



The 2017-18 Provincial Budget and SUMA's Advocacy Response



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The Ramp Up

“Everything is on the table”

The Big Day

“Relieved to see revenue sharing continued, BUT...”



Details Emerge

“Death by 1000 cuts”

The Pin is Pulled

“SUMA Fighting for Outraged Members”



The Government Responds

A “Surprise Announcement” and the
Plot Thickens



Wins

- Cuts to library funding reversed
- Promise to engage both libraries and municipalities around the future of library funding
- PIL capped to 30% of revenue sharing total
- Section 6 of Bill 64 was removed, allowing SUMA members to proceed with legal action, if they so choose.
- Improved public understanding of urban municipalities and SUMA as a trusted source
- Provincial understanding of how loud and effective SUMA and its members can be when provoked.



Where Do We Go From Here?

“Strategic Re-engagement”



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