

# Urban Update



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## Last Chance: Climate Change Survey

*"We have a very strong story to tell here in the province of Saskatchewan, and we need to shout it from the rooftops"*  
- Premier Scott Moe, SUMA Convention 2018

At Convention 2018, Premier Moe encouraged municipalities to promote initiatives that reduce their carbon footprint, and at Convention 2017, members [resolved](#) to take a leadership role in adopting carbon reduction strategies.

SUMA's short [climate change survey](#) is a chance to share how your municipality is reducing carbon emissions and building resilience. Or in Moe's words, shout it from the rooftops.

Take the survey before it closes **June 1**. Results will be used to update SUMA's climate change policy.

If you have any questions, please contact our Policy and Legal Advisor [Steven Dribnenki](#).

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## Funding: Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund

To help strengthen communities against the effects of climate change, the Government of Canada has launched the [Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund](#).

Over the next 10 years, the national program will invest **\$2 billion in projects** that help communities better withstand

## New Capital Purchase Program

**SUMAdvantage**  
Your first call for savings

As a member of SUMA, you can now buy from many of the top manufacturers and suppliers in the country. Our new [Capital Purchase Program](#) offers you **savings without the hassle of tendering**.

natural hazards such as floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and droughts.

The fund is set to support large-scale projects with a minimum cost of \$20 million like diversion channels, wetland restorations, wildfire barriers, and setback levees - projects that safeguard public health and safety, protect homes, ensure essential services are not interrupted, and help protect quality of life.

Eligible applicants include municipal and regional governments; provinces and territories; Canada public and not-for-profit post-secondary institutions that partner with a Canadian municipal; and band councils and First Nation, Inuit and Métis governments.

Those wanting to be considered for funding have until **July 31, 2018** to submit an [Expression of Interest](#) to Infrastructure Canada.

## Workshop and Meetings Recap

**Thank you** to all the SUMA members who attended events over the last two weeks. We know it was a busy time for not only us, but also you with our Cannabis Legalization Workshop, the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting, and the City Mayors' Caucus. We appreciate everyone who took part in these activities.

The workshop on cannabis legalization happened May 9, attendees hearing from the 420 Clinic who discussed common misconception about cannabis; Jana Linner from MLT Aikins Law Firm who spoke about municipal responsibilities and the potential pitfalls as employers; and SUMA's policy staff who talked about what cannabis legalization means for municipalities. That evening, we also hosted an MLA reception to kick off the Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting.

The meeting itself got started May 10. More than 100 participants from as far as Cumberland House joined us for the full-day meeting, which featured discussions on common issues and shared solutions, a presentation by Fire Commissioner Duane McKay, and an address from Minister of Government Relations Warren Kaeding.

On May 17, Saskatchewan's city mayors met at Jackfish Lodge for the City Mayors' Caucus. At this year's caucus, topics of discussion included cannabis legalization, climate change, photo radar, and ride sharing.

SUMA and the [National Joint Powers Alliance \(NJPA\)](#) have partnered to [ease the capital purchasing process](#) for equipment, products, and services. We have created a business and service relationship with vendors through a competitively tendered and trade compliant process - done on your behalf.

**Available Program Lines:**  
**Class 6,7,8 Chassis Trucks** - Kenworth and Volvo Trucks

**Heavy Construction Equipment** - Caterpillar Inc. and Volvo Construction Equipment

**Agricultural Tractors** - Case IH

Call [Lisa Rawlings](#) at 306-525-4466 for dealer information and how you can save time and money on capital purchases.

For a complete list of member programs, visit [SUMAdvantage](#) online.

## Hit the Greens with SUMA Members this Summer

The Town of Hudson Bay is proud to host the 30th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament on **July 12-13**, at the Hudson Bay Golf Club. Registration is open until Friday, June 15. See the [event listing](#) on our website for more information. Be sure you take this opportunity to visit with fellow SUMA members!

## AIMM to Stop Invasive Mussels

## Register Now for the Routes to Road Renewal Webinar

Roads and sidewalks join a hometown together, literally. Maintaining these thoroughfares are essential to providing safe and reliable infrastructure, but sometimes it can be hard to balance the number of projects with available funding.

Join SUMA and Associated Engineering **May 30 at 10:00 a.m.** for the webinar [Routes to Road Renewal](#). Bevan Harlton, Nancy Inglis, and Marshal Verhelst of Associated Engineering will review the design and construction process used for rehabilitation or replacement of roadways and sidewalks under Regina's Residential Road Renewal Program (RRRP). Though city based, the takeaways from the program are valuable to municipalities of any size. The trio will also review best practices and lead a discussion on funding mechanisms, street selection, and construction solutions.

Don't miss this chance to have your road renewal questions answered. [Register now!](#)

## UMAAS Convention June 5-8

The Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) will be hosting their annual convention **June 5 - 8** at the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel. This year's theme is "Guardians of the Future." Check out the [agenda](#), and [register here](#).

SUMA's Kerri Ann Daniels, Group Benefits and Insurance Services Manager, Lisa Rawlings, Marketing Coordinator, and Carl MacDonald, Procurement Agent, will be at the convention to answer any questions you have about SUMA's programs and services. Stop by the SUMA booth to say hello. See you there!

## Watch Your Ash Workshop

The Emerald Ash Borer, a highly destructive and invasive beetle, has killed millions of ash trees in North America. And just last year, it was found in Winnipeg, Man. years earlier than expected.

Mussels, like zebra or quagga mussels, have the potential to invade Saskatchewan waterbodies. And these aren't the tasty kind of mollusk. Invasive mussels have the potential to harm water-related infrastructure, recreational resources, fisheries, and aquatic habitats in Saskatchewan. Help prevent their spread by participating in the [2018 Saskatchewan Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring \(AIMM\) Program](#).

Interested in participating? Learn more [online](#), or contact the Ministry of Environment by phone at 1-800-567-4224 or [email](#).

## Classifieds

### Positions Available

*Town of Alameda: Assistant Town Foreman* (May 26)

*Town of Lashburn: Assistant Administrator* (May 31)

*Resort Village of Grandview Beach: Administrator* (June 4)

*Town of Alameda: Administrator* (June 8)

*Northern Village of La Loche: Chief Administrative Officer* (June 15)

*City of Lloydminster: Senior Manager, Planning and Development* (June 20)

*Town of Oxbow: Assistant Town Foreman* (When filled)

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

Take part in a workshop to learn how to prepare and save your ash trees from this destructive bug. The workshop, [Watch Your Ash](#), is happening June 12 at the Forestry Farm in Saskatoon. Municipal tree care staff, park operators, urban foresters, landscapers, nursery operators, arborists, and all tree care professionals are encouraged to attend.

Watch Your Ash is presented by the International Society of Arboriculture - Prairie Chapter, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Government of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. For more information, call Keith at 1-866-550-7464, or [register here](#).

## Mental Health Resources

Canadian Mental Health Week happened May 7-13. Do you know what resources are available to help you stay mentally fit and healthy?

The [Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\) - Saskatchewan Division website](#) has a host of resources on topics including:

- anxiety disorders
- eating disorders
- grieving
- mental illness
- mental health for life
- children, youth, and depression

There is also information on mental health in the workplace. Not only does work bring income, but it can be a big part of a person's identity. Therefore, a mental illness can have a big impact on the way a person works.

Learn about these topics and more on the [CMHA-SK website](#).

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

- Government of Canada *Enabling Accessibility Fund* (May 24)
- Saskatchewan *Community Literacy Fund* (May 24)
- TD *Friends of the Environment Fund* (July 15)
- Infrastructure Canada *Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund* (July 31)

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

## About Us

Thank you for reading the Urban Update this week. We welcome your comments.

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