More Information: SGI Fire Suppression Policy

We've had many questions about SGI's Fire Suppression and Vehicle Extrication Services policy requiring municipalities to have a bylaw charging for fire services within their boundaries in order to be compensated by SGI for responding to vehicle fires.

When does a town or village need a bylaw?
If the municipal fire department is responding to a vehicle fire or motor vehicle collision outside of the municipal boundaries, or the response is within the municipal boundary and involves a non-resident vehicle, SGI can also be billed without issue. But if the response is within municipal boundaries and involves a resident's vehicle, the municipality can only bill SGI if the municipality has a bylaw in place allowing the municipality to charge residents for fire service, and would otherwise be sending the bill directly to the resident.

If your municipality wishes to be compensated by SGI for resident-vehicle fires within municipal boundaries, a bylaw is required.

See SGI's full fire suppression policy

Fire Suppression and Vehicle Extraction Rate Increasing in 2020

The rate for fire suppression and vehicle extraction will increase to $953.59 per hour effective January 1.

Traffic Safety Grants

Is your community looking to introduce a new traffic safety initiative in the new year? Help fund the project through the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program.

Application intake for the next round of grants opens January 1. This program provides up to $100,000 per traffic safety initiative to municipalities and Indigenous land or territories to support local, collaborative action that helps increase traffic safety awareness and reduces the frequency and severity of traffic injuries and fatalities in the
2020 SUMA Membership

We sent members all the information needed to renew SUMA membership for 2020. Please be sure to have your payment and updated information to us by Friday, January 31.

Renewing your membership gives you access to group benefits, SUMAssure, and SUMAdvantage to help you save money. It also supports our advocacy and capacity-building work. We appreciate your support all year long.

Municipal Operator Training

As part of Southeast College’s Municipal Management Essentials training program (developed in partnership with SUMA), municipal operator training is available in Regina at the same time as SUMA’s 115th Annual Convention.

This is a great chance to build employee skill and capacity, and give operators the chance to attend SUMA’s Tradeshow.

The three available courses are:
- **Confined Space**
  - Date: Monday, February 3
  - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - Cost: $240 including materials

- **Ground Disturbance for Supervisors and Workers**
  - Date: Tuesday, February 4
  - Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
  - Cost: $220 including materials

- **Time Management**
  - Date: Tuesday, February 4
  - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - Cost: $225 including materials

For more information and to register, call **Southeast College at 1-866-999-7372**. Limited seating available, so register today!

Green Municipal Funding

As of April 1, 2020, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Green Municipal Fund will accept capital project applications on a continuous, year-round basis.

As they prepare for the change, municipalities can still download and submit the capital projects initial review form at any time. FCM will contact eligible applicants with an application form after April 1, 2020.

The Green Municipal Fund provides loans of up to $5 million, combined with grants, for sustainable municipal initiatives. With FCM’s funding, you can improve the quality of water, air, and land in your community by diverting waste from landfills, providing cleaner water to your residents, and even improving stormwater management to prevent floods.

FCM provides funding to Canadian municipalities for innovative environmental capital projects related to: energy efficiency and recovery; water quality and conservation; transportation and fuel efficiency; waste management and diversion.

Learn more.
The University of Saskatchewan’s College of Medicine is looking for health professionals and community members to help select the province’s future medical students.

**Volunteer to be an assessor** at the College of Medicine’s 2020 Multiple Mini Interview. Volunteers will participate in a two-hour assessor training session in February and then a full day (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) assessing candidates for personal qualities important for the medical profession on March 21 or March 22 in Saskatoon.

To volunteer, complete a **MMI Assessor Registration Form for 2020** by **January 8**.

If you have questions, please contact the College of Medicine Admissions Office at 306-966-4030 or email med.admissions@usask.ca.

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**Advocacy Update**

**Saskatchewan Senior's Strategy**

At Convention 2019, members passed a resolution advocating for the provincial government to immediately begin developing a comprehensive seniors' strategy.

The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism has released the report *Strategizing for Positive Aging in Saskatchewan*. During 2018-19, the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism held 21 forums and focus groups with 656 participants across Saskatchewan, as well as presented at SUMA regional meetings. Views gathered at the events helped form a survey to further gather feedback. The feedback is summarized in the report, which highlights issues of concern for older adults, including housing, healthcare, and public transportation. See the **full report** for more information.

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**Convention 2020**

**BUILDING SUSTAINABLE HOMETOWNS**

**115th Annual SUMA Convention**

February 2-5, 2020

Regina, Saskatchewan

**Don't Miss the Early-Bird Deadline**

Don't miss out on Convention 2020 early-bird pricing and a chance to win a free registration: these rates are only available until **tomorrow**! All the details are in the invitation to register that went...
Dear Member,

On behalf of the SUMA Board of Directors, I would like to encourage you and your council to attend the 115th annual SUMA Convention being held at Regina from Sunday, February 2 to Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Conexus Centre and the International Trade Centre.

If you haven't received an email about registering for Convention 2020, please check your junk, spam, or blocked email for the registration invitation. To make sure you receive future communications regarding convention, please add registration@sumaconvention.com to your safe sender list.

If you are unable to locate your registration email, please contact the SUMA office by phone at 306-525-3727, or by email at registration@suma.org.

Join Us at the Welcome Reception

Kick off your convention experience at the 2020 SUMA Convention Welcome Reception.

Your convention registration now includes one ticket to this great networking event. Mingle with fellow delegates and the SUMA Board of Directors as you enjoy appetizers, a cash bar, and music by Milkman’s Sons, a top Canadian cover band who is guaranteed to keep you dancing all night long.

The Value of Convention

SUMA has been bringing members together for an annual convention since 1906. It’s our biggest event of the year, and one of Saskatchewan’s largest conventions.

For four days every February, SUMA brings Access, Inspiration, and Education to more than 1,000 delegates. Find out more about the common themes you’ll find in every SUMA convention.

Events

Upcoming Events

Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns
February 2-5

We’re preparing our webinar schedule for 2020. Help shape our webinar offerings by telling us which webinar topic most interests you.

What webinar topic most interests you?

Grant writing
Preparing for climate change

Municipal Employees Pension Plan

Railway Proximity Initiative - Railways and Residents

Do you have an idea for a webinar? Email your ideas to SUMA’s newest advocacy advisor, Shawn Wiskar.

Classifieds and Grants

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Positions Available:

- City of Regina: Business Systems Analyst (When filled)

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:

- SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program (Application intake opens January 1)
- Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program - Summer Grant (February 1)
- SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant (February 18)

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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