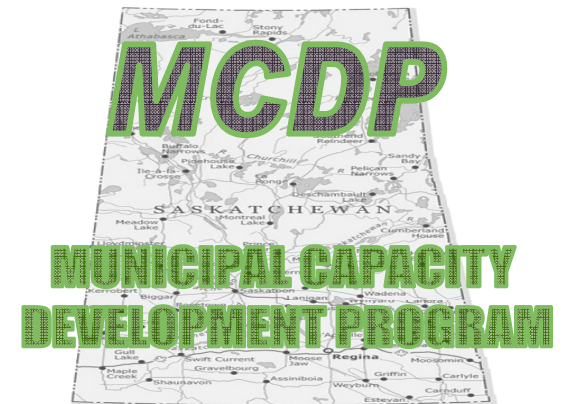


# Planning for a Brighter Future: Municipalities Working Together

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# Saskatchewan at a Glance

- Total population of 1,045,622
- 651,900 square km— total area
- 296 rural and 464 urban and northern municipalities
- Increasing and Ageing Population
- Increasing Urbanization
- Extraordinary Development
- Increasing Social Demands
- Ageing Infrastructure
- Escalating Costs and changing Regulatory Requirements





# Current Local Capacity

- 625 administrators for over 790 municipalities
- 137 municipalities with under 100 in population
- 60% of all municipalities have zoning bylaws with less than 36% with Official Community Plans



# Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP)

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- Assist municipalities in building capacity for planning;
  - further the adoption of inter-municipal growth management plans to attract and effectively manage economic growth and development;
  - foster long term working relationships amongst municipalities, including First Nations and Métis communities, to enhance communication and collaboration across the province; and,
  - promote cooperation among urban, rural and northern municipalities to deliver more accessible and cost effective services.
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# MCDP Services

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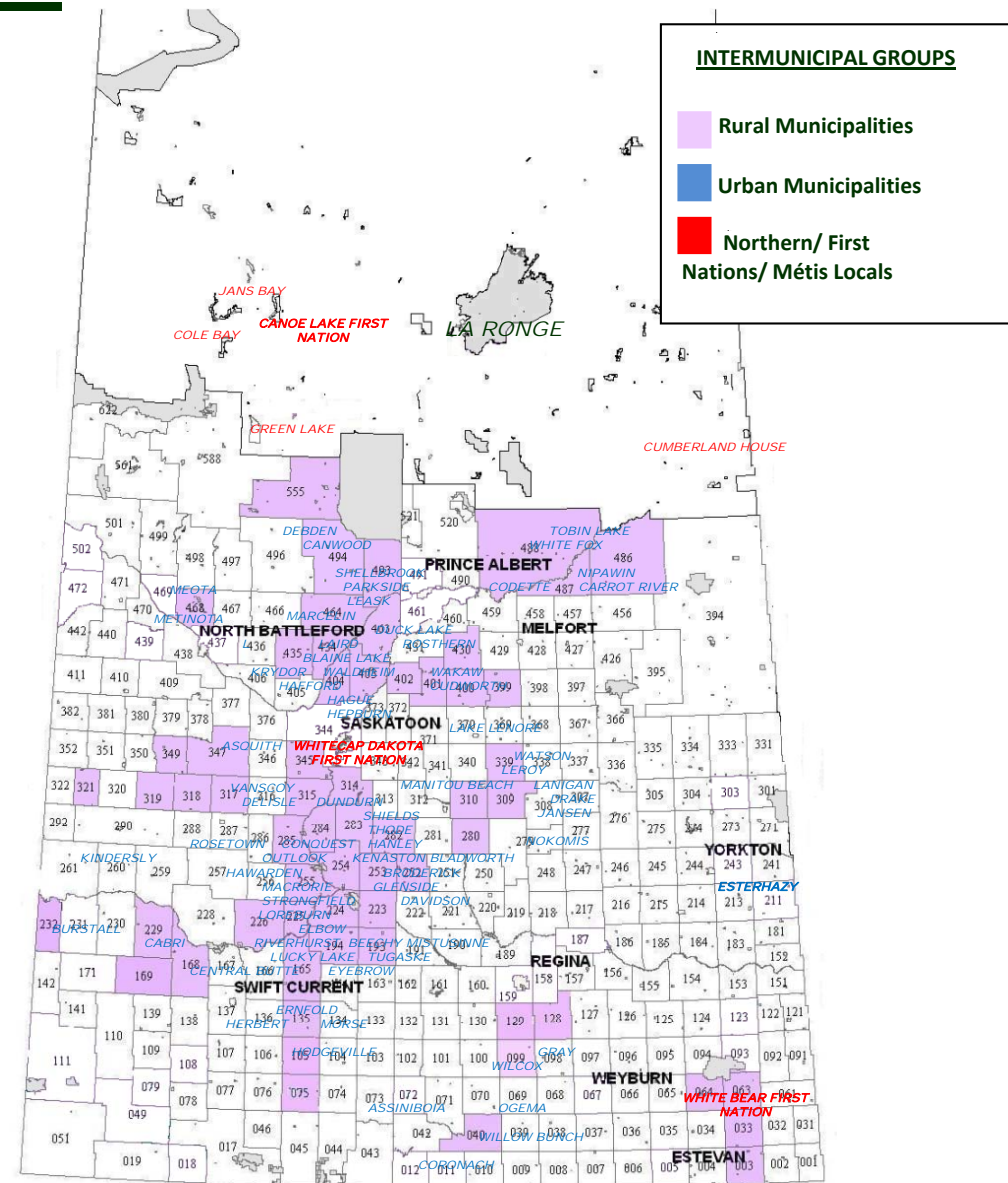


The program focuses on a four of key areas for service delivery to build local capacity:

1. **Facilitation**- promote open communication and collaboration amongst urban, rural, and northern municipalities and other applicable stakeholders.
2. **Education** – develop and partner to deliver a number of workshops and information sessions on issues such as regional planning and preparing funding proposals.
3. **Training**- build skill at the local level to implement sustainable planning strategies.
4. **Research** – conduct topic specific research and communicate findings to Saskatchewan municipalities.

# Inter-municipal Cooperation at it's Finest


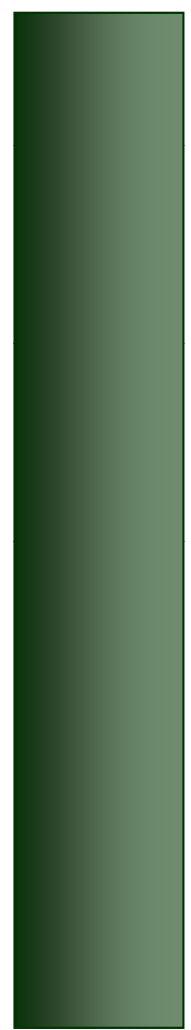

- **28** inter-municipal groups established
- Encompass **200+** Rural, Urban, First Nation and Métis communities
- Range in size from **2** to **44** municipalities/communities
- **100+** inter-municipal projects initiated





# Municipal Success Stories

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- *North of the Divide Community Association (NODCA)*
  - *Twin Lakes Community Planning Association (TLCPA)*
  - *WaterWolf*
  - *Mid-Sask. Municipal Alliance (MSMA)*
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# North of the Divide Community Association (NODCA)

- Formed in 2010 to develop a regional body to provide services to participating municipalities.
- Formalized their commitment to shared objectives by signing an MOU in September 2010.
- Currently working to create a district plan, develop a regional bylaw enforcement strategy and emergency measures.
- Future plans to develop a regional service agency to provide bylaw enforcement, administration, planning assistance and educating participating communities in the region.





# Twin Lakes Community Planning Association (TLCPA)

- Comprised of 7 municipalities
- Created and adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (Oct. 2009)
- Developed a Community Action Plan which focusing on:

*1. maintaining and expanding shared community services and to identify opportunities; and,  
2. undertake land use planning and uniform standards to support transportation and economic development  
and provide a foundation for service agreements*





# WaterWolf

“We are the centerpiece for regional planning services, geographic information services (GIS), website creation, hosting and management, GPS data gathering and management to improve municipal planning, and a place to grow ideas for our economic future”- [www.WaterWolf.org](http://www.WaterWolf.org)

- Advisory Planning Commission
- Comprised of 44 local governments
- Developed a Regional Growth Management Strategy
- Collaborated on the Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Area Destination Plan

Source: [www.WaterWolf.org](http://www.WaterWolf.org) / [www.municipalcapacity.ca/interconnections](http://www.municipalcapacity.ca/interconnections)



# Mid Sask. Municipal Alliance (MSMA)

*“We are a progressive group of small and large communities in a rural setting committed to working together as a regional collective for the long term betterment of the area. Our richness in agriculture, potash and manufacturing creates a strong economy for the region and the province. The area supports a variety and abundance of wildlife and numerous tourist sites and opportunities. Our region contains cooperative and ambitious community spirits that create a unique quality of life for everyone.”*

- Comprised of 11 municipalities
- Focused on issues dealing with housing, healthcare, education, infrastructure and major developments
- Signed an MOU in 2010
- Working together to develop a regional plan for the area





# Reaching All Communities: MCDP

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- Workshop development and delivery
  - Resource development
  - Website - [www.municipalcapacity.ca](http://www.municipalcapacity.ca)
  - *Interconnections: Sustaining Saskatchewan's Future*
  - *My Community* Online Forum
  - Guide to Municipal Cooperation
  - Guide to Comprehensive Asset Mapping
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