



Call for Submissions for SUMA Convention 2018

Regina, Saskatchewan

Sunday, February 4 – Wednesday, February 7, 2018

SUMA is inviting proposals for education and breakout sessions at SUMA's 113th Annual Convention. We are looking for topics that are current and focused on key aspects of urban government that will be beneficial to elected officials and municipal administrators.

Being a presenter is an outstanding way to share your knowledge and expertise leading to professional visibility, recognition, credibility, and influence in the future of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities.

Who Attends?

Approximately 1,000 delegates attend the convention, including elected officials, city managers, and chief administration officers from cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities throughout Saskatchewan. Our annual convention is an event where municipal decision makers come to network, share leading practices, and find collaborative partners to support their communities moving forward.

Why Present?

- Great exposure for you and your organization as professional leaders
- Contribute to elevate the knowledge base of Saskatchewan's municipal leaders
- Excellent networking opportunity
- Build relationships with SUMA, the voice of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities

Session Format

- Each session is 60-75 minutes, plus 15 minutes dedicated to questions and discussion.
- We provide two types of sessions during convention:
 1. Education sessions - delegates choose which sessions they would like to attend
 2. Breakout sessions - delegates are divided into two groups:
 - Cities
 - Towns and Villages
- We encourage highly interactive methods to encourage learning, build delegates' confidence, and enhance the transfer of learning in their municipalities.

Session Objectives

The 2018 theme is *The Power of Hometowns*. Hometowns are the economic drivers of Saskatchewan, and home to almost 80 per cent of the population. When SUMA and our members work together for a common goal, we can have a very powerful voice. Hometowns are the heart of our province, and their voice deserves to be heard.

We are looking for creative, out-of-the-box thinkers to come forward and share their knowledge. We are open to suggestions for topics; however, we have identified the following topics as main concerns to urban municipal government:

- Crime Prevention - Applicable to cities.
- Effective Council Meetings
- Open and Transparent Government
- Reconciliation - First Nations
- Solid Waste Management
- Cannabis Legalization
- Bylaws - Developing and/or Enforcement
- Risk Management
- Emergency Management - Rail Safety; Climate Change; etc.
- Regional Cooperation
- Managing Infrastructure Projects

Other Information

We will provide a complimentary one-day registration for the day of the presentation. As a not-for-profit association, SUMA does not typically provide honoraria for session presenters.

Selections will be made by the Convention Planning Committee based on a number of criteria, including topics and benefits to delegates.

Sessions are recorded and made available on YouTube after convention.

How to Apply

Please email this form to events@suma.org by September 6, 2017 to be considered for the 2018 SUMA Convention.



Submission Form for SUMA Convention 2018

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization:

Contact Person:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

SESSION TITLE:

Please provide a session title that is creative, concise, and descriptive.

SESSION OVERVIEW:

Briefly describe the content and how it links to our theme and session objectives. (50-75 word maximum)

SESSION FORMAT:

Indicate your intended format (education or breakout session) and how you intend to make it interactive.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

List two or three learning outcomes and takeaways for the delegates.

MONETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Indicate honoraria for session presenters as well as any additional expenses such as travel, hotel, etc. to be covered by SUMA.

If your submission does not fit with Convention 2018, would you be interested in SUMA contacting you regarding other opportunities such as workshops, webinars, or articles in our quarterly publication?

YES

NO

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