

URBAN Update

October 21, 2019



SUMA Webinar:
Transparency and the Public

Don't Miss SUMA's Transparency Webinar

Transparency is a pillar of good governance – it strengthens government, promotes efficiency, and builds trust in the public. But balancing transparency while protecting private information can be difficult.

Tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. join SUMA's own Steven Dribnenki, Legal Services Advisor, and Sarah MacMillan, Communications Advisor, for the exclusive SUMA webinar *Transparency and the Public*. Hear tips for communicating with the public, including media, and learn best practices for creating a culture of transparency in your municipality.

This webinar is free for SUMA members.

[Register for the webinar](#)



A Wrap on Regional Meetings

Regional Meetings came to a close on October 9. A big thank you goes out to the SUMA Regional Directors for their coordination of these meetings, and to all of the host communities for their wonderful hospitality. And of course, thank you to all the attendees. We value this chance to get your feedback, hear your issues, and talk to you face to face.



Watch our website for [presentations](#) as they become available.

If you attended your region's meeting, we want to hear from you. Tell us what was done well and what we can improve for 2020 by filling out [our event survey](#).



MLDP Courses Happening this November

Don't miss out on the upcoming Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) modules designed specifically for Saskatchewan's municipal leaders. Learn about strategic planning, media relations, and more with MLDP.

Session schedule:

- [Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals](#) - November 25, Weyburn
- [Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities](#) - November 26, Yorkton
- [Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities](#) - November 26, Kindersley
- [Human Resources in the Workplace](#) - November 27, Swift Current

Registration closes **November 8**.

The Community and Land-Use Planning module will now be available online. Watch for further information regarding registration for this module later this month.

All modules, excluding Community and Land-Use Planning, will also be offered February 1, 2020 prior to the SUMA Convention, and again March 9, 2020 before the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Convention. Visit www.mldp.ca for more information.

You're Invited to the SARM Bridge Summit

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) is inviting municipalities to join bridge experts to discuss rural infrastructure topics like:

- Asset management
- Liability/risk management
- Procurement planning
- The value and role of engineers

The Bridge Summit is taking place on **November 12** in conjunction with the SARM Midterm Convention in Regina. The cost to attend is \$25 per person, with lunch included.

[Register for the summit](#)

Repair Cafés coming to Saskatchewan cities during Waste Reduction Week in Canada

During Waste Reduction Week in Canada, **October 21-27**, the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council has organized Repair Cafés in cities across the province. A Repair Café brings together handy, fix-it volunteers with the general public who needs help to repair their broken household items. Happy patrons leave with repaired items that can continue to be used, instead of winding up in the landfill. All of the cafés are sponsored by Affinity Credit Union. See the list of Cafés on the [SWRC's website](#).

To volunteer at a local event, contact Naomi@swrc.ca.

Register for Free Asset Management Webinars

The last Asset Management Saskatchewan webinar series, *The Building Blocks of the Asset Management Process*, starts **November 18**. Register now for one, two, or all three webinars to

Explore the History of Co-ops in Canada with Co-ops 101

Co-operatives First has developed a course that explores the history of co-ops in Canada, the economic and social impact these businesses have had on communities across the country, and the current and

build your asset management knowledge. Each webinar is approximately 80 minutes long, and includes a live question and answer.

Visit the [Asset Management Saskatchewan website](#) for more information and to register.

potential uses of the co-op model.

The course, developed in partnership with the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan, is available for free online.

[Learn more.](#)

Advocacy Update



Changes to Net Metering

Saskatchewan's net metering program will be reactivated on November 1. However, unlike the previous program, there will be no rebate for equipment or installation costs, and excess power will be credited at 7.5 cents per kilowatt hour, down from 14 cents per kilowatt hour.

SUMA recognizes that these combined changes to net metering will significantly increase the time it takes to recoup municipal investments in alternative energy projects and is continuing to advocate for provincial support of municipal climate change efforts.

Events



Upcoming Events

SUMA Webinar: Transparency and the Public
October 22

Convention 2020: Building Sustainable Hometowns
February 2-5

Convention



BUILDING SUSTAINABLE HOMETOWNS

115th Annual SUMA Convention
February 2-5, 2020 Regina, Saskatchewan

Convention 2020: Small Community Support Initiative

The SUMA Convention provides municipalities of all sizes with educational opportunities, access to other government officials, and the chance for collaboration. But not all municipalities have the chance to attend Convention due to financial barriers. To address those barriers, **SUMA has launched the Small Community**



Support Initiative.

SUMA is offering **three municipalities with populations of less than 150 people** the chance to send two representatives with complimentary registration to the 2020 SUMA Convention. Convention 2020 is happening **February 2-5** at the Queensbury Convention Centre and the International Trade Centre in Regina.

The Small Community Support Initiative is open to all SUMA members who have populations of less than 150 people, based on 2016 census data.

If your municipality is interested in being a part of this initiative, apply by **October 30**.

Learn more and apply today!

Convention 2020: Last Call for Resolutions

Do you have a policy issue you think SUMA should take on? You still have time to send in your resolutions for Convention 2020. The deadline for resolutions is **November 1**.

To get started with resolutions, review the full [Call for Resolutions document](#), including a template you can use as a guide when creating your resolution. You may also want to review [past resolutions on our online database](#). You can search by year, title, sponsoring municipality, or keyword.

If you have any questions on the resolutions process, contact [Sean McKenzie](#).

Convention 2020: Registration Opens Next Month

We will be kicking off registration for Convention 2020, *Building Sustainable Hometowns*, on **Monday, November 4**. We will be sending out a registration email to your municipality's main contact on that day. To ensure you receive the registration email, make sure to add registration@sumaconvention.com to your safe sender list.

The email will include a link to register and the convention brochure. It is important to designate one person in your municipality, such as the administrator or CAO, to register all the delegates in your municipality.

The early-bird deadline is **December 17**.

Classifieds and Grants



Classifieds

Positions Available:

- Town of Cut Knife:
Administrative Assistance
(October 31)



Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- SGI *Community Grant Program*
(October 31)

- Town of Kipling: *Maintenance Position* (October 31)
- Town of Shaunavon: *Economic Development Officer* (October 31)
- Town of Maidstone: *Administrator* (October 31)

For Sale:

- *Hockey Rinks* (November 4)

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

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

- Landfill Environmental Site Assessment Program (November 29)
- SaskCulture *Museum Grant Program* (November 30)

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

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

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