

# Urban Update



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## Convention 2018: Know Before You Go

Will you be joining us next week at Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina for the 113th Annual SUMA Convention? There's lots going on February 4 to 7, so here are some tips to help you make the most of your Convention 2018 experience.

**Plan it all out** with the help of [the agenda](#) on our website, or our [free event app](#), available for Blackberry, Android, and iPhone/iPad. There's even a web-based version, so you can access the information without downloading the app. Use the app to create a personal agenda now and make the most of your time on location.

**Dress for success.** Remember that you are representing your community, so dress to put your best foot forward at Convention 2018. Dress is business casual, and make sure you bring warm clothing and comfortable footwear. Regina can be chilly this time of year. Welcome Reception is casual, including your favourite football memorabilia. The President's Banquet is business formal.

**Green it up** by bringing a reusable water bottle/travel mug, using the clearly identified recycling bins located throughout Queensbury, and taking the bus. **Shuttle service** is provided at all [official Convention hotels](#). Look for the SUMA signs in your hotel lobby for the bus stop location and approximate departure times. [Schedules](#) are now available on the [Convention 2018](#) page of our website.

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## SUMAdvantage Partners at the Tradeshow

**SUMAdvantage**  
Your first call for savings

While experiencing Convention 2018, make sure to visit our SUMAdvantage partners at the tradeshow. We are excited to have three new vendors join us:

There will be a listing at the entrance of Queensbury for end-of-day departures.

**Get all the goods.** Your first stop at Queensbury should be the registration desk, which opens on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to line up by *municipality name* (**not** your name). At the registration desk, you'll get an envelope with your name badge, agenda card and event tickets, and a bag with important information items, such as the Convention handbook, which includes resolutions, the tradeshow exhibitor listings, and more.

**Wear your name badge** at all times during Convention. It is your admission to the tradeshow and all Convention sessions and luncheons with security on-site, and your introduction to fellow delegates.

**Socialize.** Attend the events that SUMA has to offer! Be sure to bring your tickets to the Welcome Reception on Sunday and the President's Banquet on Tuesday, because you'll be asked for them at the door.

**Network.** Not to be confused with socializing, networking is all about finding out who's who, sharing what you do, and finding the people who can help you do your job even better. Network with your fellow municipalities as well as the exhibitors in our Municipal Marketplace.

**Bring business cards** to facilitate making and keeping connections. And what better time to bump up your LinkedIn profile by adding the people you meet from across the province to your network?

**Browse the Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow** during the dedicated viewing times, or other breaks in your schedule. But remember, entry is restricted to registered delegates and municipal employees only. Make sure you enter your name in our **daily draws** located in the tradeshow area for your chance to win great prizes. Enter early both days for an extra chance to win!

**Borrow great ideas;** there's no need to reinvent the wheel! Learn best practices from your fellow municipalities. That's what being a part of an association is all about - sharing.

- [Fort Garry Fire Trucks](#)
- [Chem International](#) (Wastewater Treatment Chemicals)
- [EnviroWay](#) (Water Treatment Chemicals) Watch your inbox for more information on this new partner.

Page 36 of the Convention handbook will list all the partners in the tradeshow. Make sure you check out the featured products and services offered, and ask our partners how they can help you save time and money.

Please visit us at SUMA's booth (128 and 129) or [SUMAdvantage online](#) for a complete list of member programs. Email [Lisa Rawlings](#) with any questions.

## Friendly Reminder: 2018 SUMA Membership Fees

SUMA membership fees for 2018 are due on **Tuesday, January 31**. Renewing your membership for another year supports SUMA's advocacy and capacity-building work, and gives you access to group benefits, SUMAssure, and SUMAdvantage to help you save money. We appreciate your support all year long.

## New Benefit for Volunteer

**Be present.** Take advantage of the chance to take in education sessions and hear what SUMA is doing for you. When a speaker is presenting, side conversations and ringing cell phones are distracting. Your fellow delegates appreciate your consideration during sessions.

## Convention 2018: Get Ready for Resolutions

Prepare for the resolutions session at Convention 2018 by reviewing [the resolutions package](#). This is our chance to get municipal issues in the spotlight with media and other orders of government, but with 23 resolutions this year, we encourage members to get familiar with the resolutions **and** the session procedures to make the most of our limited time on the Convention floor.

A few highlights from the procedure:

- All speakers must be both elected officials and Convention 2018 delegates.
- After the sponsoring community has seconded their resolution, the chair will ask for speakers **opposed or seeking amendments**. Unless there is debate on the issue, agreement can be shown through your vote.
- During debate, speakers are limited to two minutes. There will be a clock to show your remaining time, and mics will be silenced when time runs out, so we may move through debate efficiently.
- Sponsoring municipalities get three minutes to second their resolution, and if there is debate, one minute to close.
- If we run out of time at the session, resolutions that did not make it to the floor will be presented to the next meeting of the SUMA Board of Directors.

## Convention 2018: Don't Miss Out on the President's Banquet

## Firefighters and First Responders

The SUMA Group Benefits Department is pleased to launch an Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) exclusively for Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders.

This new product will launch in the spring of 2018 and more information will be made available in the upcoming months.

Please visit the SUMA Group Benefits team at booth 128 & 129 during the tradeshow or contact our office to learn more about this new benefit.

## FCM Wants to Hear from You: Grade Crossing Upgrades

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is looking for cost estimates from municipalities that have to upgrade federally-regulated grade crossings. These cost-estimates will help both FCM and the Railway Association of Canada show the cost implications of these regulations for communities of various sizes and to advocate for additional federal funding for crossing upgrades.

If you have prepared cost estimates for any grade crossings that require

Act quickly if you want to attend the President's Banquet! Join us to celebrate long-serving municipal officials and staff. The event includes a buffet dinner and cash bar. After the awards program, get ready for a good laugh with comedian Dave Hemstad!

This evening promises to be a fantastic time filled with celebration and laughter, so [email](#) or call 306-525-4385 by **Thursday, February 1** if you don't already have tickets. Sunday's Welcome Reception has already sold out, so don't miss your chance for this event.

## Convention 2018: Meet with President Barnhart

SUMA President Gordon Barnhart will be available during Convention to meet with members to discuss council governance or SUMA issues. Time is available Sunday, February 4 in the afternoon. Please [email Heather Vanderaa](#) to book one of the remaining spots.

## Webinar on New Energy Star Certification Program

Soon, eligible commercial and institutional buildings in Canada will be able to show residents their structures are energy efficient by displaying Energy Star symbols. Does your municipality have an energy-efficient curling or ice rink? You can apply. How about a residential care facility? It could also be eligible. Seven building types are currently eligible:

- curling and ice rinks;
- senior care communities and residential care facilities;
- medical offices;
- schools;
- hospitals;
- commercial offices; and
- supermarket and food stores.

upgrades to meet the new regulations, please send them to [FCM Policy Advisor Marc LeBlanc](#).

## Classifieds

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*City of Prince Albert: Chief of Police*  
(February 16)

*City of Martensville: Director of Infrastructure and Planning*  
(February 19)

*Town of Churchbridge: Residential Building Inspector* (February 23)

*Village of Kisbey: Administrator*  
(March 15)

*Town of Kerrobert: Administrator*  
(When filled)

*Town of Imperial: Administrator*  
(When filled)

*Town of Dalmeny: Public Works Manager* (When filled)

*Town of Balgonie: Public Works Foreman* (When filled)

### FOR SALE

*Dump Truck* (February 22)

*Fire Pumper* (February 26)

Find the latest listings by visiting the [SUMA Classifieds](#) section of our website, under the Programs and Services tab.

To qualify, a building requires a score of at least 75 out of 100, plus other criteria. The [program](#) is officially launching **March 26**. To find out about how to apply, check out [this webinar](#) tomorrow: **January 30**.

Have a position to fill or an item to sell? [Submit your ad](#) on our website.

## Capacity Building: Asset Management Certificate Course

Do you want to learn about asset management and how it could help save your municipality money **and** make the most out of municipal infrastructure? Would you like to gain the skills to create or update an asset management plan for your municipality?

The National Asset Management Strategy Canada (NAMS Canada) is partnering with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to offer an [online asset management certificate course](#). Sign up by **March 30** for the eight-week course, running from April to June 2018. The cost is only \$215, so sign up soon to get one of the limited spots.

Though the course is beneficial to municipalities of all sizes, it is geared to those with populations of less than 10,000 people and with limited expertise in asset management. Your municipality does not need to be an FCM member to register.

## Grants

### Upcoming Deadlines

- Saskatchewan Prevention Institute: [Young Healthy Community Grant Program](#) (January 31)
- Canadian Heritage: [Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage - Festivals](#) (January 31)
- Community Initiatives Fund [Summer Grants](#) (February 1)
- Employment and Social Development Canada [Canada Summer Jobs](#) (February 2)
- Employment and Social Development Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy [Rural and Remote Funding Stream](#) (February 2)

For a full listing of grants, check the [Grants](#) section of our website under the Resources tab.

## Urban Update Advertisement SUMAssure

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Meet us at booth 130  
in the Convention 2018 tradeshow to learn more about  
what sets SUMAssure apart from traditional insurers , and  
enter for your chance to win a Nest Cam Wi-Fi Indoor and  
Outdoor Camera.

