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ANSWERING YOUR CONVENTION QUESTIONS

Whether this is your first or eighth time attending a Municipalities of Saskatchewan convention, Convention 2021 will be a new experience. Read on, as we answer some essential questions about Convention 2021. If you have questions about convention going virtual check out our [virtual convention FAQ](#).

What does my registration fee include?

Your convention registration fee includes:

- Access to all live events including Resolutions, Premier's Address, and more.
- 30-day access to all recorded content, including on-demand education sessions created just for municipalities;
- a seat at two keynote speaker presentations;
- a virtual backstage pass to engage directly with our keynote speakers and MC;
- 30-day access to view the tradeshow;
- two-days to connect virtually with tradeshow vendors offering products and services important to hometowns;
- the chance to dialogue with provincial cabinet ministers;
- the opportunity to network with other municipal leaders;
- if you're an elected official, the opportunity to vote in the Municipalities of Saskatchewan Executive elections.

Where do I register?

Register online for Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow. An invitation to register is sent to the main contact of all member municipalities, other government, and partner organizations. Didn't receive an email? Be sure to check your junk mail. If you still can't find it, contact accounting@munisask.ca.

How do I access the virtual convention?

A unique link to access the virtual event will be sent directly to each convention registrant. The event will happen fully online and can be accessed using Firefox or Google Chrome browsers.

Where do I find the Convention agenda and session details?

Session details can be found in the [promotional brochure](#). See the agenda in the brochure, or for a quick look at the schedule, check out the [agenda-at-a-glance](#).

Municipalities of Saskatchewan will not be using our app this year as the virtual event platform will have everything you need.

What should I wear?

Since you can access the virtual convention from the comfort of your home or office, you can technically wear whatever you want. However, there will be the option to interact with tradeshow vendors and others using video. You could also appear on video during a number of our live sessions, so be sure to dress appropriately when representing your municipality.

What are on-demand education sessions?

On-demand education sessions are pre-recorded education sessions that you can watch when you want. The sessions are designed specifically for municipalities - topics range from crisis communications to building realistic budgets. See the session descriptions in our [Convention brochure](#). With your convention registration, you can access these sessions for 30 days.

What are sector meetings?

Sector Meetings give delegates a chance to meet with colleagues from other municipalities in the same sector. This is a chance to discuss current issues affecting your sector. The Sector Meetings are on Monday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. They are split into three groups:

- Cities
- Towns
- Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities

The sector meetings for towns and villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities will include elections for their Municipalities of Saskatchewan sector representatives - Vice-President of Towns and Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities.

What are Executive elections?

Elections for three Municipalities of Saskatchewan Executive positions are held at the convention following municipal elections. At Convention 2021 elections will be held for:

- President
- Vice-President of Towns
- Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities

The presidential election is taking place at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, February 8. Vice-presidential elections will follow at 2:00 p.m. during Sector Meetings.

Who can vote in Executive elections?

All elected officials representing a Municipalities of Saskatchewan member municipality in good standing are eligible to cast one vote in the election of the President. To vote, an elected official must be in attendance at the Municipalities of Saskatchewan convention and be a registered convention delegate.

Each elected official representing a Municipalities of Saskatchewan town, village, resort village, or northern municipality who is in attendance at the annual convention and who is a registered convention delegate can cast one vote for their sector representative during Vice-President elections held during the Sector Meetings.

A link to vote will be sent out to all eligible elected officials registered to attend Municipalities of Saskatchewan's 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow.

Why is there no election for the Vice-President of Cities?

The Vice-President of Cities, who is the chair of the City Mayors' Caucus, is elected at the first City Mayors' Caucus meeting following a municipal election.

What are breakout sessions?

Breakout sessions are focused on a topic of particular interest to the following groups:

- Cities
- Towns and Villages (choice of two sessions)
- Northern communities

Breakout sessions are on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m.

How do resolutions work?

The resolutions session is on Tuesday, February 9 at 2:20 p.m. Resolutions and the voting process will be summarized in your resolutions package, which will be sent out in December, and on the virtual platform.

Only voting delegates are able to vote on resolutions. As per Municipalities of Saskatchewan bylaws, the number of voting delegates a municipality has been assigned is based on population.

Each resolution will be moved by the chair, and all speakers will be given two minutes to speak for or against a resolution.

Voting will be done online. A link for voting will be sent out to each voting delegate registered to attend Convention 2021. This link will also be used for voting in Executive elections.

What about the AGM?

The Annual General Meeting is Monday, February 8 at 12:15 p.m. Only voting delegates are able to vote during the AGM, as per revisions made to Municipalities of Saskatchewan's bylaws and passed at Convention 2019. The same link sent to voting delegates for resolutions will be used to vote during the AGM.

What happens at the Dialogue with Ministers and the Bear Pit?

Only voting, non-voting, municipal employees, and New Northern delegates are able to ask questions during Dialogue with Ministers and the Bear Pit. You may ask only one question, and statements are prohibited. Dialogue with the Ministers is taking place on Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m. and Bear Pit will follow at 10:40 a.m.

What is the Municipal Marketplace?

The Municipal Marketplace is a municipal tradeshow held in conjunction with the annual convention. It is only open to convention delegates and municipal employees. Vendors at the tradeshow offer products and services important to municipalities. With Convention going virtual, you will have 30-days to view the tradeshow booths.

Connect live with vendors through video chat between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 9. Time is set aside for you to visit the exhibitors.

Will there be prize draws?

Yes. There will be prize draws. Draws will be based on attendance at Convention sessions and tradeshow. We will provide more information as we get closer to Convention.

What if I have more questions?

Contact the Municipalities of Saskatchewan office at 306-525-3727 or email events@munisask.ca. Also, be sure to attend the Introduction to Convention on Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 p.m.

