

## URBAN Update

August 26, 2019



### Parity at the Council Table

At Convention 2019, the education session “Women in the Game” (session [E6](#) and [E12](#)) highlighted the vital role women have on council. But a SUMA study of newly elected council members in 2016 found that women only occupy 14 per cent of mayors positions and 28 per cent of councillors’ seats in Saskatchewan.

This October, to celebrate Women's History Month and highlight the importance of parity at the council table, SUMA will be featuring local women in politics on our social media pages. And you could be featured!

If you or someone you know is a mayor or councillor in your municipality, we want to hear from you. Share your story by filling out this [short form](#) and sending it to [SUMA](#) before **September 16**. Don't forget to also send a photo!

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### SUMA Webinar: Leading with Accountability - Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Recognizing and addressing conflicts of interest are key to good governance and maintaining the public’s trust. Lately, the news has been filled with issues of ethical governance and high profile conflicts of interest decisions.

On **September 11**, learn what these high profile case decisions mean for municipal governance in the SUMA webinar ***Leading with Accountability: Ethics and Conflict of Interest***. Join Steven Dribnenki, Legal Services Advisor for SUMA, as he talks about conflicts of interest and the importance of honouring ethical duties.

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**Register today for  
the webinar!**

**Are You Ready for Regionals?**



SUMA staff are gearing up for another tour across Saskatchewan for SUMA's 2019 Regional Meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity to learn, network, and discuss the hot topics and challenges within your region.

At Regionals, you'll hear from SUMA staff and Board, your peers, and a subject matter expert picked by your Regional Director. Check out the event listing for your region to get the scoop on the meeting, see the agenda, and register today.

[Central](#) - October 1

[Southwest](#) - October 7

[Northeast](#) - October 2

[Southeast](#) - October 8

[Northwest](#) - October 3

[East Central](#) - October 9

[West Central](#) - October 4

### Last Chance to Nominate

A very important deadline is coming up; don't miss your chance to recognize your municipality for going the extra mile.

The [Saskatchewan Municipal Awards \(SMAs\)](#) are a great way to celebrate the successes, innovations, and excellence in your municipality.

[Submit your nomination now!](#)

Winners will be announced in November and the winning urban municipalities will receive their awards at Convention 2020.

Nominations close **September 6**.

Program sponsor:



### Declare Waste Reduction Week in Your Community

It's easy to see that municipalities are dedicated to reducing the amount of waste that ends up in the local landfill. At Convention 2019, member municipalities called for the [reduction of single use plastics](#). And then there's all the municipalities participating in recycling programs.

This October, to further profile your community's dedication to waste reduction, why not proclaim **October 21-27** Waste Reduction Week in your municipality?

To learn more about proclaiming Waste Reduction Week in your municipality, visit the [Waste Reduction Week website](#). Here you'll find a proclamation certificate designed for municipalities, as well as other resources.

### You're Invited to the ASIST AGM

The [Alberta Saskatchewan Incident Support Team \(ASIST\)](#), a team created by a group of local municipalities from north west Saskatchewan and north east Alberta to provide assistance during disasters, is holding their annual general meeting at the Legacy Fire Hall in Lloydminster at **7 p.m.** on **September 16**. See the [full](#)

### Results of the 2018 Municipal Heritage Survey Now Available

The [summary report](#) for the Ministry of Parks, Culture, and Sport municipal heritage survey is now available. The 2018 survey was the third in a series of similar surveys designed to help the ministry develop tools and services that respond to the heritage interests and needs of local government. Gain a greater awareness of the range of municipal

[invitation](#) and [AGM agenda](#) for more information.

heritage activity around the province by checking out the report today.

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### Flood Mapping for High Risk Communities

The Water Security Agency will be doing flood mapping for 20 high-risk communities in Saskatchewan through the National Disaster Mitigation Program.

Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency, Dustin Duncan, and federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale, announced \$1 million in funding for the community flood mapping on **August 12**.

The cost for the flood mapping will be shared on a 50-50 basis between the province and federal government.

[See the list of communities.](#)

And don't forget the [Flood Damage Reduction Program](#) is accepting applications until September 15.

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### Call for Proposals: Reaching Home Strategy

The YMCA of Regina (Community Entity) and the Rural and Remote Advisory Board (RRAB) through the Government of Canada's Reaching Home strategy will be accepting funding applications for projects, which aim to alleviate or avoid the ill affects of homelessness in rural and remote Saskatchewan.

Applications are being accepted for Champion Communities in rural or remote Saskatchewan to take a united approach in combating homelessness. Check out the [guidelines](#) for more information and [apply today](#).

The deadline for applications is **September 10**.

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### Be a Good Wingman

SGI wants to further expand their community outreach for the Be a Good Wingman – Don't Let Impaired Friends Drive campaign. If any town bars, restaurants, hockey rinks, event halls, etc. would like to help reinforce this impaired driving safety message, SGI will provide signage to display, free of charge. See the signage options available and check out the order form if you're interested. SGI will cover the printing costs for the signage and ship to you directly.

[Order Form](#)

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### Windows 7 Support Ending in January

Is your municipal office running the Windows 7 operating system? [After January 14, 2020](#), Windows 7 will no longer be supported. Computers running Windows 7 will keep working after January, but it means there will be no more updates, including security updates.

To ensure your municipal office is protected against the cybercrime risks of an outdated operating system, it is recommended that Windows 7 users consider upgrading to Windows 10 before **January 14**.

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## Advocacy Update

### Power Rates for Rinks

Running a recreational facility, and particularly a rink or poll, is expensive. Provincial decisions, such as the



removal of the Community Rink Affordability Grant, have downloaded further costs to municipalities. Beginning in March 2019, SUMA began to receive copies of letters between members and Minister Dustin Duncan, minister responsible for SaskPower, asking that municipal sports facilities be charged for electricity at the Farm Standard Rate or another reduced rate.

On August 22, members of SUMA's Executive Committee met with Minister Duncan and SaskPower President and CEO Mike Marsh to discuss electrical rates for municipal recreations facilities.

SUMA's executive also took the opportunity to advocate for member resolutions, from [LED lighting](#) and [renewable energy production](#) to [decommissioning of landfills](#). Water quality assurance, ensuring that effective regulations are in place and inspections are happening to ensure the ongoing safety of Saskatchewan's water systems, was also discussed.

## Events



### Upcoming Events

**SUMA Webinar: Leading with Accountability - Ethics and Conflict of Interest**  
September 11

**Regional Meetings**  
October 1-9

**Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns**  
February 2-5

SUMA has now been offering webinars for more than a year. We designed the webinars to provide educational opportunities every member can enjoy without having to leave their community. We're always working to improve our offerings and we want to know:

What makes it difficult for you to attend SUMA webinars?

The time of day they're held.

Select

The cost.

Select

Slow internet speed.

Select

The topics just don't interest me.

Select

Nothing. I attend every webinar I can.

Select

## Classifieds and Grants



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### Positions Available:

- Town of Kerrobert: *Operations Team Leader* (August 29)
- Town of Pilot Butte: *Chief Administrative Officer* (August 29)
- Town of Whitewood: *Facility Operations Manager* (August 30)
- Town of Fort Qu'Appelle: *Chief Administrative Officer* (August 30)
- Town of Cut Knife: *Office Assistant* (September 1)
- SUMA: *Legal Services Advisor* (September 2)
- RM of Hoodoo: *Administrator* (October 1)
- Town of Grenfell: *Finance Officer* (When filled)
- Town of Creighton: *Public Works Foreman* (When filled)
- R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501: *Chief Administrative Officer* (When filled)

### For Sale:

- Boreal Area Regional Waste Authority *selling items*

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

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



## Grants

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- Water Security Agency *Flood Damage Reduction Program* (September 15)
- Government of Saskatchewan *Targeted Sector Support - Expression of Interest* (September 30)
- SGI *Provincial Traffic Safety Fund* (September 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund *Community Grant Program - Annual Grant* (October 1)
- SaskCulture *Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding* (October 15)
- SGI *Community Grant Program* (October 31)
- SaskCulture *Museum Grant Program* (November 30)
- Richardson International Ltd. *Community Donations* (Year-round)

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

**Thank you for reading this week's Urban Update. We welcome your comments.**

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