

# Governance

Additional Resources for the *Municipal Government Sustainability Self-Assessment Tool*

Evaluating elected municipal body in an effort to determine if council is complying with the requirements of provincial legislation and practising principles of good governance. It is recognized that good governance is a requirement for sustainability. According to the municipal Acts, municipalities are to provide good government.

## General governance information

Suggested terms to search on [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) to find general municipal election information:

- Election procedures for municipalities
- Municipal election

Suggested terms to search on [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) to find information about council meetings and procedures:

- Citizen's guide to shaping council decisions
- Council responsibilities
- Conflict of interest
- Information for new council members
- Council procedures
- Municipal policy manual example

Suggested terms to search on [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) to find information about authorities and powers:

- Bylaw examples
- Mandatory and optional municipal services/functions in legislation
- Bylaw guide for municipalities
- Whistleblower protection guide

Suggested terms to search on [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) to find information about municipal status:

- Additional service areas
- Name change
- Boundary alterations and/or annexation
- Reversion of an organized hamlet to a hamlet
- Merging municipalities
- Town or village status change
- Municipal expropriation guide
- Village or resort village incorporation
- Municipal government system
- Municipal status

Suggested terms to search on [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) to find information about community planning:

- Assessing your planning needs
- Planning professionals/planning consultants
- Guide to Community Planning Process in Saskatchewan
- Municipal planning costs
- Request for proposal guide
- Official community plan
- Servicing agreements
- Subdivision
- Zoning

## External resources

- **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards** – <http://www.municipalawards.ca/index>  
Learn about innovative practices of some of Saskatchewan’s municipal governments.
- **Guide to Hiring Your Administrator** - <http://sarm.ca/+pub/File/Resources-Publications/Guide%20to%20Hiring%20Your%20Administrator.pdf>  
This guide was developed by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.
- **International Association for Public Participation** - <https://www.iap2.org/mpage/Home>  
This organization summarizes the public participation ‘spectrum’ and promotes different methods of communicating and involving citizens in order to achieve different goals.
- **Policy Manual Examples**  
Policy manual example for a rural municipality -  
<https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/80620/formats/92462/download>  
Town of Kindersley Governance Policy -  
<https://kindersley.ca/getFileByName/Town%20of%20Kindersley%20Governance%20Policy%20Updated%202017.pdf>