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Membership Renewal

Dear Mayor and Council,

Welcome, or welcome back, to municipal council! On behalf of Municipalities of Saskatchewan, congratulations on being elected to represent the interests of your community.

At the turn of the 20th century, urban governments, like yours, came together to form the Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities, later Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and now Municipalities of Saskatchewan, to represent the collective interests of cities, towns, and villages to other orders of government. Today that organization represents the interests of more than 440 urban governments - Saskatchewan cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities.

In February 2020, to more accurately reflect the breadth of our membership, SUMA's Board of Directors announced a rebranding to Municipalities of Saskatchewan. The decision to rebrand was part of the 2017-2021 strategic plan. As Municipalities of Saskatchewan, we increase our ability to advocate for Saskatchewan's hometowns and amplify municipal issues, not only to other orders of government but also to the media and the public.

While the name of our organization has changed, our mission remains the same – represent the interests of Saskatchewan’s hometowns to other orders of government leading to improved local government and thriving, sustainable communities.

Our communities look different as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which has changed nearly everything about how we live, interact, and do business. To aid our hometowns during the pandemic, Municipalities of Saskatchewan set about providing as much information and assistance as we could. We offered webinars to bring our members information about doing business during COVID-19; experts including Dr. Shahab, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, and staff from Government Relations all appeared as part of our webinar series. We expanded our communications, producing a weekly COVID-19 newsletter, and brought our member sectors together for a series of discussions with peers, as well as Municipalities of Saskatchewan Board of Directors and staff, to hear member concerns and identify best practices.

When renewing your membership, be sure to update your municipality's information by submitting a confirmation of information form.

[Confirmation of Information Form](#)

Stay up-to-date on events, news, and more by signing up to receive Municipalities of Saskatchewan emails.

[Email Sign-up Form](#)

Despite the challenges and restrictions of COVID-19, we have worked hard to continue providing the same great service you have come to expect from us, and fulfill our three core functions:

Advocacy: *We Represent Your Interests*

Group Programs: *We Help You Save Money*

Capacity Building: *We Provide You Access to Resources*

Municipalities of Saskatchewan works hard with your membership dollars each year. See the attached [graphic that highlights some of our work in 2020](#).

An invoice for your 2021 Municipalities of Saskatchewan membership will be emailed to your municipality soon. The membership fee is not increasing in 2021 as we all work to manage the results of the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your continued support.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your membership with Municipalities of Saskatchewan, please contact me at munisask@munisask.ca or 306-525-3727.

Sincerely,



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