

Urban Update



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PST Impact Survey

Has your hometown been financially impacted by the addition of PST to construction services?

The 2017-18 provincial budget added PST to services including construction, agriculture, and life and health insurance. On February 26, Premier Moe announced the reinstatement of PST exemptions on life and health insurance premiums, as well as agriculture. However, PST remains on services including construction.

To analyze how PST on construction has affected Saskatchewan's hometowns, SUMA has created a short, [three question survey](#). The survey will be open until **March 21**.

Capacity Building: Community Planning and Building Standards Workshops

Interested in learning how to facilitate and regulate growth and development in your community? Now is your chance as the Ministry of Government Relations' Community Planning branch and Building Standards and Licensing branch are presenting a full day workshop designed to build capacity for community planning and building standards administration.

The workshop, [Development Basics: An Introduction to Community Planning and Building Standards](#), is being held throughout Saskatchewan in the month of April.

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- building codes and legislation;
- subdivisions;
- how to manage development on potential hazardous lands;
- servicing agreements and development levies; and
- regional planning.

Elected officials, administrators, community planners, building and fire officials, building owners and others are encouraged to attend.

[Registration](#) closes March 15. The cost to attend is \$75.

Community Safety Officer Program

Registration is now open for the April 30 to June 8 round of [Community Safety Officer Program Induction Training](#) at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Prince Albert. The registration deadline is **April 13**, and tuition is \$5,710.

Community Safety Officers (CSOs) provide an additional option to enhance community safety, and support local policing agencies by addressing high priority, but low risk to harm concerns. The program training must be done before a CSO may be granted a Special Constable Appointment, which allows the enforcement of some provincial statutes.

Program and registration inquiries can be directed to Gord Stewart, Policing Innovations, Ministry of Corrections and Policing, at 306-798-3383.

Economic Development Conference

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SEDA) and Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network will be hosting their [2018 Intersections for Growth Conference](#) in **Saskatoon May 2 and 3**.

The conference will feature more than 25 sessions on the opportunities available in Saskatchewan today, and will be preceded by a workshop on disaster resilience and recovery.

SUMA members is \$31.99 plus GST for a 12-month subscription. That's a discount of 46 per cent! Every renewal and new subscription will be entered to win a complete set of educational books including:

- *Making a Difference: Cuff's Guide for Municipal Leaders Vol. 1 and 2;*
- *12 Strategies for Re-Energizing Your Community;* and
- *Guide to Good Municipal Governance.*

Total retail value - \$ 114.80.

For in-depth coverage of municipal issues and valuable information [sign up or renew](#) your subscription before the **April 27 deadline**.

For a complete list of member programs, visit [SUMAdvantage](#) online or email [Lisa Rawlings](#) at SUMA with any questions.

Classifieds

Positions Available

Town of Cupar: Administrative Assistant (March 15)

Town of La Ronge: Public Works Manager (March 21)

Urban Systems: Community Planner (March 29)

Village of Carievale: Administrator (April 1)

City of Yorkton: Capital Projects Manager (April 6)

Intersections for Growth is designed to inspire leaders and professionals to be early adopters, capitalizing on trends and opportunities ahead of the curve in order to maintain healthy and vibrant communities and regions.

Register now to receive an early bird discount. To register three or more individuals, or for manual billing, email [SEDA](#) or call 306-384-5817.

Capacity Building: Asset Management Workshops

To help you keep pace with changing asset management requirements, Asset Management Saskatchewan, in partnership with SUMA and SARM, is offering [in-person workshops](#) across the province this spring.

The workshops are geared to municipal staff and elected officials, and designed to address issues around the asset management requirements for Gas Tax Funding.

Twelve workshops are scheduled across the province, with the first happening in North Battleford March 26. Space is limited, so act fast. Some locations are more than 75 per cent sold.

It is strongly recommended that all workshop participants attend the one hour webinar "[Aging Infrastructure in Saskatchewan is a Major Challenge](#)." The next free webinar is happening **March 22**.

Get all the details and sign up to be the first to hear about new sessions [on their website](#).

Contractor Safety Breakfasts

Public works crews are invited to enjoy a free breakfast at locations around Saskatchewan in April, courtesy of the [Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance \(SCGA\)](#).

The annual [spring contractor safety breakfast](#) events are an opportunity for all equipment operators, supervisors, managers, owners and labourers to reinforce their awareness of how to work safely around underground and overhead facilities. To attend, register online before **March 23**. Make sure to complete one form for each attendee per location.

[Town of Outlook and RM of Rudy: Administrative Assistant/Financial Officer](#) (When filled)

[Town of Coronach: Foreman](#) (When filled)

[Village of Meath Park: Administrator](#) (When filled)

[City of Melville: Controller](#) (When filled)

[Town of Qu'Appelle: Administrator](#) (When filled)

[Town of Imperial: Administrator](#) (When filled)

[Village of Montmartre: Public Works Labourer](#) (When filled)

[Town of Grenfell: Superintendent of Public Works](#) (When filled)

For Sale

[Town of Strasbourg: Dump Truck](#)

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

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines

- Canadian Tire Jumpstart [Accessibility Grants](#) (March 16)
- SaskCulture [Creative Kids Northern Cultural Fund](#) (March 26)
- Farm Credit Canada [AgriSpirit Fund](#) (March 29)

Trade, Transportation and Technology Conference in Estevan

The City of Estevan, in conjunction with the Central North American Trade Corridor Association, is hosting the biannual Trade, Transportation and Technology Conference **April 26**.

Taking place at Southeast College in Estevan, the conference will feature presentations on smart cities, distance learning technology, Estevan's e-commerce story, automated trucking, cyber security awareness and more.

Tickets are available [online](#) or by calling 306-634-1800.

- Government of Saskatchewan [Community Airport Partnership Program](#) (March 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund [Community Grant Program](#) (April 1)
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association [Community Cultural Diversity Inclusion Grant](#) (April 1)
- SaskCulture [Multicultural Initiatives Fund](#) (April 2)

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

Funding: Community Airports

The Community Airport Partnership (CAP) Program is accepting applications until Friday, **March 30**. Find out more by reading the 2018-19 CAP program and application guidelines by visiting the government of Saskatchewan [CAP webpage](#). Have a question? Contact Stephen Cook at 306-933-5947.

Funding: AgriSpirit Fund

Does your community have less than 150,000 people? Is it looking for capital project funding? If the answer is yes, your project may qualify for the [Farm Credit Canada \(FCC\) AgriSpirit Fund](#). Selected projects receive between \$5,000 and \$25,000 in funding. [Apply now](#) for your chance. Applications are being accepted until **March 29**.

Urban Update Advertisement Professional Services Directory

Find professionals quickly and easily.

Starting the search for professionals can be a daunting task. SUMA has you covered with the [Professional Services Directory](#). Find contact information and references for the professional services your community needs, all in one place. Check the directory if you're looking for:

- communications and advocacy services;
- HR and labour relations consultants;
- community planners;
- lawyers;
- accountants
- project managers (construction);
- municipal engineers; or
- management consultants and strategic planners.

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