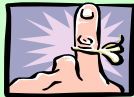




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Provincial –Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government Conference in Regina



[Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government](#) met September 19 and 20 in Regina and considered a number of issues that relate to their common goal of advancing municipal interests. Chief among these was the sustainability of municipal infrastructure. Ministers established a task force to better capitalize on the combined efforts of their governments.

Provincial and Territorial Ministers considered several reports related to community sustainability and steps that their governments could take to achieve this. In particular, these reports related to the struggles of small, rural, remote and resource dependant communities for survival, as well as municipal finances, economic development and infrastructure.

The next annual meeting of Ministers will be in the Northwest Territories in August 2006. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming events

- [Municipalities Act](#) Workshops:
 - Oct. 5 - Moose Jaw
 - Oct. 6 - Swift Current
- [PARCS](#) Convention
Oct. 28/29 – Saskatoon
- [SUMA](#) Regional Meetings (Tentative Dates):
 - Southwest - Oct. 19
 - West central - Oct. 20
 - Northwest - Oct. 21
 - Central - Oct. 24
 - Northeast - Oct. 25
 - East Central - Oct. 26
 - Southeast - Oct. 27
- [SUMA Educational Seminars:](#)
 - Nov. 1 – 2 Aboriginal & Community Issues
 - Nov 29 – 30 Recycling Workshop
- [SAMA](#) 2005 Property Revaluation Regional Consultations:
 - Swift Current – Oct. 4
 - Battleford – Oct. 5
 - Yorkton – Oct. 13
 - Weyburn – Oct. 14
 - Melfort – Oct. 19
 - La Ronge – Oct. 20
 - Warman – Oct. 21
- [SARM](#) Midterm Convention
Nov. 8 & 9 - Regina

Saskatchewan Environment seeks input on Green Strategy

Saskatchewan Environment (SE) is leading the development of the Saskatchewan Green Strategy to protect our environment while we grow our economy. The department is seeking your input on how to move the strategy forward. Green Forums will be held this fall to further define the outcomes and actions of a Green Strategy. Each forum will concentrate on one topic and will be comprised of an evening event that is open to the public, and a one-day facilitated discussion with invited representatives from a number of different organizations.

Forum topics include Stewardship of Renewable Natural Resources; Green Economy and Innovation; Human Society and the Environment; and Water Stewardship. More information is available on the [Saskatchewan Environment](http://www.saskatchewanenvironment.ca) website.

Legislative update for fall 2005

Government Relations is proposing amendments to the following statutes for the fall 2005 Legislative session:

- *The Assessment Management Agency Act*;
 - *The Cities Act*; and
 - *The Municipalities Act*
- Amendments proposed for *The Assessment Management Agency Act* will focus on providing the

appropriate legislative authority for the transition to a market value property assessment system for residential and commercial property in 2009 and to make changes to strengthen, clarify and improve the roll confirmation and quality assurance processes.

Changes to *The Cities Act* will see the implementation of proposed amendments developed by the “parking ticket” review committee, and legislative amendments to address assessment issues raised by the assessment valuation service providers.

Amendments to *The Municipalities Act* (MA) will address some policy issues raised by municipalities and other stakeholders, and make minor refinements to certain provisions identified by the department and stakeholders, in this final introductory stage prior to the implementation of the new legislation. As proposed for *The Cities Act* above, the MA amendments will address issues related to the enforcement of parking tickets and fines and incorporate changes, as necessary, to implement the 2009 revaluation.

For further information on the progress of Bills, click on the following link:
<http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/publications/default.htm>.

New regulations for municipalities

To accommodate the coming into force of *The Municipalities Act* (MA), and to make the Act operational, a single comprehensive regulation is being developed to replace the 19 existing regulations previously in place under *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* and *The Rural Municipality Act, 1989*. Drafting work on the new regulation was done over the summer.

The two municipal associations, as well as the administrator associations and the MA working committee, have been asked for their input. The new regulation is required to be completed this fall and put into place in time for the new MA to “come into force” on January 1, 2006.

The department is also proposing the enactment of *The Local Government Election Regulations, 2006*, which will integrate provisions in *The Local Government Election Regulations, 1985* with those from *The Rural Municipality Election and Voting Regulations, 1990*, to create a single streamlined regulation that will apply to all local government elections.

This regulation is also scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2006.