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Reminders

Municipal Well-Being Study Survey

This message is sent on behalf of **Iryna Khovrenkov**, a researcher

They know that municipalities are at the heart of all communities and are seeking your input and ideas matter as part of the province-wide survey that will be taking place in July. The

at the University of Regina. Iryna and her team are working on a project called *“Well-being in Policy: Cultivating Knowledge with Municipal Stakeholders about the Quality-of-Life Approach to Community Planning”*.

As part of the project, Iryna and her team are interested in learning about how municipalities—the government level closest to the people—are conceptualizing community well-being and the challenges associated with adopting a well-being approach to municipal decision-making.

link to the survey will be sent to you directly.

Please consider participating in this important survey. The survey is anonymous and taking part in it is completely voluntary. All survey responses will come directly to the research team and will provide the basis for the analysis.

Please let Iryna (iryna.khovrenkov@uregina.ca) or her research assistant, Stephanie (stephanie.ortynsky@usask.ca), know if you have any questions or concerns.

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4 Seasons of Reconciliation Course

The 4 Seasons of Reconciliation course was created and is administered by the First Nations University of Canada. This 3 hour online course allows students to work at their own pace. The purpose of this resource is to provide further understanding and education on the historical background of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

RBC has partnered with the First Nations University of Canada and Reconciliation Education to offer this program, at a cost of \$231, for free to all Canadians until the end of August. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more! Please click the link below to submit your online registration form through RBC.

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Upcoming TSS Application Intake

The **Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative** supports municipalities partnering to strengthen their core municipal responsibilities through projects focused on good governance, capacity building and regional co-operation. Funding is provided through cost-shared grants, covering up to 75 per cent of eligible project costs.

The next intake for funding under this program is expected to run from **September 1 to November 15, 2022**. More information on the application process will be available to municipalities, once the application window is open.

Each year, the TSS Initiative receives \$1.5 million from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program. Since 2020, \$4.5 million of provincial funds has been made available to Saskatchewan municipalities through the TSS Initiative. Funding is administered by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) on behalf of the TSS Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee consists of representatives from SUMA, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities and the Ministry of Government Relations.

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2022 IED Awareness Training Series

Registration is now open for the



Important Details:

When: September 7, 2022,
13:00-17:30 EDT

Where: Virtual Classroom

final virtual session of the 2022 IED Awareness Training Series. **Please be advised that this course is a repeat of the training that was held in 2021.** This training is offered in English only.

Please note that this is a DHS led training session, offered to the Canadian CI through Public Safety Canada. As such, you will first have to register (if you do not have one already) to obtain a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) user ID and password that you will then use to register for the course. The step-by-step instructions on how to register for the training session are contained in the attached document.

Please follow the instructions to register yourself as soon as possible to secure your spot for this training as space is limited. Once registered on the FEMA system, you are also encouraged to explore other training material that is available to registrants.

Should you find yourself unable to attend the training, please inform the facilitators and also withdraw your registration through the FEMA site prior to the training date so that your seat can be reallocated to a person on the wait list.

Cost: Free

Registration: [Click here](#)

Courses covered in this training:

Module 1: *IED Explosive Effects and Mitigation (AWR-337)*

This course details the difference between blast, thermal/incendiary, and fragmentation effects, and describes the consequences on various targets.

Module 2: *Homemade Explosives (HME) and Precursor Awareness (AWR-335)*

In this course, participants will learn foundational knowledge on homemade explosives and common precursor materials. Participants will also learn to identify common chemicals and materials used in HME attacks.

Module 3: *Protective Measures Awareness (AWR-340)*

In this course, participants will learn how to identify and mitigate facility security gaps. This course will provide knowledge about risk management and the three rings of security; physical, technical, and intelligence protective measures.

[Registration Instructions](#)

Information

Strong Job Growth in Saskatchewan Continues in July 2022

[As of August 5, 2022], job numbers released by Statistics Canada for July 2022 show Saskatchewan added 24,400 jobs, an increase of 4.4 per cent compared to July 2021, the third highest increase among the provinces. All of the growth was in full-time jobs.

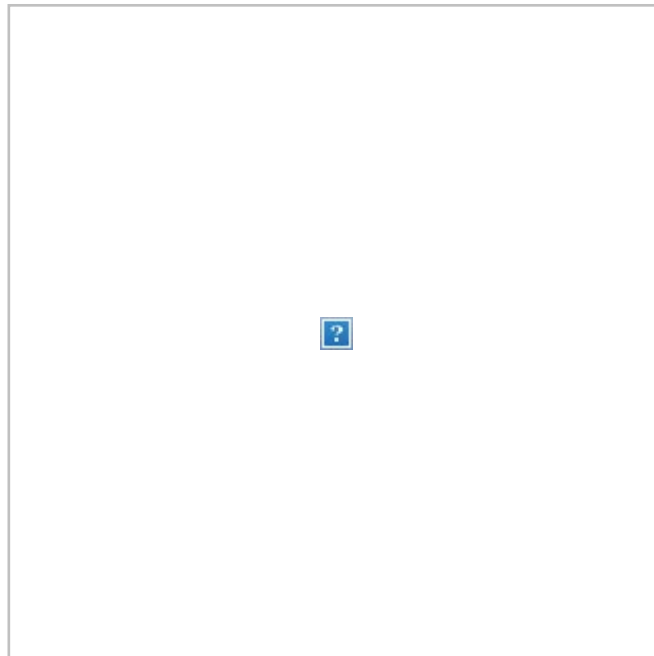
In July 2022, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate of 4.0 per cent remained the second lowest among provinces, a decrease from 7.1 per cent in July 2021 and well below the national average of 4.9 per cent (seasonally adjusted).

In July 2022, full-time employment increased by 32,600 jobs (+7.1 per cent) and part-time decreased by 8,100 (-8.1 per cent) compared to July 2021.

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Growth Continues in Saskatchewan with Increased Merchandise Exports and Building Permits

Numbers released today [August 4, 2022] by Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan's merchandise exports increased by 57.3 per cent in June 2022 compared to June 2021, the second highest increase among the provinces on a seasonally adjusted basis.



In the first six months of 2022, Saskatchewan's merchandise exports grew by 38.9 per cent compared to the same period in 2021, the second highest increase in the country. In the first six months of this year, the value of merchandise exports reached \$24.4 billion, with metal ores and non-metallic minerals, energy products and aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts leading this growth.

Year-over-year, Saskatchewan's



building permits increased by 27.4 per cent, the third highest increase in the country. Non-residential building permits increased by 33.5 per cent in June 2022, compared to May 2022, and residential permits increased by 2.1 per cent in this period.

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More than \$50 Million Worth of Passing Lanes on Highway 16

There will be 28 passing lanes and multiple intersection upgrades on Highway 16, which will improve safety along the major transportation corridor. The passing lanes extend on the Yellowhead east of Saskatoon from Clavet to Dafoe and in the Yorkton area from Springside to Saltcoats.

The passing lanes are part of a key investment through a two-year \$2 billion stimulus program, which continues to benefit drivers. The investment was targeted to help drive economic recovery from the global pandemic.



The Ministry will improve more than 1,100 kilometres (km) of provincial highways, putting us on track to exceed the Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 km of highways over 10 years.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$11.5 billion in highways since 2008, improving more than 18,400 km of Saskatchewan roads.

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