

## SUMA asks members to review Code change prior to convention

The Ministry of Environment is initiating a [public review](#) of the [draft Saskatchewan Environmental Code](#). This is the next step in implementing a new results-based approach to environmental regulation. The public review process will end March 16, 2012. [View this link](#) to see the full news release regarding the consultation.

The ministry has scheduled [three public meetings](#) to consult with stakeholders. Currently, municipal focus consultation is scheduled for January 30 in Regina, which conflicts with the 2012 SUMA Convention. SUMA is working with the ministry to host another municipal sector consultation in Saskatoon on February 8, 2012. SUMA delegates are encouraged to attend this later session. Delegates attending the convention can also get information on the Environmental Code from ministry officials during the education sessions on Sunday afternoon.

More information on the February 8 consultation will be provided once the logistics are finalized with the ministry.

SUMA has been a partner in the development of the draft Code and we have been monitoring the progress of the code since 2009. There are several [chapters](#) of the code related to urban governments, including:

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### Quote of the Week:

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

- Gandhi

### Municipal Links

[Great Places in Canada Event](#)

This annual event will recognize Canada's most special and best-loved places.

- [Waste Management](#): which encompasses landfills, transfer stations and liquid domestic waste disposal;
- [Water Management](#): which covers water and sewage main construction; and
- [Land Management and Protection](#): which involves environmentally impacted sites.

Here is a [summary](#) prepared by the ministry which summarizes the Code's new changes and implications.

We encourage you to review these chapters prior to the upcoming SUMA Convention. On January 29, 2012, the ministry staff will be presenting Environmental Code information at one of the education sessions. For more information on the education session, please download the convention brochure [here](#).

If your council wishes to provide any comments to the ministry, please forward a copy of your comments to Che-Wei Chung, SUMA's policy advisor for this file. For more information on the code, please contact [Che-Wei Chung](#).

## Bridge Funding recycling deadlines coming up!

This is a reminder for Bridge Funding participants to submit their second submission, due February 9. The second payment will be based on actual tonnage recycled between July and December, 2011. The per metric tonne (MT) rate has not yet been determined for the second payment, but will be decided by early March, 2012.

Submissions should include July 2011 to December 2011 tonnage receipts showing actual MT of paper and cardboard recycled, and a [receipt submission form](#) detailing recycling information.

A second Declaration Form is not needed, unless one was not included in the first submission.

Municipalities are invited to nominate and vote for their favourite public locations. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information, visit [www.greatplacesincanada.com](http://www.greatplacesincanada.com).  
*Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to [communications@suma.org](mailto:communications@suma.org).*

### Have you looked at SUMA's list of available grants lately?

To access a current list of grants available to municipalities and communities, see [the SUMA grants page](#).

### SWNA Conference: The Clean Up - Disasters and the Aftermath of Waste

Mar. 12-14, 2012  
Keystone Centre  
Brandon, MB

The early bird registration deadline is January 31, 2012. For more information and registration forms, see [www.swananorthernlights.org/](http://www.swananorthernlights.org/).

### Crimestoppers

The Swift Current Rural RCMP are asking for the public's assistance in solving the following matter. On December 22, 2011, between 3:00 and 5:30 in the morning, four businesses were broken into in the Swift Current area. Computers and money were stolen. It is believed that these four incidents are related and were committed by the same suspect. The suspect also broke into the Co-op gas station in Herbert

For more information, see the [website](#) or contact Che-Wei Chung at [cchung@suma.org](mailto:cchung@suma.org).

## Bylaw Enforcement School soon in session

As of October 2010, the RCMP no longer handle municipal bylaw issues. To fill that gap, Municipal Affairs has asked the Saskatchewan Association of License Inspectors and Bylaw Officials (SALIBO) to undertake training of municipal memberships.

Bylaw enforcement training will be held this year in Humboldt April 16 through 18. Registrations will be accepted until March 15, and the fee is \$250 per person. Download [this document](#) to review the agenda, and [this document](#) for the registration form.

## Connecting Heritage & Creativity Heritage Saskatchewan 2012 Forum

Plan to attend Heritage Saskatchewan's 2012 Forum, "Connecting Heritage & Creativity - How Heritage Connects to Creative Communities" February 24-25, 2012 at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon.

The Forum starts Friday evening (following the Heritage Forum for Municipal Officials) with the keynote address by well-known author and film producer Maggie Siggins.



Saturday's panels relate to the value of protecting heritage resources, responsible stewardship, and tourism. This Forum provides great opportunities for networking with others interested in building vibrant Saskatchewan communities.

To download the brochure, see [this link](#). For registration and membership information, visit [www.heritagesask.ca](http://www.heritagesask.ca).

earlier that morning.

Anyone with information is requested to call Saskatchewan Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*Town of Fort Qu'Appelle:  
Administrator (January 5)*

*Town of Hanley: Public Works  
Foreman (January 16)*

*SPRA: Communications Consultant  
(January 16)*

*Village of Wilcox: Village Maintenance  
Foreman (When Filled)*

*Village of Wilcox: Administrator  
(When Filled)*

*Town of Tisdale: Level II  
Utilities Technician (When Filled)*

*RM of Frenchman Butte:  
Administrator (February 3)*

*City of Regina: Project Leader (January  
27)*

*Town of Birch Hills: Townman (January  
20)*

*Hudson Bay: Community  
Development Director (When Filled)*

For more details on any of these ads, visit the [SUMA Classifieds](#).



## Hudson Bay Route Assoc. seeking members

The Hudson Bay Route Association is recruiting members. If your municipality is interested, see this [link](#).

## Get your *Stars of Saskatchewan* tickets quickly!

Saskatchewan Roughriders Jason Clermont and Chris Getzlaf, along with Paul Woldu of the Montreal Alouettes, Ivan Brown of the Hamilton Tigercats and other notable athletes will be on hand as SUMA convention delegates celebrate their prairie pride.

Test the athletes' Saskatchewan trivia skills, take advantage of photo opportunities, and take advantage of the chance to get to know your local athletes one-on-one. As a reminder - this event will be held at the Queensbury Convention Centre Sunday, January 29 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are \$35 per person.

### About Us

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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### Did You Know...

The beaver, bison and Canada goose are all native species to Saskatchewan.

So are the Arctic fox, peregrine falcon and wolverine!