



TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Jennifer Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 12, 2021

RE: **2021 SUMA Resolutions Follow Up**

ISSUE:

Councillor Squires has prepared a report for the committee in follow-up to the SUMA (Municipalities of Saskatchewan) Convention resolution vote on February 8, 2021 (attached).

BACKGROUND:

The committee was presented with the motions being put forward at the SUMA convention at the January 4, 2021, where the committee provided direction to the Town's voting delegate, Mayor Sobchyshyn and Councillor Squires.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the Committee received the report as information.

ATTACHMENT:

MuniSask Convention 2021 Resolutions Results

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Vote in parenthesis next to the title of the resolution is how council directed delegates to vote

1. Staggered Municipal Elections (No)

Therefore be it resolved that Municipalities of Saskatchewan advocate with the provincial government **to allow urban municipalities** to have elections every two years, with one half of council being elected, and every four years the mayor, ensuring that there is always some level of experience and continuity amongst the councillors.

Defeated No 210 Yes 40

2. Supplementary Assessments (Yes)

Whereas Section 219, subsection (1) of the *Municipalities Act* and Section 240, subsection (1) of the *Northern Municipalities Act* states “that the assessor **shall** make any supplementary assessment that may be necessary to reflect a change, ...

Therefore be it resolved that Municipalities of Saskatchewan advocate the Ministry of Government Relations to amend the *Municipalities Act* Section 219, subsection (1) and the *Northern Municipalities Act* Section 240, subsection (1) **by changing the word “shall” to “may.”**

Passed Yes 173 No 45

3 Monitoring Water Quality in Lakes and Rivers (No)

Therefore be it resolved that Municipalities of Saskatchewan advocate the Government of Saskatchewan to direct WSA to publish online quarterly, their or their contractor's actual test results as compared to the stated objectives, for the parameters listed in each of the Tables from their June, 2015 EBP 356 Surface Water Quality Objectives document indicated above..

Passed Yes 192 No 23

1. Development of a Wetland Policy for Saskatchewan

Therefore be it resolved that Municipalities of Saskatchewan advocate the Government of Saskatchewan, including the Water Security Agency, SaskWater, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Environment, to develop and adopt a wetland policy comparable to the policies currently in place in Alberta and Manitoba.

Passed Yes 170 No 46

*Respectfully submitted by,
Alison Squires
Feb. 9, 2021*