities Gather for Sector Meeting

More than 100 representatives from Saskatchewan towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities met in Regina today for the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) sector meeting.

"This is a great opportunity for our members to come together with other municipal officials from similar-sized communities," said Mike Strachan, Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities.

"These meetings allow us to talk about the issues that our hometowns are facing," said Vice-President of Towns Rodger Hayward. "They are also an opportunity to share our successes. Innovation is budding in our communities, and we have a lot of knowledge to share with one another."

In addition to discussing issues and ideas, attendees saw a presentation by Fire Commissioner and Assistant Deputy Minister Duane McKay on regional public safety, and heard from Minister of Government Relations Warren Kaeding.

"It's always a pleasure to host this meeting," said Vice-President Strachan. "We are pleased to have both Fire Commissioner McKay and Minister Kaeding join us. SUMA and our members appreciate the opportunity to speak with provincial officials."

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