

Urban Update



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Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization

A new guide is available to help your hometown prepare for cannabis legalization.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), in partnership with SUMA, other provincial-territorial associations, and an advisory group of legal and policy experts, has developed the [Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization](#).

A roadmap for municipalities, the guide explores the issues that municipal governments will need to consider, including case studies, policy options, and sample bylaw language. The thorough document supports work on key areas including land use management, business regulation, public consumption, workplace safety, and enforcement issues. For more details, contact Sean McKenzie by [email](#) or at 306-525-4388.

Last Chance to Register for the Sector Meeting and Cannabis Workshop

2018 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting
Register now so you don't miss your chance to join us May 9-10 in Regina for the 2018 Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting that will bring together mayors, councillors, and administrators to discuss current issues.

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Your first call for savings

The event kicks off on Wednesday, May 9, with an evening social with provincial MLAs and continues Thursday, May 10, with a full-day round table. Be sure to **register by Friday, April 27**. Visit the [2018 Sector Meeting event listing](#) for more information.

SUMA Cannabis Workshop

Spaces for the May 9 SUMA Cannabis Workshop in Regina are still open! SUMA's Cannabis Legalization Workshop is happening the afternoon before the sector meeting, but requires a separate registration. And you don't need to be from the town and village sector to take part. The 420 Clinic will be coming to discuss some of the common misconceptions about cannabis and the cannabis industry; Michael Tochor, a partner at MLT Aikens Law Firm, will be speaking on municipal responsibilities and potential pitfalls to watch out for as employers; and SUMA's policy staff will walk attendees through FCM's new cannabis legalization guide and how it integrates with the province's cannabis framework. Don't forget to **register by Friday, April 27**. Visit the [SUMA Workshop event listing](#) for more information and to register.

Convention 2019: What's Your Theme Idea?

We are looking for a theme to set the tone of Convention 2019. We greatly value your suggestions, and read every one. If you submit an idea you will be entered to win two tickets (\$120 value) to the President's Banquet held Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Submit your idea by **May 2** to events@suma.org for your chance to win.

SUMA Summer School

The return of Mayor's Summer School was a hit, and this year we are excited to make it an educational experience for **both mayors and councillors!** Take part in the new SUMA Summer School.

Registration for the Class of 2018 will begin June 7. School will be in session this August. Watch future editions of Urban Update and our [Event Listings](#) for the latest information.

We are pleased to announce [Acklands-Grainger Inc. \(AGI\)](#) as our new SUMA Advantage partner. SUMA members now have access to a national account program that helps save you money on AGI's vast [catalogue](#) of products. Along with free shipping on all orders, members have access to exclusive manufacturer programs without the hassle of shopping around.

Whether you are new to AGI or already a customer, you will need a new account number to access the SUMA/AGI national account program. Filling out the [opt-in form](#) is your first step. Once you've filled out the opt-in form and received your new account number, placing your order can be done a number of ways:

1. Customer Contact Center: 1-888-602-0000
2. eCommerce online: [Acklands-Grainger Inc \(AGI\)](#)
3. Visiting your [local branch](#) in Saskatchewan

For a complete list of member programs, visit [SUMA Advantage](#) online or email [Lisa Rawlings](#) at SUMA with any questions.

Classifieds

Positions Available

Town of Stoughton: Superintendent of Public Works (April 30)

Town of Nipawin: Local Emergency Measures Coordinator (May 3)

2018 Heritage Awards Open for Submissions

As well as recognizing those projects that honour tangible heritage, the 2018 Heritage Awards now feature four definitive categories, designed to ensure that programs with an intangible element will also be considered. To find out how to enter the awards and about the new categories, visit the [Heritage Saskatchewan website](#). Heritage Award submissions are due by **April 27**.

New Nationwide Emergency Alert System

On April 6, the wireless emergency alert system, Alert Ready, was introduced across Canada. Now, if you have a smartphone that meets the criteria, anytime a critical alert is issued you will receive a text to your phone with a 'shortened' version of the issued alert. The SaskAlert app will give you access to the longer version of the alert as well as Emergency Advisory Alerts. Municipal officials are encouraged to invite residents to download the free SaskAlert app.

A **province wide test** of all alerting platforms - radio, TV, apps, website and text alerting - will happen on **May 9 at 1:55 p.m.** during Emergency Preparedness Week.

If your municipality is not yet participating in SaskAlert or for more information, visit [saskalert.ca](#) or contact 306-787-6678.

Capacity Building: Asset Management Workshops

Act quickly to take in one of the final spring asset management workshops.

Asset Management Saskatchewan, in partnership with SUMA and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), has been offering the in-person workshop "[Keeping Pace with Changing Asset Management Requirements](#)." There are now only three sessions left.

[Grandview Municipality \(Man.\): CAO](#) (May 8)

[City of Melfort: Fire Chief](#) (May 10)

[Town of Midale: Administrator](#) (May 15)

[Town of La Ronge: Treasurer](#) (May 25)

[Resort Village of Grandview Beach: Administrator](#) (June 4)

[Village of Meath Park: Administrator](#) (When filled)

For Sale

[Town of Maidstone: Equipment](#)

[Town of Watrous: Ice Resurfer](#)

[Town of Davidson: Grader](#)

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 Canada [Building Communities through Arts and Heritage - Local Festivals](#) (April 30)
- Saskatchewan Arts Board [Artists in Communities](#) (May 1)
- Government of Canada [Low Carbon Economy Challenge Champions Stream](#) (May 14)
- TD Bank [Friends of the Environment Fund](#) (July 15)

Get all the details and sign up to be the first to hear about new sessions from [Asset Management Saskatchewan](#).

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

Capacity Building: Municipal Management Essentials

There are still some openings in the Municipal Management Essentials (MME) workshops happening this spring. Though there are dedicated streams for foremen and administration, elected officials are finding value in many of the workshops as well.

Questions about the program can be directed to the Southeast College Registration Department at 1-866-999-7372 or registration@southeastcollege.org.

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

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