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Emergency Preparedness on Agenda for Saskatchewan's West Central Hometowns

Municipal leaders from 12 hometowns in west central Saskatchewan are gathered in Eston today to discuss matters important to their communities.

Emergency preparedness is one of the topics of conversation at the West Central Regional Meeting hosted by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA).

"Safety is a top priority for our hometowns," said Al Heron, West Central Regional Director and mayor of the Town of Eston. "To ensure the safety of our residents, we work to foster resilient communities that are prepared to mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters."

Municipal representatives are also talking climate change, prompt payment legislation, and building standards.

The West Central Regional Meeting is one of seven regional meetings being hosted by SUMA from October 1 – October 9.

"Regional meetings are an opportunity for municipal officials to share ideas and discuss challenges with fellow leaders from their region," said SUMA President Gordon Barnhart.

Leaders attending the West Central Regional Meeting represent:		
Battleford	Beechy	Biggar
Cut Knife	Eston	Kindersley
Lloydminster	Luseland	Macklin
Outlook	Rosetown	Wilkie

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