

Urban Update



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Convention 2018: Evaluations

Have you completed the [Convention 2018 Evaluation](#)? You have until the end of the week to complete the survey and get your name entered into a draw for a prize! Ensure you've submitted your evaluation by **Friday, March 2**, for your chance to win.

Renew Your VFF Insurance By Wednesday

The deadline to renew your Volunteer Firefighter and First Responders Insurance (VFF) is fast approaching. The deadline to renew coverage is this **Wednesday, February 28**.

If you are planning on renewing your VFF coverage, please send a copy of your invoice, along with your payment, to the SUMA office. **Late renewals will result in a lapse in coverage**, so get your renewal in as soon as possible!

Join the Solid Waste Advisory Team

Are you interested in taking part in the [Solid Waste Advisory Team](#)? The team, created by the Ministry of Environment in 2015 to help rural and small urban municipalities with landfill compliance, is looking for a small urban municipality to become a new member.

With representatives from SUMA, SARM, New North, the Association of Regional Waste Management Authorities of Saskatchewan (ARWMAS), and rural and small urban municipalities, the team is supported by the Ministry of

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Save on Courier Services with Purolator


SUMAdvantage
Your first call for savings

Since **Purolator** joined our partner program on courier services, members have been praising the savings and the convenient [e-Ship Online service](#).

However, in order to save, there is one important piece of information to note: **You must set up a [new SUMAdvantage account](#) with**

Environment and Ministry of Government Relations and helps address landfill issues and provides advice to communities struggling with regulations.

If your hometown is interested in taking part, or for more information, please contact [Steven Dribnenki](mailto:Steven.Dribnenki@sumasask.ca) by email.

Host Hotels for 2018-19

Planning a trip to Saskatoon for fun? Heading to Regina for business? We have you covered when it comes to accommodations. SUMA is once again partnering with four hotels to offer members discounted rates in Saskatoon and Regina. The 2018-19 rates are effective **Thursday, March 1.**

Regina:

DoubleTree by Hilton - rates starting at \$148/night
Travelodge - rates starting at \$139.95/night

Saskatoon:

Holiday Inn Downtown - rates starting at \$135.99/night
Travelodge - rates starting at \$129/night

To receive these discounted rates you just need to provide a membership card at check in, but if your 2018 card hasn't arrived yet, you can still use your 2017 membership card.

Full details on the program, including links to the hotels' websites, will be available on the [SUMA website](http://sumasask.ca) on Thursday.

AIMM to Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels

Municipalities, residents and cottage owners are being encouraged to help fight against invasive mussels by monitoring Saskatchewan's lakes and waterways.

Invasive mussels such as zebra and quagga mussels pose a serious threat to lakes and waterways in western Canada. The mussels are almost impossible to eliminate once they become established, and they have the potential to harm aquatic habitats, fisheries, recreational resources and water-related infrastructure.

To prevent the spread of invasive mussels in the province, municipalities, community organizations, business groups

Purolator to save up to 60 per cent on courier shipments.

After setting up your account, a Purolator representative will contact you within 24-48 hours to confirm you will receive the new SUMA rates. You must sign up for the new rate program to receive SUMA's discount, even if you are an existing customer.

Visit the [SUMAdvantage Purolator page](#) and sign up today!

For a complete list of member programs, visit [SUMAdvantage](#) online or email [Lisa Rawlings](mailto:Lisa.Rawlings@sumasask.ca) at SUMA with any questions.

Classifieds

Positions Available

Town of Leader: Recreation and Parks Director (March 5)

City of Prince Albert: General Manager (March 9)

Resort Village of Cochin: Foreman (March 9)

Town of Cupar: Administrative Assistant (March 15)

Town of Qu'Appelle: Administrator (When filled)

Town of Imperial: Administrator (When filled)

Village of Montmartre: Public Works Labourer (When filled)

Town of Grenfell: Superintendent of Public Works (When filled)

and residents are being asked to participate in the [2018 Saskatchewan Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring \(AIMM\) Program](#).

AIMM includes three types of monitoring:

- watching for invasive mussels attached to structures like docks, water intake pipes or anchors;
- inspecting the shoreline, examining natural elements and rocks; and
- using aquatic invasive samplers that are placed in the water in June and checked monthly for invasive mussels.

There were no confirmed sightings of invasive mussels in the 90 Saskatchewan waterbodies sampled in [2017 through AIMM](#), but the mussels have been found in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and 34 states including North Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

Interested in participating in the AIMM program? [Learn more online](#), or contact the Ministry of Environment by phone at 1-800-567-4224 or [email](#).

Communities in Bloom Registration Open

Interested in community beautification, environmental responsibility and civic pride? Sign your community up to participate in [Communities in Bloom](#). Participation helps communities track the quality of community growth and development over a multi-year span, and establishes a standard for continuous improvement of the entire community.

Learn more by visiting the [SPRA's Communities in Bloom website](#) or by checking out the [flyer](#). [Registration](#) deadline is April 15.

Capacity Building: Asset Management

Learn more about asset management with [free webinars from Asset Management Saskatchewan](#). The next webinar is happening **March 8**. There are also [12 in-person workshops scheduled](#) for this spring, with the first happening March 26 in North Battleford. The workshops are geared to municipal staff and elected officials. Space is

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

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines

- Government of Saskatchewan: [Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program](#) (February 28)
- Canadian Tire Jumpstart [Accessibility Grants](#) (March 16)
- Farm Credit Canada [AgriSpirit Fund](#) (March 29)
- Government of Saskatchewan [Community Airport Partnership Program](#) (March 30)
- Community Initiatives Fund [Community Grant Program](#) (April 1)
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association [Community Cultural Diversity Inclusion Grant](#) (April 1)

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

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Thank you for reading the Urban Update this week. We welcome your comments.

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