



## WELCOMING & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES Communautés accueillantes et inclusives

### Message from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA)

Canada is a country that prides itself on being multicultural, and Saskatchewan's motto reflects that diversity. "Multis e gentibus vires" translates to "from many peoples strength."

Saskatchewan in 2017 is both strong and beautiful thanks to the contributions of its people. As a mosaic is made up of many different pieces to create a beautiful piece of art, Saskatchewan is made up of many different people — Indigenous, settler, immigrant — to create beautiful communities. Together, we are mighty; we are creative; we are one.

But there is much work still to be done.

Multiculturalism is not an end state; it is a way of living, and every Saskatchewan hometown needs to embrace it if we are to succeed and build on our common strength. Diversity is the past and the future of the province. It must be celebrated, welcomed, and encouraged, and as leaders in our communities, it is our responsibility to lead by example.

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) is proud to partner with the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan on their Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Initiative.

In Saskatchewan, our hometowns have a long history of resilient people coming together to build strong communities, places where you don't have to be **from** here to be at home here. We encourage every single hometown in our wonderful province to reflect our multicultural history and commit to ongoing inclusion and diversity by signing the #WelcomeHome150 pledge and putting this toolkit to good use.

The anniversary of Canada's confederation is the perfect time to celebrate our successes and reflect on how we can make redress for our failures, so that we may all move forward, grow, and succeed as diverse — but united — peoples.

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