

# **Municipal Information Dataportal**

Information and additional resources listed here can assist in managing your municipal assets, help with community planning, as well as understand municipal sustainability, public safety and utility/waterworks/waste management in your community.

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# 1. Asset Management

Municipal infrastructure doesn't exist for the sake of having infrastructure; it exists to provide services to the community. We need to ensure our infrastructure is providing the services our communities depend on.

Using asset management practices and principles we are finding ways to better understand how municipal assets work, what they cost to operate and what levels of service they provide. We want to ensure residents are getting the best bang for their buck when it comes to local infrastructure and the services it provides.

Watch to learn about municipal asset management in Saskatchewan.



The <u>Saskatchewan Municipal Asset Management Getting Started Guide</u> was developed in Saskatchewan for Saskatchewan municipalities. Delegates at both the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association 2017 annual conventions used the guide as an education tool during the asset management workshops. Using this guide will provide you with fundamental information about asset management and how it can be used to help support municipal operations.

# **Asset Management Resources**

As asset management programs have been implemented around the world, several resources and reference articles have been published, ranging from simple, brief overviews, to complex, thorough documents. Listed below are some of the additional resources available with brief descriptions.

#### Other Provinces' Initiatives

• Guide for Using the Asset Management BC Roadmap

The Asset Management BC Roadmap assists organizations to implement asset management practices by leading you through the steps of implementing basic asset management practices using a modular approach.

• Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery: A BC Framework

A high-level, systematic approach that supports municipalities in moving toward service, asset and financial stability through an asset management process. Developed to recognize the diversity of British Columbia's communities.

• Guide to Developing a Municipal Asset Management Policy

The British Columbia Local Government Asset Management Working Group has developed a guide to assist municipalities develop their own asset management policy.

• Alberta's Asset Management Handbook and Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to kick-start municipalities who are in the early stages of their asset management journey, or to support others with continuous improvement of their asset management programs. The handbook introduces asset management concepts with a focus on implementation for small and mid-sized communities. It includes processes, examples, and a set of practical and editable tools and templates.

Municipal Asset Management Planning in Ontario

Provides information on asset management requirements in Ontario and a general overview of the key components of an asset management plan.

#### **Communities of Practice**

- Asset Management Saskatchewan
- Asset Management British Columbia
- Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta
- Asset Management Ontario
- Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network
- Canadian Network of Asset Managers (CNAM)

### **International Organizations**

• Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA)

The IPWEA sells various documents related to asset management including their International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM) which is considered a leading source of information for asset managers.

- <u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asset Management Resources for States</u> This website provides information and various links related to asset management.
- <u>U.S. EPA Tools, Training, and Technical Assistance for Small and Rural Wastewater Systems</u>

  Tools available on this page include the Check Up Program for Small Systems (CUPSS). CUPSS is a free, easy-to-use, asset management tool for small drinking water and wastewater utilities. A simple,

comprehensive approach based on the EPA's Simple Tools for Effective Performance (STEP) Guide series.

• United Kingdom's Institute of Asset Management (IAM)

The Institute of Asset Management (IAM) seeks to promote and support the adoption of asset management best practices and the development of asset management systems.

New Mexico Environmental Finance Center, Asset Management: A Guide for Water And Wastewater
 Systems

Asset management guide for water and wastewater systems developed by the New Mexico Environmental Finance Center. Provides thorough information and explanations on what is asset management, its benefits and how to implement it.

### **Resource Listings**

The following organizations maintain reference listings of asset management tools and resources.

- Asset Management Saskatchewan
- Asset Management BC
- Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities

## **Asset Management Resources in Canadian Municipalities**

• RM of Buckland and Town of Dalmeny Pilot Projects

A presentation by Saskatchewan and VEMAX Management Inc. at the 2010 Canadian Network of Asset Managers (CNAM) conference related to tangible capital asset reporting pilot projects in the Town of Dalmeny and the RM of Buckland focusing on the transition from PSAB PS 3150 compliance to asset management.

- <u>Town of Dalmeny</u> sample asset management plans
- City of Edmonton's Infrastructure Strategy

Edmonton has been recognized by Canadian, American and international engineering and public administration associations as one of North America's most progressive infrastructure and asset management jurisdictions. Edmonton is one of the first Canadian cities to recognize the need for a strategic plan to deal with infrastructure.

#### **Training and Support**

Several organizations offer a range of learning activities and events that provide an introduction to asset management and are intended for municipal staff and elected officials:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA)

Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning

Online course delivered over 10 weeks that provides hands-on experience to develop a draft asset management plan for one asset class.

Municipal associations may also provide support and advice.

# Related Items

#### **Asset Management Getting Started Guide**

Having a clearer picture of the current state of your municipal infrastructure can help you make more informed decisions about asset operations, maintenance and renewal. This getting started guide will help.



### **Asset Management Condition Assessment Techniques**

Provides a compilation of potential methodologies used to assess infrastructure assets (e.g. sewers, water mains, road networks).



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# **Asset Management Condition Grading Standards**

Provides a compilation of condition grading/rating standards often used to identify and prioritize the renewal requirements for infrastructures such as roads, sewers, and water mains



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# 2. Community Development and Growth

Below are external resources related to Community Development and Growth.

- CMHC Saskatchewan Housing Market Information Portal
- Prince Albert Planning Division
- Saskatoon Planning and Development
- Swift Current Planning Department
- Weyburn Building and Planning Department
- Yorkton -Building and Construction

For additional information on land use planning in Saskatchewan, visit <u>Community Planning</u>, <u>Land Use</u> and Development.

# 3. Community Profiles

## Census of Canada

Census of population by provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, communities and census tracts.

#### • First Nations Profiles

Profiles of First Nations: Indigenous communities are located in urban, rural and remote locations across Saskatchewan and Canada.

Historic Places in Saskatchewan Municipalities

Local governments play a key role in the protection and promotion of historic places.

- Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics
  - Labour Force Survey
  - Monthly Statistical Review
  - Demography and Census Reports and Statistics

# • Saskatchewan Health Covered Population

These reports (found in the Covered Population folder) are published annually by Saskatchewan Health and provide a count of all persons who were eligible for Saskatchewan health coverage on June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Select the folder (Note: These values differ from federal census data.)

## The Community Information Database

The Government of Canada's Rural Secretariat has developed the Community Information Database as a tool designed to provide rural Canadians with easily accessible economic, demographic and social data at the community level.

# 4. Financial Information

• Goods and Services Tax (GST) Rebate for Municipalities

# 5. Municipal and Related Agencies and Associations

• Municipal Capacity Development Program

To encourage and assist municipalities in developing long-term municipal capacity on an interjurisdictional basis.

- Rural Municipal Administrators' Association (RMAA)
- Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA)

  Develops, regulates and delivers a stable, cost-effective assessment system that is accurate, up-to-date, universal, equitable and understandable.
- <u>Saskatchewan Association of Northern Communities (SANC)</u> (a.k.a. "New North")

  To advocate and negotiate with the local, provincial and federal governments on behalf of its member communities, and to implement changes in order to enhance the quality of life for northern people within the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (NSAD).
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
- Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association
- <u>Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan</u>

# 6. Municipal Sustainability

- <u>Alberta's Municipal Sustainability website</u>
  Alberta's strategy to improve the long-term sustainability of municipalities across the province.
- <u>Municipal Government Sustainability Self-Assessment Tool</u>
   Government Relations, along with sector partners, has developed a new interactive tool to help you assess the sustainability of your municipal operations and help you identify opportunities for improvement.

# 7. Property Assessment and Taxation

#### **MySAMA**

An interactive map for property assessment information in any municipality where assessment services are provided by SAMA.

# 8. Public Safety

# • Emergency Preparedness

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency provides information on building and fire safety, SaskAlert, public safety, SaskEMO, emergency contacts - Sask911 and the Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications Network.

### • Environment Services

Emergency numbers (24 hours) for the Ministry of Environment.

#### Saskatchewan Police Commission

The Saskatchewan Police Commission works with police services and boards of police commissioners to promote effective policing throughout the province.

#### Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

Describes the municipal process to apply to be designated for funding from the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program.

### • RCMP Detachments

Contact information for RCMP detachments in Saskatchewan.

### • Emergencies and Response

Information on all types of emergencies including wildfire activity, fire weather, how to report a wildfire, fire bans, safe burning practices and burning permit requirements, how wildfires are managed, and protection against the threat of wildfire.

# 9. Utility and Waste Information

# Waterworks Provisions for Municipalities

Learn about the Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks required under municipal waterworks regulations in Saskatchewan. Questionnaires are emailed to all municipalities required to comply with the regulations.

### Drinking Water Quality Search

Provides a searchable database of water quality sampling results.

# Hazardous Material and Safe Waste Management

Information about the hazardous spills reporting, management and storage of hazardous materials, as well as solid waste management.

# Saskatchewan Waste Management

Information on waste recycling in Saskatchewan.

# • Saskatchewan Air Quality Data

Information on air quality data from four monitoring locations in Saskatchewan.

# Waste Management

Information about the kinds of solid waste and how it is disposed of.

# Water Advisories and Warnings

Advisories and warnings about Saskatchewan drinking water.

#### • Water Quality Report

SaskWater's water quality report.

### For Operators (Water, Wastewater)

Information for operators of water systems and wastewater systems.

# • The Waterworks and Sewage Works Regulations

Learn about the regulatory requirements under The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010 relating to waterworks and sewage works in Saskatchewan.

# **Related Items**

#### Average Water & Sewer Cost for Saskatchewan Communities

Map illustrating average water and sewer cost for Saskatchewan communities as of May 2016



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#### February 2018 Municipal Water and Sewer Costs

Municipal water and sewer costs based on the average household monthly usage of 7,000 imperial gallons of water (31.82 cubic metres)



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# 10. Other Sites of Municipal Interest

### CivicInfoBC

Facilitates the free and open exchange of local government information.

• Manitoba Department of Municipal Relations

Offers a broad range of services to all Manitobans, municipalities and neighbourhoods.

• Municipal World

Information about local government, details about Municipal World's products and services, and links to other local government resources.

Muniscope

Muniscope, sponsored by the Provincial-Territorial Officials Committee on Local Government (PTOC), is a national resource on municipal issues.

• National Research Council Canada

Canada's largest federal research and development organization.

• Elections Canada - Voters

Information for first time voters - whether you are a youth or new Canadian.

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