

THE POWER OF HOMETOWNS



113th Annual SUMA Convention



February 4-7, 2018
Queensbury Convention Centre
Regina, Saskatchewan

REGISTRATION

On top of the chance to network with municipal leaders and other SUMA partners, your convention registration includes:

- shuttle service to and from designated hotels;
- admission to the Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow;
- a keynote address;
- education and breakout sessions;
- dialogue sessions with Ministers and the Provincial Cabinet;
- light continental breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday; and
- refreshment breaks.

HOW TO REGISTER

All the details on the online registration process will come via email, including a checklist of what you need to know before you start. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Register by December 21, 2017 to be entered to win one complimentary Convention registration, and qualify for our early-bird rates:

SUMA Member: \$325 Non-member: \$525 Government: \$375
President's Banquet ticket: \$60 Welcome Reception ticket: \$40

ACCOMMODATIONS

Convention attendees get shuttle service and special rates at these Regina hotels:

Doubletree by Hilton (Host Hotel) ~~SOLD OUT~~ Hotel Saskatchewan Windsor Wyndham ~~SOLD OUT~~
Dixie ~~SOLD OUT~~ Executive Royal Hotel Travelodge ~~SOLD OUT~~

For locations and rates, visit the Convention 2018 page on our website.

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Sunday, February 4

EDUCATION SESSIONS

Power Up Your Council with Clear Roles (E1 ~ 1:00 p.m. & E7 ~ 2:45 p.m.)

A high-functioning municipal council has strong governance policies and practices. Problems crop up when council doesn't understand what governance is or what tools and resources are out there to help. This session will help you to build a more effective council through a better understanding of governance.

Spotlight on Solid Waste Standards (E2 ~ 1:00 p.m. & E8 ~ 2:45 p.m.)

Landfill rules and standards are a priority. Does your landfill make the grade? Get up to date on the Solid Waste Management Strategy, current standards, best practices — and what to avoid.

Zap the Risks at Special Events (E3 ~ 1:00 p.m. & E9 ~ 2:45 p.m.)

Sponsored by SUMAssure

Every community has special events — from Canada Day fireworks to a parade honouring veterans. Municipal staff and volunteers see the risks of these public events piling up more each year. Join us for a session covering fireworks, vendor contracts, liability waivers, and sporting events, where administration and council members will learn how to mitigate these risks and more.

Be Prepared Before Disaster Strikes (E4 ~ 1:00 p.m. & E10 ~ 2:45 p.m.)

Nobody wants to imagine an emergency in their hometown, but you can't afford to ignore the possibility. Learn what your council and administration can do to minimize an emergency's effects on your residents, your infrastructure, and your environment.

Avoid a Power Surge with Effective Meetings (E5 ~ 1:00 p.m. & E11 ~ 2:45 p.m.)

Get the tools and ideas you need to help make every minute count in your meetings. Learn how to effectively prepare for and participate in meetings, whether you are acting as chair or a participant.

Bolt Down Good Infrastructure with Engineers (E6 ~ 1:00 p.m. & E12 ~ 2:45 p.m.)

Sponsored by ISL Engineering and Land Services

A panel of experts examine the best way for Saskatchewan municipalities to address future infrastructure investments. They will look at it from a funding, regulatory, and engineering perspective, with a focus on the benefits of regional development.

INTRODUCTION TO CONVENTION

4:20 p.m.

Whether it's your first time attending a SUMA convention or you just need a quick refresher, this session is for you! You'll get an overview of how convention works from experienced SUMA Board and staff members. We'll talk about the agenda and what you can do to make the most of your Convention 2018 experience.

Monday, February 5

EDUCATION SESSIONS

Sparking Solid Waste Solutions (E13 ~ 3:15 p.m.)

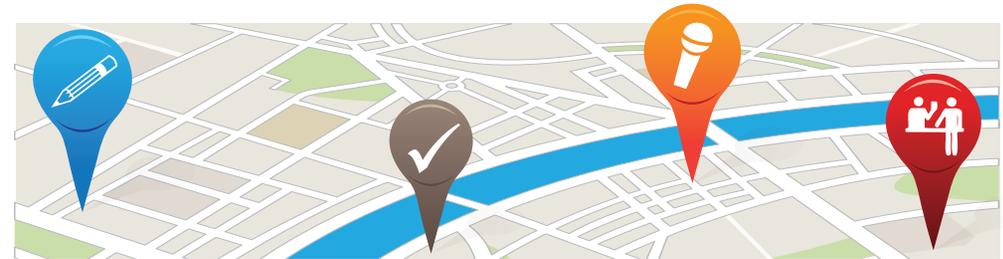
Effective waste collection that meets residents' needs and your budget is no small feat. Move from struggle to success strategies in this session. Learn how regional cooperation, waste reduction, and recycling can help your municipality meet your solid waste needs.

Illuminating the Path to Reconciliation (E14 ~ 3:15 p.m.)

Saskatchewan's hometowns rely on strong relationships and a solid sense of community. Some of our neighbours, however, have been kept separate based on history, such as residential schools. All Canadians are called to walk the path to reconciliation. In this session, find out how embracing reconciliation helps build strong community ties, and the need for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together.

Getting Ready to Flip the Switch on Cannabis Legalization (E15 ~ 3:15 p.m.)

July 1, 2018 is the target date for federal legalization of recreational cannabis. Is your municipality prepared? From zoning to inspections, from bylaw development to enforcement, there's a lot to think about. Learn about the opportunities to support and the pitfalls to avoid.



MUNICIPAL MARKETPLACE TRADESHOW

Sponsored by Living Sky Water Solutions

Monday, February 5 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6 7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

One of the largest tradeshows of its kind in Canada, the Municipal Marketplace features more than 200 booths with products and services that municipalities use each day.

Several SUMAdvantage partners participate. It is a great time to stop by, learn about their products and services, and find out about the great savings available through our partners.

The Municipal Marketplace is especially helpful to those employees involved in purchasing for your municipality. They are invited to attend the tradeshow free of charge. There is time on the agenda set aside for delegates to visit the tradeshow both days.

Tuesday, February 6

KEYNOTE

Sponsored by SaskWater

After getting degrees in philosophy and education from the University of Alberta, Doug Griffiths spent several years teaching, and ranching with his family. He went on to have a successful 13-year career in provincial politics, complete his MBA, and in 2015, stepped away to get back to what he really loved — helping build better communities. Now, as the president of 13 Ways, Doug leads a team of community builders and community therapists. People all over North America seek the help of Doug and his team to build a brighter future for their communities.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Cities

Plug In to Crime Prevention

Municipalities across Canada are faced with the harm caused by crime and rising costs of enforcement. Despite the praiseworthy efforts of enforcement, investing in social development (families, children, young people) through evidence-based programs is the most cost-effective way to prevent crime. Many examples illustrate that municipalities are best positioned to work with local agencies and neighbourhoods to identify service needs and thus tackle the multiple causes of crime.

Towns and Villages

Shining a Light on Open and Transparent Government

Open and fair meetings are an important part of civic engagement, and need to be balanced with the rules on sharing information. Avoid confusion by learning your duties in keeping your municipality accountable to residents.

Towns and Villages

Lightning Round: Open Forum on Council Operations

Come prepared with your queries on things such as council operation, legislation, and human resources. Members will have an open forum to ask questions of SUMA policy and legal staff, and municipal advisors.

The North

Multiple Power Outlets: Alternative Energy Sources

Reliable, affordable power is a struggle for Saskatchewan's northern communities. At the same time, alternative energy sources are gaining ground around the province. Join us to hear success stories from other municipalities in incorporating new energy sources to reduce costs, and even bring in new revenue.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 4

Welcome Reception

Sponsored by Walker Projects Inc.

Kick off your SUMA Convention experience in the AGT Lounge at the new Mosaic Stadium. You will have the chance to network with SUMA's Board of Directors and your fellow delegates while enjoying some football, light appetizers, and a cash bar. Once the Super Bowl has wrapped up, show off your dance moves when FOGDOG takes the stage to perform for the remainder of the night.

Monday, February 5

Hospitality Night

Danceland DJs will be spinning the tunes at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Mix and mingle with fellow delegates after a full day. Cash bar.

Tuesday, February 6

President's Banquet & Awards Ceremony

Sponsored by SUMAssure

Enjoy a buffet-style dinner and cash bar as we honour our award recipients at the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony. After the formal program, get ready for a good laugh with comedian Dave Hemstad.

POWER YOUR AGENDA WITH EVENTBASE

We are once again using a free mobile app that contains everything you need to know about Convention 2018. Eventbase is available in the app store for iOS, Blackberry OS, and Android users. Once you've downloaded the app, search for SUMA, and you'll have Convention 2018 at your fingertips.

If you can't get the app for your phone — or you just prefer to use a mobile website — visit www.tinyurl.com/SUMAconventionapp to use the mobile web version!

You can also keep up with what's happening at Convention through SUMA's social media channels. Follow us on Twitter @SUMA_amplify, and like us on Facebook. You can also follow the links on Eventbase to keep up with the conversation at #SUMA2018.

ONSITE REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

Sponsored by CUPE

Queensbury Convention Centre

Sunday, February 4	11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday, February 5	7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6	7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.