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## **Towns and Villages Gather at SUMA Sector Meeting**

More than 100 representatives from Saskatchewan towns and villages are meeting in Saskatoon today for the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) annual standalone sector meeting.

"This is a great chance for our members to discuss common concerns and solutions," said Vice-President of Towns Rodger Hayward. "It's the third year we've held a meeting like this outside our annual convention, because the response has continued to be so positive. Hometowns are where innovation happens — necessity is the mother of innovation after all — and SUMA is happy to facilitate these important discussions."

"SUMA's smaller members have a lot of knowledge to share," agreed Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities Mike Strachan. "These meetings are where we get to work together, sharing what works and finding new solutions. Everyone wins when we work together."

Along with time to discuss shared issues and solutions, attendees will hear from Government Relations Minister Donna Harpauer and see a presentation on solid waste management, delivered by staff from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.

"I know I speak for my co-host Mayor Strachan when I say it's a pleasure to host an event like this," said Hayward. "We are especially happy to have Minister Harpauer joining us. SUMA and our members always appreciate the chance to hear from our counterparts in the provincial government."

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