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Membership Newsletter – June 2026 Update

SAVE THE DATE: New North Annual General Meeting

As New North has progressed in its development over the past year, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce an **Annual General Meeting** to be held **Friday, September 25, 2026, in Prince Albert**. The meeting will include a recap of the work completed over the last year, as well as the presentation of New North’s financial statements. Formal invitations to come, stay tuned for more details.

Meeting with Minister of Government Relations

At the end of May, New North Chair Rick Laliberte, Treasurer Abby Besharah, and CEO Terri-Lynn Beavereye had the opportunity to meet with Minister Eric Schmalz at his Prince Albert constituency office to discuss New North’s rebuilding process. The delegation provided an update of New North’s progress on completing financial statements and plans for an annual general meeting in the fall. The Minister was happy to see New North up and running and offered his support in its continued efforts.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

The New North Board and CEO were in Edmonton for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference representing New North and learning from municipal leaders and presenters from across the country. CEO Terri-Lynn Beavereye described her experience at the conference:

“It was very educational for me as a new CEO. We got to meet so many leaders of northern municipalities in other provinces, the territories, and up in the arctic regions. We’re excited to stay in contact and continue to learn from each other”.



FCM 2026 Conference at the
Edmonton Convention Centre



Changes to SUMA Northern Caucus



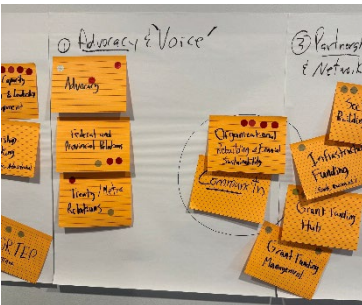
As part of their ongoing governance modernization, SUMA approached the New North board of Directors to discuss consolidation of our Northern Caucus, with New North. This would separate the northern caucus from SUMA's governance, but would not change the effectiveness of their advocacy. Rather, SUMA sees this as a positive development that will provide for stronger, more effective engagement with their northern members. SUMA will continue to provide a staff resource specific to New North, to ensure continued engagement and communication between our agencies, and that advocacy advisor will continue to prioritize advocacy issues identified by New North membership.

As part of efforts to prepare for this potential change, SUMA has engaged Roy Anderson of strategic change management experts R. Anderson and Associates, to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations. This was undertaken following meetings between Roy and representatives from both New North and SUMA's northern caucus.

SUMA will be bringing the draft MOU to New North membership for voting on at the annual meeting in September. They will not be moving forward with any governance changes without the full support of New North.

Should you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, SUMA welcomes you to reach out to CEO Jean-Marc Nadeau at ceo@suma.org

New North Strategic Planning Underway



Board brainstorming session hosted by Upfront Consulting

The New North Board of Directors kicked off their strategic planning process last month at a facilitated session in Prince Albert hosted by Upfront Consulting. The exercise covered the organization's mission, vision, future aspirations, and strategic priorities. This process, shaped by members' feedback at the Northern Leadership Gathering and through the Member Needs and Priorities Survey, will provide the New North team with direction for the years to come.

Upcoming Events

SUMA Roadshow: Northern Region – June 22, Ile-a-la-Crosse
Ile-a-la-Crosse 250 Years Community Celebration: July 3 – 8
New North AGM: September 25, 2026

